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## First Responders Mass

Council #13341 Saints Cosmas and Damian - In Honor of all First Responders we held a memorial Mass.

Father Shawn Roser, OLA Parochial Vicar, presided. The Color Corp was in attendance and had 8 members present. There were close to 120 people in attendance, several of whom were 1<sup>st</sup> responders.

We have invited Police, Fire and EMS organizations from Manatee and Sarasota Counties.

The Mass was very moving and was a great success for our Council and Parish.



## *Everything in it's place*

On Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 8 Knights of Council #13341 teamed together with Habitat for Humanity at the Habitat for Humanity ReStore located at 5108 15<sup>th</sup> Street East, Bradenton, Florida 34203.

The project team completed the following tasks:

- Removed building materials from pre-existing metal shelf units in rear storage room.
- Removed pre-existing shelf units from rear stock room and placed same on sales floor.
- Assembled 10 8-foot sections of wide, heavy duty metal commercial grade shelving.
- Installed commercial grade shelving- 5 sections main sales floor, 5 sections rear storage room. Anchored all shelving to concrete floor.
- Stocked several pallets of building materials (assorted tiles) on newly installed shelving on main sales floor.

This activity was coordinated by Michael Mahan, Habitat for Humanity Chairman. This represented the 8<sup>th</sup> Habitat project in 2022 and cumulatively the 68<sup>th</sup> monthly project in a row (69 total projects over the same time frame) since January 2017.





**Jim Cullen**

**Chef Rich Macklin**

**Tom Rokosz**



Rich Macklin always does his best to feed the Knights after the Business Meetings. Break bread and meet your fellow Knights.





## St. Michael's Food Bank

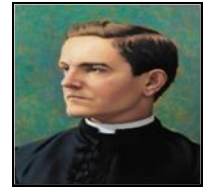
Weekly, Council #13341 travels to St. Michael's Church in Wauchula, Fl. St. Michael's parish has a food bank operated by the Sisters of the Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matara. The food bank serves 120-300 families a week. The main task is to unload, sort, and store approximately 11,000 pounds of donated food.

Wauchula is located in Hardee County which is one of the poorest counties in Florida. St. Michael's parish consists mainly of migrant families.

Many Knights feel this is one of the most rewarding programs at our council. The spirit of charity, fraternity, and unity is displayed every Friday while helping those most in need.









## Catechism Corner

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#### The Profession of Faith - The Nicene Creed (CCC 198-1065)

There are a number of valid professions of belief composed by leaders of the early Christian Church; however, two stand out: the Apostles' Creed and the *Niceno-Constantinopolitan* or Nicene Creed. One or the other is recited during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Of the two, the Nicene Creed is more explicit and detailed, and so, is chosen for presentation.

The Creed summarizes the essential elements of faith that Christians profess. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the Nicene Creed draws its great authority from the fact that it was derived from the first two Ecumenical Councils, during the fourth century. It remains the common profession of Eastern and Western Churches to this day.

The Creed is divided into three distinct, but interconnected parts: the first is devoted to the Father, the First Person of the Trinity and His work of creation; the second to Jesus – the Second Person – and the mystery of His redemption of mankind; and the third about the Holy Spirit, the Third Person, who is the source of our sanctification. In the Creed, there are twelve truths, called “articles”. This symbolizes the fullness of apostolic faith – by emulating the number of apostles.

## Catechism Corner



*I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things seen and unseen. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father; God from God, Light from Light; true God from true God, begotten, not made, one in being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit, He was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, He suffered, died, and was buried. On the third day He arose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He shall come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and of His kingdom there shall be no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son, He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. I believe in One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

**For  
The  
Good  
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Order**

The Creed's final "Amen" repeats and confirms the first words, "I believe". It also states that we entrust ourselves to God, who is of infinite love and perfect faithfulness. And so, we as Catholic Christians need to affirm to ourselves that we actually believe everything that we say we believe – and live accordingly.



Gene Dolecki, Council Lecturer





## **Message from Brian DeBlauw**

Every September a non-profit organization known as Life Happens coordinates the Life Insurance Awareness Month campaign. This campaign is dedicated to informing people about how important life insurance is to protect their families. Life insurance is a cornerstone of a family's future financial security.

Blessed Michael McGivney certainly knew how important life insurance was to a family. But many members don't understand how involved Fr. McGivney was in developing the Order's insurance program. According to Christopher Kauffman, the author of the centennial history of the Order, Faith and Fraternalism, The History of the Knights of Columbus 1882-1982, one of Fr. McGivney's two main reasons for founding the Order was "the need to protect families during sickness and death." (pg. 17). Kauffman goes on to say that Fr. McGivney "spent his energy in promoting the insurance feature." (pg. 35) Originally, when the Order was founded, there was no such thing as an "associate member." Everyone was insured; that was one of those two primary reasons for joining.

