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## Honoring Knights



**FOM:** When you see one, you see the other. This couple is as smooth and effective as Fred and Ginger. For years, they have been contributing to the council events such as car show, White Crosses, BWSN, fish fry. For a long time, OLA was lucky to have them chair the Hospitality Ministry. In fact they still usher just for the abuse.

Please congratulate Bill and Connie Rempe as our Family of the Month.

**KOM:** This Brother joined in February. His contributions include participating in several activities but also has offered several creative ideas for possible new activities. Several years from now he may be in the Knights Hall of Fame but for now he is our Knight of the Month...Please congratulate Brother Mike

Marciuliano.



**FOM:** for August

Janice and Mike Novello

Better late than never.





## ***Knightly Round Up!***

**October 2025**

**FOM Bill / Connie Rempe  
KOM Mike Marciuliano.**

**December 2024**

**FOM Al / Ana Tagliaferro  
KOM Paul Pless**

**January 2025**

**FOM Tom / Lori Ludwig  
FOM Joe Mascari**

**February 2025**

**KOM Mike / Maureen Kelley  
KOM Jim Thompson**

**March 2025**

**FOM Kent / Patty Goodger  
KOM Joe Timmons**

**April 2025**

**FOM Rich / Debbie Kent  
KOM Joe Finamore**

**May 2025**

**FOM Mike / Nadine Kulikowski  
KOM Rich McBride**

**June 2025**

**FOM Tod Taylor  
KOM Dave Lawson**

**July 2025**

**FOM David Reich  
KOM Sam Russell**

**August 2025**

**KOM - Father Sebastián  
FOM - Janice / Mike Novello**

**September 2025**

**KOM - Dennis Kalich  
FOM - Ernie / Terri Soller**

## *Quadruple Star Council!!!!*

### Star Councils Awarded

For the 2024-2025 fraternal year, 2,967 councils earned the Star Council Award, which recognizes outstanding achievement in membership, insurance and programming. Of these councils (listed here), 455 earned the **Double Star Council Award** (200% of membership quota) and 244 earned the **Triple Star Council Award** (300% or more of membership quota) or higher.

In addition, 4,644 councils earned the Columbian Award for excellence in programming; 4,886 attained the Father McGivney Award for meeting their membership quota; and 3,856 earned the Founder's Award for meeting their insurance quota.



### FLORIDA

611	7109	10626	12569	14485
667	7121	10718	12664	14573
1768	7166	10757	12956	14697
1951	7210	10850	13037	14730
2075	7282	10853	13042	14839
2112	7399	11079	13051	14848
2505	7420	11125	13116	14866
3393	7589	11189	13118	15154
3580	7621	11211	13139	15332
4357	7667	11220	13153	15366
4444	7672	11226	13172	15619
4727	7826	11241	13207	15644
4851	7968	11281	13240	15675
4934	7997	11295	13300	15779
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4999	8012	11421	13355	16018
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5644	8419	11651	13624	16536
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6168	8838	11850	14132	17182
6274	9649	11961	14202	17480
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6724	10169	12240	14295	
6988	10514	12376	14390	
7052	10572	12456	14456	

**District Deputy  
Kirt Brown  
Grand Knight  
Gordon Shellhaas**





## **Back to Basics!**

**Our new Florida State Deputy, Michael P. Gizewski, conducted a state wide introductory tour called Back to the Basics. At this event, Sir Knight Michael and several of his state officials presented their vision for our council and the Florida Knights of Columbus' councils that attended.**

**Our council is honored to be the host for this region. In addition to Council 13341, there were nine other councils attended. As we are the largest council in the state, this was our opportunity to demonstrate our pride and commitment to our Order and Council. Our Knights, wives, family members and future new Knights attended.**



**Master of Ceremonies  
Grand Knight  
SK Gordon Shellhaas**



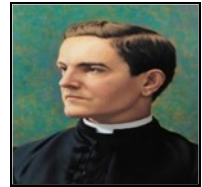
## Questions and Answers



State Deputy

SK Mike Gizewski

“You’re not seriously asking that?”



