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Knights' Fever Ball!



Thanks for all the hard work of the Culture of Life Committee!

Grand Knight Larry Simmons Presents:

Great to see our new Knights being so active and moving up!

**Gordon
Shellhaas
Knight of
the Month**

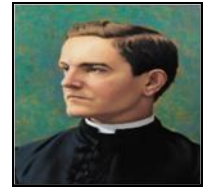


**Paul
Palmeri**

**Formation
Degree**



Robert Monahan
**Admission and
Formation Degree**



**Silver Level
Sponsor Award
for The Laps
for Life**

**John Finnegan
Culture of Life
Director**

David Reich
**Admission and
Formation Degree
and**



God Bless all those who helped make this a success.

3 Sir Knights participated in two Group Pinning Ceremonies in November 2019:

30 Veterans at Sheridan Assisted Living Facility in LWR November 5th.

50 Veterans at Kaiser University in Sarasota November 7th.

The Sheridan event included singing of patriotic songs, individual recognition of each Veteran and each branch of the service followed by the theme song for each branch, invocation, and presentation of the pins. Approximately 30 spouses, families and friends were also in attendance.

The Kaiser University event included the University who prepared a red, white and blue ribbon with a US flag pin which was placed around the neck of the veterans who were also given a gift bag with some gift cards.

The University has about 170 students or faculty that at some point had served in the military. Approximately 60 Veterans were pinned ranging in age from their mid-20's to 50's.

In addition, approximately 50 spouses, families and friends were present.

This activity was coordinated by DGK John Joly, the Knights of Columbus Program Director and Tidewell Hospice Chair.

Our Brother Knights have now participated in 2 *group* Pinning Ceremonies to date and, 26 *individual* Veteran Honors Program Pinning Ceremonies within the second half of 2019.

**Bill Rempe (Vet)
Jack Wagner (Vet)
Diane Wagner
Richard Pless (Vet)
John Finnegan (Vet)
Fabian Robitaille (Vet)
Carmine Maida
John Joly (Vet)
Tim Lane
Patricia Mahan
Bill Kopcsak (Vet)**

Tidewell Hospice



Tidewell Hospice Volunteer Program Status – November 14, 2019:

- We Now have (11) Certified Volunteers; (7) who are Veterans;

(25) Veteran Honors Program Pinning Ceremonies have been completed to date; John Joly (23), Fabian Robitaille (1), Bill Rempe (1)

Bill Rempe, Fabian Robitaille, and John Joly have participated in (2) Group Pinning Ceremonies to date;

30 Veterans at Sheridan Assisted Living Facility in LWR November 5th.

50 Veterans at Kaiser University in Sarasota November 7th.

Pat Kopscak, Brother Bill's wife, completed Community Partner Volunteer orientation training (see program info below) October 29th and will be providing baking services to Hospice Houses.

- John Finnegan is volunteering at Hospice House every Monday from 2-5pm. He will also attend Tidewell Hospice Clown Training in January!
- Carmine Maida volunteers at LWR Hospice every week.

Bob McNutt, OLA Hospitality Minister has volunteered years of service at Ellenton Hospice House and LWR Hospice House.

Training: (4) Council, Assembly and Culture of Life candidates enrolled for upcoming training classes;

Yvonne Martin

Maria Zayas

Paul Palmeri (Vet)

Vinnie Cipriano (Vet)

(15) total projected certified volunteers December 1st including (9) Vets
Continue to send volunteer candidates to John Joly

There is a group within Tidewell Hospice called Community Partner Volunteers. This is intended for volunteers who do not want direct patient contact but want to help in other ways such as:

- o Picking up donations from stores
- o Baking
- o Helping with fundraisers
- o Crafts and other non-hospice type areas

The full application process is required, but volunteers only attend one hour of orientation.

