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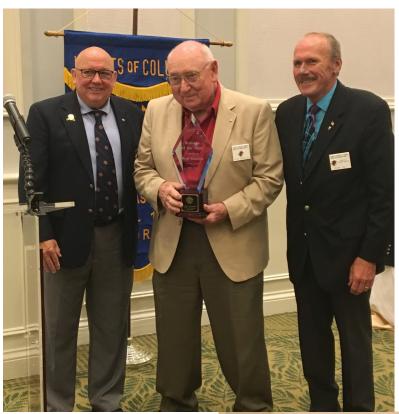
## **Grand Knight Larry Simmons - Presents**





# **Knights Honoring Knights**

Faithful
Navigator
Frank Shea
has turned
over the gavel
to Former
Grand Knight
Sam
Bastianelli



Knight of the Year Rich Macklin

Family of the Year Jim & Rosie Coon

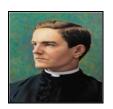


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# **Knights Giving Their All**

Grand Knight Award John Joly







Faith Award Matt Cangemi





Community Award Roger Coursty



# **Knights Giving Their All**

Culture of Life Award Frank Grzelak







Faith Award Carmine Maida



Public Relations Award Jim Thompson



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# **Knights Celebrating a New Year!**







#### **All Hands on Deck!**

**Brothers All** 

I am going to tell you a True story, a story of true pioneer spirit, a story of men I would want with me if we were in the 17 & 1800's, "heck" I would want them with me all the time on any special situation, job, events or project. This is a story of independence, a story of courage, a story of men who are of one mind or out of their minds either way it is a good story to tell.

Once upon a time at OLA there was a trailer called Sacred Heart Hall actually it was a quad wide Trailer.

At SHH the Church holds & hosts many events & functions there, and thru the years, the Knights of Columbus used it very often. SHH has a very large double deck out back one high & accessed out Kitchens back door and a lower larger deck off that deck. We hold fish fry's during Lent and put our fryers on both decks we would have brothers running food from the deck up the stairs and into the SHH Kitchen. It was old and started to deteriorate. Well one day a Brother Knight (Rich Macklin) got an idea in his head to rebuild the decks, stairs, ramps and the paver walkway. So, he assessed what it would take in money and labor to accomplish this monumental task. After many measurements, price quotes and pleading with Father Mike, He received buy in from Fr Mike who said he would supply all the supplies and Rich was given the go ahead. Rich started to recruit Brothers to help him achieve this goal. He gathered brother Knights who came to LWR from all over the country, Carpenters Hammerers, Screw gunners, Saw Men, Measuring Men accountant's salesmen & Funny Men. Br Richard started to dig deep into the Knights talent then he learned that he had to Beg for help! And he had some suckers "accept" I mean some brothers who volunteer their time and treasure to help & they brought their own tools so they could complete this epic Quest.

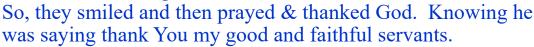
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What follows is a list of the Brave men who put themselves in harm's way, you may ask what harm is there in building a deck, a ramp, stairs and lay some pavers down?? Well thank you for asking

Let me tell you sparky! these men They Call Knights braved Mosquitos, Fire Ant's the elements like Rain, Sun and horrendous & tremendous heat and humidity, They battled going up and down the stairs for Water from the K of C coolers, THEY HAD TO WATCH THEIR SUGAR AS THEY ate Doughnuts and drank soda's. And that was just the food and elements. They also had to fight off the monotony of Screwing Wood screws into hard pressure treated wood. Lifting boards & Pavers and having to make sure they were laid down precisely in the right spots, remembering one mistake and the line would be off They sweated, they toiled for two days, and when it was done, they rested they looked at their work. with the realization of the work that they just accomplished, and they realized the toil they endured was well worth it, they had Rebuilt the SHH DECK, STAIRS RAMP AND WALKWAY. They had done something so big that it will last for at least 4 years, or shorter if we have enough money to construct a New Building on the site as planned. But it all started with the one Brave Brother Knight who had a vision.



Rich then dismissed the group and they were sent home tired, exhausted, fingers worn to the bone, scratching their bug bites, they were dirty and smelly.

