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Knight Awards




Florida's 16th District
Congressional Veteran Commendation
Presented to
Vincent Spanicciati
In Recognition of his Military and Community Service

November 8th, 2024
Date


Congressman Vern Buchanan
Florida's 16th District

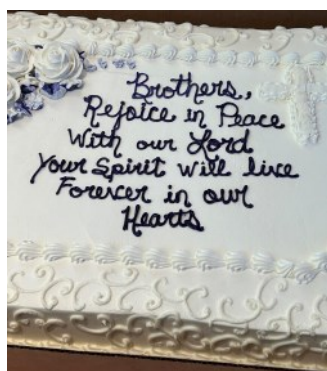
October Knight of the Month: Randy
October Family of the Month: Paul and Barb Petrus

Certificate of Merit:
Dave Springer
John Dodd
Ryan Brems with
GK Gordon Shellhass



July KOM
Clem Presogna

Memorial Mass



K of C Council 13341 St Cosmas & Damian held our annual Memorial Mass and lunch reception for our past Brother Knights for the fraternal year 2023-2024.

There were 74 in attendance of which 14 were family members, 5 Color Corps Brothers, and 6 Brothers as Altar server, Eucharistic ministers, photographer, and lectors.

We had 2 of our parish priests and our OLA Music Director & Cantor, also in attendance were 47 Brother Knights, wives, and friends, 74 in total attended in honoring our past brothers. At the reception we held a dedication to our 11 passed Brothers and placed their name plates on our Memorial Cross. We also thanked 5 of the Knights passed wives for all the support and assistance they gave us throughout the years. We then said a blessing over the food and had lunch. We also dedicated 5 Chalices to Priests and Seminarians. From passed 4th degree Knights



Father Sebastian, Father Sanderson celebrating mass with Deacon Tom Harenchar and Altar Server Chris Treston

Color Guard

SK Robert Hellner
SK John Coliton
SK Vinnie Cipriano
SK Mark O'Brien
CCC, SK Keith Mobley



Merry Del Monte (Wife) and Diana Lynch,
(daughter) of former Brother Knight,
George Del Monte

Lana La Lima presenting Chalice to
Father Alan

FN Dave photo bombing ;)





The five chalices presented during the Memorial Luncheon went to:

Sharon Barnett gave a Chalice to Fr. Sebastian

Lana La Lima gave a Chalice to Fr. Alan

Merry Del Monte & Daughter Diana: will give one to a Seminarian

William Nowak will go to a Seminarian

Mario Rente Sr will go to his Family

Hurricane Shutter Install

Recently widowed Sharon Barnett (Rich Barnett) needed help to install her hurricane shutters. It was extremely short notice but the Knights came through, and three of them were first timers. Sharon said she knew she could count on the Knights.



Dave Springer

Ryan Brems



Jack Dodd

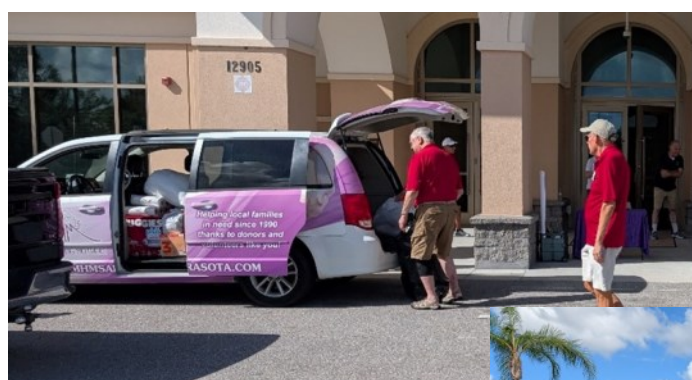


Hurricane Relief Drive

Council 13341 assisted the OLA Peace and Justice Ministry with the OLA Hurricane Relief Drive. It was held at OLA. Non-perishable food was donated to Manatee Meals on Wheels. Mothers Helping Mothers received home care items, child and infant clothes and care goods. The results were excellent as the parish turned out in good numbers. The Knights functions were unloading and loading donated items.



David Lawson, Dave Green, Gordon Shellhaas, Ryan Dunahue, Mark Eckels, Wayne Irvine, Frank Dressman, Jack McDonnell, Joe Kosobuki, Bill Jacques, Chuck MacFarlane, Bob Soper, Paul Pless



Wayne Irvine
Jerry Graceffo Jr,
Ryan Dunahue
Dave Green
Mark Eckels





**Knights of
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***3rd Annual Exclusive Charter on
Marina Jack II
Saturday, February 8, 2025***

Hosted by:

***Brother Matt Cangemi 646-588-9802 &
Brother Michael Chapman 585-509-0610
They're ready to take your reservations!***

120 are expected to attend!

100 minimum allows us to have a private boat without the normal charter fee!

149 people is the maximum, so respond quickly!

Departs 12:00 Noon – Returns at 2:00PM

(We receive an extra one-half hour at no charge!)

