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## Awarded Knights



**Knight of the Month for February Br. Jim Thompson**



**Family of the Month for February Br. Mike Kelly**

# *Marina Jacks*

**Our Council 13341 charted the Marina Jack II Seabreeze for a 2hr fund-raising cruise on Sarasota Bay. This was our third Marina Jack Lunch Cruise, The money raised will go to St Michael's food pantry. It was a beautiful Florida afternoon & there were 120 Br Knights, family and friends in attendance. The money raised came from cruise tickets & raffle ticket sales, We had two raffle drawings on board one for a Dinner Cruise for 2 won by guests Steve & Miriam Berretta & one for a \$50 cash prize won by Joyce & Br Tom Falsey. We raised a total of \$1671.00 for St Michael's food pantry. I would like to give a special Thank You to Jennifer Chapman, Jennifer made up all the name tags and corresponding tent cards for the tables, This allowed everyone to meet and get to know the new people and the tent cards allowed everyone to find their seats it was very efficient and Jennifer also took the pictures. With all the participation from Brother Knights and their families and friends it was a complete success, all had a delicious 4 course lunch, smooth sailing & fun. I have attached some of the many pictures and a list of all attendees.**



**Tom & Joyce won the \$50 drawing**



**Steve & Miriam Diner Cruise for 2**







*See You Next Year!*

## *Keeping you Posted!*

On Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 5 Knights of Council #13341 and 1 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.

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| 1. Rick Kuebel       |
| 2. Chris Avren       |
| 3. Rich McBride      |
| 4. Steve Borkenhagen |
| 5. Michael Mahan     |
| 6. Kris Borkenhagen  |

The project team completed the following tasks:

Finish sanded the porch posts of 2 houses under construction.

Caulked all seams of aforementioned porch posts.

Taped off all porch posts in preparation to paint..

Painted all porch posts for both houses.

Cleaned all painting supplies and stored same for future use.







## *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.





## Upcoming Events

**Fish Fry April 4th and 11th**  
**Easter Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast April 12th**  
**4th Degree Exemplification OLA April 26th**



## State Council & District

### Fourth Degree to Host New Exemplification



Knights have the opportunity to experience the new Fourth Degree Exemplification in the Bradenton and Palm Beach areas in the upcoming months. Florida's award-winning Fourth Degree Team will host the new ceremony on April 26 at Our Lady of

the Angels Catholic Church, 12905 State Road 70 East, Lakewood Ranch; and June 14 at the Cathedral of St. Ignatius Loyola in Palm Beach Gardens.

## Supreme Council

### A CELEBRATION OF CATHOLIC PATRIOTISM

More than 650 men were inducted into the Fourth Degree during the premiere of a revised Exemplification of Patriotism, which took place at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Feb. 22. Marking the 125th anniversary of the Fourth Degree, the celebratory event began with Cardinal Timothy Dolan, archbishop of New York, joined by Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly, Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori and relatives of Blessed Michael McGivney, unveiling a new bronze statue of the K of C founder commissioned by the Order for the cathedral.







## 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



**Brothers,**

**Are you on track to reach your financial goals?**

**Are you unsure how to begin setting those goals? As your agent, I'm dedicated to helping you find the right insurance solutions, no matter your stage of life. Whether you are in your working years with young kids, living paycheck to paycheck, or knocking on the door of retirement, I'm excited to help you protect what matters most and build financial security with insurance-based solutions tailored to meet your priorities.**

**The first thing to consider is whether your family would be financially taken care of if something happened to you. Would they struggle to meet the mortgage payments or to pay off other debts?**



**Term life insurance can be an affordable option to give you protection in case of the unexpected. You'll also have the option to convert to a permanent plan in the future without additional underwriting. Terms and conditions may apply.**

**Second, start preparing for retirement, no matter how far away it may seem. The Knights of Columbus offers annuity solutions to help provide you with retirement income you can't outlive, guaranteed.**

**Finally, disability income insurance. For many men, regardless of their phase in life, protecting their income is their greatest financial need. What would you do if you were no longer able to work? Don't overlook how disability income insurance may be able to help you.**

**I understand that your financial needs are not just unique but change over time. I'm here to help you find the right solutions today and to walk with you as your insurance needs evolve.**

**If you have any questions, please come chat with me and we can schedule a time to meet. [Lawandus Agency](#) | [Knights of Columbus](#)**

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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  
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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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## **Grand Knight's Korner**

I would like to begin by thanking all my Brothers and their wives for giving their valuable time to both the ballgames and fish fries. Our council's good works' would not be possible without you.

The revenue is on par with last year's event. With some luck and continued efforts by our superb volunteers, we will beat it.

The revamped menu at the Fish Fry is a huge hit. Spirit FM broadcast live from our event. We served 245 meals, then gathered a large amount of Easter basket items that will be donated to St. Michael's Church in Wauchula.

March 28<sup>th</sup>, our parish will hold 24-hour confessions in the daily chapel. The Knights will provide a presence from 9 PM – 6AM.

**Editor** Jim H Thompson