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## GRAND KNIGHT'S NEWS

*We had good start to our new direction to 'Build the Family and Working with the Youth', as Supreme Knight encourages all the Councils to do. The first goal 'Building the Family', and the Knights are sponsoring the 'Men's Faith Sharing'. It has been a big success and we discuss the Sunday's Scriptures. It is from 6:30 to 7:30 am and we will have coffee, donuts, and fruit. The second goal, 'Working with the Youth', the Knights sponsored the 'Coats for Kids Campaign'. The campaign was a great success as the kids received their coats and lots of love. They were very excited to receive the coats. Bill Rempe and Ray Makovec were chairmen of this effort. Along with a number of Knights including Matt Shelton, Program Director for the Youth.*

*December 4<sup>th</sup> we had the Christmas Dinner Dance for Council 13341. We had appropriately 92 people in attendance and Andy did a great job. The largest party we had since we started. A good time was had by all. The Annual Bob Holton Memorial Golf Tournament was held on November 18. It was the largest number of golfers we have had and it was a big success. Thanks to all who worked or played golf. The Memorial Mass and Dinner for our deceased brothers was held November 17 and it was very nice. The Memorial Cross in SH2 was updated and Mateo did a great job. We had the National Night of Prayer on December 8 from 8:30 pm until 12:30 am. Brother Jim Ryan and the Knights covered from 10:30 pm to 11:30 pm.*

*Our November Social was a joint Growing in Faith and Knights ministry where Brother Mateo was main witness for how "God Speaks To Us Through Scripture". It was a huge success! We had two earlier Socials where Knights were recognized and awards were given. DGK Jim Coon did a masterful job. We plan to have another Social in January where we will recognize our Brother Knights with a variety of*

awards including Knights of the month and Family of Month and Knights who gain the Admissions Degree and Second, the Third and the Fourth Degrees.

Eight Knights made their Patriotic Fourth Degree with a number Knights there to support them. The Eight Sir Knights were the second largest number in the state.

The Vocations Ministry and Youth committee's Priesthood Sunday celebration on October 30<sup>th</sup> was a huge success. There were over 300 people in attendance. Finally, we had "Breakfast with St. Nick" where we served Pancakes and Sausage with syrup and whipped cream. We sang Christmas carols, entertained by Grannie Goose, and finally St. Nick made an appearance and the small children went wild. There were many Knights, but leaders of the group were Brothers Mateo Cangemi and Frank Shea. Frank was responsible for PR and getting it into the OLA Church Bulletin.

So you see we've gotten off to a good start!

Grand Knight Sam Bastianelli

## **FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

We pray for: Donna Reed and daughter Darcie, 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, Jack Warble, Ed Mazurek, Annie Hayes, Ralph Rossi, Arie Rodriguez, Fr. Bob Unger, all elected officials, unborn children, Rinaldo Baez, Jim Malley, Jordan Peak, Linda Soller, John Manfra, Jim Mazurek. Carol Brazas, Renee Harrison, Linda Soller and Louis Justeng.

## **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 overturn 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,

Grand Knight Sam Bastianelli

## **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.

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## **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:

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## **COUNCIL 13341 ON FACEBOOK**

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## **COUNCIL ACTIVITIES**

### **COATS FOR KIDS HELPS CHILDREN IN NEED**

*With many families with young children continuing to struggle in these challenging economic times, there has never been a better time for Knights of Columbus Councils to help by providing warm winter coats to children in their communities through the Order's Coats for Kids program.*

*For the last winter season, nationally over 800 Knights of Columbus councils purchased and distributed the coats. In addition, the Supreme Council also purchased thousands of coats that were sent to several state councils for distribution, for a total of over 78,000 coats given out nationally in 1600 communities. Since the program's inception, the Knights of Columbus in the United States and Canada have given away 310,000 coats to children in need. This winter our local Council, #13341 Saints Cosmas and Damian, is the only Council in the Venice Diocese to continue in this wonderful program, from 2012 to today. This outreach event is held in honor of late brother David Walsh and his widow Emily, who founded this event at our Council. Also, an anonymous donor gave a significant donation to make sure to have enough coats. This year close to 200 coats went to Sister Maria Gema for the youth at St. Michael's Church in Wauchula. Coats for Kids Coordinators, Bill Rempe and Ray Makovic expressed their gratitude for having the opportunity to orchestrate this program in our area.*



