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KNIGHTLY NEWS

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GRAND KNIGHT'S NEWS

Two candidates for Altar Server of the Year have been submitted to the State.

The next Social Meeting is coming up on Thursday, March 30. Father Michael Scheip will speak at 7, following potluck dinner at 630 p.m.

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 \$13,000.00 collected so far. This a great project please support if you can.

Ball Park is in full swing. There are only 1 or 2 slots left open. Brothers Paul Petrus and Chris Treston are the leaders. They are building replacement team leaders/cooks/cash register people. Brother Paul has 1 or 2 leaders and 2 or 3 cooks. They still need more, so if you want to be one, contact Paul Petrus or Chris Treston.

For those who would like to make their 2nd and 3rd Degrees please ask DGK Coon and Chancellor Larry Simmons for help.

The 4th Degree Exemplification on April 29th at Cardinal Mooney High School in Sarasota. This an opportunity for those to make their 4th Degree. We have about 22 members making the 4th Degree on April 29 at Cardinal Mooney High School in Sarasota. DGK Jim Coon is coordinating for the Council.

We had Shrove Tuesday on the 28th of February and which served from 5:30 pm until 8 pm. It was a great success. We had 90 brothers and sisters attend and everybody had a great time. It was led by Brother Herb O'Neil and a lot of help.

The pancakes with blueberries in the pancake and sliced strawberries and Herb's whipped cream on top were goooooood.

The Fish Frys started on March 3 with Cod Fish baked or fried/French fries and baked Ziti/Salad. The Cod was real good and the Ziti/salad was a real treat. So come out and try the Fish Fry and/or Baked Ziti. See you there.

We are making a push to get all our Awards in on time. Brothers Frank Shea and Vinnie Cipriano are leading this effort. Those who have led events will be called on to contribute and will need to be done by end of March.

The Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, April 8. Chairmen are Brothers Matt Cangemi and Frank Shea. We will need the youth of the parish and Knights to help.

The Blood Drive -- Brother Bill Rempe is responsible for the blood drives which occur every 6 weeks. The next blood drive is scheduled for May 18. We have sign ups after mass the weekend before and all it will take is for you to be there and sign up people.

The Patriotic Rosary, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, continues every Wednesday from 6:15 pm to 7 pm. Why is it called the Patriotic Rosary? We pray for the US Government and every citizen in the US. We sing Patriotic songs and read what founding fathers thought about the country. We have about 20-25 people every Wednesday night. Come join us.

We had two Habitat for Humanity, 25 of February and March 3. It was very successful and now we have another one Saturday, March 25th, 7:30am to Noon. This being led by Community Director John Joly.

We need help Thursday morning after the 8 a.m. mass cleaning the church. It is led by DGK Jim Coon. With right number of Brothers we would be done in half hour. With less it takes longer. If you are free for half hour we could use the help.

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, 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, 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:

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COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

BLOOD DRIVE

For the most recent Blood Drive, held March 16, the Saturday/Sunday sign up teams enlisted over 30 donors, most of whom qualified to donate. Note: Many of our volunteers were donors as well.

Kim Brownstein, Account Representative of OneBlood, wrote:

"An enthusiastic, dependable blood drive team is one of the keys to a blood drive's success and we want to take this opportunity to thank you all for helping save lives in our community. We are pleased to share with you that the recent blood drive resulted in 27 units of blood. Remember, each donation can save up to three lives, so that means 81 patients could benefit from the lifesaving efforts of blood donors from your organization. We encourage you to share the drive results with the rest of your team and please pass along our gratitude (see attached thank you flyer). Every two seconds, someone needs blood. The blood donated at your blood drive will likely be transfused into a patient within 48 to 72 hours. The turnaround is that fast and is that constant. We look forward to working with you again and thank you for your dedication and commitment to our lifesaving mission."

In His Service,

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

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



(2nd from left) Knights Jeff Conforte, Kevin McCabe, Cheryl McCabe, DGK Jim Coon, and John Joly. Volunteer Rob Colston not pictured. Council members assisted with the first of three Habitat for Humanity projects. This project involved landscaping.



(from left) Knights George Martin, John Joly, Mike Bujnowski, Roger Coustry, and Matt Cangemi. With new homeowner Yesenia Garcia. Members assisted with the second project of the year.



