

Officers and Directors

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Joe Finamore

Outside Guard

Vincent Spanicciati

Recorder

Wayne Irvine

Advocate

Carmine Maida

Trustee -1 yr.

Sam Conge

Trustee -2 yr.

John Joly

Trustee-3 yr.

Jerry Graceffo

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Honoring Knights

Knight of the Month for April

Joe Finamore

Family of the Month for April

Rich and Debbie Kent

July 24

Joe /Barbara Pfeiffer

Clem Presogna

Aug 24

Rick/Lauren Kuebel

Phil G/Keith Green

Sep 24

Dennis/Franci Beville

Mike Sassano

Oct 24

Paul/Barb Petrus

Randy Knowles

Dec 24

Al / Ana Tagliaferro

Paul Pless

Jan 25

Tom/Lori Ludwig

Joe Mascari

Feb 25

Mike /Maureen Kelley

Jim Thompson

March 25

Kent/Patty Goodger

Joe Timmons

New Officers!

Elections were completed for our 2025-2026 Officers during our May membership meeting. Effective June 1st, these are your new office holders:

**Grand Knight: Gordon Shellhaas
 Deputy Grand Knight: Mike Mahan
 Financial Secretary: Paul Gulbrandsen
 Treasurer: Al Valenti
 Chancellor: Mark O'Brien
 Recorder: Wayne Irvine
 Warden: Phil Ashford
 Inside Guard: Joe Finamore
 Outside Guard: Matt Wing
 Advocate: Carmine Maida
 First Year Trustee: John Joly
 Second Year Trustee: Jerry Graceffo, Jr.
 Third Year Trustee: David Lawson**



Congratulations and thank you to each elected officer for your commitment to Council 13341. I am confident your leadership will ensure that our fraternity continues implementing the vision of our Founder, Blessed Michael McGivney.



Next Year Budget Recap



Brothers,

Please find attached the budget submission approved by the O&D. We will present the budget this month and discuss and vote on it at our June business meeting.

Points to note:

Even though we budgeted to exceed revenues by about \$20K, we are expected to only exceed by about \$2K due to the continued funding efforts of our council. Budgeted \$93K in revenue and \$115K in expenses. Anticipate \$156K in revenue and \$158K in expenses.

Brothers-to-Brothers: Increased amount to \$2500 to support program.

Increased our expected revenue from the ballpark to \$70K this next year but put it back to \$60K the following year to be conservative in our expectations. If we do raise \$70K or more next year, we will increase the following year to a similar amount.

Anticipate fish fry revenue and expense at a positive \$10K. That seems to be an average for us over the past couple of years.

Increased our donation to the church to \$35K this year and reduced next year to \$15K to complete our \$100K commitment.

Increased our State Vocations amount to match the \$12/member in accordance with reporting requirements.

Increased our Bible Program and Communion donations to \$1,000 to align with reporting requirements.

Carried forward \$2,000 for the Clergy dinner since we budgeted this year and did not use, plus we added an additional \$1,000 for a total of \$3,000 for the event (Other costs will be offset by meal sales).

Increased our donation to Food for Families to \$5,000.

Increased Coats for Kids to \$7,000 since this is what we paid this past year for the purchase of coats due to inflationary costs.

Increased donation to Habitat for Humanity to \$2,500.

Our scholarship program has the \$5,000, plus the unused \$3,000 from this year, so we could provide up to \$8,000 in scholarships this next year if we have enough interest.

Included a \$10K donation for the purchase of an Ultrasound. The costs vary depending on the machine type and capabilities and normally range between \$25,000 and \$60,000. The pregnancy center selects the machine (make and model) based on the needs of the pregnancy center. Once we have 50% of the total costs, Supreme will match the remaining 50%. \$10K gives us a great start to meet the 50% mark.

Very Respectfully,
Paul Gulbrandsen
Financial Secretary
Knights of Columbus
Council 13341





Habitat 100!!

On Thursday, April 17, 2025, 8 Knights of Council #13341 were requested to respond to 2622 2nd Avenue West, Palmetto, a residence previously built by Habitat for Humanity in 2018. Habitat had recently retaken possession of the property and was currently rehabbing it with the intent of providing shelter to a future homeowner once again.

The project team completed the following:

Sanded all interior walls in preparation of texture application and paint.

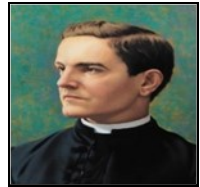
Cut wood windowsills to the correct size for all windows and installed same.

Dug out and leveled flower bed in front of the house.



**Chris Avren, Wayne Diller, Phil Gonnella, Rick Kuebel,
Mike Mahan, Rich McBride, Vic Rossi and Matt Wing**

Habitat 100!!





