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KNIGHTLY NEWS

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GRAND KNIGHT'S NEWS

We continue with our direction to 'Build the Family' and 'Working with Youth'. The "Men's Faith Sharing" is building each week as the number have increased. The group meets every Friday from 6:30 to 7:30 am. in Sacred Heart Hall. We continue recruitment every 3rd weekend of the month after the Masses. We gained 10 new first degree members and we have reached our goal for this year. We continue to be on our way to Star Council.

We had the Sugar Bowl at the Neels Performing Arts Center. It was very good and I think we will see more of the Knights next year.

We had the Social Meeting the 16th of February where we had the Renewal of Marriage Vows and giving out awards. After Renewal of Marriage Vowels we presented Fr. John with a Gold Shovel for his Valuable Service to OLA especially over the last months. The shovel was used for the Ground Breaking Ceremony. We then presented Fr. Mike Scheip, our New Administrator, with a Portrait of Our Lady of Perpetual Help to welcome him to the OLA Faith Community. We had dinner follow by a roast of Andy and Marva Velichko. Andy received carving of St Joseph the Worker

That was followed by awards included Knight of the Month, Family of the Month, Knights that transferred, new Knights who made their First Degree, followed by the 2nd and 3rd Degree Knights.

There were awards for Food for Families, led by Mateo Cangemi, awards for setting up the Mass for the Brother who passed, again led by Mateo Cangemi, awards for Breakfast with St Nicholas, led by Frank Shea and Mateo Cangemi, Awards for Coast for Kids, led by Bill Rempe and Ray Makovic, the White Cross Project, led by Bill Rempe and a special thanks to Joe Kosobucki for making a lot of the crosses, Awards for the Youth Free Throw Contest, led by Mark O'Brien and Matt Shelton, and awards for the Thursday morning Church Cleaning Crew, led by DGK Jim Coon. It was a great night as we had 120 in attendance.

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

We have Shrove Tuesday on the 28th of February and will serve from 5:30pm until 8 pm.

The Fish Fry begins on March 3 and there will be some surprises but will have the same good food as usual.

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.

Brother Bill Rempe is responsible for the blood drives which occur every 6 weeks. The next blood drive is scheduled for March 16.

The Ultra Sound project is gaining momentum with Director Jim Ryan leading this effort. We are going to take a collection from the Knights and the Parish. Jim says he has \$8,500 collected so far.

Habitat for Humanity has work for the 25 of February and March 3. This being led by Community Director John Joly.

Our campaign to make everyone aware is going good. It is led by Frank Shea. Frank gives us a lot of press. So take pictures of your event, supply the text, and send to Frank. But to make it better sign on to the website for the Knights of Columbus Council 13341.

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 Rodriquez, Fr. Bob Unger, all elected officials, unborn children, Rumaldo Baez, Jim Malley, Jordan Peak, John Manfra, Jim Mazurek. Carol Brazas, Renee Harrison, Louis Justen, and Connie Graves.

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 Brother John Joly jojoly@earthlink.net

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

COUNCIL 13341 ON FACEBOOK

View the Council's new FaceBook Page 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.

Please contact: Joe Kasobucki tikoss1191@aol.com

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

BLOOD DRIVE MARCH 16

JFJThe next scheduled blood drive is March 16, 2017.

In His Service,

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

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.

Please contact Brother John Joly jojoly@earthlink.net

HELP SOUGHT FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Brother Knights,

We are in need of 5-6 volunteers for Saturday February 25th and Saturday March 4th! Please see project descriptions attached along with instructions to register online and complete the necessary waiver. Please consider either or both of these dates. I will provide further instructions on locations and times.

Habitat is expecting to be able to paint at the Storehouse project, but if the siding is up at 10th Street, then the painting project may move there.

They are able to absorb 5-6 more volunteers on either or both Saturdays.

Please call me with any questions and let me know if you are able to volunteer for these specific dates and projects.

Thanks!

John Joly Community Director C 951-712-0546 jojoly@earthlink.net

Call to Brother Knights in our Council to...Increase our involvement in, and develop a stronger partnership with, Manatee County Habitat for Humanity that will:

- Increase our service hours through volunteering on existing and new Habitat projects
- Provide repairs, improvements, or maintenance assistance to homeowners (our parish members, and our community in need) including:
 - Low-income families
 - Seniors who want to stay in their homes
 - Veterans
 - Disabled or special needs residents
- No required skill sets of Brother Knights who volunteer! Just the desire to help the less fortunate in our faith community
- Any Knights' trade skills are welcomed with open arms!

Here is the list of projects currently underway and those projects beginning shortly as of January 26th:

- 1. 1106 17th Ave West: a new home that is almost complete, dedication will be on Feb. 4th. Over the next two weeks or so we will be installing some light fixtures, painting touch up, installing hardware in the closets and bathrooms then we will need to put down sod in the back and shell out front and plant some shrubs.
- 2. 2206 10th St West: a new home, the trusses have been installed and over the next few weeks, hugs (safety barriers for roofing) will be installed to commence roofing work, fascia, and siding work. This will commence alongside of the roofing. After siding is installed, painting will then be scheduled.
- 3. Joseph's Storehouse (1027 9th St West): A community partnership of rehabilitation: over the next few weeks we will be grouting the tile that has been installed in the lunch room and power washing. Painting the exterior of the building will then be completed.

