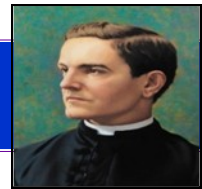




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## Welcome All Children' Hospital



# SOCIAL NIGHT

22 August 2019

OLA - Sacred Heart Hall

6:30-8:00 PM

You are cordially invited to hear about John Hopkins All Children's Foundation, our chosen charity for the upcoming Parish Car Show Cookout in September. Ms. Dee De Fusco, from their Regional Engagement Team will share the compelling work they do taking care of the highest risk children in the Tampa/St. Pete/Sarasota Area. She believes in the philosophy of relationship building and that a donor centric spirit must prevail in any development organization.

**Your Family is Welcome!**



### About Us

Knights of Columbus Council # 13341 is over 250 men from the parish of **Our Lady of the Angels**, Catholic Community in Bradenton, Florida. We started in 2003, however, being a young council by no way means we are lacking of activities. We have Fish Fries, a Tootsie Roll Drive, we work at Habitat for Humanity, we have Blood Drives and we work at the Baltimore Orioles Spring Training Games in Sarasota. If these events sound like something you would be interested in, we would love to have you as a member. The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic men's fraternal benefit society that was formed to render financial aid to members and their families. Mutual aid and assistance are offered to sick, disabled and needy members and their families. Social and intellectual fellowship is promoted among members and their families through educational, charitable, religious, social welfare, war relief and public relief works.

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OUR MANY SOCIAL,  
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**This year for the first time, our  
Council 13341 will be raising funds  
for All Children' Hospital**

## Knights Habitat Team

On Saturday, August 10th, 2019, 5 Knights of Council 13341 teamed together at a new construction home in Palmetto, FL.

The project team (aka Habitat Dream Team) completed the following tasks on the exterior of the home:

- Caulking as necessary.
- Taping in preparation for painting.
- Applying 2 coats of paint.

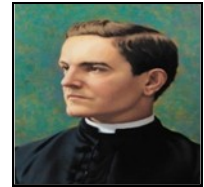
Jerry Graceffo was the Project Lead. This activity was coordinated by DGK John Joly, the Knights of Columbus Program Director and Habitat Chair. This represented the 8th Habitat project in 2019 and cumulatively the 32nd project in a row since January of 2017.



L-R: Rick Kuebel, Jerry Graceffo, Gordon Shellhaas, Paul Palmeri, and Rich Macklin.

# Finishing Touches

**Rich Macklin**



**Paul Palmeri**



**Gordon Shellhaas**



## Stand Up and Paddle!

It is always fabulous to have such an Amazing group of volunteers from the Knights of Columbus with us!

On Saturday August 24th, 2019, 10 Knights, 2 Knights wives, and 1 Knight's Son volunteered for Special Olympics Stand Up Paddle Florida State Championships held at Benderson Park Sarasota FL.

The team of volunteers was responsible for several different competition tasks including staging of the 140 athletes, timing their heats, making medal awards presentations to bronze, silver and gold winners, and supervising the Fit Feet program that individually fit and analyze all athletes.

Knight John Joly was honored to be asked to deliver the Special Olympics Volunteer Oath as part of the opening ceremonies.

The Special Olympics staff, coaches and volunteers were very appreciative that the Knights of Columbus Council 13341 were there, and, are always there to support Manatee County Special Olympics.

John,

Thank you so much for joining us on Saturday at Special Olympics Florida State Stand Up Paddle.

It is always fabulous to have such an AMAZING group of volunteers from the Knights of Columbus with us!

Thank you for bringing such a great group, so early, on a Saturday morning to help make this event successful.

Thank you for leading the Volunteer Oath!

I wanted to share the contacts for Special Olympics Florida – Manatee & Sarasota Counties – they will have additional opportunities throughout the year of other events.

Here is a [link to the County Directors](#)



Here are some upcoming Sarasota events - <https://specialolympicsflorida.org/sarasota/volunteer/>

Thank you for organizing everyone!

Thank you for supporting Special Olympics Florida!