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

June 5th Officers and Directors Meeting 7 pm Annex

June 12th Habitat 7:30 am Palmetto

June 14th Tootsie Roll 8: 30 am to 4 pm

June 19th Business Meeting 7 pm Annex

June 26th Installation Dinner RSVP 6 pm Parrish Hall



State Council & District

**The Florida State Council Newsletter
“The Invocation” has featured our councils’
efforts to support Special Olympics.**

Special thanks to our Brother Sam Conge for chairing this event and PGN John Joly for submitting to the Invocation.

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Supreme Council



Our own Sir Knight Vincent Spanicciati, a Vietnam War Marine and recipient of three Purple Hearts, reflects on the trials of combat, the power of faith, and the bonds that endure long after the battlefield. Honored with a Congressional Commendation, he credits God with guiding him

through war and healing. In Mercer County, NJ, Spanicciati joined fellow veterans to build a lasting Veterans Memorial—a tribute to fallen comrades, many of them close friends. Now a devoted Knight of Columbus, he continues to serve others and deepen his faith through a life of purpose and remembrance.

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Knights of Columbus Assembly #3192

Flag Retirement Ceremony Date Pending -

As of May 14th, 2025, a burn ban remains in effect for Manatee County until further notice.

However, you are cordially invited to attend this event and we will let you know as soon as we have a firm date. The event will begin at 12:30pm at the outdoor patio of the Knights of Columbus OLA Annex located at 7704 CR675, Bradenton, FL. (at the intersection of SR70 & SR675)

Beginning Wednesday, May 21st, a collection bin will be open during business hours at 2 locations to bring your old flags: Our Lady of the Angels Parish Center Office (or Church Narthex) at 12905 State Road 70 E., Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202, OR, Holy Cross Catholic Church outside the business office in the lobby at 505 26th St W, Palmetto, FL 34221.

Lecture



Statement of Knights of Columbus Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly Following the Election of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV

“The Knights of Columbus joins Catholics everywhere in celebrating the election of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV, the successor of St. Peter and spiritual leader of the Catholic Church. On behalf of our 2.1 million members around the world, I pledge our loyalty to Pope Leo XIV as well as our prayers today and every day of his pontificate. The Knights of Columbus will always stand in solidarity with Pope Leo XIV as we support the Church’s mission of evangelization through our works of charity and faith formation.

“Pope Leo XIV, the first American Pope, assumes the Petrine ministry with a strong familiarity with the Knights of Columbus. I was honored to meet with him in 2023, shortly after the beginning of his tenure as Prefect of the Vatican’s Dicastery for Bishops, and I know firsthand of his sincere appreciation for the Knights of Columbus and our service to the Church around the world. Our Order began during the pontificate of Pope Leo XIII — and in the years ahead, we will proudly stand with Pope Leo XIV as we seek together to build up the Kingdom of God.

“Since our founding in 1882 by Blessed Michael McGivney, fidelity to the Holy Father has been a defining characteristic of the Knights of Columbus. As it was with his predecessors, the pastoral priorities of Pope Leo XIV will guide and inform everything we do.”

Following the First World War, the Knights of Columbus answered the invitation of Pope Benedict XV to open sports fields to serve the youth of Rome. And ever since, for more than a century, the Knights has enjoyed a long and enduring relationship with each successive Pope. Since 1980, the Knights of Columbus has sponsored numerous restoration projects at the Vatican, most recently the restoration of Gian Lorenzo Bernini’s iconic Baldacchino over the papal altar and tomb of St. Peter, as well as the Chair of St. Peter monument, both undertaken in anticipation of the Jubilee Year 2025.



Men, come and join us for a full breakfast, fellowship and an opportunity to grow in your faith while making life-long friends!

That Man is You (TMIY) is an interactive men's program focused on the development of male leadership in the modern world.

January 11 - April 12, 2025



Scan QR code to register
if you did **NOT** do so last year

Year 2 Schedule:

- Meet in the OLA Parish Center
- 6:20 am full hot breakfast provided
- 6:40 am announcements
- 6:45 am training
- 7:50 am adjourn
- There is no need to register if you registered last year (Year 1)
- **Questions – contact Mike Gonzales at 913-424-8255 or at gonzalesmichaelpaul@gmail.com**



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Grand Knight's Korner

"Jesus has many lovers of His heavenly kingdom, but few cross-bearers. Many desire His consolation, but few His tribulation. Many will sit down with Him at table, but few will share His fast. All desire to rejoice with Him, but few will suffer for Him. Many will follow Him to the breaking of the bread, but few will drink the bitter cup of His Passion. Many revere His miracles, but few follow the shame of His cross. Many love Jesus when all goes well with them, and praise Him when He does them a favor; but if Jesus conceals Himself and leaves them for a little while, they fall to complaining or become depressed. They who love Jesus purely for Himself and not for their own sake bless Him in all trouble and anguish as well as in time of consolation. Even if He never sent them consolation, they would still praise Him and give thanks. Oh how powerful is the pure love of Jesus, when not mixed with self-interest or self-love!"
—Thomas à Kempis, p. 88-89