- 4. 2214/2216 10th St West: a new home(s) Ground Breaking on February 23. Foundation work will then follow.
- 5. Home Preservation: Renovating a bathroom for handicap access. Just received permit and work will most likely begin in 3 weeks.

Each work day, some or all this work will be completed, so assignments are always changing.

If you are available to volunteer for one of the projects listed above, please quickly do the following:

- 1. Contact John Joly, Community Director: Cell 951-712-0546 or email jojoly@earthlink.net
- 2. Go to Habitat's website at www.manateehabitat.org and:
 - A. Follow the tabs for "Volunteer" to create a profile.
 - B. Click on the link for the waiver that must be filled out and is required prior to you volunteering

NOTE: If you do not have Internet access, I will assist you with the profile and waiver.

NEW FIRST DEGREE MEMBERS



Frank Grzelak, George Harenchar, Dennis Herzler, Lee Penkowski, Mike Robertson, Paul Rosa, and Paul Zedalis were exemplified for the First Degree, January 30 at SHH. Brothers Carmine Maida, Chris Treston, Sam Bastianelli, Bill Rempe, and Tyler Cook performed the ceremony.

SAINTS COSMAS AND DAMIAN AWARD NIGHT

Council #13341 held its Awards Night on 17 February 2017. We started the night with a Renewal of Vows led by Father John with 55 couples renewing their marriage vows at a short ceremony in our OLA Church.

Afterwards, we held a Pot-Luck Dinner at OLA Sacred Heart hall to conduct some presentations and awards to our Brother Knights. After an Invocation, we presented Father Michael Sheip, our brand-new Parish Administrator with a portrait of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and let him address our council. Then we presented Father John, our parochial Vicar for his valuable service to our Parish with a Gold Shovel for the new Parish Church Groundbreaking planned.

Then on to dinner and a special moment to thank Andrew & Marva Velichko, who are moving very soon to Virginia to be near family. Andy has held almost every position in our Council and Assembly since its inception. He notably served as Grand Knight and Faithful Navigator and the Fourth-Degree Color Corps. Several brothers took a chance to reflect on their special service and fond memories. Andy and Marva will be greatly missed.

Our Grand Knight Samuel Bastianelli proceeded to the Award Ceremonies. We awarded Degree Certificates to new Brother Knights, Knight of the Month, Family of the Month, and Certificates of Appreciation for the many Program Directives our council has undertaken: Food for Families, Memorial Mass for Recently Deceased Knights & Families, Parish Breakfast with St. Nicholas, Coats for Kids Gifting to St. Michael's Parish in Wauchula, White Crosses for Life Brigade, Youth Free Throw Contest, and our Thursday Morning Volunteer Cleaning Crew.

It was a full evening with lots of comradery, reflection, and unity with over a hundred persons in attendance. One of our top Social meetings ever.

Respectfully submitted, Francis Shea Council Director Saints Cosmas and Damian Council 13341



Father John renews Marriage Vows prior to February 17 prior to Social Meeting.



Father Mike receives portrait of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.



Father John receives gold shovel from Council 13341.



(l-r) Sir Knights Vinnie Ciprianno, Marva and Andy Velichko. SK Velichko received carving of St. Joseph the Worker to recognize service for the Council and Assembly.



(l & r) DGK Jim Coon and GK Bastianelli with Degree Members including Financial Secretary Paul Gulbrandsen (r).



B Bill and Connie Rempe receive recognition from DGK Jim Coon for 'Coats for Kids Gift' to St. Michael's Parish in Wauchula.



(l-r) Knights of the Month include Brothers Larry Blake, Paul Browne, Paul Gulbrandsen, Frank Shea, Bill Rempe, Jack Milholland, and Mike Salamone (f).



Our Lady of the Angels Clergy – Rev. Mike Scheip and Rev. John Hoang.



Council Families of the Month.



Volunteers recognized for delivering food collected at OLA to 'Food for Families'.



Breakfast with St. Nicholas volunteers.



White Cross for Life volunteers.





Sacred Heart Hall crowd.

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 challenaed 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 menders 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 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

2017 ED SMITH STADIUM BALL PARK INFORMATION

Hello Volunteers,

Our first game is this Sunday the 26th. Parking passes are in the Our Lady of Angels office at the church. I will have t-shirts and Chris will have hats, for those that ordered them, at the ballpark. Please pickup your parking passes so you do not have to pay to park at the stadium. Let me know when have picked them up so I can decontrol the listing. My e-mail is: pjpetrus@hotmail.com

Must read for all volunteers:

For entry into the ballpark this year the following rules will apply:

1- entry will be through the employee gate on the west side of the stadium. This is in the 1100 block of Euclid Ave.

2 - We will be required to go through a metal detector.

3 - Parking will be in the same location as last year at the intersection of Stringfield Ave. and 15th street. This is between 12th street and 17th street.

The following games need a few more volunteers. See the attached spreadsheet to see who you could be working with. These are all amazing people!!!

