

# SAINTS COSMAS AND DAMIAN KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 13341



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## PRESS RELEASE

**Event:** Fourth Degree Exemplification  
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**Knights of Columbus Council #13341** from Our Lady of the Angels Catholic Church in Lakewood Ranch had eight members become new Fourth Degree Knights in late November at the Florida State Exemplification held in Orlando, FL. We were the second highest number of candidates in whole state.



***New Sir Knights*** (l-r) Frank Barbarito, Charles Cook, Larry Simmons, Dale McCall, Matt Shelton, Mark O'Brien, Taylor Cook (seated) Timothy Lane (absent)

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***Council Members and Family at Fourth Degree Installation Ceremony in Orlando, FL***

The Fourth Degree is the highest rank obtained by a Knights of Columbus member. It is the Patriotic Degree where the focus is on our place and duty in US history. Once a Fourth-Degree Knight, members then join our San Damiano Assembly #3192, with many patriotic activities planned for coming year such as:

- Celebrate Mass on Veterans Day at Sarasota National Cemetery
- Sponsor Flags for Fallen Veterans.
- Patriotic Military Ball at Tara Country Club
- Salute to Heroes Memorial Day Parade in Downtown LWR
- Visits to area VA Hospital as part of the VAVS program
- Support of many veterans focused charities

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