The End

Watch for the Movie coming soon to a movie near you

Matt Cangemi



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## **Below:**

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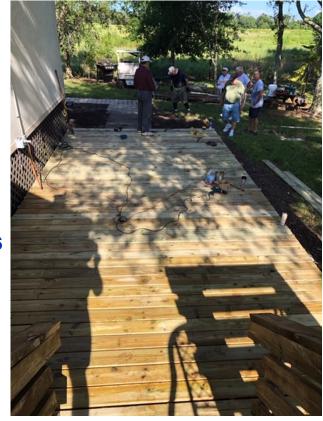
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# **Above:**

Rick Kuebel Rich Macklin Sal Azzaro Joe Barrucci John Nifong Gordon Shellhass



## **Good Fences make good neighbors**

On Tuesday, July 23rd, 2019, 5 Knights of Council 13341 teamed together at the Habitat Depot in Palmetto, FL.

The project team (aka Habitat Dream Team) completed the following tasks:

• Sanded and painted quarter round trim for an entire home.

• Sanded & prepared 7 sections of fencing for painting. Tom Rokosz was the Project Lead. This activity was coordinated by DGK John Joly, the Knights of Columbus Program Director and Habitat Chair. This represented the 7th Habitat project in 2019 and cumulatively the 31<sup>st</sup> project in a row since January of 2017.

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Left-Right: Roger Coustry, Rick Kuebel, Jerry Graceffo, Paul Palmeri, and Tom Rokosz.

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**Knightly News** 



### For The Good of the Order

A former Arizona Planned Parenthood director, who claimed she was wrongfully terminated for alerting her supervisors to bad and dangerous practices by an abortion doctor, has won \$3 million in damages in a lawsuit against her former employer.

Mayra Rodriguez ran three Planned Parenthood clinics in Arizona and worked for Planned Parenthood for 17 years. In the year before her firing, she was given the Employee of the Year award by her boss.

But her relationship with Planned Parenthood, the largest abortion provider in the nation, began to sour when she reported "high complication rates" for a doctor with whom she worked. Rodriguez alleged falsification of affidavits and patient records, incomplete abortions, and failure to report a minor who had an adult partner, which the law requires. After she repeatedly made claims that Planned Parenthood was endangering the health and safety of its patients, the abortion giant fired Rodriguez in October 2017.

Rodriguez then sued Planned Parenthood for wrongful termination. During the trial, Rodriguez, who is undocumented, said Planned Parenthood tried to use her immigration status against her, calling her a "liar." "Planned Parenthood publicly states they want to help and stand up for immigrants, that they care about these women, but it's not true. They shamed me for my immigration status."

In the trial, Rodriguez's attorney, Tim Casey, did not ask for a dollar amount for his client. The \$3 million in damages awarded to her came directly from the jury, who took three hours to reach their verdict.

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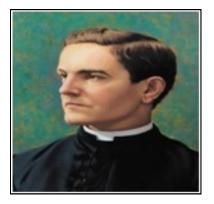
Rodriguez's story is similar to that of Abby Johnson, who was also an award-winning director of several Planned Parenthood clinics. Johnson had a change of heart on abortion after assisting with a suction abortion and watching on the ultrasound as the unborn child tried to avoid the abortion instrument. She later joined forces with pro-life protesters outside her own clinic, and like Rodriguez, ended up facing Planned Parenthood in court. Her story is told in the motion picture which was released earlier this year.

"I've stared down Planned Parenthood in court. I know how hard it is watching your friends lie about you. It's always good to take down Planned Parenthood but it's not without hurt," Johnson said in a statement after the verdict.

Johnson has since gone on to found , an organization that has helped more than 525 abortion industry workers leave their jobs, and that stood by Rodriguez throughout her trial.

Rodriguez feels vindicated by the verdict.

"I hope my case is a lesson to other workers that shows them that the truth will prevail," she said. "I also hope my case is a lesson to employers who abuse their power: sometimes the underdog wins and justice will be done."



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### **Grand Knight's Korner**

Here we are staring a new year (July 2019-June 2020).

There are some changes to officers.

We now have Jerry Graceffo as our chancellor, Ray Makovec as the treasurer, and Tom Rokosz as the warden. A big warm welcome to these new officers. I don't want to forget the officers that remained in their positions and the dedication that they have to this council.

I look forward to working with all the officers, the directors and members of this council.

Let's continue making this council the best in the state of Florida.

Larry Simmons Grand Knight Council 13341