Tues March 7th -- 2 more people

Tues March 14th -- 2 more people

This March 16th -- 3 more people

Sat. March 25th -- 2 more people

A big Thank You to all those who have already volunteered. It should be a lot of fun and for wonderful causes. What could be better?

May God Bless,

Paul Petrus PJPetrus@hotmail.com

CORPORATE COMMUNION MASS

Brother Knights,

Please be advised that the next Corporate Mass for the Knights of Columbus, Council 13341 has been rescheduled due to a conflict with the Patriotic Ball. The Mass which had been scheduled for Sunday, March 12, 2017 at 5:00 pm has been changed to Sunday, March 26, 2017 at 8:00 am. Please mark your calendars accordingly. As a reminder, the following details are provided to encourage all Brother Knights to attend this Mass as we pray together as a "corporate body" for the mission of the Knights of Columbus.

- 1. All Brother Knights, and family members, should gather in the vestibule 15 minutes before Mass.
- 2. All Brother Knights and family members will process into church together.
- 2. Adequate seating will be reserved in the front of the Church for the Knights and family members.
- 3. All Knights are asked to wear their Council Knights of Columbus Shirts -- preferably the red shirt, though this is not required -- to demonstrate the concepts of "unity" and "fraternity".

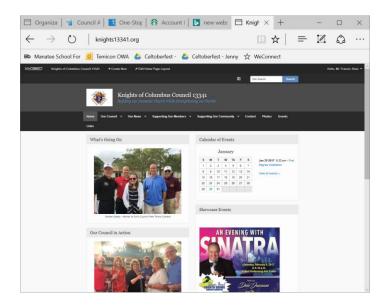
After Mass we plan to go to Breakfast at a local restaurant and more details will be provided closer to the 26th of March. In order to plan accordingly, please send a email message to Dr. James P. Coon at jamespatrickcoon@yahoo.com if you plan to join us for Breakfast after Mass.

Thanks and God Bless!

GK Sam Bastianelli



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Take a moment to log on to our new council website. It is designed to keep you informed about our focus, activities and accomplishments.

Key Benefits

- Easy to use **Calendar Section** with all Council Activities in Calendar and Agenda View. Never miss an event or wonder where or when it is.
- Messages from our Grand Knight and Program Directors updated regularly with all the information and details you need to stay involved. Each Program has its own page with latest updates.

- Continuously updated Photos of What's Happening and Our Council in Action scrolling on home page. Even a Photo Album section of our many events and activities.
- Showcase Events promoting our latest Happenings or News.
- Archive of last year of **Knightly News** in case you misplaced it.
- Designed to work on PC, Tablet, or mobile phone, so always available!
- Contact Us through online links.
- Ask your Prospective Knights to log-in as it tells our story and has section for them to check out our larger organization. Even has a short video and interest form.

Make sure to send comments, ideas, or items of interest to Webmaster Frank Shea, just click on his link on home page.

Sts. Cosmas and Damian Council #13341 2016 – 2017 Fraternal Year Activities

February

28 Shrove Tuesday dinner.

March

- Our Lady of the Angels, Council 13341 Membership meeting, 7 p.m. 2
- Fish Fry, Council 13341, OLA, SHH, 430 7 p.m. 3
- 8 Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church, Osprey, 1st Degree Exemplification, 7 p.m.
- Our Lady of the Angels, Growing if Faith God is a Community of Love, 630 9
- Fish Fry , Council 13341, OLA, SHH, 430 7 p.m. 10
- Tara Golf and Country Club, Assembly Patriotic Ball for Fourth Degree, 5 12
- Our Lady of the Angels, New Pastor's Presentation, tentative, 630 p.m. 16
- Blood Drive. OLA. 16
- Fish Fry, Council 13341, OLA, SHH, 430 7 p.m. 17
- 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, 2nd Degree Exemplification, 7 p.m.
- 23 Council 13341 Officers and Directors Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 24 Fish Fry, Council 13341, OLA, SHH, 430 – 7 p.m.
- Fish Fry, Council 13341, OLA, SHH, 430 7 p.m. 31

April

- Our Lady of the Angels, Council 13341 Membership meeting, 7 p.m. 6
- Fish Fry, Council 13341, OLA, SHH, 430 7 p.m. 7 8
- Parish Easter Egg Hunt, SHH.
- 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, 1st Degree Exemplification, 7 p.m.
- Our Lady of the Angels, Movie 'God is Not Dead', 630 p.m. 20
- St. Thomas Moore Catholic Church, 3rd Degree Exemplification, 1130 p.m. 22
- Council 13341 Officers and Directors Meeting, 7 p.m. **2**7

May

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

June

- Our Lady of the Angels, Council 13341 Membership meeting, 7 p.m. 1
- Incarnation Catholic Church, Sarasota, 1st Degree Exemplification, 7 p.m. Our Lady of the Angels, Awards Banquet, 630 p.m. 14
- **15**
- 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.
- Sts. Peter and Paul the Apostles, Bradenton, 2nd Degree Exemplification, 7 21 p.m.
- 22 Council 13341 Officers and Directors Meeting, 7 p.m.