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Pasta Dinner



The annual Pasta Dinner was held at the OLA Parish Center on Saturday October 7th, 2023. The event occurred after the 4:00pm Saturday night mass. This was a event that served as a counsel fundraiser. Guests enjoyed a fun social night while enjoying the atmosphere of being in Italy. We served a full Italian pasta dinner. We had an amazingly decorated Hall led by John and Regina Joly. We offered drinks, alcoholic beverages, pasta dinner, garlic bread, and cake. The kitchen was led by Carmine Maida, and we had a great team in the kitchen to help create the amazing food that was served.

We served over 150 people at the event. I had some amazing Brother Knights assisting in making this event happen. Each Section was led by a Captain. There was a total of 7 captains all of which had a great team backing them up. In total we had over 35 Knights working either at the event itself, ticket selling outside of the masses, or prior to the event in various different planning parts. There were over 350 volunteer hours between the Knights and those associated with the Knights.



Many thanks to all who assisted in making this event so successful. Without the dedicated support of each Fellow Knight, their wives, family members, this event would not have been possible. It is amazing what a group of people who are all dedicated to the same cause are able to pull off.



Breakfast with Saint Nick



During the annual council Breakfast with Saint Nick celebration, the children (140) were given nativity Christmas tree ornaments. With the children gathered, a lively interactive question/answer discussion was held concerning the meaning on Christmas. The session ended with the group being asked to say Happy Birthday Jesus before opening their presents on Christmas Day.







Coats for Kids

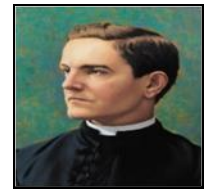
On Tuesday, December 5th, 8 Brother Knights and 7 wives of Council 13341 distributed 240 new lightweight coats to the children of St. Michael's parish in Wauchula. The event was coordinated by Mother Nikopoia. She was assisted by Sister Regina and several parish teachers.

Mother Nikopoia and assistants selected and sized each coat for the children.

Beforehand, Mother Nikopoia guided our group and the children in prayer. The children sang two songs for our benefit before the distribution of coats.

All who attended were truly filled with the Christmas spirit.





Dennis/Francis Beville, Regina/John Joly, Mary Valenti, Jerry/Joann Graceffo, Maria Baez, Matt Cangemi, Mike Mahan, Al Valenti, Kris/Steve Borkenhagen, Sharon Ricketts, Gordon Shellhaas



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 Matará. 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 complete other pantry tasks.

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.



Warren Collmer, Sister Regina, Gordon Shellhaas, Rick Kuebel, Matt Cangemi

The Good of the Order



Matt Cangemi

Rick Kuebel

Jerry Graceffo



Rick Kuebel

Al Valenti

St. Michael's lighting crew



Steve Borkenhagen

Warren Collmer...

St. Michael's gutter crew



Brothers for Brothers

Our council held a Brother's for Brothers luncheon on Dec 5th 2023 from 1p to 2:30p at the River Club Golf & Country Club at 6600 River Club Blvd Bradenton FL 34202.

The purpose of the luncheon was to bring Brother Knights together, some of our brothers can't attend our nightly business meetings but they still want to be involved and up to date on council events and meetings. At the luncheon we had 18 Brothers attend, they met with old friends and new brother knights, they filled in on council news & shared stories and made new friends.

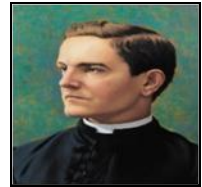
The food was very good and everyone had a choice of Turkey or Spare Ribs with all the fixings and dessert, and all left with a full stomach and a smile

We should never forget our brother knights they helped build our council and put in their time talent and treasures to make the Knight of Columbus a success.

