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GRAND KNIGHT'S NEWS

In Solidarity with Our Bishops and **Priests**

Our Council has grown, we now have over 210 members!

As our Parish growth continues, we see more new faces at Mass each week. Please introduce yourself and invite them, if they are a Knight to a meeting. If they are not a Knight, ask them to consider joining. Many men are just waiting to be asked.

To look to the future, we must remember the past.

Sts. Cosmas and Damian Council has been Blessed with hard working members and gifted with Great Spiritual direction from our Spiritual Leaders.

Our Council is known as one of the most active! We have had guest and visitors comment and marveled at all Sts. Cosmas and Damian has accomplished and

the number of activities we support. Think of all we can accomplish with added support of our membership.

Thanks to the solid core of 40 to 60 members for the support of council activities and the 25 to 35 that regularly attend Business meetings.

We have members who are unable to attend some Knights functions because of work obligations, other commitments, or health issues.

If you have not been active, please consider committing time in the next six months to attending one Business Meeting and one Knight's function, be it a fund raising activity such as Tootsie Roll Campaign, Fish Dinners, working at the Spring training refreshment stand or Pasta dinners. Attend a Corporate Communion Mass, we have one every other month. Possibly helping with signing up donors for the Blood Drives. attend a Patriotic Rosary on any Wednesday, a Prayer Walk at Sarasota Abortion Clinic and or attend Mass with Bishop Dewane at St Martha's to pray for the end of abortion.

GRAND KNIGHTS NEWS (CONT.)

If you can't work at a Knights function, please support us by attending Council functions.

One to two hours a month can make a big difference in someone's life and who knows, it just may change your's for the better.

Brothers, in the near future you will be receiving a membership survey. We are asking you to grade your council. We want to know what improvements and changes you would like to see happen. What programs you would like to see our council involved in. If something has happened in the past that keeps you away from Knights activities, we want to know about it. We promise we will work to resolve any issues that may be troubling you.

CHARITY, UNITY, FRATERNITY, PATRIOTISM.

The Knights of Columbus, Brothers working together.

God Bless Each of you and Your Families in the New Year.

Bob Hellner, Grand Knight Council 13341

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

We pray for: Paul Herzing, Donna Reed and daughter Darcie, Omar and Vivian Desrosier, Jerry and Mary Healy, Pete Galvez, Warren Glasow, Daniel Kegg, Peter - friend of Bill Camastro, Richard Bohan, hurting and struggling K of C Members, Carol Alesi, Jeff Jarr, Deacon Rick Zandy, Donna Makovec, Andy Alesi, Deacon Hugh Muller, Dan Multon, Dennis O'Connor, Joe Stachniak, Pat Kuehn, Ginger Swihura, Mary Lee Bastianelli, Carol Lafortune, Jack Warble, Ed Mazurek, Mike Graves, Annie Hayes, Ralph Rossi, Arie Rodriguez, Fr Bob Unger, all elected officials, unborn children, Rumaldo Baez, Jim Malley, Jordan Peak, Noe Rodriguez, Linda Soller, John Manfra, Jim Mazurek. Carol Brazas, Renee Harrison, Linda Soller and Louis Justeng.

COUNCIL 13341 ON FACEBOOK

View the Council's new FaceBook Page www,facebook.com/knights13341

Don't forget to click 'LIKE' after reading!!

HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAY WISHES

Paul Boisvert, Epifanio Cedro, Vincent Cipriano, Eliot Ford, Father John Hoang, Dr. Algirdas Kaspar, William Kett, Ken Nickerson, Carl Perhac, Jesse Pipher, James Ryan, Salvatore Saporito, John Scanlan, Matthew Shelton, James Smith, Nicholas Stout, Daniel Wood, and James Zovath.

PATRIOTIC ROSARY

The Patriotic Rosary, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, continues every Wednesday from 6:15 pm to 7 pm. The Patriotic Rosary is being prayed in response to the Bishops call for prayer for Religious Freedom including the over turn of the mandate and for the Christians being persecuted and even killed in the Middle East. It is a very powerful Rosary. If the brother Knights can attend a couple or three times a month it would make a difference, because there is power in Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Sir Knight Sam Bastianelli

OLA CHURCH CLEANERS NEEDED

Brothers are needed to help clean the Church after the 8 a.m. Mass on Thursday mornings. Ample supply of brooms and mops are available.

