



**Saints Cosmas and Damian
Council 13341**

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KNIGHTLY NEWS

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GRAND KNIGHT'S NEWS

We held our annual Awards Banquet at Tara Golf and Country Club where we presented awards for the work done by the Knights of Council #13341. Among the 80 people attending were Fr. Mike, Fr. John, Pat Martino, Patty Murray, Cathleen Salamone, Emmy Walsh, Nancy Haas, and Caroll LaFortune Herzing. The nine State Awards won by our Council at the State Convention, including the Council of the Year Award, were displayed. It was a great night, especially the ice cream sundae.

There was a ceremony for the installation of the Ultrasound at the Care Net Facility. Fr. John led a service blessing the workers and the new machine. This event was led by Brother Jim Ryan.

Habitat for Humanity volunteers assisted at another project, which makes 6 projects in 6 months. Congratulations to Brother John Joly.

Food for Families continues to be a great source of getting food to people who need it. We go to St Joseph every Monday. This is led by Brother Mateo Cangemi and the aide of several Brothers.

There was a Night at The Park at the Baltimore Oriole Spring training facility in Sarasota. We operated the third base concession stand and collected about \$1000. It was a good night for Brothers Paul Petrus and Chris Treston and their team.

The final Tootsie Roll Drive was conducted for the fiscal year with about \$600 collected at Publix in Lakewood Ranch Market Square. The Tootsie Roll Drive was headed up by Brother Paul Browne.

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GRAND KNIGHT'S NEWS (cont.)

The Blood Drive had another successful outing on May 18. Two construction workers at the new Church work site participated in the blood drive. This was led by Brother Bill Rempe.

Have you noticed the Knightly News was again successful and is prepared by Brother Dennis.

The Budget Committee has completed the Budget for 2017/2018 and was approved by the Council.

The Nominating Committee presented a slate of Officers which was approved by the Council. We have another wonderful of officers for the upcoming year. Thank you Brother Vinnie Cipriano and the rest of the Nominating Committee.

Our Lady of Fatima was led by the Color Corps and placed in the Church. Our thanks to Brother Bob Hellner and the Color Corps.

The Knights of Council 13341 donated towards the purchase of a Corpus Christi Canopy. The Knights Color Corps marched in front of the Canopy and the Knights carried the Canopy that covered the Body and Blood. Thanks go out to Brother Bob Hellner and all the knights who participated in the procession.

Grand Knight Sam Bastianelli

COUNCIL 13341 ON FACEBOOK

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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, 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.

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COUNCIL AWARDS AT STATE CONVENTION

This year our Council was represented by GK Sam Bastianelli and PGK Bob Hellner, with Matt Cangemi and Frank Shea as alternates. The Convention kicked off with mandatory attendance on Friday, May 26, at noon.



Main meeting room at State Convention.

This was the 113th State Convention, and Florida now has over 55,000 member Knights with over 1000 delegates and brother Knights attending in Orlando . The agenda is to review Programs & Budgets past, decide on Florida's delegates to Supreme Convention held this year in St. Louis, MO. In August, and the real excitement - Service Awards Presentations and the election of the new State Warden, whom will be four heart-beats away from the position of State Deputy. In addition, a Memorial Mass devoted to recently deceased brothers was held.

When the time for State Service Awards came, we were on the edge of our seats, as we heard some good buzz about Council #13341! They started off with these announcements and by the time they were done we had won 8 awards:

- Membership Award for hitting Supreme set goal***
- Star Excellence Award for meeting target 90 days early***
- Publicity Activities Award for sharing all we do well***
- Council Activities Award for an extremely active and effective council***
- Culture of Life Award for supporting all of God's children***
- Ultrasound Initiative Award (Platinum) for giving as one council \$15,000***
- Altar Server of the Year (7-12) one per diocese***
- Altar Server of the Year (13-18) one per diocese***

COUNCIL STATE AWARDS (cont.)



(l-r) PR Director Frank Shea, GK Sam Bastianelli receiving Council of the Year Award, State Deputy Don Goolesby, and District Deputy Chris Treston.



(l-r) Warden Matt Cangemi, PGK Bob Hellner, GK Sam Bastianelli, DD Chris Treston, and PR Director Frank Shea. Accepting Council #13341's eight Service Awards.

COUNCIL STATE AWARDS (cont.)

Then we donned our tuxedos and off to the rubber-chicken dinner with lots of speeches and the announcement of the Knight of the Year and Family of the Year for the State.



On early Sunday morning, we celebrated Mass that was led by State Chaplain the Very Rev. Thomas Skindeleski who delivered it in four languages. Then to the State Breakfast, where shortly after the bacon and eggs, our Council was asked to come to the head podium and receive the Council of the Year Award. GK Sam Bastianelli looked like the star struck faces you see on the Academy Awards night ~ he could not believe it.

