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Breakfast with St. Nick!

Our annual Breakfast with St. Nick event was held from 9:30-12:30 on December 17, 2022. This was the first time the event was held in our new Parrish Center and we broke the attendance record by hosting a total of 164 people which included 72 children. All guests checked in at the registration table in the lobby where the children were given coloring books and crayons and everyone enjoyed a delicious pancake and sausage breakfast. The children were entertained by the festive sounds played by our live DJ John Finnegan and the Arts & Crafts table was a big hit as the children all got involved making decorative Christmas ornaments and bracelets.

Starting at 11:00 the anticipation for the arrival of Jolly 'ol St. Nick was starting to build. All the children gathered around the Christmas tree and joined in songs performed by the youth choir. Then, right in the middle of singing Santa Claus is coming to town, you could start to hear bells jingling and reindeer prancing getting closer and louder. Yes...it was Santa Claus himself who entered the hall to loud cheers, clapping and ear to ear smiles on every child's face.

Santa took his place front and center and talked with the children about the meaning of Christmas and the importance to be kind and well behaved throughout the year. Because all the children were on Santa's NICE LIST, he invited all the families to join him at his chair to take pictures and all the children received a special gift.

This years' event could not have been the huge success it was without a lot of assistance from Santa's helpers. There was a total of 232 total volunteer hours related to the planning and execution of the BWSN event. Special recognition to Mike Mahan and Rick Macklin for running the kitchen, the woman's guild members who did all the decorating, Kathy and April Cestaro for running the Arts & Crafts table and John and Regina Joly who were the highlight of the show as Santa and Santa's Elf. A special thank you to the BWSN Family Director Bob Cestaro and his Chairmen Matt Cangemi, Noah Henry and Frank Dressman.







Catechism Corner

The Ten Commandments of God – Part 4

The Sixth Commandment: Thou shalt not commit adultery.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states that *chastity means the successful integration of sexuality within the person, and thus the inner unity of man in his bodily and spiritual being* . The CCC also states that *the alternative to chastity is clear: 'either man governs his passions and finds happiness, or he lets himself be dominated by them and becomes unhappy'*.

Acknowledging and accepting sexual identity and the physical, moral and spiritual differences and complementarities between men and women orient humanity to the well-being of marriage, the flourishing of family life, and a harmonious society.

The Sixth Commandment demands that sexual intimacy be confined to a valid marriage of a man and a woman. It proscribes adultery (sex between a married person and another who is not his/her spouse) and fornication (sex between an unmarried man and an unmarried woman). The commandment also forbids bestiality (sex between a man or woman and an animal).

Also proscribed are lust (inordinate enjoyment of sexual pleasure in and for itself, isolated from procreative and unitive purposes), masturbation, pornography, and prostitution (which reduces a person to an instrument of sexual pleasure to others). Homosexual acts are regarded as grave depravity, intrinsically disordered, and contrary to natural law. (Homosexual persons, on the other hand, are to be respected and accepted as God's children who happen to be charged with an especially difficult burden of chastity.)

Finally, polygamy, incest, free unions (co-habitation without marriage and commitment) and trial marriages (wherein sincerity and fidelity are inherently jeopardized) are condemned by the Sixth Commandment.

In the eyes of the Church, divorce is disallowed - as a conflict with natural law, and a disorder to family and society. For mitigating circumstances, civil divorce can be recognized as a necessary legal instrument for the parties involved, although it has no ecclesiastical impact. There is, however, a vehicle for annulment- and that is through a Diocesan Marriage Tribunal – which determines whether or not a so-called *diriment impediment* has prevented a valid marriage in the first place. (Those twelve impediments are: impotence, prior marriage, consanguinity, conjugicide, holy orders, perpetual vow of chastity/celibacy, age, affinity, disparity of cult, abduction, adoption and public propriety. Their discussion is outside the scope of *Catechism Corner*.)

And so, the critical “virtue” to keeping the Sixth Commandment is personal chastity.

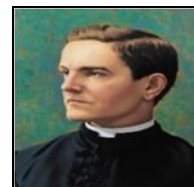


Gene Dolecki,

Council Lecturer

Keeping Christ in Christmas

On Dec 7, Five Brother Knights assisted in assembling and placement of the 20 foot OLA Christmas trees. The trees were placed at the front of the church. Ladies from OLA decorating ministry also participated.



Secondly, 10 Knights assisted with placement and arrangement of the large nativity scene that is located in the OLA main church. This occurred on Dec 19th. Following they also assisted in setting up chairs for the overflow Mass in the OLA parish center.





Craft Show

Council #13341 participated in the OLA Ladies Guild Craft Show on Dec 3rd. Brother Knights and wives operated a food booth that sold hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and drinks.

Revenue for the event was \$893 and resulted in a \$528 net donation to Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church.



Mike Chapman John Joly Glenn Garbach Vinnie Ciprian Joe Mascari Joe Bartucci Maddi Brajuha Chris Kress Al Tagliaferro Julie Garbach Sal Barjuha



Coats for Kids!

On Tuesday, December 12th, 10 Brother Knights and 6 wives of Council 13341 distributed 240 new lightweight coats to the children of St. Michael's parish in Wauchula. The event was coordinated by Mother Gema de Jesus Ruiz. She was assisted by Sister Regina and several parish teachers.

Mother Gema and assistants selected and sized each coat for the children. Mother Gema guided our group to the parish church for adoration and song to Our Lady of Guadalupe.

All who attended were truly filled with the Christmas spirit.



