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Knigh of the Month

Sam Conge



Family of the Month

Mike Mahan and Nancy Trask



Fish Fry

The Knights of Columbus Saints Cosmas and Damien Council #13341 held its annual Lenten Fish Fry on six (6) consecutive Fridays, from 4:30 pm- 7:00 pm, beginning February 16th, 2024, and ending March 22nd, 2024. Preparations for the event, which included meetings and shopping for supplies, began in mid-January. Activities during the week to prepare for each Friday included food shopping, kitchen cleaning, and deep fryer cleaning every Monday, fish and other food preparation on Thursday, and any required last-minute shopping on Friday mornings prior to the event later in the day.



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The menu consisted of fried fish, baked fish, French fries, coleslaw, and green beans. The cost per meal was \$16.00/ \$8.00 for children under 12. Water, lemonade, iced tea, and coffee were served free of charge. Beer, wine, and soda were available for purchase at an additional cost. The OLA Women's Guild was also present and sold their own desserts at an additional cost.

To properly run each weekly event a minimum of thirty (30) volunteers were required each day. Volunteers were broken up into teams, were required to arrive at specific times, and executed specific tasks. Teams included kitchen set-up, cooking, dining room set-up, cashiers and greeters, food servers, beverage servers, table cleaners and setters, dishwashers, kitchen cleaners, and a dining room cleanup/ room breakdown crew.

A total of 1008 meals were served over the course of six (6) nights. A total of fifty-four (54) Brother Knights and ten (10) Others participated in the event from start to finish. Due to the efforts of all, a gross income of \$17,496.27 led to this year's Fish Fry event being the second most successful to date.







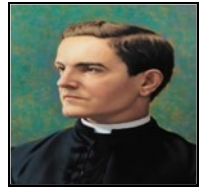
Work Keeps Piling Up!

On Thursday, April 18th, 2024, 9 Knights of Council #13341 and one spouse teamed together with Habitat for Humanity at their latest construction project, Polling Gardens, 1032 32nd Ave. E., Bradenton, a new community consisting of sixteen (16) single family homes.

The project team completed the following tasks at different houses under construction:

- Moved one pallet of 2' x 4' studs by hand from front yard of one home and stored same inside of a second home next door.
- Moved one dozen ½" 4' x 12' pieces of sheetrock from one home to the inside of a second home two doors down.
- Moved several dozen cases of floor tile and bags of grout from one home to the inside of a second home next door.
- Raked and graded the rear yards of five homes in preparation of sod installation..
- Cleaned up future homesite by picking up a large pile of scrap building materials and discarding same in a dumpster.
- Moved scaffold platforms from an active construction area to a future homesite on the opposite side of the complex
- Received and unloaded a tractor trailer load of ICF building blocks (56 pallets) and stored same behind several large construction containers.







Upcoming Events

Tootsie Roll Fundraiser is Saturday May 25th at Publix Supermarket
7325 University Parkway Bradenton



Blood Drive May 29th

Installation of Officers Ceremony and Awards Dinner June 27th

State Council & District

Michael B. Sheedy, executive director of the Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops, “We are greatly dismayed that the Florida Supreme Court did not reject this deceptively-worded amendment, and that it will appear on the November 2024 ballot. Under the guise of limiting government interference, this extreme ballot initiative would legalize full-term abortion, including when the baby is capable of feeling pain. 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.”

Supreme Council

THE ESSENTIAL ROLE OF THE LAITY

Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly addressed the John Carroll Society’s annual dinner in April, speaking about the co-responsibility of clergy and lay-people for the mission of the Church, particularly the mission of evangelization.





Congratulations to everyone on a successful Armed Forces Day Golf Tournament. The event was well received by our guests and all participants. With your help, we were able to raise a lot of money for the SE Guide Dogs Organization and The Military Chaplains Fund. Many people indicated that they are already looking forward to supporting the outing next year!

Now, The Assembly looks forward to participating the Lakewood Ranch Memorial Day Parade. The Parade is scheduled for Sunday May 26th. I encourage you to walk with the other Sir Knights in the Parade, or come and support the Assembly from the sideline.

We are looking for Sir Knights to pass out poppies at all of the Masses over Memorial Day Weekend. I will be sending out a sign-up sheet soon.

Last weekend the Color Corp, under the leadership of Sir Knight Keith Mobley, participated in a Gold Marker Dedication at the new LWR Library. The Gold Marker is one of the few in the country. It was an honor to participate in the dedication!

The Assembly is growing in membership, participation, and enthusiasm. Thank you all for your support and let's continue to strive to honor and support our USA

**Vivat Jesus,
FN SK Mark O'Brien**



Catechism Corner

Sins, Heaven, Purgatory and Hell – Part 2

During His earthly ministry, Jesus made numerous references to both heaven and hell – with clear admonitions to their eternity.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC 326) states that ... 'the earth' is the world of men, while 'heaven' or 'the heavens' can designate both the firmament and God's own 'place' – 'our Father in heaven', and consequently the 'heaven' in which is eschatological glory. Finally, 'heaven' refers to the saints and the 'place' of the spiritual creatures, the angels who surround God. CCC 1024 further states *The perfect life with the Most Holy Trinity – this communion of life and love with the Trinity, with the Virgin Mary, the angels and all the blessed – is called 'heaven'. Heaven is the ultimate end and fulfillment of the deepest human longings, the state of supreme, definitive happiness.*

To enter heaven, one must be pure. CCC 1030 states, *All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.* CCC 1031 adds that *The Church gives the name 'Purgatory' to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned. The Church formulated her doctrine regarding Purgatory especially at the Councils of Florence and Trent. The tradition of the Church, by reference to certain texts of Scripture speaks of a 'cleansing fire'. The doctrine is also based on the Traditional practice of prayer for the dead - also mentioned in Sacred Scripture.*

As far as hell is concerned, CCC 1032 states that *To be in mortal sin without repenting and accepting God's merciful love means remaining separated from Him forever by our own free choice. This state of definitive self-exclusion from communion with God and the blessed is called 'hell'.* The teachings of the Church confirm the existence of hell and its eternity. Immediately after death, the souls of those who die in a state of mortal sin descend into hell, where they suffer its punishments, including its eternal fire – 'Gahenna'. (The proposal of 'Annihilation' – that is, the existential destruction of the condemned – is nowhere found in either Scripture or Tradition. And so, eternal punishment consistent with the words of Jesus will be their lot.)

God does not predestine anybody to hell. Only those who willfully turn away from God via mortal sin – and persist in it to the end – are condemned. In the Eucharistic Liturgy and the daily prayers of the faithful, the Church implores the mercy of God – who does not want anybody to perish, but to come to repentance.

Gene Dolecki Council Lecturer



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

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.

Sign up at the link below or at our Council meetings.

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Brothers,

The installation date of next year's officers is scheduled for Thursday, June 27th. It will be held at Our Lady of the Angels Parish Center.

Please mark your calendars and plan on attending to welcome our new Officers and to thank our outgoing Officers.

A RSVP will be necessary if you and your wife would like to attend the Installation and Awards Dinner.

The dinner is being catered; therefore, it is necessary that we have an accurate head count.

You can RSVP to me at: 5250lwr@gmail.com

Looking forward to seeing you to celebrate our successes of this past year.

Grand Knight Jerry Graceffo, Jr.

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