Upcoming dates for new volunteer training and locations will be provided (training location is not dependent on one's volunteer location):

Tidewell Hospice Volunteer site:

Volunteer/Donate and/or Shop –Treasures Thrift Store:

Submitted by; John Joly



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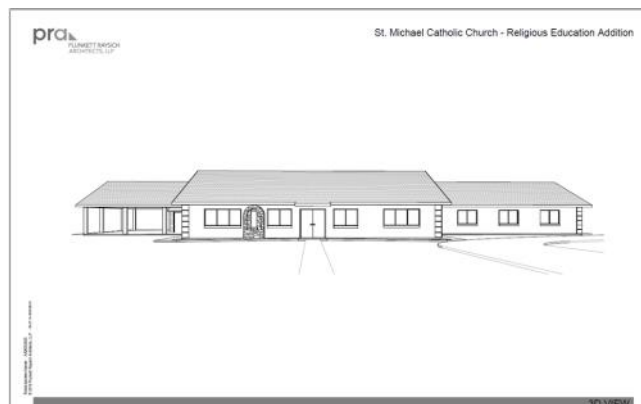
Outline and plan the St. Michael's Catholic Church (Wauchula, FL) Religious Education Center Addition working with Mother Gema of St. Michael's Catholic Church. Mother Gema and I reviewed addition of an outdoor area, larger Men's and Women's restrooms and additional classrooms.

In July Mother Gema reviewed the concept with the Most Reverend Frank J. Dewane, Bishop of the Diocese of Venice and received his approval to proceed with the architectural conceptual design.

I reviewed the efforts I was pursuing with Mother Gema at St. Michael's Catholic Church with Grand Knight Larry Simmons explaining that this effort would not require any funding from our Knights of Columbus Council and that only labor effort from a couple of Brothers was required. I also shared that I preferred to work this effort with the guidance of Brother Bill Rempe since he has years of experience supporting St. Michael's Catholic Church and Mother Gema. The Grand Knight told me to proceed.

After discussing the effort with Brother John Holz, he agreed to assist and offered to have Plunkett Raysich Architects, LLC (the firm that he is a partner in) provide additional assistance. On Friday, August 16, Brother John Holz, Yarian Martinez of Plunkett Raysich Architects, LLC and I met with Mother Gema at St. Michael's Catholic Church, reviewed the project and took needed measurements and photos.

The St. Michael's Catholic Church Religious Education Center Addition consists of the following three phases:



Knights Helping Knights!

Conceptual design and Diocese of Venice approval to proceed (STATUS: Completed)

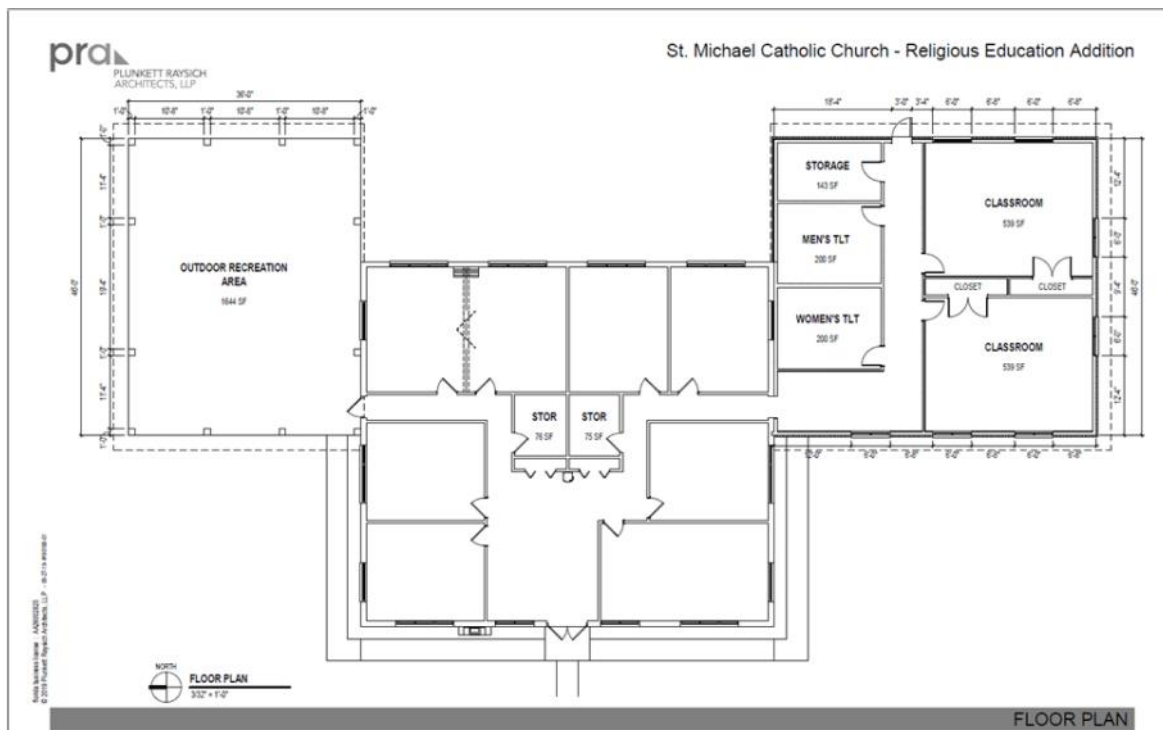
Detailed architectural design, engineering and permitting (STATUS: FUTURE)
Construction (STATUS: FUTURE)

