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## **BASEBALL BUS TRIP**

**TAMPA BAY RAYS vs COLORADO ROCK-  
IES**

**AUGUST 23, 2023, 6:40 PM**

**50 TICKETS - \$70.00 PER PERSON**

**INCLUDES:**

- CHARTER BUS TRANSPORTATION  
(DRIVER GRATUITY INCLUDED) TO AND  
FROM O.L.A. TO TROPICANA FIELD. PICKUP  
TIME- 4:30 PM. **NEED TO BE AT O.L.A. BY  
4:15 PM**

- TICKET TO GAME. SECTION 123- ROWS E  
THROUGH J (FIELD LEVEL- 4 ROWS FROM  
FIELD JUST BEYOND 3<sup>RD</sup> BASE DUGOUT !!)

- A TAMPA BAY RAYS BASEBALL CAP.  
CHOICE OF 5 DIFFERENT COLORS- RE-  
DEEMABLE WITH TICKET UPON EN-  
TRANCE INTO THE STADIUM.

- FOOD (HEROES/ CHIPS), DRINKS (BEER,  
SODA, AND WATER), AND DESSERT  
(COOKIES) ON BUS PRIOR TO AND AFTER  
GAME.

**\*\*\*** Contact Mike Mahan ASAP at

or c) 631-478-9584 to  
reserve your spot. Space is limited to the first 50  
so do not hesitate. All others will be put on a wait-  
ing list in order received. Payment options- Cash  
or Check. Mail check, made out to "CASH"- to  
Mike Mahan, 10006 Cherry Hills Avenue Circle,  
LWR, FL 34202. Payment must be received by  
August 1. You will receive an email confirmation  
once payment is received.

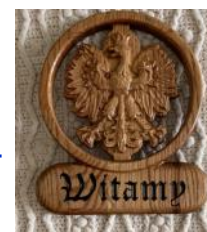
# *Pierogi Dinner*



On May 20,2023, the Council hosted the inaugural Pierogi Dinner at the Parish Center of Our Lady of the Angels Parish in Lakewood Ranch. The Dinner was scheduled for 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM and was staffed by 33 Knights and 15 members of their families. Event Planning and Execution required over 360 hours.

The purpose of the Dinner was that of a Social Event - through which members of the Knights of Columbus Council 13341, their families, members of the OLA parish community, and members of four other local parishes were invited to enjoy an experience of commiseration while enjoying traditional Polish cuisine – including Pierogi, Kielbasa, Boiled Cabbage, Rye Bread, and Paczki (a Polish Pastry) – served with traditional accompaniments, including Sour Cream, Fried Onions, and Bacon Bits. Beverages included Iced Tea, Lemonade, Coffee, Soft Drinks and Bottled Water.

Diners were greeted by a large Oil Painting of *Stare Miasto* (Old Town in Warsaw) and Polish Embroideries at the entrance to the Parish Center. Tables were decorated in Red and White Tablecloths and Placemats, with Napkins depicting scenes in Krakow and Warsaw. To set the tone, the Centerpieces were Bottles of Zywiec (Polish) Beer with Polish flags attached.



The event was characterized by Polish Music, a 50-50 Raffle, and a Silent Auction that offered Polish Pottery Stoneware, Amber Jewelry, Polish Eagle Wood Carvings, a Polish Cookbook, a Colorized Silver, Czestochowa/ Jasna Gora Silver Coin, Cherry Wine, and an Oil-on-Wood Painting. The 50-50 winner was thrilled, and every item (17) of the Silent Auction was claimed by happy winners.

Three hundred and seven (307) diners were served during a 1-1/4-hour period, or one dinner every 15 seconds – without interruption. A canvas of the diners confirmed that the food was delicious and appreciated. A sizable number of diners remained until the event concluded.



Each and every volunteer performed admirably, with special recognition to Jim Jurek, Tom Rokosz, John Farah, Vinnie Cipriano , Mike Chapman, and Rich Macklin.

