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## Coats for Kids!



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Mr. Larry Simmons  
Grand Knight  
Knights of Columbus Council #13341  
12905 SR 70  
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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 the 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



# **Grand Knight Larry Simmons Presents:**

**Chris Avern and Don Johnson First Degree**

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

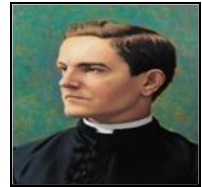




## Porch Posts Experts!

On Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 11 Knights of Council 13341 and 1 Knight's Son teamed together with Habitat at the Habitat Depot in Palmetto.

- Straightened away the warehouse and set up a work area in the parking lot.
  - Sanded and filled cracks in rough cut porch posts to be installed at a home under construction in Bradenton.
- Cleaned area and stored away sanders and materials.



L-R: Frank Brocco, Rich Macklin, Jerry Graceffo, John Joly, Jack Mrozak, Gordon Shellhaas, Mike Mahan, Paul Palmeri, Rick Kuebel, Joe Bartucci, and Tom Rokosz.



# Breakfast with Saint Nick

The 2019 K of C Annual Breakfast with Saint Nicholas Saturday morning was a great success for our parish's children. It was sponsored by our very own Knights of Columbus Council #13341 and hosted at Our Lady of The Angels Sacred Heart Hall.

After a brief prayer the children, their parents and in some cases grand-parents as well as OLA Youth Group helpers and Knights were served a delicious Pancake breakfast with fresh blueberries, sausage patties and Links, whipped cream, Maple syrup all made by the Knights. We had fifty-seven children register and 9 walk ins plus family and friends. Many of our Knights and their wives helped with set up, Cooking and serving the breakfast. In total we served about 130 meals our largest turn out.

Janelle and Karl Sidnam and singers from OLA's Praise Band came to sing our favorite Christmas Carols. The children and adults were fully engaged. Our Administrator Father Mike Schlep stopped by to cheer us on. We also had Granny Goose there with her sister Rose they had the children work on various Crafts and games and she gave gifts to every child.

Then Jolly Ole Saint Nicholas arrived, escorted by Mrs. St Nick and eight helpful elves from our OLA Youth Group. St. Nicholas had some Christmas questions for the children and the answers were very interesting, surprising and cute. Saint Nicholas asked each child what their Christmas wish was. The expressions on their faces were a precious and for some there was a little bit of trepidation which Saint Nick overcame and calmed their fears and then along with his helpers gave every child a gift bag some with a Movie/Snack Passes redeemable at the local Main St. Lakewood Ranch SFS Movie Theatre and candy, or a \$10 Chick-Fil-A Gift cards or plush animal. It was a wonderful event and all the children, their families had a great time. All the helpers, Knights and their wives look forward to continuing this wonderful Family Christmas time tradition and wish all our Parishioners a Very, Very Merry Christmas.

I would like to thank My Brother Knights and some of their wives who helped set up our SHH, Cooked, Served, Cleaned up, as well as our 10 OLA Youth group helpers who guided and watched over the children assisting the parents in keeping them safe, and Granny Goose and Rose who kept them busy till St Nick was able to arrive, Also our OLA Praise Band and Singers who also put all in the spirit with their music and singing. Most of all I thank Our Lord and God who gave us the strength and guided all our Hearts Making the Children Smile. Amen.

*Respectfully Matt Cangemi*

*Family Director*

*Knights of Columbus Council 13341*

*Saints Cosmas and Damian*







**Children and  
parents**

**getting a  
yummy  
breakfast**



**Children  
Singing:  
with Janelle &  
Karl Sidnam &  
the OLA Praise  
Band & Singers**



**St. Nick with  
Mrs. St. Nick**

**Children  
receiving gifts**





Here's St. Nicholas  
(aka John Joly) with  
two admirers Elf Noah  
Henry  
Nina and Mrs. St Nick



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**Children Doing  
Crafts at Granny  
Goose's Table with  
Donna Burke (Hat)**