If you can spare an hour or so, please contact GK Bob Hellner bjjhsr@aol.com

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

BREAKFAST WITH ST. NICK

The December 12, 2015 Parish Breakfast with Saint Nicholas was a great morning for our parish's children. It was sponsored by our very own Knights of Columbus Council #13341 who hosted the event and provided the gifts and a delicious breakfast made by the Pancake Brigade! The children were first entertained by Granny Goose who supplied Christmas themed crafts and Prizes. Then jolly Saint Nicholas arrived, escorted by many helpful elves from our Youth Group. His helper read all the children a book about the first Father Christmas - Saint Nicholas and how his good works started a tradition celebrated the world over. Saint Nicholas had every child sit on his lap and let him know their Christmas list wishes. The expressions on their faces were of wonder and for some a little trepidation. The helpers gave every child a gift bag with a Movie/Snack Passes redeemable at the Downtown Lakewood Ranch SFS Movie Theatre, free meal coupon at Chick-Fil-A, candy, etc. We look forward to continuing this wonderful Christmastime tradition and wish all our Parishioners a Merry Christmas.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Shea Council Director Knights of Columbus Saints Cosmas and Damian Council 13341



Emilee and Isabella registered guests.



Tom Leylo and singers from OLA's youth Praise Band sang favorite Christmas Carols.



(r-l)Brothers Anton Swihura with Sig and Connie Bartozek cooked pancakes.



St. Nick visited children at Breakfast.



St. Nick's helper, Ginger Swihura, read story about St. Nick.



One of St. Nick's elves with red/green hat.



Waiting to visit St. Nick.



Prize winners.



A child's wish list for St. Nick.



OLA Youth Group elves.

COATS FOR KIDS PROGRAM

Additional photos from Council 13341 donation of coats to children from St. Michael's Parish in Wauchula December 11, 2015.



Sister Gema and two coat recipients of St. Michael's Church.



Emmy Walsh and Emilee of OLA Church attending ceremony of giving coats to children of St. Michael's Church.



Coat recipients at St. Michael's Church.



(ctr) GK Bob Hellner with Coats for Kids Coordinators Bill Rempke (l) and Ray Maykovec (r).



St. Michael's Church in Wauchula.

WHITE CROSS PROJECT

The "White Cross" project is represented by displaying white crosses at OLA on the anniversary of the Roe v Wade decision that legalized abortion. Each cross represents a certain number of abortions performed since Roe vs. Wade.



White Crosses displayed in January 2015 along OLA along SR 70.

White crosses will again this year be placed out on SR 70.
Volunteers are needed to help!!
Deployment will be Wednesday,
January 20 immediately following the 8:00 AM Mass. Crosses will be recovered on Monday, January 25 following the 8:00 AM Mass.

Many hands and hammers should make the work take no longer than two hours, both days.

Please take some time Wednesday, January 20 after 8 AM Mass to help set out white crosses and Monday, January 25 after 8 AM Mass to help recover the crosses to place in storage.

Thank you.

Bill Rempke <u>WREMPE@VERIZON.NET</u> White Cross Coordinator

BALTIMORE ORIOLES 2016 SPRING TRAINING SCHEDULE

Around the corner is Spring training for the Baltimore Orioles at Ed Smith Stadium in Sarasota. This event allows us to earn money to cover the Council's needs. See the schedule below to help volunteer working at the 3rd base concession stand: Wednesday, March 2, 10:30 a.m., Atlanta Braves; Saturday, March 5, 4:30 p.m., Tampa Bay Rays; Monday, March 7, 10:30 a.m., Minnesota Twins; Tuesday, March 8, 10:30 a.m., Boston Red Sox; Thursday, March 10, 10:30 a.m., New York Yankees; Saturday, March 12, 10:30 a.m., Minnesota Twins; Monday, March 14, 10:30 a.m., Philadelphia Phillies; Wednesday, March 16, 10:30 a.m., Pittsburgh Pirates; Thursday, March 17, 4:30 p.m., Minnesota Twins; Sunday, March 20, 10:30 a.m., Tampa Bay Rays; Thursday, March 24, 10:30 a.m., Pittsburgh Pirates; Friday, March 25, 10:30 a.m., New York Yankees; Saturday, March 26, 10:30 a.m., Boston Red Sox; Tuesday, March 29, 3:30 p.m., Atlanta Braves; Wednesday, March 30, 3:30 p.m., Toronto Blue Jays; Thursday, March 31, 12:30 p.m., Atlanta Braves.