Although the mission of the Pierogi Dinner was social in nature, it did net \$4,617 – to be donated to a Knights of Columbus designated beneficiary.



- \$1,000. check presented to James McCann
- Habitat Depot Manager.
- Donation for Habitat Veterans Program.



**\$1,000. check presented to Maria Paliotta, Volunteer Coordinator, Tidewell Hospice. Donation for Honors Veterans Program.**





## **Corpus Christi**

**Council Members participated in a procession around the perimeter of Our Lady of the Angels Church in honor of the feast of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (aka Corpus Christi).**

**This is the first time a procession was held at OLA for Corpus Christi Sunday. The Mass was celebrated by Father Shawn Rosen. The purpose of the procession was to bring additional emphasis to the importance of Christ's suffering and dying on the cross for our sake and our continued devotion to our Lord who asked us to commemorate his sacrifice by taking the bread and wine, his body and blood as often as we can.**

**The procession was held after communion and before the final blessing. Father carried the Monstrance with the consecrated Eucharist inside to 4 stations on the 4 sides of the church and prayed at each station. Father walked beneath a canopy held by 4 Knights. 4 other Knights led the procession carrying torches and the Knights Color Guard followed the canopy.**

**Many in the congregation accompanied the procession and went back inside the church for the final blessing. It was a special event which hopefully will become a tradition at OLA**



**Father Shawn Rosen  
giving Homily after the read-  
ing of the Gospel of St John**





Father Shawn carrying the Monstrance with the canopy holders and Color Corp at the ready.



Knights from our Cosmas and Damian Council 13341

Color Corp from San Damiano Assembly 3192





## Habitat Yard Work

On Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 7 Knights of Council #13341 responded to the triangle property across the street from the Habitat Depot in Palmetto and assisted, along with other volunteer groups, landscaping at three of the four new homes currently under construction.

The project team completed the following tasks:

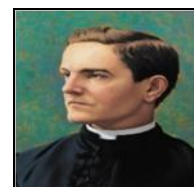
- Removed wood forms from recently poured concrete driveways.
- Raked and graded front yards for sod installation.
- Laid three (3) pallets of sod to complete landscaping at the three homes.

Upon completion of the above tasks the project team responded approximately one mile away to two (2) prior completed Habitat homes on 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. W, Palmetto, currently under rehab for new owners, and completed the following tasks:

- Laid six (6) pallets of sod in front and rear yards of residence located at 2608 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. W., Palmetto.
- Raked up, shoveled, and collected several yards of crushed shell at residence located at 2622 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. W., Palmetto. Shell was wheelbarrowed ten (10) houses away to #2608 where it was dumped into and spread out in a designated shrub bed area in the front of the house.
- Laid one pallet of sod at #2622 in yard area previously occupied by crushed shell.









## Upcoming Events

**Assembly 3192 Installation Dinner June 22nd at Parrish Hall**

Events from June 11 – April 11 – Assembly #3192 ([assembly3192.org](http://assembly3192.org))

**Installation Dinner August 24th. Council 13341 at Parrish Hall**

Browsing Events | Knights of Columbus Council 13341 ([knights13341.org](http://knights13341.org))

## Council job openings

**Family Director**

**Shirts and Badges for both the council and assembly.**

**—see GK Jerry Graceffo or DGK Gordon Shellhaas.**

**Events and Exemplifications Calendar ([floridakofc.org](http://floridakofc.org))**

## State Council & District

**Awards were presented at the State Convention and will be presented at the next council meeting in July.**

## Supreme Council

# 141<sup>st</sup> Supreme Convention

## Orlando, Florida

**2023 Supreme Convention Hospitality Center ([floridakofc.org](http://floridakofc.org))**

**August 1st, 2nd and 3rd**

**\$40 to attend Volunteers needed see the website in the above link.**





# Knights of Columbus

## FOURTH DEGREE

*Patriotic degree of the Order.*



On Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023, San Damiano 20 Assembly Sir Knights including 6 Color Corp and Council Brother Knights marched in the Tribute to Heroes Parade on Main Street in Lakewood Ranch. Regina Joly and Nancy Trask took pictures and videos during the parade.