Membership

Director

Danny McIntyre



Charities Director  
SK Vinnie Cipriano





## *Car Show Cook Out*

**STS. COSMAS AND DAMIAN COUNCIL #13341 HOST THEIR 7 TH ANNUAL CAR SHOW COOKOUT.**

**It all started with a Knights of Columbus souvenir T-shirt!**

**In the fall of 2018, a member of Saints Cosmas and Damian Council #13341 in Lakewood Ranch, FL, traveled to Tucson, AZ to visit his college roommate. Both guys had grown up in the Detroit area, and were confirmed “Car Guys”.**

**While searching the local newspaper for weekend activities, they spotted a notice that a local K of C council was hosting a car show, so off they went to the Mother Teresa Council #12696’s car show.**



**They had a great time, drooling over the restored and custom cars at the show, and the Floridian brought back a souvenir T-shirt, which contained the wording: “Cool Knights and Hot Cars”, and depicted a grinning, sunglass-wearing character driving a “T-bucket” hot rod.**

**On his return to Florida, the owner of the T-shirt wore it to his next Council meeting, where it caught the eye of a brother Knight, Jim Thompson.**

**The ensuing conversation ended with, “We need to do something like this!”, and Jim started the ball rolling on the Car Show concept.**

**Several months later, in the fall of 2019, the first Council #13341 Car Show came to be in the parking lot of Our Lady of the Angels Parish. It was a big success, and later on the Car Show was augmented with a “Cookout”, featuring burgers, brats, and all the appropriate add-ons, since, after all, a guy or gal can get hungry while checking out all those great cars, right?**



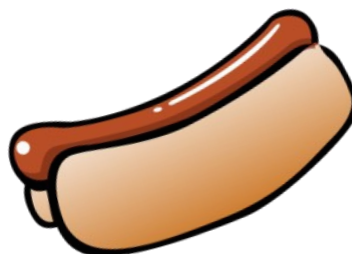
The Car Show and Cookout became a favorite event-and fundraiser for the Council. The entire amount raised, after expenses, is donated to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

This year's event, held on November 1st, featured over 150 cars, and a 36 page booklet which featured all the sponsors who'd contributed to the event, from local sport, antique, and exotic car dealers, to local golf clubs, service businesses, restaurants, and individuals.

Car Show/Cookout attendees were serenaded with 50's/60's sounds by pro DJ John Finnegan of Fogg Sound. Congratulations to this year's chairman, Matt Wing, and all the volunteers who made the show happen. The Council is expecting to send a check for over \$10,000.00 to St. Jude.

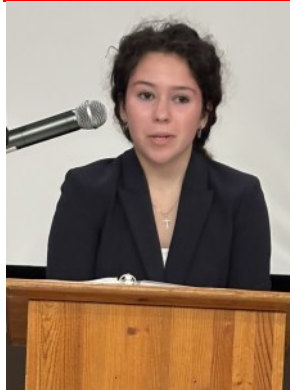
I have included some shots of cars at the show. My favorite-probably the red 1950 DeSoto convertible. Why? My grandfather worked at the DeSoto plant in Detroit until he retired-in 1952-and bought a new DeSoto!

SK Ernie Soller





## **Brush Buddies!**



### **Gianna Demino**

Every Smile Starter Kit represents more than just a toothbrush — it's a moment of care, confidence, and connection. Thanks to the generosity of our community partners and donors, Brush Buddies has created 3000 Smile Starter Kits for children in need. Each kit helps promote healthy habits and bright futures, reminding every child that their smile matters.

We're on a mission to make 10,000 Smile Starter Kits — and every single one counts. Your support helps us put toothbrushes, toothpaste, and confidence into the hands of kids who need it most. Help us cross the finish line to 10,000 smiles!

We're a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting under-privileged individuals in Manatee and Sarasota County by providing essential dental hygiene supplies. Through our Brush Buddies donation bags (filled with a toothbrush, toothpaste, floss, and more) we aim to encourage healthier daily habits and brighter smiles. With the help of community partners and the generosity of donors, we're working toward our vision of healthier smiles for all.