*Children receiving coats with Sister Gema, Bill Rempe, and Brother Ray.*





***St. Michael's Church in Wauchula.***

***“The look on the children’s faces as well as the parent’s faces is priceless because they are so appreciative,” said Jim Coons our Deputy Grand Knight. “This was a great feeling for the kids and the response was fantastic.”***

***St. Michael’s Church in Wauchula is one of the poorest parishes in the Diocese of Venice with Sister Maria Gema leading family activities there. Each child’s coat was hand-picked by her for fit and style with their names attached. The response was wonderful with 100 people from the parish in attendance. Anyone interested in helping the religious sisters at St. Michael Parish can do so by contacting Sister Gema at: St. Michael Parish, Attn: Sister Gema, 408 Head Bridge Road, Wauchula, FL 33873.***



***(bottom l-r) ???, ?? Rempe, Sister Gema, Brother Matt Shelton, ???, Donna Makovec, Emily Walsh. (back l-) ???, ???, DGK Jim Coons, Coordinators Ray Makovec, and Bill Rempe.***

## ***BREAKFAST WITH ST. NICHOLAS***

***The 2016 Parish Breakfast held December 10<sup>th</sup> 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. Janelle and Karl Sidnam and a few singers from of our Praise Band came to sing our favorite Christmas Carols.***

***Then jolly Saint Nicholas arrived, escorted by many helpful elves from our Youth Group. St. Nicholas had some Christmas questions for the children and the answers were very interesting. 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***



***Children with St. Nicholas.***



***Children awaiting visit with St. Nicholas.***





*St. Nicholas and his elves.*



*Pancake Bricade cooking pancakes.*

## ***FOOD FOR FAMILIES PROGRAM 2016***

***Our Council has been bringing non-perishable food donated by our parishioners at back of Church to St. Joseph's Food Panty every month.***

***For a bit of history, in 1977 two women started the food pantry, by delivering food from their cars. Several years later, because of the great need, they began collecting food from local grocery stores and adding additional volunteers. Now the pantry operates from a building, thanks to the generosity of St. Joseph Church in West Bradenton. From 2 people to 120 volunteers; from 120 families per month to over 2000, Saint Joseph's Food Pantry stands out as a beacon of hope and faith in Manatee County.***



***Grand Knight Sam Bastianelli arriving at Food Pantry to unload donated food from Our Lady of the Angels.***

***Thus far since the summer we have donated 1600 pounds of food with over 55 man-hours. Led by Brother Matt Cangemi, Brother Knights, and Parish volunteers.***

***Respectfully submitted  
Frank Shea Council 13341 PR Director***



## ***Council Christmas Party***

***Council #13341 held its annual Christmas Party December 4 at Peridia Golf and Country Club for our Council members, spouses, friends, and families. Everyone had a chance to get their photo in front of the festive 12-foot tree. We had close to 100 guests that were entertained by a great new group, Lynn's Spins, who played many favorites from the 50's to today.***

***We were joined by members of Parish Encore Group, Jerry and Annie Hayes, and Father John. Also, Anton and Ginger Swihura made the trip from Apollo Beach. Master Tenor Mike Novello lead all of us with a rousing rendition of 'The Twelve Days of Christmas', with each table taking a verse. Most notably, Table #1 was loudest with Five Golden Rings!!***

***A festive night with lots of laughs, fellowship, and dancing.***

***Merry Christmas to all!***

***Frank Shea  
Council Director  
Knights of Columbus,  
Saints Cosmas and Damian Council***

## ***FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION***

***Eight members of Sts. Cosmas and Damian Council 13341 became Fourth Degree Knights late November. Fourth Degree exemplification was held in Orlando. The council had the second highest number of candidates for the state.***



***(l-r) Sir Knights Frank Barbarito, Charles Cook, Larry Simmons, Dale McCall, Matt Shelton, Mark O'Brien. Seated is Taylor Cook. Timothy Lane is absent from photo.***



## ***PLAN FOR THIS TAX DAY AND INTO THE FUTURE***

*April 15 (tax day) is right around the corner. It's become popular this time of year to encourage the opening of an IRA or similar retirement annuity, or the depositing of additional funds into an existing account, as a tax-savings vehicle. Or perhaps someone has tried to convince you to open an account, touting the rate of interest that money in one of these accounts can earn. Let me join the chorus of folks encouraging you to open or add funds to an annuity, but for a different reason.*