Paul, Barb Petrus Dennis Beville Mark, Mary Beth Poncin, Mary, Al Valenti, John Batey, Tom Rokosz, Rich Famulare





Car Show Cook Out



The 4th Annual Car Show was held at O.L.A. on 10/29/22. The show featured 140 show cars and was held simultaneously with the Free Throw and Soccer Kick Challenges and the O.L.A. Youth Ministry's Trunk or Treat Event. The designated charity for the event was St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Multiple planning meetings were held to organize the event. Approximately 1800 -2000 flyers were distributed at nearly two dozen local car shows to promote the event. Social media and news media outlets were also utilized to promote the event. A team of brothers solicited and acquired approximately 50 donations used for door prizes and numerous sponsorships and advertisements for the event program booklet.

Team Leaders were designated for various functions such as Parking, Food, etc. A total of 44 Brother Knights and an additional 8 significant others volunteered throughout the process from start to finish to make this the most successful Car Show to date.

Food cooked and served. 50/50 raffle tickets sold. Door prizes raffled off. Trophies presented to 'Top 3' and 'Fan Favorite' winners. Music/ DJ services provided. Photos of event taken. Knights of Columbus information/ recruitment table staffed throughout event.

Due to the efforts of all, a donation check in the amount of \$9,500.00 was presented to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

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CAR SHOW & COOKOUT

BENEFITTING...  **St. Jude Children's Research Hospital**
U.S.S.C. - Susan Thomas, Founder

100% of Proceeds from the Show Goes to St Jude
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29th, 2022 10AM-2PM
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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. In addition the Knights assisted in clean up after Hurricane Ian.



Matt Cangemi Rick Kuebel Jerry Graceffo

Wauchula is located east 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.

Sister Provencia shows the Knights how to get things done.





Patriotic Ball



Guest of Honor Colonel Richard Tatem

USAF / retired
Distinguished Graduate
of the US Air Force
Academy

Sunday 19th February 2023

5:00 PM to 9:00 PM

TARA COUNTRY CLUB

NOTE: Seating is limited. Please make your reservation now.

\$55.00 PER PERSON

Entertainment & Dancing - Music by Fogg Sound

Purchase Tickets Online at
www.purplepass.com/3192patrioticball

Some of Our Past Fund Recipients: VAVS, Wounded Warrior, Gary Sinise Fund, Turning Point, Haley and Bay Pines Veterans Hospitals, Sarasota National Cemetery Internment, Wreaths & Flags, Military Chaplain's Fund, Paws for Patriots, Fisher House.

Open to **All Knights family and friends**

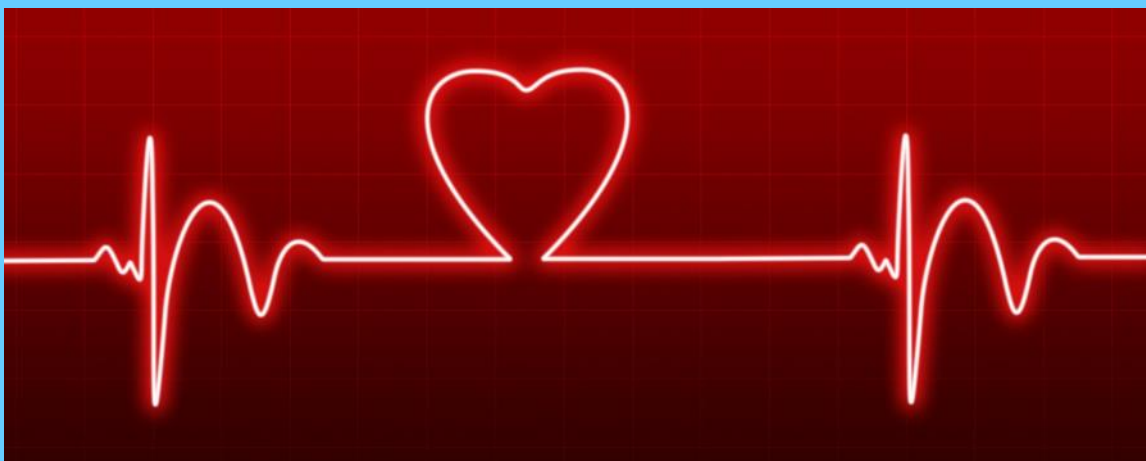
The Biggest Event of the Year!

<https://assembly3192.org>



The Florida Supreme Court denied a request to temporarily halt a 15-week abortion ban signed into law by Gov. Ron DeSantis in April 2022.

“House Bill 5 protects babies in the womb who have beating hearts, who can move, who can taste, who can see, and who can feel pain,” the Republican governor said at the signing. “Life is a sacred gift worthy of our protection, and I am proud to sign this great piece of legislation which represents the most significant protections for life in the state’s modern history.”



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Grand Knight's Korner

Brother Knights, with the beginning of 2023 I would like to wish you and your families a very healthy, happy and prosperous new year. As we begin the last six months of our Fraternal year, we will be very busy with several of our favorite and fun events. Our mission remains the same: have fun and generate revenue for the various charities and organizations we support.

Brothers, we are doing a great job as a Council, and I couldn't be more proud of the work we are doing. It is my honor to serve as your Grand Knight.

More and more volunteers are stepping up to support our events. We have a lot of new knights who are eager and ready to get involved in all activities. I am proud to have you as Knights in our Council.

I want to thank each and everyone of you for your support. You are the ones that make this a great council. We have so many things going on at the same time and yet when volunteers are called for, you are there. These activities you support with your time and energy, everything you do for the council, the church, and the community is greatly appreciated.

May we ask for God's blessings in all our endeavors.