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## GRAND KNIGHT'S NEWS

*We continue with our new direction and continued success to 'Build the Family' and 'Working with Youth'.*

*The "Men's Faith Sharing" is building each week as the number has reached as high as 27 men with over 40 registered. The group meets every Friday from 6:30 to 7:30 am. in Sacred Heart Hall.*

*We continue recruitment every 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of the month after Saturday evening and Sunday Masses. We are on our way to reaching the goal of New Knights for Star Council.*

*We are gearing up for the Sugar Bowl at the Neels Performing Arts Center. If you have not gotten your tickets, please see Brothers Vinnie Cipriano or Bob Hellner.*

*We will have a Social Meeting the 16<sup>th</sup> of February where we will have the Renewal of Marriage Vows and giving out awards. More to come on events for the meeting.*

*San Damiano Assembly Patriotic Ball for Fourth Degree will be held on March 12 at the Tara Golf and Country Club. Get your tickets early by contacting Sir Knight Vinnie Cipriano for details.*

*We have new Pastor, Reverend Michael Scheip, on the agenda for 16 of March (tentative) for New Pastor's Presentation.*

*Planned is a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification on April 29<sup>th</sup> at St. Martha School in Sarasota. This an opportunity for those making their 4<sup>th</sup> Degree. Check with Sir Knights Ernie Soler, Larry Simmons, George Lurz, and Jim Coon for further information. Those who would like to make their 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degrees may also ask these Knights for assistance.*

*Coming soon is Shrove Tuesday on February 28 and Fish Frys beginning on March 3. Shrove Tuesday promises to be exciting as we will serve lasagna prepared by Brother Herb O'Neil. The Fish Fry will have some surprises but will have the same good food as usual.*

*The White Crosses were deployed in memory of all the children killed by abortion. Thanks to B Bill Rempe and a special thanks to B Joe Kosobucki for making the crosses. The Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, April 8. Chairmen are Brothers Matt Cangemi and Frank Shea. Further information is attached to this newsletter. We recently held our blood drive on January 12 and it was a great success with 35 units of blood collected. Brother Bill Rempe is responsible for the blood drives which occur every 6 weeks. The next blood drive is scheduled for March 16.*

*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, Rumaldo 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.*

*Please contact GK Sam Bastianelli  
[sambastianelli@gmail.com](mailto:sambastianelli@gmail.com)*

## **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 Sam Bastianelli  
[sambastianelli@gmail.com](mailto:sambastianelli@gmail.com)*

## **COUNCIL 13341 ON FACEBOOK**

*View the Council's new FaceBook Page  
[www.facebook.com/knights13341](http://www.facebook.com/knights13341)*

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

## **ALUMINUM CANS AND CAN PULL RINGS**

*Don't forget to collect aluminum cans and deposit in white fenced area nearest OLA Memorial Garden. Money collected from sale of cans is used to support Seminarians preparing for Priesthood.*

*Aluminum can pull rings are also collected to be used for making accessories for the handicapped.*

*Thank you.*

## **COUNCIL ACTIVITIES**

### **BLOOD DRIVE HELD JANUARY 12**

*Please allow us to thank the brothers who helped with signing up donors before and after all Masses the weekend before the drive, our Bulletin's administrator, and Brother Frank Shea and Pat Martino for helping us publicize the event.*

*Kim Brownstein, One Blood account representative, states "the recent blood drive collected 35 units of blood. Each donation can save up to three lives which results in 105 patients possibly benefiting from the blood drive. Every two seconds, someone needs blood. The blood donated at OLA blood drive will likely be transfused into a patient within 48 to 72 hours. The turnaround is that fast and is that constant."*

*The next scheduled blood drive is March 16, 2017.*

*In His Service,*

*Laura Macione (OLA parishioner), Brothers Bill Rempe, Dave Rondeau, and Steve Balazic.*

### **TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE**

*Thank you to all who volunteered for the last fundraiser. With only filling 50% of the available spots we were able to raise \$1,160. We can do better with more volunteers.*

*The Tootsie Roll Foundation is having another fundraiser on February 3, 4, and 5 at the Publix on SR 70 and Lakewood Ranch Blvd.*

*Help is needed those three days (Fri, Sat, Sun) at 10 AM, 12 Noon, 2 PM and 4 PM.*

*Those that have time to help should contact:*

*Br. Paul Browne*

*[atthepalaceteam@aol.com](mailto:atthepalaceteam@aol.com)*

### **OLA COMMUNITY LIFE**

*Our Lady of the Angels Community Life Committee has a few events planned for the year.*

*As of now, a trip planned to Ave Maria in April with only 55 seats available.*

*There also will be a cruise out of Tampa in November with limited rooms available.*

*Grand Knight Sam Bastianelli*



## ***WHITE CROSS BRIGADE 2017***

***On Thursday, January 19, 12 members of the Knights of Columbus Council 13341 deployed over 200 white crosses along SR70 adjacent to OLA Church property. For the past, several years we have used this initiative as a way of demonstrating our belief that unborn children are human beings and as such are entitled to life and legal protection. Further, it reinforces our desire to have the Roe v. Wade decision repealed. Each white cross is meant to represent the millions of the innocent lives taken by way of early, mid or late term abortion since the Roe v. Wade decision was handed down on January 22, 1973. This visual display reminds us that we have a moral responsibility to protect the most vulnerable population in our society – the unborn. Council 13341 stands in union with similar Respect Life events -- such as Pro-life Marches -- within the Diocese of Venice, the State of Florida and the United States.***