While the Order is now well known for its charitable works and strong advocacy for the most vulnerable, strengthening men in their faith and protecting them and their families with life insurance were twin catalysts in forming the Order. While young Catholic men still seek to strengthen their faith, we know families still need protection from untimely death. This mission remains just as important today .

In an attempt to make every member and every eligible Catholic man aware of how important life insurance is, the Order has made a substantial investment. The Order has provided me with a high-tech, state of the art financial needs analysis platform that can help us determine where you stand today. It can help me formulate a strategy for you and your family and offer meaningful insurance and financial solutions....a strategy specific to your family and your situation.

Please keep this in mind for your whole family, not just you and your wife. Think of your children and grandchildren. Even if they are not Knights, I will help each and every family that needs my help. Who knows, maybe by meeting with me, they may even decide it's a noble cause to join.



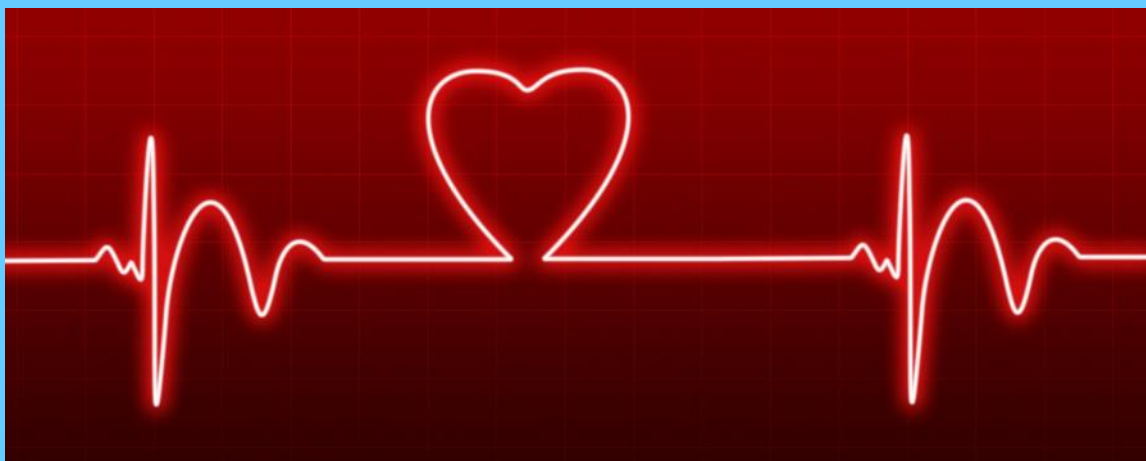


Arizona judge ruled that a near-total abortion ban written before Arizona became a state must be enforced, throwing abortion access into question one day before the start of a 15-week ban that passed the Legislature this year.

The stricter ban, which can be traced to 1864, was blocked by a court injunction in 1973 shortly after the Supreme Court, in *Roe v. Wade*, determined that there was a constitutional right to abortion.

On Friday, Judge Kellie Johnson of Pima County Superior Court lifted that injunction, noting that *Roe* had been overruled in June and that Planned Parenthood's request for the court to "harmonize the laws" in Arizona was flawed.

The 1864 law, first established by the state's territorial legislature, mandates a two- to five-year prison sentence for anyone who helps a woman obtain an abortion. In 1901, the law was updated and codified.



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## Grand Knight's Korner

### National POW/MIA Recognition Day



On National POW/MIA Recognition Day, we honor the sacrifices and remarkable determination of those captured as prisoners of war. We also remember those who remain unaccounted for, and we wish their families some small comfort in knowing that America has not forgotten them.

Our history is one of people who put love of country and family above their own well-being, and no group of Veterans has given more than the Americans captured by the enemy and held as prisoners of war. No group of civilians has given more than the loved ones of those who never came home and remain missing in action.

We in the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) have been just as steadfast in fulfilling our nation's responsibility for the care and welfare of our former prisoners of war. According to the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, more than 81,500 Americans are still missing — from the battlefields of World War II to recent conflicts. More than 142,000 American service men and women were captured and interned from World War I through the Gulf War.

They endured the uncertainties, deprivations, and hardships of hostile captivity. That captivity took its toll -- a price that many are paying decades later. VA offers special care and benefits to help ease their burdens.

Our hearts also go out to those family members who suffer from not knowing the fate of their loved one — those brave Americans who were lost while answering the call of a grateful nation. We honor your service and sacrifice.

Sincerely,  
Edward P. Cutolo, MD  
Acting Network Director, VISN 8