Back (l-r) Brothers Jeff Consorte, Mike Bujowski, Rob Colston and George Martin. Front (l-r) are Elizabeth Conforte, DGK Jim Coon, and W Matt Cangemi.

On Saturday, March 25, 2017, members of Council 13341 – 6 Knights and 1 spouse - worked at a Habitat project in Palmetto, Florida. The project consisted of working with other volunteers to paint the exterior of a home to include the main body of the house plus all trim work. The home, which is owned by a 92 year old retired teacher, was in need of this repair. Council 13341 members joined forces with other faith-based communities, as well as 1st year students at LECOM Dental School to complete the entire project within the morning work session. This activity was coordinated by Mr. John Joly, the Knights of Columbus Community Service Director.

Under the leadership of Community Director John Joly, Council members and two spouses have volunteered their services for 3 Habitat for Humanity projects this year. Saturday's assignment was the third.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY (cont.)

Let me know if you have any questions about Habitat for Humanity.

Thank you volunteers and God Bless!

*John Joly, SK
Director, Community Services*

NEW SECOND DEGREE MEMBERS

Twelve Brother Knights took their 2nd degree on Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at St. Joseph's, Council 5604. Dignitaries were from Council 13411.



*(top, l-r) DD Chris Treston, Ian Nokes, Terrance Taylor, Joseph Kosobucki, George Martin, Stephen Treston (Degree Standard Bearer), Deacon George "Tom" Harenchar, Frank Grzelak, Regional Director for Region 5 Robert Marah and Paul Rosa.
(seated, l-r) Robert Taraska (Field Agent), Lee Penkowski, James Thompson, Rob Colston, Dennis Richardson, and Jeff Consorte.*

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- *Council's Lenten Fish Frys from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart Hall continue through March 7th.*
- *On April 8 at 10 a.m. in Sacred Heart Hall will be held the Parish Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by our Council.*

Please see flyer attached to this newsletter for further information.

MARCH SOCIAL MEETING

The Knights of Columbus continues its initiative for Fraternal Year 2016-2017 -- to support strong Catholic Families -- with the announcement of its 4th Social Event which will be an opportunity for all families and parishioners of Our Lady of the Angels Parish, to attend a pot luck dinner on Thursday, March 30, 2017 starting at 6:30 pm in Sacred Heart Hall.

Following the pot luck dinner, at 7:00 pm, the guest speaker will be our new Parish Administrator, Fr. Michael Scheip, who will speak on the topic of "Discerning God's Vision for Our Lady of the Angels Parish". Father will also speak to how each parishioner can help to attain this vision.

The Knights of Columbus will supply the refreshments while attendees are asked to bring a pasta (main) dish to pass (if your last name begins with A-I); a salad if your name begins with J-R); or, a dessert to pass (if your name begins with S-Z). To register please email the names of the people who will be attending to: Brother James Coon at jamespatrickcoon@yahoo.com or call him at (941) 758-0149, prior to the EOB on Tuesday, March 28, 2017. Thanks and God Bless.

GK Sam Bastianelli

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

CULTURE OF LIFE (cont.)

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 SPRING TRAINING GAMES

Council #13341 has been running a concession stand at Ed Smith Stadium in Sarasota during the Orioles Spring Training Season as our biggest fundraiser for the Council. After many long years being managed by our District Deputy Chris Treston, Brother Paul Petrus is training for the future 3rd plate concession leader! Our brothers make up most of the 18 to 20 wonderful volunteers to staff our third Base concession stand daily, with close to 70 volunteers working a few, many, or as four volunteers did, all 17 games!



(l-r) Brothers Carmine Maida, Ed Souza, and Connie and Sig Bartoszek volunteered working in the concession kitchen for all 17 games. On a good day, 500 hot dogs, 125 bratwurst, 125 pretzels, and lots of cold beer were served.

FRIDAY NIGHT LENTEN FISH FRYs

Brother Knights,

We had our best Fish Fry and Ziti/Salad night this past Friday. We served 107 diners and took in \$1,123 of which was \$115 in donations. This was the highest of the 4 dinners we have had. The trend is up from the start and we will do our best to keep it going. The cod fish (baked and fried) has been a big success and people really like the Baked Ziti and Salad. A very successful night.

