



SAN DAMIANO

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ASSEMBLY # 3192

PRESS RELEASE

Event: Patriotic Ball 2017

Who: SAN DAMIANO ASSEMBLY #3192
Knights of Columbus

Location: Rte. 70, Lakewood Ranch

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Additional Event Facts:

SAN DAMIANO ASSEMBLY #3192 hosts Military Patriotic Ball

March 12 2017

San Damiano Assembly 3192 Fourth Degree members of the Knights of Columbus, held a Military Patriotic Ball on 12 March 2017 at Tara Country Club in Bradenton, FL as a patriotic activity to honor our veterans and current US military service men and women. We had close to 200 guests in formal and military attire gather for a night of reflection, remembrance, and fun.

Our theme this year was to honor Irish & Irish-American Military Heroes and History. To kick-off the night we had Blue Skye Pipe and Drums, a local phenomenon started on St. Patrick's Day in 2016 a premiere all female pipe & drum band in Sarasota. They played a few favorites and piped in our own Color Corp led by Sir Knight Robert Hellner.

Our Guest of Honor was Paula Welenc, the director of the Fisher House at the James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital in Tampa. She joined the staff of the hospital specifically to develop their Fisher House program and to open the house, which accepted its first guests in July of 2007. The Fisher House™ is "a home away from home" for families and Caregivers of patients receiving medical care at major military and VA Medical Centers. The homes are normally located within walking distance of the treatment facility or have transportation available. There are over 70 Fisher Houses located on military installations and VA medical centers.

A Military Trivia Contest was held, quickly followed by some lively musical entertainment provided by **Marc Anthony**, himself a Military Police Officer stationed in Washington DC. After a rousing rendition of all the branches of the US Military he moved into current favorites which brought a crowd to the dance floor.

Our Assembly also donated generously from our night's proceeds to the Fisher House.

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Blue Skye Pipe & Drums (L-R) Deborah Houston, Deborah Dennis, Mary Hutchinson, Pamela MacFadden, Eileen Carrigan, Lynne McDonald, with our Color Corp (L-R) Robert Hellner, Raymond Makovec, and our DD Christopher Treston.

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Guest of Honor Paula Welenc & Emcee Steven Anzalone



Honored Veteran Keith Dennis, Ret. USMC & Emilee Gately



Carmine Table



Cook Table

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Mazurek Table



Joly Table



Captain O'Neill Table



Sig & Connie Table



Officer Table



SK Sal & Wife Lena

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Dancing the Night Away



Our Emcee Steven Anzalone and his fans.



Two Irishman meet at a Bar.....



Patriotic Ball Committee: FN Soller, FC Cipriano, FC Anzalone, FS Filippi & FP Shea

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