***Council 13341 Knights completing White Cross deployment.***



***Deployment of White Crosses.***

## **CULTURE OF LIFE**

*Dear Brother Knights,*

*The Culture of Life Committee of our Council has undertaken the opportunity of meeting the goals of the K of C's Ultrasound Initiative. Thus far we have identified a qualified "pro-life" pregnancy center - CareNet Manasota Pregnancy Center (Bradenton) - and have received the approval of the Diocese to proceed with our goal of raising the funds necessary to supply the Center with a modern ultrasound machine. At the moment, our goal is to provide an in-house machine (approximate cost of 30K) and with some good fortune, raise additional funds for a portable machine (cost to be determined). My expectation is that the total cost to achieve both goals will be 50 thousand dollars. Fortunately, Supreme Council will share in the total cost and, as such, we are challenged to raise only 50% of the total cost. The Mission Statement of the Center clearly states that every human life begins at conception and is worthy of protection. I, and other members of the Culture of Life Committee, have visited the Center and have been impressed by the compassion, hope and support offered to their clientele, particularly those considering terminating the pregnancy. Their Statement of Faith Document mirrors the beliefs and teachings of our Catholic faith.*

*Fund raising likely will be a two pronged approach: evidence of commitment by the members of our Council, and involvement of the OLA community. With respect to the former, I am asking each member to PRAYERFULLY consider making a pledge to support this worthy undertaking.*

*So that we can move forward with our plans, please acknowledge your willingness to support this worthy undertaking and the amount you wish to pledge by replying directly via email at [jryan1168@aol.com](mailto:jryan1168@aol.com) or by calling me at 610-905-9140.*

*Thank you all for your prayerful consideration of this matter and may God bless you and your families.*

*Brother Jim Ryan  
Director, Culture of Life*

*Saints Cosmas and Damian 13341*

## **FREE THROW CONTEST 2017**

*The Knights of Columbus Council # 13341 is proud to announce our winners for Council Level Free Throw Championship held on 22 January 2017 at Our Lady of the Angels Catholic Church.*

*Girl's Champion - Emilee Gately -13 and Boys Champions - Kyle Sidnam - 13 and Sean Laureano - 12.*

*They will move on to Regional Championship for District 50 at Saints Peter & Paul Parish on 29 January 2016. Our local contest was held by Brothers Mark O'Brien and Matt Shelton, whom lead our Youth Programs.*



***The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through local, district, and state competitions. International champions are announced by the K of C international headquarters based on scores from the state-level competition. All boys and girls 9 to 14 years old are eligible to participate and will compete in their respective age divisions. Last year more than 120,000 sharpshooters participated in over 3,600 local competitions.***



***(l-r) DGK Frank Coon, Youth Director Matt Shelton, Emilee Gately, Council 13341 Girl's Free Throw Champion, Youth Director Mark O'Brien, and GK Sam Bastianelli.***



***(ctr) ? Council 13341 Boys Free Throw Champion***

## **BALTIMORE ORIOLES SPRING TRAINING 2017**

*The holidays are over and what to do with all the spare time? Why not volunteer to work the concession stand #192 (behind third base) at Ed Smith Stadium in Sarasota! Our Council annually works the concession stand during the Baltimore Orioles Spring Training Season.*

*Schedule follows:*

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| <i>Sunday, 2/26, 1030 a.m., Pirates;</i>     | <i>Monday, 2/27, 1030 a.m., Yankees;</i>   |
| <i>Wednesday, 3/1, 1030 a.m., Red Sox;</i>   | <i>Thursday, 3/2, 430 p.m., Twins;</i>     |
| <i>Sunday, 3/5, 1030 a.m., Phils;</i>        | <i>Tuesday, 3/7, 1030 a.m., DR;</i>        |
| <i>Wednesday, 3/8, 1030 a.m., Blue Jays;</i> | <i>Saturday, 3/11, 1030 a.m., Pirates;</i> |
| <i>Monday, 3/13, 1030 a.m., Phils;</i>       | <i>Tuesday, 3/14, 1030 a.m., Rays;</i>     |
| <i>Thursday, 3/16, 430 p.m., Phils;</i>      | <i>Sunday, 3/19, 1030 a.m., Tigers;</i>    |
| <i>Tuesday, 3/21, 1030 a.m., Blue Jays;</i>  | <i>Wednesday, 3/22, 430 p.m., Rays;</i>    |
| <i>Saturday, 3/25, 430 p.m., Twins;</i>      | <i>Monday, 3/27, 1030 a.m., Red Sox;</i>   |
| <i>Thursday, 3/30, 1030 a.m., Tigers.</i>    |  |

*We do not want to lose the ability to earn a big part of the funds that help make our council so great. There still are spots to fill in the necessary 18 volunteers needed for each game.*

*If you need t-shirts, parking pass, or a cap, please let me know by January 31.*

*Thank you,*

*Brother Chris Treston [treston3@msn.com](mailto:treston3@msn.com)  
Brother Paul Petrus [PJPetrus@hotmail.com](mailto:PJPetrus@hotmail.com)*

## **Sts. Cosmas and Damian Council #13341**

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

#### **February**

- 2**      *Our Lady of the Angels, Council 13341 Membership meeting, 7 p.m.*
- 4**      *Neels Performing Arts Center, 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.*  
*Blood Drive, OLA.*
- 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.*