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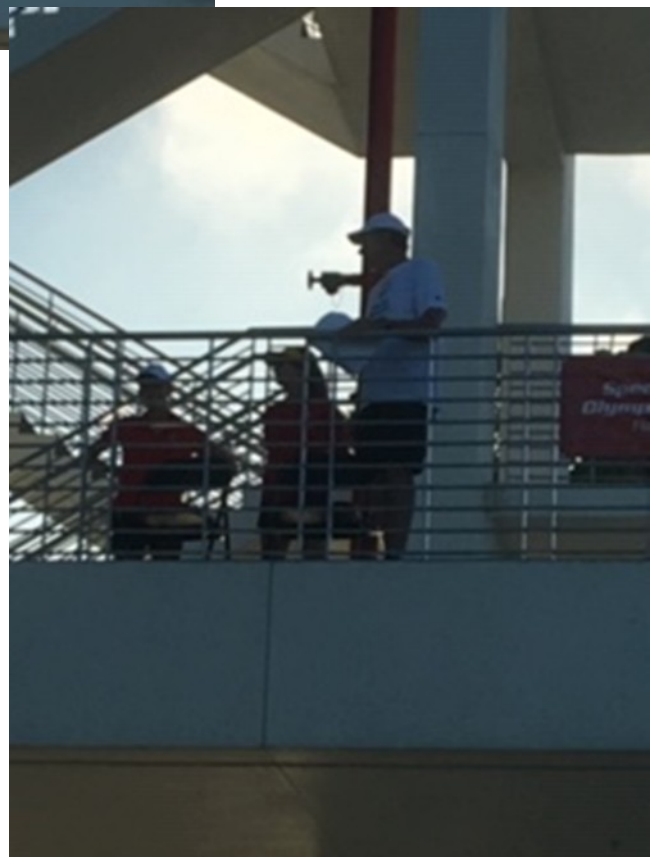
## **Opening Ceremonies - John Joly**

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## Doing your best!









## For The Good of the Order

Just six months after it was signed into law, Georgia's heartbeat bill lost in federal court when District Judge Steve C. Jones blocked it from going into effect.

So what's next? Georgia's heartbeat bill will continue to make its way through the courts, and perhaps even reach the Supreme Court. As it does, pro-lifers should focus on what has made this movement influential: grassroots activism.

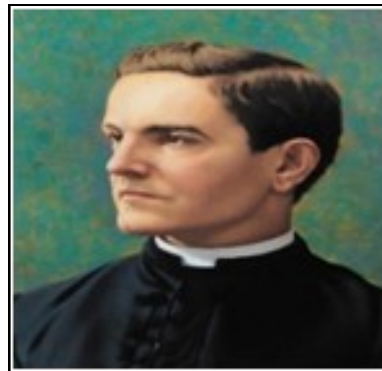
Progress has been incremental, but the culture is indeed changing. More than half of U.S. adults support restrictions to abortion access, though a majority agrees it should be legal "under certain circumstances," according to a recent Gallup poll. More importantly, the overall abortion rate in the United States continues to decline. Over the past five years, abortion rates plummeted to an all-time low: there appear to be fewer women seeking abortions today than there were when abortion was still illegal. No matter how many pro-life bills find themselves blocked in court, these trends are stunning societal victories that should not be discounted.

And bills like Georgia's are possible only because of these cultural changes. Politics is, after all, downstream from culture. As respect for the unborn grows in the hearts and minds of individuals, legislators feel more confident taking bold stands for life. This in turn encourages governments to act. We've seen this occur across the country in just the past year: Alabama, Ohio, Indiana, and 10 other states joined Georgia in passing pro-life laws restricting abortions. Tired of legislators who won't listen, a handful of towns across the country have taken matters into their own hands and declared themselves sanctuary cities for the unborn.

We can and should debate the merits of these steps: Are bills like Georgia's efficient? Why pass a law that will inevitably get tossed? These concerns are reasonable and perhaps even justified. But at the end of the day this debate is about one thing only: the killing of a child in the womb. Laws like Georgia's might not be efficient, and they'll inevitably face the court, but they allow us to exert pressure on a government that has been unwilling to listen and a public mind that only seldom hears abortion described for what it is.

So, pro-lifers: be bold. People need to see and hear you defending life as a matter of principle that goes beyond incremental legislative progress. Stand up and continue to speak the truth.

<https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/opinion/a-federal-court-blocked-georgias-heartbeat-bill-but-pro-lifers-should-not-see-this-as-a-defeat>



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## Grand Knight's Korner

I hope everyone is enjoying the Florida summer. August is generally a slow month as far as council events are concerned. This August is no exception.

For the officers and directors this is a planning month. Come September and October there will be lots of events to keep you busy. I am sure that you are looking forward to participating in events that improve our ability to support charities and the church.

Thanks to everyone for all that you do for the Knights of Columbus, this council and the church.

Larry Simmons  
Grand Knight  
Council 13341