Boarding begins @ 11:30AM

Cash Bar

Only \$57. per person which includes:

A beautiful cruise

A delicious buffet

**A \$5. donation to St Michael's Food Bank
gratuity and tax!**

***Each person will also receive one raffle ticket for a chance to win a
Dinner Cruise for Two!
(additional raffle tickets will be sold onboard)***



Upcoming Events

Craft Show December 7th

Breakfast with St. Nick December 14th OLA

Wreaths Across America Sarasota National Cemetery

Christmas Party December 19th Tara 5pm to 9 pm

State Council & District

Bishop Frank J. DeWayne celebrated the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on Nov. 24, 2024, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, to mark the start of the tour at St. Maximillian Kolbe Parish in Port Charlotte.

Bishop Dewane said these martyrs should serve as an example to all as they lived their faith with courage nearly a century ago.

"For these six young priests, they were clear who was King in their life, there is no doubt," Bishop Dewane said. "Christ must be the King for you and me. If someone else, or something else has taken that role, we have to look at how we set about changing that in the life we live."

The relics – tiny slivers of bone – are housed in a silver, cross-shaped reliquary and it was placed in front of the altar so people can pay their respects after Mass. The reliquary with the relics of the six priests was presented to the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus in 2001.

Supreme Council

Our culture needs your joy-filled witness to protect the dignity of every human life.

You're invited to Life Fest, a two-day, pro-life event leading up to the March for Life in our nation's capital this January.

Join the movement at EagleBank Arena in Fairfax, VA, on Jan. 23 and 24, 2025. The event will feature dynamic speakers, music, a relic chapel, Eucharistic adoration, confession and Holy Mass.



Purple Pass is now live, and individual tickets to the Patriotic Ball may be purchased by going to the following link below.

Table purchases can be purchases by contacting me only by emailing me at yinnie1248@outlook.com with the following information.

Full Names,
Meal Selection
Zip Code for the Credit Card being used.

<https://www.purplepass.com/events/296724-patriotic-ball---san-damiano-assembly-3192-feb-15th-2025>

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Virgin of Guadalupe

December 12th is the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We take a look at the story behind the indigenous peasant who came across the Patron of the Americas, and how he fought for her message to be heard.



The Virgin of Guadalupe, like the shroud of Turin, appears on a piece of fabric. Both are sacred objects, hundreds of years old, and both depict an image said to be miraculous. The Virgin of Guadalupe was declared Queen of Mexico and is Patron of the Americas.

Our Lady of Guadalupe first introduced herself as the Mother of God and the mother of all humanity when she appeared on the hill of Tepayac in Mexico in 1531. An indigenous peasant, Juan Diego, saw a glowing figure on the hill. After she had identified herself to him, Our Lady asked that Juan build her a shrine in that same spot, in order for her to show and share her love and compassion with all those who believe. Afterwards, Juan Diego visited Juan de Zumárraga, who was Archbishop of what is now Mexico City. Zumárraga dismissed him in disbelief and asked that the future Saint provide proof of his story and proof of the Lady's identity.

Juan Diego returned to the hill and encountered Our Lady again. The Virgin told him to climb to the top of the hill and pick some flowers to present to the Archbishop. Although it was winter and nothing should have been in bloom, Juan Diego found an abundance of flowers of a type he had never seen before. The Virgin bundled the flowers into Juan's cloak, known as a tilma. When Juan Diego presented the tilma of exotic flowers to Zumárraga, the flowers fell out and he recognized them as Castilian roses, which are not found in Mexico. What was even more significant, however, was that the tilma had been miraculously imprinted with a colorful image of the Virgin herself. The actual tilma, preserved since that date and showing the familiar image of the Virgin Mary with her head bowed and hands together in prayer, represents the Virgin of Guadalupe. It remains perhaps the most sacred object in all of Mexico.

The story is best known from a manuscript written in the Aztec's native language Nahuatl by the scholar Antonio Valeriano. It was written sometime after 1556. Over 20 million people visit the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe each year, now situated on the very same hill on which she appeared. In 1990, Pope Saint John Paul II visited Mexico City and beatified Juan Diego. 10 years later, in the year 2000, he was declared a Saint.

(NOTE: This article was authored by, and first appeared in the December 11, 2018 edition of "The Vatican News".)



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

We will now meet on Saturday, December 7 at the Annex Building located at 7704 County Road (CR) 675, Bradenton, FL 34212 AND watch two videos, twelve and thirteen.

On December 7, we will start at 6:30 am and conclude by 8:30 am.

We will resume the 2025 Spring TMIY Semester in the Parish Center on Saturday, January 11.

Please note that **you do not need to enroll in the Spring 2025 TMIY Semester** if you are already enrolled in TMIY and receiving emails.

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My Brothers,

I wish each of you a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Now a little culture before football. I would like to share a bit of a Thanksgiving poem that I really enjoy.

The Pumpkin

Ah! on Thanksgiving day, when from East and from West,
From North and from South comes the pilgrim and guest;
When the gray-haired New Englander sees round his board
The old broken links of affection restored,
When the care-wearied man seeks his mother once more,
And the worn matron smiles where the girl smiled before,
What moistens the lip and what brightens the eye?
What calls back the past, like the rich Pumpkin pie?

Vivat Jesus!
Gordon Shellhaas
Grand Knight
Council 13341

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