## BRUSH BUDDIES DONATION DRIVE

**Give a Smile.  
Change a Day.**

Brush Buddies is collecting donations to create Smile Starter Kits for children in need. Each kit includes toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, and encouragement — reminding every child that their smile matters. Every item and dollar donated brings us one step closer to our goal of 10,000 kits! Join us in spreading confidence, kindness, and brighter smiles.

**Donate:**

**Travel Size:**

- Toothpaste
- Floss
- Mouthwash

**Full Size:**

- Toothbrushes

**CHECK OUT OUR SITE:**

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## **Mothers Helping Mothers**

**Barbra Braun**

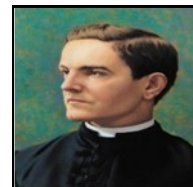
### **Our Mission**

**Mothers Helping Mothers Inc.:**

**“To foster a community where families thrive, armed with the knowledge, tools, and resilience to overcome life’s challenges. We empower individuals to embrace self-advocacy, navigate recovery from addiction, and successfully reenter society with dignity and hope”**

### **Our Vision Statement**

**At Mothers Helping Mothers Inc., we envision a future where families are empowered with the essential knowledge and skills to self-advocate and overcome addiction and life challenges. Through compassionate support, education, and community-driven initiatives, we aim to inspire resilience, self-sufficiency, and a brighter, healthier tomorrow for all families.**



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## ***Knights of Columbus Charities***

**Brother Knights,**

**Thank you for your continued support of our Council as we serve our Parish and Community.**

**Many of you have shared that with family responsibilities and work obligations, it can be difficult to attend meetings or volunteer at events as often as you would like. Please know there is still a meaningful way you can help us achieve our goals and continue supporting the charities we serve.**

**Each year, you will receive three donation requests:**

- \* Special Olympics in October**
- \* Vocations in December**
- \* Helping Life (return address labels) in January**

**By giving \$25.00 (or whatever you can) to each appeal, together we can reach our charitable goals at Florida K of Charities (5013c Organization) and continue the work entrusted to us.**

**Our founder, Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney, envisioned the Knights of Columbus as a force to support not only Knights and their families, but also families throughout our Parish communities.**

**If you would like to do even more, I invite you to join our Monthly Donation Team, all donations are through Florida KofC Charities, Inc. (5013c Organization)**

**With a gift of just \$10.00 per month, you will be supporting all our charitable programs, including:**

- \* Special Olympics**
- \* Vocations**
- \* Helping Life**
- \* Ultrasound Program**
- \* Food for Families**
- \* Mobile Disabilities**
- \* Disaster Relief**



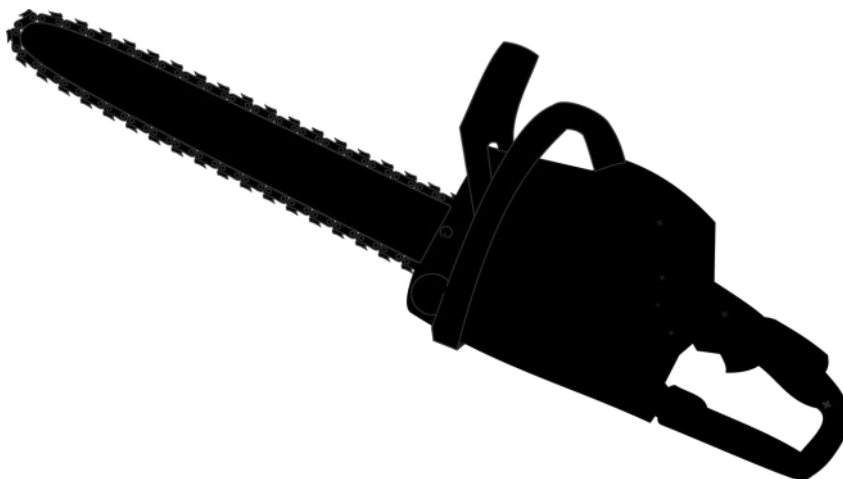
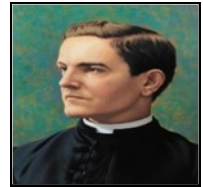
**Yes, just \$10.00 a month will make a difference, helping us continue our mission while honoring the dream of our Founder, Blessed Fr. McGivney.**