*Certainly, contributing money to a Knights of Columbus annuity will allow you to save some money on your income tax return. And our annuities do pay a very competitive interest rate, consistent with our primary goal of absolute safety of principal. Opening or adding to an annuity for these reasons, however, strikes me as taking a short-term view of a product that is designed to provide long-term security. How much security? How does retirement income that you cannot outlive — guaranteed — sound to you?*

*Here at the Knights of Columbus, you can open a retirement annuity for as little as \$300. Consistent and disciplined savings placed into that annuity over time can guarantee you an income at retirement that you cannot outlive. That guarantee — along with the fact that no one has ever lost money left in a Knights of Columbus annuity (remember — absolute safety of principal) — really will provide you with peace of mind.*

*I am happy to meet with you — at your convenience and in your home — to explain in detail the benefits of opening a Knights of Columbus annuity, along with the benefits of our top-rated life insurance, disability income and long-term care insurance plans.*

***Vivat Jesus!***

***Brother Jerry Hayes [jerryhayes@koc.org](mailto:jerryhayes@koc.org)  
Field Agent***

## **Critics Corner: Movie News**

**December 2016**

**2016 was a great year for spiritual films. A few to check out this year end.**

### **Risen**

*In 33 AD, a Roman Tribune in Judea is tasked to find the missing body of an executed Jew rumored to have risen from the dead. The rest they say is history. The perspective is from the eyes of Clavius, a Roman military man sent by Emperor Tiberius to ensure Jesus does not rise, to quell a revolt they fear is coming. Clavius, played brilliantly by Joseph Fiennes, sees what has come of Jesus and his Apostles after his crucifixion. And he can't believe it, or does he? Now on DVD, I bought mine for a good price at Best Buy. It is also streaming on many sites.*

### **Liberating a Continent**

*Liberating a Continent: John Paul II and the Fall of Communism was honored with two Emmys at the 58th annual Chicago/Midwest Emmy Awards!*

*As executive producer of the film, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson was honored in the category of Outstanding Achievement for Documentary Programs – Historical along with the film's producers. The film's director of photography was also awarded an Emmy in the category of Outstanding Crafts Achievement Off-Air: photographer – Program (Non-News).*

*We are honored to receive these awards and grateful for the recognition it gives to this important film, which tells the story of how Eastern Europe regained its freedom without violence and by calling forth the best in the human spirit," Anderson said. "The documentary shows how John Paul was the essential leader in making this happen and in such a hopeful, inspiring way."*

*Anderson worked with St. John Paul II when he served in the Reagan White House. He is now Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus, a Catholic fraternal organization with 1.9 million members worldwide.*

*The film focuses on the sainted Pope's role in ending communist control of Central and Eastern Europe and his spiritual influence on Poland's Solidarity labor movement, which played a pivotal role leading up to the collapse of Communism that started in 1989.*

*The Emmy Awards, announced Dec. 3, came from the Chicago/Midwest Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences, one of the academy's largest chapters.*

*The 90-minute film, narrated by actor Jim Caviezel, uses rare archival footage and interviews with several heads of state. Other interviewees include papal biographer George Weigel; Cardinal Stanislaw Dziwisz, emeritus Archbishop of Krakow, who served as St. John Paul II's longtime assistant; and Richard Allen, former national security adviser to Ronald Reagan.*





**The documentary has been airing on public television across the U.S. in partnership with WTTW Chicago and the National Educational Telecommunications Association.**

**If you can't find it on a streaming website it is available to purchase at <https://jp2film.com/purchase/>**

## **Silence**

**And due in theatres in early January, a gripping tale of brave Catholic Missionaries in feudal Japan. Director Martin Scorsese adapts the novel by Shusaku Endo, about a group of 17th century Jesuit priests intend to evangelize Japan at a time when Catholicism was outlawed and their presence forbidden. Acting heavyweights Liam Neeson, Andrew Garfield, and Adam Driver star.**

**The Village Voice offers: "Far from preaching to the choir, Scorsese's hardly even sermonizing here. You can sense him working the material over in his mind, as though 25 years of mental pre-production wasn't enough to reach any concrete answers, and the film is better for its uncertainty. If the good book is an open book, one still open to interpretation and questioning, Silence is too: We don't have to know the ultimate truth so long as we know it's worth seeking out."**  
**Go see it!**

**Submitted by Brother Frank Shea**



## **2016 – 2017 Fraternal Year Activities**

### **December**

- 17 Our Lady of the Angels, membership drive after 4 p.m. Mass.**
- 18 Our Lady of the Angels, membership drive after 8 a.m., 1030 a.m. and 5 p.m. Masses.**
- 22 Council 13341 Officers and Directors Meeting, 7 p.m.**

