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Knight Awards



Tom Ricketts (Dec 2023 FOM)



Phil Gonnella (Aug KOM 2024)

First Responders Mass

Knights of Columbus, Saints Cosmas & Damian Council 13341 sponsored a First Responders Mass at Our Lady of the Angels Catholic Church on Monday evening, September 9th at 6 PM.

The First Responders Mass is hosted to honor the work of public safety personnel including law enforcement officials, firefighters, emergency medical services personnel, and military personnel.

Particularly in the wake of events of September 11th, 2001, the First Responders Mass, also known as the “Blue Mass” is a way to recognize these brave individuals for their sacrifice, and to remember those who have given their lives in service to their communities.

The Knights of Columbus has taken an active role in sponsoring Masses in the communities in which it serves, to join with the community in expressing appreciation to these dedicated professionals for all their selfless work.

This special Mass honors those who sacrificed their lives on Sept 11, 2001, at the World Trade Center trying to selflessly help others. It also honors those who continue to put their lives on the line by responding to emergencies in our community.

Father William Sanderson presided over the Mass with Deacon John Schaefer assisting. Past Grand Knight John Joly was the Reader and Grand Knight Gordon Shellhaas was the Sacristan.

In his sermon, Father Sanderson used the feast day of Saint Peter Claver as an example of An early Christian “First Responder”. Father Claver was a Jesuit priest born in Spain who left the comforts of home and traveled to Cartagena, Columbia in the early 17th Century (1600-1650). He devoted himself to easing the suffering of African people who were transported to Columbia under the most horrible conditions and sold as slaves.



Brothers for Brothers

Our latest Brother's for Brothers luncheon on September 10, 2024, was held at Mission BBQ in Sarasota FL. We were treated to Mission's singing of the National Anthem as we all sang along, it was a memorable moment. As a fraternal organization this luncheon brings Brother Knights together in a very positive way helping to insure we don't forget our brothers who are unable to participate in other activities.

Since we started this council program, we have seen an appreciation from our brother knights allowing them to be involved and appreciated and it sends a message for all our Brothers that everyone in our council matters. We discuss many different things both in the council and outside the council. Stories of our events and meetings are shared. The personal interaction of this Brother's for Brothers get together will continue. Our council has lost 10 Brothers this fraternal year & that is another reason to show appreciation whenever we can.

At this luncheon we had 21 Brothers attend, we had a variety of barbeque sandwiches the food was very good with all the sides and dessert, and all left with a full stomach and a smile.

We should never forget our brother knights; they helped build our council and they put in their time, talent and treasures to make the Knight of Columbus Council 13341 a success.





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PGK John Joly
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Br Rich Macklin**





Upcoming Events

Open House October 18th Parrish Hall 7pm
Corporate Mass—October 13th 9am Brunch Tara
Golf Outing—Council 3358 October 28th Lakewood National
Car Show November 2nd
Mass for Knights that have passed November 7th
Craft Show December 7th

State Council & District

Michael B. Sheedy, executive director of the Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops, “Under the guise of limiting government interference, this extreme ballot initiative would legalize full-term abortion. If passed, the amendment to our state constitution would put the most innocent of human lives in grave danger until the moment of birth and would eliminate gains made over the past several decades to protect women from the harms of abortion, including health and safety protocols at abortion facilities. The Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops will work hard to oppose this cruel and dangerous amendment and urge all Floridians to vote “no” on Amendment 4.”

Early voting October 26th to November 2nd.

Supreme Council

Thanks to our excellent PR Director PGK John Joly we were recognized in the Knights Florida State Publication the Invocation and also on the Supreme sight. We are passing along the article featured in the Invocation. Thanks again Brother John for your superb efforts.

Vote No on 4 Campaign Launches to Defeat The Deceptive and Extreme Amendment 4 - Florida Family Action

Amendment 4 – Not What it Seems – Way Too Extreme
(voteno4florida.com)



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DEGREE
Patriotic degree of the Order.



The Flag Retirement ceremony held on Saturday July 27th was a major success. We retired over 200 flags in a very solemn ceremony. In addition, we honored the Barnett family with an American flag being given to SK Richard's wife Sharon, and a memorial Chalice engraved to honor Sir Knight Richard Barnett. The family asked that this chalice be presented to Father Sebastian.



Congratulations!

August FOM Rick and Lauren Kuebel

August KOM: Keith Green and Phil Gonnella



Knights of Columbus Congratulate Scholarship Award Winners



From L-R: Al Valenti, Kyla Logan, Cecelia Cosgrove, Gordon Shellhaas

- ▶ Knights of Columbus Council 13341 awarded \$1000 scholarships to two OLA students. The recipient's were:
- ▶ Kyla Logan-Cardinal Mooney
- ▶ Cecelia Cosgrove-Cardinal Mooney
- ▶ The council is proud to assist these future leaders in their pursuit of academic excellence and spiritual growth.



Saints Cosmas & Damian Council 13341 of Our Lady of the Angels, Lakewood Ranch, generously supported the St. Michael's Summer Youth Program by donating \$3,000 for the two-week event. The program was developed and administered by the Sisters of Servants of the Lord who reside at St. Michael's Parish.

St. Michael's is a financially challenged Parish in Wauchula. The parishioners are predominantly Hispanic. Each year, approximately 250 children are provided two weeks of religious activity and education, recreation, and meals. For these children, it is the highlight of their summer.

For years, Saints Cosmas & Damain Council 13341 has also provided literally thousands of jackets for the youth of St. Michael's through the Coats for Kids program.



TMIY - Our Lady of the Angels - That Man is You! - Becoming a Man After God's Own Heart

We resume on September 14, 2024. Saturday 06:30 am men's group 19 and up. Twenty-six weeks fall and spring sessions. Open to all Catholic men not just Knights.

Participant Manuals for Year 2 of TMIY called "The Vision of Man Fully Alive" are available and optional to purchase.

The manual includes copies of all handouts used for all thirteen sessions in the fall of 2024 and thirteen sessions in the spring of 2025. These manuals are an excellent resource to take notes on and to refer back to throughout the year.

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Believe it or not summer is coming to an end. Fall starts this Sunday and with it, comes an end to our councils slow period..if you can call it that. We have a very busy middle of October. October 8 th -9 th is the Rosary Congress which involves a 24 hour rosary. October 12 th and 13 th will be our membership drive at OLA. October 12 th is the Pasta Dinner and then an Open House on October 18 th . We need your help to successfully pull off these events. When the volunteer request comes your way..get involved..we need you.

GK Gordon Shellhaas

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