**Donate online click the link below:**

**<https://donate.floridakofccharities.org/give>**

**Thank you for your generosity and dedication to our mission.**

**Let there be Light!  
Thanks to Brother Chris Mancini  
and his company, CJ's Landscape,  
for making the annex parking lot  
much brighter.**







## **Brothers to Brothers**

**All the good works we do as Knights of Columbus are informed by our four core principles: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. Our Brothers to Brothers Program fulfills directly our principles of Unity and Fraternity.**

**Unity – None of us is as good as all of us. Together, we can accomplish far more than any of us can individually. So, we sticking together...we support and encourage our brother Knights to make life better in our parish and community.**

**Fraternity – Blessed Michael J. McGivney founded our order to bring men together specifically to help them protect their families in times of distress, sickness and death.**

### **The Program**

**Brothers to Brothers provides direct outreach to members of our Council experiencing health challenges of varying degrees. We accomplish this at two levels: Council Awareness and Assigned Brothers.**

**Council Awareness – This is the responsibility of all Knights of the Council. When any member becomes aware of the illness, disability or death of a brother Knight it should be formally reported to the Council. This provides the Council with the opportunity to contact the member or his family to determine how the Council can assist them, and to coordinate with the Parish the involvement of the Council in any funeral service.**

**Assigned Brothers – As we speak with a Knight or their family about their health challenges, we offer to assign them a current active member. This Assigned Brother is asked to provide all that is necessary to allow their Brother Knight to be as engaged in Council and Parish life as they desire. Most importantly, they ensure they have regular access to receiving the Holy Eucharist, and to assists in arranging that access as necessary. Additionally, the assigned Knight attempt to identify any other practical needs of the family where the Council may be able to assist, such as minor home repairs.**

## **Cosmas and Damian Council Brothers to Brothers Program**



**We ask those participating as Assigned Brothers to commit to the following with respect to their fellow brother Knight:**

**Make contact by phone or visit at least once a month.  
Determine if they can attend Mass regularly. If not, offer to co-ordinate with the Parish, visitation by a Eucharistic Minister.  
Confirm they are receiving Council / Assembly emails.  
Invite them to monthly Council meetings and offer to give them a ride to the meeting.  
Invite them to the quarterly Brothers to Brothers luncheon and offer to give them a ride to the luncheon.  
Report to Brothers to Brothers Committee members any practical needs with which the Council may be able to assist.  
Report to the Grand Knight and the Brothers to Brothers Committee members any significant increase in health problems so prayers may be offered.**





## Upcoming Events

**December 3rd Blood Drive**

**December 4th Coats for Kids**



**December 4th Habitat 1123 6th Ave. Dr. W., Palmetto**

**December 6th and 7th Recruiting all Masses**

**December 6th Ladies Guild Craft Show**

**December 6th Tootsie Roll**



**December 11th Open House Parrish Center**

**December 18th Business Meeting 6 pm Annex**

**December 12th Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Mass 8 am**

**December 13th Breakfast with Saint Nick**

**December 14th Council Christmas Party Tara**

## State Council & District

**College Knights from Florida, had representation from Council 13900 at the University of Florida with their Grand Knight, Xavier Epplin, and Adrian Bahri, who received their Star Council Award for**



**the 2024-25 Fraternal Year from the Supreme Knight. Also in attendance was our State College Council Chairman, A.J. McCaffery.**

## Supreme Council

### BUILDING MISSION-DRIVEN MOMENTUM

**Knights of Columbus leaders representing nearly 70 jurisdictions gathered in Denver for the annual Midyear Meeting Nov. 14-16, where Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly encouraged them to build on a historic year of growth and increase membership while promoting the Order's mission of charity**





Knights of Columbus  
**FOURTH  
DEGREE**  
*Patriotic degree of the Order.*



# *Patriotic Ball*

## Benefiting Operation Warrior Resolution



The Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Assembly 3192 will once again proudly host its Military Patriotic Ball on Sunday, February 15, 2026. This distinguished evening will honor the men and women who have served our nation with courage and sacrifice. The celebration will include a formal dinner, dancing, guest speakers, and the presentation of awards recognizing outstanding service and dedication as well as provide a much needed spotlight on Operation Warrior Resolution, our benefactor recipient.