The convention wrapped up with transition to a new slate of State Officers. Our State Deputy-Elect Donald Kahrer announced his choice of State Pin for next two years, a Celtic Cross, which I was personally pleased to see.

***Frank Shea
Council # 13341 Public Relations Director***

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

COUNCIL DONATES ULTRASOUND TO CARENET MANASOTA PREGNANCY CENTER

Saints Cosmas and Damian Council #13341 from Lakewood Ranch's Our Lady of the Angels Catholic Parish recently had our Parish Vicar, Father John Hoang bless the Ultrasound that our Council together with support from the Supreme Order of Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Program just installed at CareNet Manasota Pregnancy Center in Bradenton. Additionally, our Council was recently awarded the Platinum Level Ultrasound Award at Florida Knight of Columbus State Convention in May by donating over \$15,000 towards purchase of this Ultrasound Equipment. Very few Knights' Councils reach this level. Jim Ryan, Director of Life for our council "was so pleased that our parishioners gave so generously for this special project."



Several members and families from our Council attended this ceremony, and were able to see firsthand the facility, meet the staff of CareNet, and celebrate this great addition to their capabilities. There is a strong correlation between an expecting mother seeing her unborn fetus on an Ultrasound and the mother choosing life.

Care Net Manasota exists to aid women who may not be aware of their alternatives when faced with the reality of an unexpected pregnancy. By providing information, encouragement, practical help and counsel as they sort through their anxieties and fears, Care Net Manasota is a place to find life changing answers.

Francis Shea

Publications Director Council # 13341

BLOOD DRIVE

The most recent blood drive was held May 18th at OLA.



John Holz (standing) and Derek Newman donated blood after working the day at the new church job site.

***In addition, the next scheduled Blood Drive will be held July 20th.
Help will be needed to sign up donors before weekend Masses July 15 and 16th.***

In His Service,

Brother Bill Rempe WREMPE@VERIZON.NET

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

On Saturday, June 3rd, 2017, 3 Knights, members of the Council 13341 family worked side by side with Knights from Saints Peter and Paul's Council at yet another Habitat project at the Habitat Depot in Palmetto, CA. This is the depot that houses Habitat assets including vehicles, building and construction materials and supplies, and is the primary source provider of materials to the various home projects in Manatee County. The project team consisted of Our Lady of the Angels Knights working with the Habitat construction facility manager, Brother Knights from Saints Peter and Paul, and a regular Habitat volunteer, in providing container preparation and painting, as well as various warehouse maintenance tasks. Habitat was very appreciative and complimentary of our efforts and the quality of services performed. This activity was coordinated by SK John Joly, the Knights of Columbus Community Director. This represented the 6th Habitat project completed in as many months thus far in 2017.



(r) Brother John Joly lending a hand painting.



(r) Brother Matt Cangemi helped the Knights' with painting.

FOURTH DEGREE

TRIBUTE TO HEROES PARADE

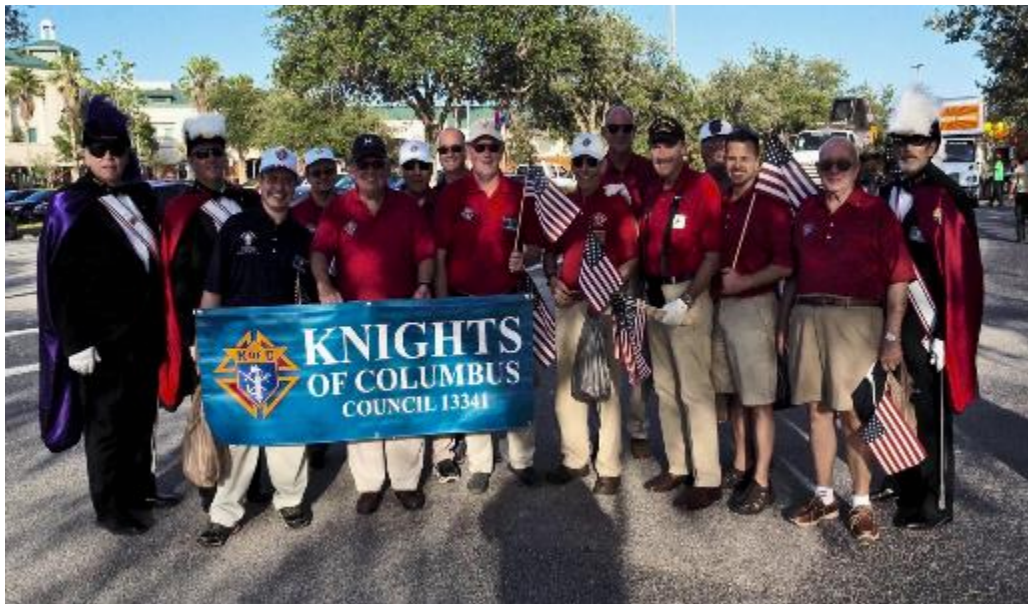
Our Assembly (#3192) and Council (#13341) marched in the 7th Annual Lakewood Ranch Tribute to Heroes Parade on Main Street on the Sunday evening before Memorial Day. This parade had close to 70 entries from the community all honoring our current men and women of the armed services and fallen or deceased Veterans.

