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Kongrandulations Knights!



Frank Bracco

Knight of the Month



Mike and Jennifer Chapman
Family of the Month



Mike Mahan

Knight of the Month

Storing Supplies

On Thursday, October 20th, 2022, 7 Knights of Council #13341 teamed together with Habitat for Humanity at the Habitat Depot in Palmetto to assist with preparing, organizing, and storing building materials for future use in the new construction of several homes currently being built in the triangle property across the street.

- Organized and stacked Hardi siding on pallets in front parking lot. Covered all materials with tarps.
- Organized several pallets of regular and pressure treated lumber in front parking lot. All lumber carried into Depot and stored on shelving for future use.
- Prepared approximately 100 linear feet of Hardi corner siding pieces for installation on one of the new homes currently under construction. All pieces required three passes through router to achieve required results.
- Cleaned parking lot of all debris.



Mike Mahan, Warren Collmer, Phil Gonnella, Vin Misciagna, Joe Bartucci, Jack Mc Donnell, Rich Mc Bride





Catechism Corner

The Ten Commandments of God – Part 3

The Fifth Commandment: Thou shalt not kill.

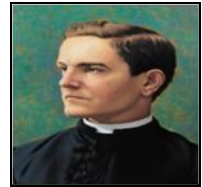
The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that Human life is sacred because from its beginning it involves the creative action of God, and that it remains forever in a special relationship with the Creator – who is its sole end. God alone is the Lord of Life from its beginning until its end: no one can under any circumstances claim for himself the right directly to destroy an innocent human being. The commandment inherently proscribes anger, hatred, vengeance, and physical altercation, as Christ proclaimed at the Sermon on the Mount.

Note that Legitimate Defense does not conflict with the prohibition against the intentional killing of innocents. And so, someone who defends his life is not guilty of murder even if he is forced to deal his aggressor a lethality – providing that more moderate means would not have been successful in defending himself.

It is axiomatic that Legitimate Defense of persons and societies against unjust aggression is a grave duty for one who is responsible for the lives and common good of others. On an individual basis, therefore, Public Authority has the right and duty to inflict punishment proportionate to the gravity of offenses against its citizens. (In addition to defending public order and public safety, it is obliged to attempt correction of the offenders insofar as is possible.) Protection of society may involve incarceration of perpetrators – or even their deaths. On a societal basis, this may involve Just War between nations or countries – a topic beyond the scope of this lesson.

The Church teaches that human life must be respected and protected from the moment of conception – wherein every innocent human being has rights - including the right to life. This explicitly proscribes Direct Abortion (wherein the destruction of the unborn child is intentional – as opposed to its death as a collateral tragedy when saving the life of the mother). This applies to not only the mother, but also to those who formally cooperate in Direct Abortion. (Because of its gravity, it incurs automatic excommunication subject to the conditions provided by Canon Law.)

Those whose lives are diminished or weakened deserve special respect. They need to be helped to lives as normal as is possible. Thus, Euthanasia – both voluntary as well as state mandated – is explicitly proscribed.



Everybody is responsible for his life before God – Who has given it to him – and Who remains the Sovereign Master of Life. And so, we (as stewards, not owners) are obligated to accept life gracefully, and to preserve it in His honor. This is consistent with natural inclinations to preserve and perpetuate life, and is decidedly supportive of the just love of self. Thus, Suicide is contravened.

Finally, the Fifth Commandment mandates Respect for Health and Bodily Integrity, and clearly proscribes Kidnapping and Hostage Taking, as well as Terrorism and Torture. Except for therapeutic reasons, Direct Amputations, Mutilations and Sterilizations performed on innocent persons are also condemned.

Ordered life is precious.

Gene Dolecki
Council Lecturer





Third Degree Explication

Matt Cangemi, Gordon Shellhass, Mark O'Brien, John Joly, Deacon Tom, Jerry Graceffo, and Chris Treston





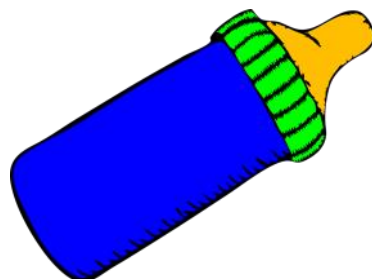
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SK Carmine Maida Honoree





Baby Shower in Sacred Heart Hall on Nov. 13 and then at the Community Pregnancy Center in Sarasota on Nov. 14, where we delivered the donated items.





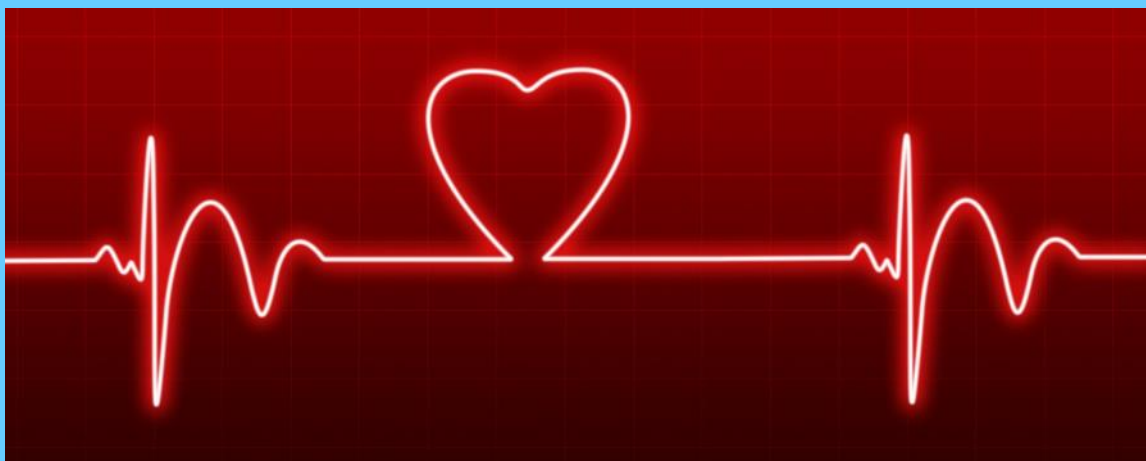
For The Good of The Order





Grand Knight Jerry Graceffo, 11 year old Champion Vincent Ippjian, Father Shawn, 10 year old Champion Sophie Green, Sir Knight/Vincent's Grandfather Mike Chapman, Sir Knight/Faith Director Mark O'Brien





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A Christmas Prayer

Eternal God, this joyful day is radiant with the brilliance of your one true light. May the light illuminate our hearts and shine in our words and deeds. May the hope, the peace, the joy and the love represented by the birth in Bethlehem fill our lives and become part of all that we say and do.

Blessings,
Jerry
Grand Knight