**The Praise Band  
Janelle & Karl Sidnam  
and Youth Singers**



**From L to R  
Carmine Maida,  
Dave Rondeau,  
John Farah,  
Fr Mike,  
Mike Mahon (Hidden)  
Sam Bastianelli,  
Herb O'Neil**



**Linda Perhac  
and her two Grand-  
children**



# **Christmas Party!**

## **Saints Cosmas & Damian Council 13341**

**We held our annual Christmas Party on Monday December 16<sup>th</sup> 2019 from 5pm to 9pm at The Tara Golf & Country Club.**



**Attendance was 130 Council Members, family and Friends. We started off at 5pm with Cheese and Cracker's. Wine was also available, as well as greeting and meeting everyone. At 610pm we had a dinner blessing by Brother Sam Bastianelli followed by a Jim Ryan's "Go God". The dinner choices were Veggie Pasta, Braised Beef Short Ribs, Salmon Almandine or Chicken Cordon Bleu followed by a Dessert which was a white sheet cake with a layer of fruit filling and topped with buttercream.**

**The DJ John Finnegan of Fog Sound John is a Brother Knight. John played dinner music from approximately 5pm to 7pm while we ate and then switched to dancing music from the 1960s thru 2019, We had line dancing, slow dancing and everything in between. During the evening everyone I spoke with or those I heard from said the Tara ambiance and setting up of the Hall was beautiful. There wasn't one complaint about the food that was served, and everyone received the correct meal. Brothers and their wives danced to the music from 7 to 9pm.**

**It was a great event bringing Brother knights and their families and friends together for a good time after a year's worth of good and productive works for our parish, Community raising funds for the charities that we support. A good time was had by all.**

**We look forward to next year to make it a larger event reaching out to more Brother Knights and their families.**

**Respectfully Matt Cangemi and Gordon Shellhaas**





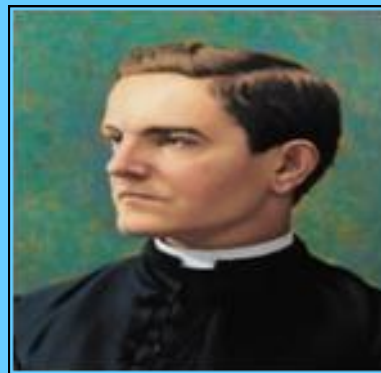
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CATHOLIC BISHOPS

Yet again, the public has learned that an abortion doctor hoarded the bodies of his victims, keeping them in bags in his home and car. Tragically, Ulrich Klopfer is not the first person involved in abortion to blatantly disregard normal human respect for the dead. Pro-lifers may easily grasp that abortion leads to the total denial of dignity to these babies, even in death. But it is encouraging that even some supporters of legal abortion **are also disturbed**. Respectful treatment of the dead is practiced by every culture and every religion and is ingrained in our psyche as human beings. Even legalized abortion hasn't totally erased the feeling that **these "products of conception" are human, deserving of more care than being thrown in biohazard bags, flushed down toilets, or put in the trash.**

In response to the revelation of thousands of aborted babies found in the home of the late Ulrich Klopfer, **Members of Congress introduced the "Dignity for Aborted Children Act" which requires that the bodies of aborted babies be treated with respect like other deceased human bodies, and either be buried or cremated.**

Can you please **send a message of support** for this bill to your Congressional representatives? There is no reason that anyone—even those who support legal abortion- should deny basic respect to human remains.

<https://www.votervoice.net/BroadcastLinks/rdyJnRYf7smeZeqCFOUQ-Q>



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## Grand Knight's Korner

This was a busy month as we prepared for the Christmas holidays.

Thanks for making December a month to remember. There was Breakfast with St Nick, Wreath Across America, Coats for Kids, our council Christmas party and the decoration of the church for Christmas. Thanks to all those that volunteered to make these event successful and successful they were.

I wish that all had a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Blessing to all, Brother  
Larry Simmons  
Grand Knight  
Council 13341