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Knight Awards

KOM: Clem Presogna

Starting the new year having both our Knights absent from the meeting. Maybe next meeting will be better.



Congratulations!



FOM: Joe and Barbara Pfeiffer

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Shining Armor

Brother Knights,

I am pleased to announce our council will now be participating in the Shining Armor Award Program. This Award is given to those brothers who exemplify a true Knight of Columbus.

Honor Your Knights In Shining Armor!

Awarded for service to your council and our Order with distinction, the Shining Armor Award is awarded to those men that exemplify a true Knight of Columbus.

The Shining Armor Award program is designed for members of your council to engage in and maintain an active level of participation in council programs and activities.

To qualify for the Shining Armor Award, during the fraternal year, brother Knights must:

- Be involved in at least 3 council Faith in Action programs.
- Attend at least 3 council meetings.
- Attend an Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity.
- Meet with your council's insurance representative or attend a fraternal benefits night.
- Sponsor at least one man who becomes a member of the Order.

These are the basic requirements for the program. The following materials are available at no charge and can be ordered via Supplies Online:

- **Qualification Cards (#4292)** help members keep track of their progress toward attaining the Shining Armor Award as the grand knight verifies each completed requirement.
- **Certificates of Recognition (#4293)** are a special way to commemorate the hard work of brother Knights.
- **Shining Armor Lapel Pins (#1700)** are an honor to wear and serve as a promotion for the program.



The image shows a sample of the Shining Armor Award Certificate (#4293) and a Qualification Card (#4292). The certificate is presented to Patrick E. Kelly for his outstanding accomplishments in Council of the Knights of Columbus. It includes signatures of Patrick E. Kelly and Patrick T. Moran, and a small logo. The Qualification Card (#4292) is a form with fields for Name, Council, and Date, and a section for Requirements. A Shining Armor Award Lapel Pin (#1700) is also shown, featuring a shield with a cross and the words 'Shining Armor Award'.

Shining Armor Award Program



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Brother Knights who achieve these requirements will receive a Shining Armor Lapel Pin and a Certificate of Recognition.

I will have a sample pin and forms available at this month's membership meeting. The forms will help each brother track his progress. If anyone has questions, please contact me anytime.

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Shut the Door!

On Thursday, July 18th, 2024, Six Knights of Council #13341 teamed together with Habitat for Humanity at their latest construction project, Polling Gardens, 1032 32nd Ave. E., Bradenton, a new community of sixteen single family homes.

The project team completed the following tasks:

- Removed eight windows from a storage trailer and loaded into a truck where they were then transported to a home under construction on the other side of the complex. Windows were offloaded and installed in the house.
- Removed ten interior doors from a storage trailer and loaded remainder into a truck where they were then transported to a second home under construction.
- Cleaned up several piles of construction debris and loaded into a truck where it was transported and discarded in a dumpster.
- Removed accumulated water from within several homes under construction.
- Hand carried beams from a construction trailer to a third home under construction where they were to be installed in brackets along the roofline to provide a safety barrier for workers.





1. Warren Collmer
2. Joe Bartucci
3. Mike Martin Devereaux
4. Rich McBride
5. Paul Pless
6. Michael Mahan



Upcoming Events

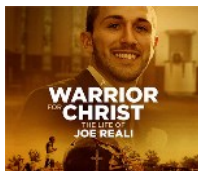
First Responders Mass 6 pm September 9th
B to B at Mission BBQ 11:30 am September 10th
Tootsie Roll September 14th
Past FN and GK—Dinner Dance September 21st
Blood Drive OLA 12 to 6 pm September 26th
Golf Outing—Council 3358 October 28th Lakewood National



State Council & District

Michael B. Sheedy, executive director of the Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops, “We are greatly dismayed 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



Joe Reali was a dynamic young man whose passion was evident both on the football field and in how he lived his Catholic faith.

Following his sudden and tragic death in 2015, thousands turned out for his wake and funeral, where they shared stories about Joe’s sacrificial love for others and his care for the downtrodden. <https://youtu.be/s3CJYINBhm4?si=KwIme8sCl1hj9dUN>



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FOURTH
DEGREE
Patriotic degree of the Order.



Council Members with their wives and other family members attended the 10:45 AM Corporate Mass to celebrate the life of Blessed Father McGivney who was born on August 12, 1852 and died on August 14, 1890.

It was wonderful to look out and behold a “sea” of Red Shirts filling up and entire section of the church. We pray that this gathering of Knights and their family members will be an inspiration for other men in the community to join our Council.

Father John Cannon gave a wonderful homily. He challenged the congregation in positive way by asking us all why we came to Mass this day. Hopefully it was not merely out of obligation or habit but because we looked forward to hearing the Word of God and to gratefully consume the host which is the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Lord.

The Gospel was from Saint John which proclaimed that Jesus was the Bread of Life Come down from Heaven. And whoever should eat this Bread would not die but live forever.

Later, over 70 Knights, family, and religious attended lunch at nearby Tara Country Club. We were honored to have Rev. Robert Cannon, “Fr. Bob”, a retired Colonel from the USAF and Chancellor to Archbishop for the Military Services attend lunch as well.

Father Cannon was presented with a \$10,000 check for the Military Chaplain’s Fund, which represented half the proceeds from the Assembly’s Armed Forces Day Charity Golf Tournament in May of this year.

Once again, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to each one of you for your active participation in making this an extraordinary event.
 Yours in Christ,

David Lawson, Faithful Navigator

We had an excellent Flag Retirement ceremony on Saturday. We retired over 200 flags in a very solemn ceremony. In addition, we honored the Barnett family with an American flag and a memorial Chalice engraved to honor Sir Knight Richard Barnett. The family asked that this chalice be presented to Father Sebastian.

We are deeply grateful to all the Brothers who contributed to and attended this special event. Your presence and assistance made the event truly memorable. We want to request anyone who captured this event in their photographs to kindly share the images with Sir John Joly at jojoly@earthlink.net.



Matthew 6

“Take care not to practice your righteousness in the sight of people, to be noticed by them; otherwise, you have no reward with your Father who is in heaven.

“So, when you give to the poor, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, so that they will be praised by people. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full. But when you give to the poor, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your charitable giving will be in secret; and your Father who sees *what is done* in secret will reward you.

“And when you pray, you are not to be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners so that they will be seen by people. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full. But as for you, when you pray, go into your inner room, close your door, and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees *what is done* in secret will reward you.

“And when you are praying, do not use thoughtless repetition as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. So do not be like them; for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.

“Now whenever you fast, do not make a gloomy face as the hypocrites *do*, for they distort their faces so that they will be noticed by people when they are fasting. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full. But as for you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that your fasting will not be noticed by people but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees *what is done* in secret will reward you.

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

“The eye is the lamp of the body; so then, if your eye is clear, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. So, if the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

“No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

Being a Knight is about Brotherhood and Good Works. It is not about chest thumping and self congratulatory pats on the back. The amount of dollars, time and effort we donate is for record keeping not bragging.



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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Grand Knight's Korner

On September 21st at 6 PM in the parish center, the council and assembly will have an event to recognize our past Grand Knights and Faithful Navigators. Both organizations have benefited from ordinary men accepting the challenge of leadership. The diversity of each leader strengthened the fraternity. As we assembled the list of the past leaders, it made me wonder who the future leaders are? To continue our good works, we need regular brother Knights to help lead this great council in every area. I ask you to accept this challenge. Whatever your favorite activity is, talk with the organizer about what he does and how things work. Maybe he needs a hand and maybe you're the right man. Your council needs you and so does it future.

GK Gordon Shellhaas

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