See you there next Friday and bring a friend with you.

Grand Knight Sam Bastianelli



(l-r) Brother Vincent Cipriano, GK Sam Bastianelli, Brother Tyler Cook selling tickets at the door of Friday Fish Fry.



(l-r) Brothers John Monighan, Herb Neil, and Paul Rosa.



Brother John Nifong cooking fish.



(l-r) Brothers Jim Ryan and PGK Bob Hellner serving salad.

FOURTH DEGREE

FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

If you have received the 3rd Degree and would like to achieve the 4th Degree, on April 29, 2017, a 4th Degree Exemplification will be held at Cardinal Mooney High School in Sarasota. About 22 Brothers will be receiving the 4th Degree.

Please contact Brother George Lurz lurz526@yahoo.com for further information.

PATRIOTIC BALL

San Damiano Assembly 3192 Fourth Degree members of the Knights of Columbus, held a Military Patriotic Ball on 12 March 2016 at Tara Country Club in Bradenton, FL as a patriotic activity to honor our veterans and current US military service men and women. We had close to 200 guests in formal and military attire gather for a night of reflection, remembrance, and fun.

Our theme this year was to honor Irish & Irish-American Military Heroes and History. To kick-off the night we had Blue Skye Pipe and Drums, a local phenomenon started on St. Patrick's Day in 2016, a premiere all female pipe & drum band in Sarasota. They played a few favorites and piped in our own Color Corp led by Sir Knight Robert Hellner.

Our Guest of Honor was Paula Welenc, the director of the Fisher House at the James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital in Tampa. She joined the staff of the hospital specifically to develop their Fisher House program and to open the house, which accepted its first guests in July of 2007. The Fisher House™ is "a home away from home" for families and Caregivers of patients receiving medical care at major military and VA Medical Centers. The homes are normally located within walking distance of the treatment facility or have transportation available. There are over 70 Fisher Houses located on military installations and VA medical centers.

A Military Trivia Contest was held, quickly followed by some lively musical entertainment provided by Marc Anthony, himself a Military Police Officer stationed in Washington DC. After a rousing rendition of all the branches of the US Military he moved into current favorites which brought a crowd to the dance floor. Our Assembly donated generously from our night's proceeds to the Fisher House.

PATRIOTIC BALL (cont.)



(l-r) Sir Knights Sam Bastianelli, Matt Cangemi, Jim Ryan, and Dave Rondeau.



Blue Sky Pipe and Drums of Sarasota provided entertainment for the evening at the Patriots Ball.



Sir Knight Sal and Lena.



Attendees with Sir Knights Jim and Regina and Sal and Lena.

OLA COMMUNITY LIFE

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

A trip is planned to Ave Maria University April 26, 7 a.m. – 5 p.m. Coach seating for 55 persons. Register at the OLA Church office. Registration deadline is April 10.

In addition, a cruise out of Tampa is planned for November with limited rooms available.

Please contact Brother John Joly for further information.

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

March

- 30** Social Meeting, SHH, Father Shiepp, 7 p.m., potluck dinner, 630 p.m.
- 31** Fish Fry , Council 13341, OLA, SHH, 430 – 7 p.m.

April

- 6** Our Lady of the Angels, Council 13341 Membership meeting, 7 p.m.
- 7** Fish Fry , Council 13341, OLA, SHH, 430 – 7 p.m.
- 8** Parish Easter Egg Hunt, SHH.
- 19** Holy Cross Catholic Church, Palmetto, 1st 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, 3rd Degree Exemplification, 1130 p.m.
- 27** Council 13341 Officers and Directors Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 29** 4th Degree Exemplification, Cardinal Mooney High School, Sarasota

May

- 4** Our Lady of the Angels, Council 13341 Membership meeting, 7 p.m.
- 18** St. Patrick’s Catholic Church, Sarasota, 1st Degree Exemplification, 7 p.m.
- 18** Blood Drive, OLA.
- 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, 1st 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, 2nd Degree Exemplification, 7 p.m.
- 22** Council 13341 Officers and Directors Meeting, 7 p.m.