### **January**

- 5 Our Lady of the Angels, Council 13341 Membership meeting, 7 p.m.**
- 11 Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Sarasota, Second Degree Exemphification, 7 p.m.**
- 11 Our Lady of the Angels, Assembly – Renewal of Vows, 630 p.m.**
- 19 Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, Bradenton, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Exemphification, 7 p.m.**
- 19 Our Lady of the Angels, Growing in Faith Prayer, 630 p.m.**
- 21 Our Lady of the Angels, membership drive after 4 p.m. Mass.**
- 22 Our Lady of the Angels, membership drive after 8 a.m., 1030 a.m. and 5 p.m. Masses.**
- 26 Our Lady of the Angels, Council 13341 Officers and Directors Meeting, 7 p.m.**

## **February**

- 2**      ***Our Lady of the Angels, Council 13341 Membership meeting, 7 p.m.***
- 4**      ***Neels Performing Arts Cente, Bradenton, Fundraiser – Sugar Bowl to help Brother Knights, ‘An Evening with Sinatra’, 530 p.m.***
- 16**     ***St. Michael the Archangel, Sarasota, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Exemplification, 7 p.m.***  
***Our Lady of the Angels, Renewal of Marriage Vows for married couples, 730 p.m.***
- 18**     ***Our Lady of the Angels, membership drive after 4 p.m. Mass.***
- 19**     ***Our Lady of the Angels, membership drive after 8 a.m., 1030 a.m. and 5 p.m. Masses.***
- 23**     ***Council 13341 Officers and Directors Meeting, 7 p.m.***

## **March**

- 2**      ***Our Lady of the Angels, Council 13341 Membership meeting, 7 p.m.***
- 8**      ***Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church, Osprey, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Exemplification, 7 p.m.***
- 9**      ***Our Lady of the Angels, Growing if Faith – God is a Community of Love, 630 p.m.***
- 12**     ***Tara Golf and Country Club, Assembly Patriotic Ball for Fourth Degree, ? .***
- 16**     ***Our Lady of the Angels, New Pastor’s Presentation, tentative, 630 p.m.***
- 18**     ***Our Lady of the Angels, membership drive after 4 p.m. Mass.***
- 19**     ***Our Lady of the Angels, membership drive after 8 a.m., 1030 a.m. and 5 p.m. Masses.***
- 22**     ***St. Joseph’s Catholic Church, Bradenton, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Exemplification, 7 p.m.***
- 23**     ***Council 13341 Officers and Directors Meeting, 7 p.m.***

## **April**

- 6**      ***Our Lady of the Angels, Council 13341 Membership meeting, 7 p.m.***
- 15**     ***Our Lady of the Angels, membership drive after 4 p.m. Mass.***
- 16**     ***Our Lady of the Angels, membership drive after 8 a.m., 1030 a.m. and 5 p.m. Masses.***
- 19**     ***Holy Cross Catholic Church, Palmetto, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Exemplification, 7 p.m.***
- 20**     ***Our Lady of the Angels, Movie – ‘God is Not Dead’, 630 p.m.***
- 22**     ***St. Thomas Moore Catholic Church, 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Exemplification, 1130 p.m.***
- 27**     ***Council 13341 Officers and Directors Meeting, 7 p.m.***

## **May**

- 4**      ***Our Lady of the Angels, Council 13341 Membership meeting, 7 p.m.***
- 18**     ***St. Patrick’s Catholic Church, Sarasota, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Exemplification, 7 p.m.***
- 20**     ***Our Lady of the Angels, membership drive after 4 p.m. Mass.***
- 21**     ***Our Lady of the Angels, membership drive after 8 a.m., 1030 a.m. and 5 p.m. Masses.***
- 25**     ***Council 13341 Officers and Directors Meeting, 7 p.m.***



***June***

- 1      Our Lady of the Angels, Council 13341 Membership meeting, 7 p.m.***
- 14     Incarnation Catholic Church, Sarasota, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Exemplification, 7 p.m.***
- 15     Our Lady of the Angels, Awards Banquet, 630 p.m.***
- 17     Our Lady of the Angels, membership drive after 4 p.m. Mass.***
- 18     Our Lady of the Angels, membership drive after 8 a.m., 1030 a.m. and 5  
p.m. Masses.***
- 21     Sts. Peter and Paul the Apostles, Bradenton, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Exemplification, 7  
p.m.***
- 22     Council 13341 Officers and Directors Meeting, 7 p.m.***