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| 1. GK Jerry Graceffo |
| 2. Past GK John Joly |
| 3. Past GK Sam Bastianelli |
| 4. Past GK Vinnie Cipriano |
| 5. Br Steve Borkenhagen |
| 6. Br Matt Cangemi |
| 7. Br Don Castracani |
| 8. Br Mike Chapman |
| 9. Br Dave Lawson |
| 10. Br Paul Brown |



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| 1. Past GK Bob Hellner | 7. Br Paul Browne |
| 2. Br Bill Walsh | 8. Br Vinnie Alesi |
| 3. Br Dave Rondeau | |
| 4. Br Rich Macklin | |
| 5. Br Warren Glasow | |
| 6. Br George Del Monte | |



Social Event

Knights Of Columbus COUNCIL 13341 Benefiting St Michael's Church Food Bank MARINA JACK's LUNCH CRUISE

Come and join us for a wonderful Lunch Cruise on Sarasota Bay on Marina Jack's Seabreeze

DATE AND TIME

Saturday February 3, 2024, 12:00PM – 2:00 PM EST

LOCATION

Marina Jack's 2 Marina Plaza Sarasota, FL 34236

ABOUT THIS EVENT

Join us for a beautiful lunch cruise on Marina Jack's Seabreeze on Saturday February 3, 2024, 12:00 to 2:00pm. Arrival time will be 11:15am, we will sail at 12:00. Enjoy the narrated sights on beautiful Sarasota Bay with a excellent buffet lunch and great fellowship. This event is open to all Brother Knights and their families and Friends. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

The Menu will be: Mixed Greens Salad with Dressings, Fresh Baked Rolls, Chef's Daily Catch, Chicken Marsala, Chef's Specialty Rice, Vegetable Medley, Chef's Daily Dessert Selections and Iced Tea and Coffee.

Note - Booking this Cruise includes a raffle ticket for each paid person. Additional raffle tickets are available onboard the ship. The winning raffle ticket will receive a dinner cruise for 2 (\$154.00) on the same ship we are sailing on. **Good Luck!**

Ticket cost \$55.00

A reservation paid is a reservation confirmed.

For Reservations contact

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Upcoming Events

Third Degree Exemplification—January 21st

Marina Jacks Cruise \$55 — February 3rd, 2024

State Council & District

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It is my pleasure to inform and invite you to our Knights of Columbus Sts. Cosmas & Damian Council #13341 Live and in-person Exemplification of Charity, Unity & Fraternity on Sunday January 21, 2024 at 2 PM.
The Exemplification will be held inside Our Lady of the Angels

- If you are currently a Knight in the 1st or 2nd Degree, you will be a full-fledged 3rd Degree Member of our Council by attending this Exemplification.
- If you are a Knight of the 3rd Degree who attended an Online Exemplification, attending this Exemplification firsthand and in-person will allow you to be a part of this enriching experience of our brotherhood. Your family members are encouraged to attend the Exemplification ceremony as observers.

Appropriate attire for the Exemplification is slacks, and a polo. A Sport Jacket is recommended if you have one. Please plan to arrive in the narthex in back of the church by 1:30 PM. Expect the ceremony to be finished by 3:30 PM.

We will need a headcount so please email me by Monday January 15, 2024 at noon to let me know if you are attending the Exemplification and to let us know the names of your guests that will be attending as Observers.

Supreme Council

CELEBRATING 1 MILLION COATS

The Knights of Columbus marked the donation of 1 million coats through the Order's Coats for Kids program with the distribution of nearly 1,000 new coats to five Denver Catholic schools Nov. 6. Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly also presented \$10,000 to each school in recognition of the milestone.