It was a great way to bring the Knights out into the local community to show their pride and respect for veterans. Patriotism is one of the four pillars of our order. Additionally, a few Knights manned a booth with information on our Council and Our Lady of the Angels Parish with free tootsie rolls for the children at the parade.

Led by FN Ernie Soller and PGK Robert Hellner in full regalia, fifteen of our brothers marched behind.

This ever-growing event focuses on a spirited tribute to honor our Veterans and Fallen Heroes with the whole community making them feel special and showing pride for their service. Event combines a parade with over 65 floats and marching groups with a block party to keep the celebration going. Most importantly, three Veterans groups were recipients of benefits: Manasota Operations Troop Support (MOTS), Denis V. Cooper Foundation, and local VFW Post 12055.

Sir Knight Francis Shea , Council PR Director



Knights from Assembly #3192 and Council # 13341 marched in the Tribute to Heroes Parade in Lakewood Ranch.



(l) GK Sam Bastianelli and SK Paul Gulbrandsen marching in parade.



SK Matt Shelton at the Knight's booth after parade.

FOURTH DEGREE LEADERS



Speak no evil, see no evil, hear no evil.

2017-2019 Florida State Pin



The shape of the pin is a Celtic cross with rays of light radiating forth. The cross is a symbol of the [atonement](#) and reminds Christians of God's [love](#) in sacrificing his own son for humanity. It represents Jesus' victory over [sin](#) and death, since it is believed that through his death and resurrection he conquered death itself.

[Colossians 2:15](#), "despoiling the principalities and the powers, he made a public spectacle of them, leading them away in triumph by it."

In particular, the Celtic cross also pays homage to the Irish heritage of our founder of Fr. Michael J. McGivney, and his parishioners, the founding members of the Order.

The rays of lighting beaming forth from the Cross, also remind us that Jesus is "the Light of the world", and it is our call to action, to glorify Him, through our actions.

Our theme "Let Your Light Shine" is taken from Mathew 5:14-16, When Jesus also used that term to refer to his disciples.

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."

WE STAND STRONG ON ETHICAL GROUND

Some people believe that ethics in business is a contradiction in terms. They think that in order to be profitable, a company and its leaders must abandon morality and embrace the dark, greedy side that they see so often in the news and in movies.

At the Knights of Columbus, we know this isn't true. A business can be both ethical and successful. We are.

As a Catholic organization, we understand the value and importance of our core beliefs and the original mission of Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney. In fact, much of the strength and financial security we provide to members and their families can be attributed to our ethical, moral standards.

More than 96 percent of Knights who buy our life insurance keep it, year in and year out. The Order takes this commitment to our members very seriously. This means carefully planning when it comes time to invest. Our professional staff researches all transactions to insure that they fall in line with Catholic values. If a transaction makes them uncomfortable, they don't make it.

"We exclude any company engaged in activity that conflicts with Catholic moral teaching: companies directly involved in abortion, contraception, human cloning, embryonic stem cell research, for-profit health care that pays for any of these, or pornography," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "There are many companies in the pharmaceutical and communications industries that would undoubtedly provide excellent returns for us, but which are not in our portfolio because they engage in research and development or programming in ways that violate the sanctity or dignity of human life."

In the end, the Knights of Columbus investment strategy is motivated by morality, not money. Yet, each year we remain profitable, increase our assets and stay dedicated to this vision that will keep the Order financially sound for generations to come.

But don't just take our word for it. In 2017 the Knights of Columbus was named a "World's Most Ethical Company" by the Ethisphere Institute for the fourth year in a row. We were one of only two life insurance companies to earn the honor.

"Faithful Catholics have choices when buying life insurance," said the Supreme Knight. "But they know that at the Knights of Columbus their policy is supplied by an insurer that shares their moral and ethical values and is guided in all of its investment and sales practices by those values."

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OLA COMMUNITY LIFE

Our Lady of the Angels Community Life Committee has an event planned for this fall:

A cruise out of Tampa is planned for November with limited rooms available.

Please contact Brother John Joly for further information. 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 half an hour or so, please contact:

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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.

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Sts. Cosmas and Damian Council #13341 2017 – 2018 Fraternal Year Activities

July

6 Council Business Meeting, 7 pm, OLA, SH1.

20 Blood Drive, OLA.

