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## New Knights



**Worthy GK, DGK, FS, Chancellor, and my Brother Knights who assisted this weekend:**

**The K of C Weekend Church Drive & Open House from 3 weeks ago brought us 12 New Members and 2 Transfers. Over 30 Brother Knights helped recruit at Mass!**

**We had a pretty successful couple of days at the Ministry Fair this weekend on top of that.**

**We had 35 Brother Knights stop by the table and assisted in the recruitment of Candidates.**

Austin Schlessinger

Art Laplante

John Hebert

George Becker

Steven Carter

James Palmieri

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Dan Laing

David Bechtol

Richard Pappalardo

Bernie McMahon

Alan Dormeyer

Paul Radick

Paul Lofrumento

Gage Sosso

Mike Marciuliano

- 13 New Candidates
- 8 men said they will look over the information.
- 1 Paul Radick took the Exemplification this morning and became a Knight
- 0 Transfers
- 1 Brother Knight from Detroit who wants to participate in our Council activities when he is here 5 months of the year - Tim Twohey



## **Breakfast with St. Nick**

The annual Breakfast with St. Nick was held at the OLA Parish Center on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The event took place in the morning. This was an event that served the community. Guests enjoyed breakfast made by the fellow Knights. We served pancakes and sausage. The hall was decorated incredibly by Brother Knight, John Joly and his wife. The kitchen was led by Rick Kuebel.

We had over 200 people with over 85 kids in attendance. We had multiple areas, all of which were led by captains. We had a full arts and crafts area which was a huge hit across the board. We had over 30 knights and multiple non-Knight members (family members and wives) volunteering both during the event itself and the planning prior to it happening. We had over 175 hours from volunteers. We had a great DJ providing music. They were truly great. We also did a sub event within BSWN which was Keep Christ in Christmas.

Many thanks to all who assisted in making this event so successful. Without the dedicated support of each Fellow Knight, their wives, family members, this event would not have been possible. It is amazing what a group of people who are all dedicated to the same cause are able to pull off.





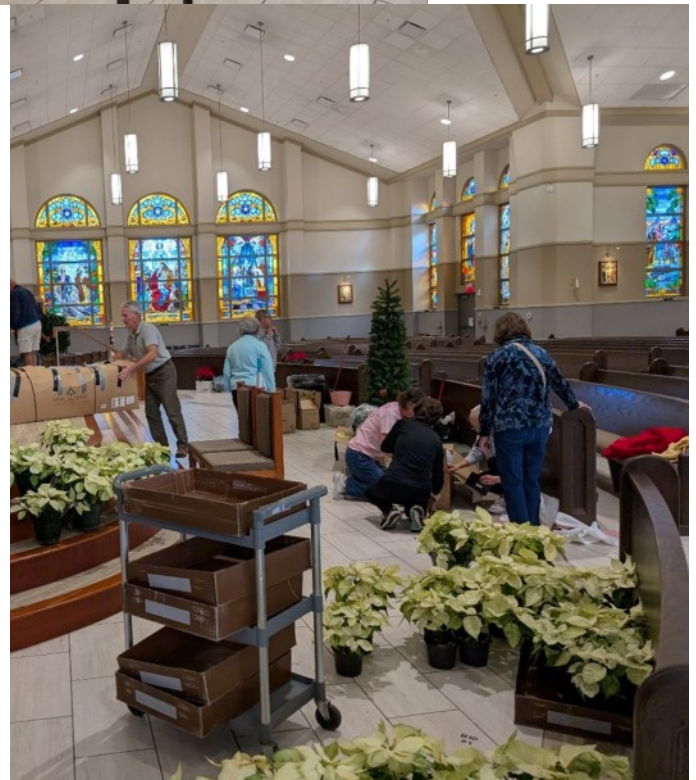




# Grumpy Elves after Christmas



1. Warren Collmer
2. Tom Doepker
3. Vic Rossi
4. Mike Corrigan
5. Dan Faust
6. Tim Jarosik
7. Jerry Graceffo Jr.
8. Rick Kuebel
9. Sig Bartoszek
10. Steve Borkenhagen
11. Joe Pfeiffer
12. Dave Moffa
13. Gordon Shellhaas







## *Car Show Cook Out*

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show/ Cook Out was held at O.L.A. on 11/2/24. The show featured 120 show cars and numerous vendors. The designated charity for the event was St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Multiple planning meetings were held to organize the event. Approximately 2000 flyers were distributed at nearly two dozen local car shows to promote the event. Social media and news media outlets were also used to promote the event. A team of Brothers solicited and acquired approximately 50 donations used for door prizes, and numerous sponsorships and advertisements for the event program booklet.

Team leaders were designated for various functions such as Parking, Food Services, etc. A total of forty-six (46) Brother Knights and an additional five (5) significant others volunteered throughout the process from start to finish. Despite overall attendance being less than normal due to recent hurricanes and overall devastating damage to the area, this year's event was one of the most successful to date.

Food cooked and served. 50/50 raffled tickets sold. Trophies presented to "Top 3" and "Fan Favorite" winners. Music/ DJ services provided. Photos of event taken. Knights of Columbus information/ recruitment table staffed throughout the event.

Due to the efforts of all a net amount of \$9,599.30 was raised from the event. That amount, supplemented with a donation from Council #13341, enabled our council to donate \$10,000.00 to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.







## *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 stick 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 of severity. 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 attempts 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 coordinate 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 general 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.



## *Polling Gardens*

On Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 8 Knights of Council #13341 and one spouse teamed together with Habitat for Humanity at their latest construction project, Polling Gardens, 1032 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave. E., Bradenton, a new community of sixteen (16) single family homes.