Pictures from 2015 Spring Training Season:



(l-r) Recorder Larry Simmon, Marva Velichko, Nate Macione, and DD Chris Treston.



Brothers David Rondeau and Dave Smith at David's Grill working at Ed Smith Stadium

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY NEEDS OUR HELP

Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit organization that builds simple, decent, affordable housing in partnership with people in need. Join your fellow Knights by volunteering your time in helping to build these homes for families in need, thereby bringing and keeping families together with a life of dignity.

Please contact GK Bob Hellner bjjhsr@aol.com

BLOOD DRIVE

Thirty-seven pints of blood were collected on January 7, 2016, for the recent blood drive.

The next Blood Drive will be held March 3, 2016. Help will be needed to sign up donors at Masses on February 27th and 28th. If you can help signing up donors, please reply to Bill Rempe <u>WREMPE@VERIZON.NET</u>

Thank you for assistance with signup and donating!!!

JANUARY 2016 BUSINESS MEETING



GK Bob Hellner leading the Council's meeting.



District Deputy Chris Treston addresses the Council.

FIELD AGENT'S REPORT

LONG TERM CARE (LTC) IS AN IMPORTANT PIECE OF THE PUZZLE

There are many financial consultants and retirement authorities who emphasize the need for a long-term care product for estate preservation and family protection. While many commercial life insurance companies have gotten out of the LTC business, the Knights of Columbus considers LTC a very important piece of the family protection puzzle. The Order has been actively offering our members this LTC product for nearly 15 years without a premium increase. Members who wisely purchased an LTC plan from the KofC in 2000 are still paying the same premium today. Even better, our LTC coverage is backed by the full strength of the Order, which remains rooted in our strong Catholic values.

If we have not spoken about your need for LTC coverage in your family portfolio, please take some time out of your schedule to meet with me.

Remember, Long Term Care policies are underwritten based on your health, and you most likely will never be any healthier than you are today.

Vivat Jesus,

Jerry Hayes, Field Agent 941-921-2161 <u>Jerry.hayes@kofc.org</u>

2015 – 2016 Saints Cosmas and Damian Council #13341 Fraternal Year Activities (cont.)

January

13...Patriotic Rosary, OLA, 615 PM - 7 PM.

14... San Damiano Assembly, OLA, SHH, 7 PM

14...1st Degree, St Patrick, 7PM.

15... Bishop DeWayne's Mass at St. Martha's, Sarasota, 8 AM.

Prayer Walk, 9 AM, Planned Parenthood of Southwest Florida, Sarasota.

17...St Patrick Day Dinner SHH, 6 PM.

20... Patriotic Rosary, OLA, 615 PM - 7 PM.

21...Council Social Meeting/Pot Luck, SHH 7 PM.

20... Patriotic Rosary, OLA, 615 PM - 7 PM.

28... Officer and Director Meeting, SH2, 7 PM.

February

3... Patriotic Rosary, OLA, 615 PM – 7 PM.

4...Council Business Meeting, SH 1/2, 7 PM.

9...Shrove Tuesday, OLA SHH, 6 PM.

10... Patriotic Rosary, OLA, 615 PM - 7 PM.

12...Fish Fry, SHH, 4-7 PM.

13...Corporate Communion, OLA, 4 p.m.

17... Patriotic Rosary, OLA, 615 PM - 7 PM.

17...First Degree, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, District 52, 7 PM.

19... Fish Fry, SHH, 4-7 PM.

24... Patriotic Rosary, OLA, 615 PM - 7 PM.

25...Officer and Directors Meeting, SH2, 7 PM.

26... Fish Fry, SHH, 4-7 PM.