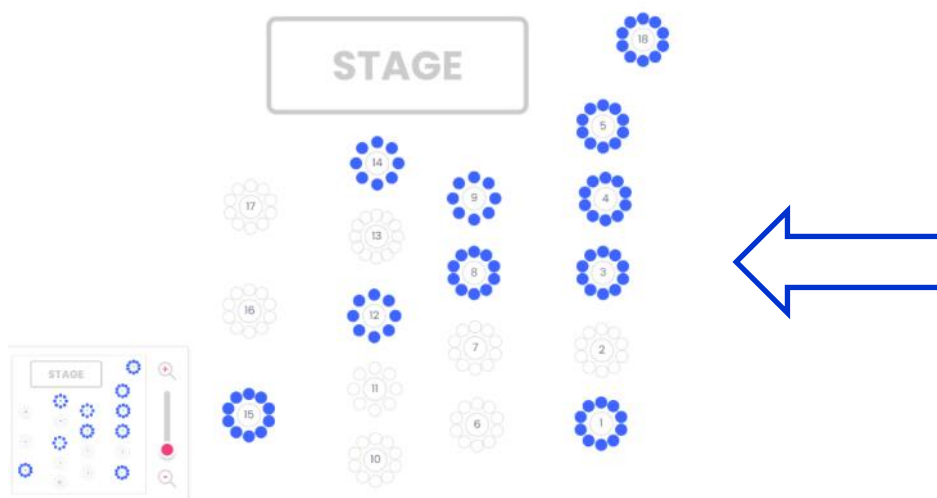


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Patriotic degree of the Order.



A Patriotic Ball will be held on Saturday February 17, 2024, at Tara Country Club in Bradenton, Florida. Open to the public. We have room for 174 guests, in formal and/or military attire, to gather for a night of reflection, remembrance, and fun.

For Info Call Ron - (941) 226-1526



Meal Selections are made on Purple Pass after you select seating.

Braised Short Ribs
 Bourbon Glazed Salmon
 Chicken Francaise

News and Announcements at the Knights of Columbus Assembly #3192
(uknight.org)

Knights that would like to place a personal ad:

please contact SK John Joly

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Catechism Corner

Conscience – Part 2

Obeying conscience.

CCC 1782 states, *Man has the right to act in conscience and in freedom so as to personally make moral decisions. He must not be forced to act contrary to his conscience. Nor must he be prevented from acting according to his conscience, especially in religious matters.*” CCC 1790 further states, *A human being must always obey the certain judgment of conscience. If he deliberately acts against it, he condemns himself.*

Conflicting beliefs.

However, moral conscience can remain in ignorance and thereby lead to erroneous judgments. This ignorance can often be imputed to personal responsibility – such as when a person makes little effort to determine what is true and good. In these cases the person is culpable for the evil that he commits. CCC 1792 advises that *Ignorance of Christ and his Gospel, bad example given by others, enslavement to one’s passions, assertion of a mistaken notion of autonomy of conscience, rejection of the Church’s authority and her teaching, lack of conversion and of charity: these can be at the source of error of judgment in moral conduct.*

We are thus obligated to form and inform our consciences into being true and upright – and in conformity with the Word of God as taught by His Church. If a person’s conscience is either doubtful or in conflict with Church teachings, then he must seek/find/embrace the truth prior to committing himself to specific acts of commission or omission. Faithful clergy and the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* are accordingly most appropriate for spiritual guidance.

Malformed conscience.

In opposition to true and upright consciences there are scrupulous and lax consciences. Both are terribly destructive. In the case of scrupulousness, a person is mentally tortured by his convoluted convictions that just about everything he does is sinful. Such a person should best find a confessor for ongoing guidance until his conscience has been properly reformed.

People with lax consciences, on the other hand, conduct their lives as if practically nothing is morally proscribed, and that just about everything is permissible. They are completely insensitive to the moral gravity of what they do, and are quite willing to push against moral perimeters and beyond. These people are in need of Christian correction – and must learn to suspect their initial judgment of conscience in each case, and to stiffen up their assessments.

Conclusion.

In the end, we will be held accountable for what we purposely do. With a true and upright conscience we will be capable of choosing what is objectively good, while knowing it to be in conformity with the Word of God.

Gene Dolecki
Council Lecturer



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

Spring Semester of TMIY begins on January 13th.

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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Brothers,

I wish all Brother Knights and their families a Blessed and Joyous Christmas and a Healthy Happy New Year. May the love, joy and peace that only He can bring be yours at Christmas and always. God Bless you all!

Beneath the light of a star, In a manger filled with hay,
Behold the Lord of the Universe!

You come to us not leading an army, But humble and small;

You come to us not wielding power, But helpless and cold;
You come to us not wealthy and famous, But poor and obscure.

Help us Lord Jesus, to see you on this and every day,
In the street, and in our neighborhoods,
In the hungry and the poor.

In the lonely and deprived,
In the infants and the elderly,
And in each other.

Like the shepherds led by the star,
May we seek you daily,
And serve You fully,
For love alone.

Editor SK Jim H Thompson