The project team completed the following tasks:

- Taped off all exterior doors and windows of a house under construction.
- Painted all exterior walls of the same house.
- Cleaned all painting supplies and stored same for future use.







1. Bill Jacques
2. Wayne Diller
3. Jack McDonnell
4. Martin Devereaux
5. Phil Gonnella
6. Michael Mahan
7. Manuel Ricardo Alonso
8. Paul Pless



## Upcoming Events



**Fish Fry March 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th**  
**Brothers to Brothers Luncheon March 18th**  
**Blood Drive March 19th**  
**Special Olympics IMG Academy March 30th**

## State Council & District

### *Florida State Council 3rd Quarter Membership Incentive Program*

**Objective:** Help the FSC exceed 75% of the jurisdictional membership intake quota by 3/31/25

**Eligible people:** All knights in Florida

**Reward:** Limited edition State Deputy Challenge Coin

**The requirement to earn an award:**

*Grand Knight & Membership Director-* Lead council to attain a minimum intake in Q3 (1/1/25-3/31/25) of 50% of the annual council goal

*District Deputy -* Lead district to attain a minimum intake in Q3 of 50% of the combined goals of councils in his district

*Regional Administrator -* Lead region to attain a minimum intake of 50% in Q3 of the combined goal of councils in his region

**Any council member not identified above - sponsor 4 or more Catholic men to join our Order in Q3**

**Measurement criteria:**

Leaders - change in intake based on 12/31/24 and 3/31/25 Star Tracker (or nearest report to these dates)

Members - Q3 recruiter report from Supreme

## Supreme Council



### 'WHY WE MARCH'

**Knights and their families were among the tens of thousands who participated in the 52nd annual March for Life in Washington, D.C., on Jan. 24.**

**"The Knights of Columbus' mission to support vulnerable mothers in need and their children will continue to guide our work, as we remind our nation's lawmakers at every level that life is a sacred and precious gift worth protecting," said Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly.**





## Armed Forces Day Golf Tournament

May 5th. 2025—Tara Golf and Country Club

Presented by the Knights of Columbus

San Damiano Assembly #3192

In Memory of our fallen Sir Knights

**Agenda:** Noon to 1:00 pm Registration and lunch.

1:00 pm Shotgun Start. Raffle, silent auction and awards immediately following the tournament. Dinner afterward guests \$70.

**Cost:** \$175 Individual, \$700 Foursome.

[Armed Forces Day Golf Tournament | San Damiano Assembly 3192](#)



# ARMED FORCES DAY



Saint Joseph Food Pantry  
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"Where Miracles Happen Every day"  
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8 January 2025

Knights of Columbus Council #13341  
Our Lady of the Angels Catholic Church  
12905 SR 70 East  
Lakewood Ranch FL 34202

Dear Grand Knight Gordon Shellhaas, and all the great Knights,

Thank you for your recent very generous donation of \$2,000.00 to the St. Joseph Food Pantry as part of your Food and Families charity.

In the Fall of 2024, Hurricanes Helene and Milton presented serious challenges for the Food Pantry. During Hurricane Milton, the Food Pantry lost power for five days. We ended up having to throw away about \$6,000.00 worth of meat, dairy and produce. We have been playing "catch-up" to replace and pay for that food in order to meet our mission to provide food for anyone in our community who is in need. The Food Pantry building also lost part of its roof. We are using tarps to protect some of our food and files while we get estimates for repairs. Your donation will greatly help us to overcome these hurdles.

Despite these setbacks, in 2024, the Food Pantry provided supplemental food to families who made 20,582 visits to the Pantry. There were 76,897 family members who were served on these visits. We counted 20,185 children and 10,421 seniors as part of these families.

We are so grateful for the continued support and generosity of the Knights of Council #13341. We love and appreciate your "Knight Power" support.

Blessings for good health and prosperity in 2025 to your members and their families.

Patricia O'Driscoll *Patti*  
On behalf of The St. Joseph Food Pantry

St. Joseph Food Pantry is an outreach program of St. Joseph Catholic Church, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. No goods or services were given or exchanged for this contribution. Like us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/sjfoodpantry>

## ***Lecture***

**Council 13341 made its annual donation of \$2,000 to St. Joseph's Food Pantry.**

**In addition to the cash donation, the council supports St. Joseph's Pantry with weekly food deliveries from OLA and approximately 3 Knights volunteer for weekly service at the pantry.**



**Don Johnson  
Matt Cangemi  
Vin Misciagna**





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

**TMIY**

THAT MAN IS YOU!

THE VISION OF  
MAN FULLY ALIVE

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OF MAN  
FULLY ALIVE

FEATURING EIGHT NEW

**Year 2 Schedule:**



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

- 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](mailto:gonzalesmichaelpaul@gmail.com)**



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**Public Relations**  
John Joly

**Community**

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**Family**

Noah Henry

**Faith**

Phil Gonnella

**Life**  
Jim Cullen

### **Grand Knight's Korner**

The recruiting event, open house and ministry fair were truly outstanding. 16 new Knights, 2 transfers and 10 more thinking it over. 38 Knights participated in making these events happen. Well, done Brothers and thank you. And a special thank you to our Worthy Membership Director John Coliton.

We will hear about baseball in a bit. However, I am extremely pleased that there are over 30 Knights and wives are volunteering for baseball for the first time this year. Every event and activity we conduct benefits greatly when new volunteers participate. If you're new or just gun shy, pick something interesting and give it a try. Your contribution will make us better.

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