2015 – 2016 Saints Cosmas and Damian Council #13341 Fraternal Year Activities (cont.)

March

- 2... Patriotic Rosary, OLA, 615 PM 7 PM.
- 3...Blood Drive, OLA, 1-7 PM.
- 3... Council Business Meeting, SH 1 & 2, 7 PM.
- 4... Fish Fry, SHH, 4-7 PM.
- 7...First Degree, District 50, 7 PM.
- 9... Patriotic Rosary, OLA, 615 PM 7 PM.
- 11... Fish Fry, SHH, 4-7 PM.
- 16... Patriotic Rosary, OLA, 615 PM 7 PM.
- 18... Fish Fry, SHH, 4-7 PM.23... Patriotic Rosary, OLA, 615 PM 7 PM.
- 24...Social Meeting, 7 PM, SHH.
- 30... Patriotic Rosary, OLA, 615 PM 7 PM.
- 31... Officer and Directors Meeting, SH2, 7 PM.

April

- 6...First Degree, District 50, 7 PM.
- 6... Patriotic Rosary, OLA, 615 PM 7 PM.
- 7... Council Business Meeting, SH 1 & 2, 7 PM.
- 13... Patriotic Rosary, OLA, 615 PM 7 PM.
- 10...Corporate Communion, OLA, 8 AM.
- 16...Second Degree,St. Thomas Moore Council #7826, District 50, 11 AM.
- 17... Patriotic Rosary, OLA, 615 PM 7 PM.
- 22-24...K of C State Bowling Tournament, Council #4726, Lakeland.
- 23... Patriotic Rosary, OLA, 615 PM 7 PM.
- 23...Third Degree, Sts. Peter and Paul, 11 AM, Bradenton.
- 28... Officer and Directors Meeting, SH2, 7 PM.
- 30... Patriotic Rosary, OLA, 615 PM 7 PM.

May

- 4... Patriotic Rosary, OLA, 615 PM 7 PM.
- 5...Blood Drive, OLA, 2-7 PM.
- 5... Council Business Meeting, SH 1 & 2, 7 PM.
- 11... Patriotic Rosary, OLA, 615 PM 7 PM.
- 18... Patriotic Rosary, OLA, 615 PM 7 PM.
- 19...First Degree, St. Patrick Council #13307, District 51, 7 PM.
- 25... Patriotic Rosary, OLA, 615 PM 7 PM.
- 26... Officer and Directors Meeting, SH2, 7 PM.

June

- 1... Patriotic Rosary, OLA, 615 PM 7 PM.
- 2... Council Business Meeting, SH 1 & 2, 7 PM.
- 8... Patriotic Rosary, OLA, 615 PM 7 PM.
- 8...First Degree, Incarnation Council #15332, District 52, 7 PM.
- 11...Corporate Communion, OLA, 4 PM.
- 15... Patriotic Rosary, OLA, 615 PM 7 PM.
- 15...Second Degree, Father John J. Walsh Council #7052, District 52, 7 PM.
- 22... Patriotic Rosary, OLA, 615 PM 7 PM.
- 29... Patriotic Rosary, OLA, 615 PM 7 PM.
- 30... Officer and Directors Meeting, SH2, 7 PM.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SAN DAMIANO ASSEMBLY #3192 Tentative events for 2015-2016

Thurs., Jan. 14th..... 7:00pm Bsn. Meeting & dinner @ OLA (Renewal of Vows) Dress-Regalia
Thurs., Feb. 11th..... 7:00pm Bsn. Meeting @ Holy Cross
Sunday, Feb. 28th..... 5:00pm Salute to the Military Ball, Tara Golf & Country Club
Thurs., March 10th..... 7:00pm Bsn. Meeting @OLA
Thurs., April 14th..... 7:00pm Bsn. Meeting @OLA
Thurs., May 12th..... 7:00pm Bsn. Meeting @Holy Cross
Sunday, May 29th..... 5:00pm Tribute to Heroes Parade at Lakewood Ranch**
Thurs., June 19th..... 7:00pm Bsn. Meeting @OLA
Note: Host Council Location will provide refrehments
MEETINGS 2ND THURSDAY OF MONTH @ 7:00PM

** Color Corps Requested