Operation Warrior Resolution is a veteran-owned nonprofit that provides holistic, trauma-informed mental health care at no cost to veterans and their families. They run retreats and therapy programs combining modalities such as Rapid Resolution Therapy, equine therapy, yoga, acupuncture, and somatic approaches to heal both mind and body. OWR also offers ongoing support through programs like "Combat Conscious Yoga" to help veterans and family members manage stress, trauma, and related symptoms. Their aim is to supplement traditional care by offering innovative, integrative treatment options and fostering community to help veterans move toward health, resilience, and wholeness.

We are grateful for the support of our sponsors, whose generosity helps make this patriotic event possible. Please join us in fellowship as we celebrate faith, patriotism, and unity at this memorable occasion.

News and Announcements at the Knights of Columbus Assembly  
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## Lecture



Jesus has remained in the Sacred Host for us so as to stay by our side, to sustain us, to guide us. And love can only be repaid with love. How could we not turn to the Blessed Sacrament each day, even if it is only for a few minutes, to bring him our greetings and our love as children and as brothers? (Furrow, 686)

God has decided to stay in the tabernacle to nourish us, strengthen us, make us divine and give effectiveness to our work and efforts. Jesus is at one and the same time the sower, the seed and the final result of the sowing: the bread of eternal life...

Love has been awaiting us for almost two thousand years. That's a long time and yet it's not, for when you are in love time flies.

I remember a lovely poem, one of the songs collected by Alfonso X the Wise. It's a legend about a simple monk who begged our Lady to let him see heaven, even if only for a moment. Our Lady granted him his wish and the good monk found himself in paradise. When he returned, he could not recognize the monastery - his prayer, which he had thought very short, lasted three centuries. Three centuries are nothing to a person in love. That's how I explain Christ waiting in the Eucharist for two thousand years.

It is God waiting for us, God who loves man, who searches us out, who loves us just as we are - limited, selfish, inconstant, but capable of discovering his infinite affection and of giving ourselves fully to him. (Christ is passing by, 151)





# TMIY

THAT MAN IS YOU!

“That Man Is You!” (TMIY) is a transformative men’s program offered free of charge at over 1,000 Catholic parishes across the U.S. (including Our Lady of the Angels since 2023) that addresses the challenges Catholic men of all ages face today, especially in their roles as husbands and fathers. From mid-September to mid-December and again from mid-January to mid-April, participants meet weekly for 90 minutes to pray, watch videos—featuring speakers covering Church teachings, Scripture, wisdom of the saints, latest social science, and testimonials—and have small group discussions. This program is open to all men (parishioners and non-parishioners), and this fall, two weekly TMIY sessions will be offered. If you have never registered for TMIY at Our Lady of the Angels and would like to attend this fall, scan the QR code to the right with your device to sign up.

For more information, visit <https://www.olangelsc.org/tmiy/> or contact Mike Gonzales at 913-424-8255 or [gonzalesmichaelpaul@gmail.com](mailto:gonzalesmichaelpaul@gmail.com)





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## **Grand Knight's Korner**

I was tremendously proud of our council's support for the State Deputy's Back to the Basics tour. It never fails to amaze me how this council always rises to the challenge. Thank you.

The holidays are just around the corner. However we have a few things left to do before the end of the year. On December 4th, our annual Coats for Kids event will be held at St. Michael's Church in Wauchula. This truly is a heart warming experience and I encourage you to attend. You can reserve a spot from the website calendar.

We are no longer the largest council in the state so we need to fix that. A membership drive will be held at all Masses on Dec 6 and 7 with an open house on Dec 11th. There will be an email looking for volunteers.

Dinner, Dancing and Drinks. Our council Christmas party is Dec 14th at 6 PM at Tara. Due to popular demand, the OLA Children's Choir will return. All tickets, meals and seat selections are done through our new website. You can reserve up to 10 guests at a time and all payment are done by credit card.