Currently I am preparing for and planning the next phase. There are many additional sub-phases that I am not going to review in this document. Phase 2 and 3 will require hundreds of additional volunteer labor hours and I will solicit volunteers amongst my Brother Knights who have the time and skillset required to help manage this project.

Since the Conceptual design and Diocese of Venice approval to proceed phase is complete, I am submitting this Fraternal Activities Report to the Knights of Columbus Our Lady of the Angels Council 13341, Saints Cosmas and Damian.

Upon the completion of each phase I will submit a Fraternal Activities Report to the Knights of Columbus Our Lady of the Angels Council 13341, Saints Cosmas and Damian.

The conceptual drawings for the St. Michael's Catholic Church (Wauchula, FL) Religious Education Center Addition are attached below.



Available at the Christmas Party

December 16th



FLORIDA STATE COUNCIL,
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

CHARITY RAFFLE

WIN \$45,000 IN PRIZES

50% of our ticket sales will
benefit Council 13341
charities.

Ticket books will be
available at next council
meeting!

Please contact: Gordon Shellhaas
gordon.Shellhaas@msn.com



PRIZES:

1st Place: \$25,000

2nd Place: \$10,000

3rd Place: \$5,000

4th-8th Place: \$500

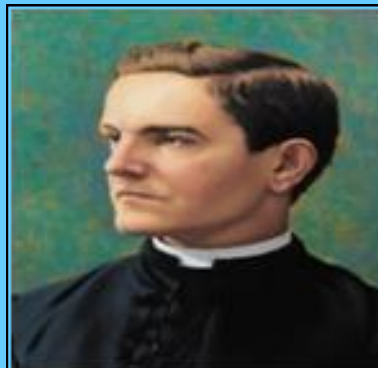
Need not be present to
win.

FINAL DRAWING HELD
ON MAY 23, 2020

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\$1 with 12
tickets per
book.

BENEFITTING:

Catholic Education
Food for Families
Pro-Life
Citizens with Disabilities
Special Olympics
Vocations
And more.





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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

November 15, 2019

Mr. Larry Simmons
Grand Knight
Knights of Columbus Council #13341
12905 SR 70
Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202


Dear Mr. Simmons,

Greetings in the Lord, Jesus Christ! As Holy Mother Church concludes her journey through Ordinary Time during the month of November, please know of my prayers for you and the members of the Knights of Columbus Council #13341.

Allow me to express my sincere gratitude to you and the Knights for your significant and generous donation of winter coats to the children in Wauchula! No doubt the coats will make a big difference in the lives of the children! Thank you for all that you and the members of Council #13341 do for our brothers and sisters in Christ!

I take this opportunity to extend to you the assurances of my continued consideration, as well as my prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ 
+ Frank J. Dewane
Bishop of the Diocese of
Venice in Florida

FJD/mm
cc Sr. Gema Ruiz

MEMORIAL MASS

for Brother Knights

November 22nd 2019

OLA Church 6:30 pm

Refreshments after in SHH



† Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.

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Let's start with I hope everyone had a happy and healthy Thanksgiving.

As our council grows so does our need for volunteers. I can say that I am gratified with the participation from the membership in this council. The members that we have, joined this council because of the many activities and events that this council is involved with. When you volunteer at an event, it not only helps make it a success, it also gives you to meet and get to know each other.

I want to thank each and every one of you for the good works that you do for this council, the church, and the community. Let's keep this up not for the recognition, but for our faith and Catholic values.

Larry Simmons
Grand Knight Council 13341