The 2023 parade was a huge success with over a thousand spectators in attendance cheering, clapping, and waving flags. Our Knights marched in formation and waved flags while passing out KOC tootsie rolls.

Lakewood Ranch Community Activities were able to raise over \$8000. that they donated to their 2 beneficiaries, VFW Post 12055 & Del Webb AVMS. They were also able to contribute to:

- The Denis V Cooper Foundation - Wishes for Heroes
- LWR Wind Ensemble
- LWRHS Band Boosters
- Hernando DeSoto Historical Society
- Sammy's Run
- LWR CERT

Our Brother Knights, along with 62 other organizations who marched or drove vehicles were instrumental in LWR's ability to raise over \$8,000. and donate it to such worthy causes, especially the Denis V. Cooper Foundation's "Wishes for Heroes".





## Catechism Corner

### The Seven Sacraments – Part 1

Because it is impossible for human beings to live according to the commandments of God without His divine help, Jesus Christ established His Church and instituted the Sacraments as necessary means for the salvation of the faithful. Through the Sacraments – which are entrusted to the Church – divine life is bestowed upon us. They assist individuals in their spiritual progress and growth in holiness. The Sacraments also contribute to the Church's growth in charity and in giving witness.

Sacraments are outward signs instituted by Christ, to give grace. There are seven Sacraments (CCC 1210-1666):

#### *Sacraments of Christian Initiation*

*Baptism*

*Confirmation*

*Holy Eucharist*

#### *Sacraments of Healing*

*Penance and Reconciliation*

*Anointing of the Sick*

#### *Sacraments of Vocation*

*Holy Orders*

*Matrimony*

*Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Orders* can be received only once, since they leave an indelible mark on the soul of the recipient. The other Sacraments have no such restriction.

*Confirmation, Holy Eucharist, Anointing of the Sick, Holy Orders and Matrimony* are so-called Sacraments of the Living. Recipients must be in the state of grace (free of any conscious, un-confessed mortal sins) to receive them; otherwise, they sin grievously by sacrilege.

*Baptism* frees a person from original sin and all personal sins – and from the punishment due to them, and makes the baptized person a sharer in the Trinitarian life of God through Sanctifying Grace. It imparts the Theological virtues (Faith, Hope and Charity) and the Gifts of the Holy Spirit - Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety and Fear of the Lord. (Grace and Virtues will be discussed in subsequent editions of *Catechism Corner*.)

*Confirmation* confirms, strengthens and deepens Baptismal Grace.

*Holy Eucharist* is the Sacrament by which Catholics partake in the Body and Blood of Christ (bread and wine transubstantiated into the Real Presence – as opposed to the symbolic or commemorative). The Eucharist is the source and summit of Christian living and the high point of God's sanctifying action on the faithful and their worship of God – the point of contact between them and the Liturgy of Heaven. So important is this, that participation in the Eucharistic celebration (Mass) is obligatory on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.

The remaining sacraments will be discussed in the next edition of *Catechism Corner*.

Gene Dolecki,  
Council Lecturer



## **TMIY - Our Lady of the Angels - That Man is You! - Becoming a Man After God's Own Heart**

Saturday 06:30 am September 16th men's group 19 and up. Twenty-six weeks fall and spring sessions. Open to all Catholic men not just Knights.

Sign up at the link below or at our Council meetings.

[Paradisus Dei](#)





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### **Life**

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### **Grand Knight's Korner**

Brother Knights we are ending the fraternal year with the election of next year's officers and the new budget.

July is our down time of the year. August we will have the installation of the new officers. I hope everyone will attend the dinner.

September we will be ramping up our schedule. Meetings for the Pasta Dinner and Car Show Cook Out will start. Anyone who has new ideas for these events please attend the meetings. There is a need to keep our events fresh and exciting.

Happy New Year Everyone!