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Knight Awards

Knight of the Month
Mike Sassano



Family of the Month
Dennis & Franci Beville



PGK Jerry Graceffo
received Triple Star
Award from DD Kirk
Brown

Membership Director
John Coliton received a
challenge coin from DD
Kirk Brown for the
council membership
growth.



Columbus Day Corporate Mass



Council Members attended the Corporate Mass which is normally scheduled quarterly. Instead of waiting till November, it was decided to celebrate the Mass to coincide with Columbus Day, in honor of the man whose name was chosen by our founder to represent our organization. Due to the powerful storm, Milton, that passed through our community only a few days prior, interrupting electric power and internet, it was uncertain how many Knight would attend. But our members showed up in force.

Council members attend Mass as a group, wearing their red Council shirts, to reinforce the concept that the Knights are a firmly committed religious organization. Many wives and other family members attend the Mass as well. It is essential that all Knights demonstrate the important of regular attendance at Mass and receiving the Eucharist. Faith as well as numerous charitable activities are closely intertwined.

Father Alan gave his usual invigorating and inspiring sermon. The Gospel was from Mark and it portrayed the story of the wealthy young man who followed the law religiously but was despondent at being asked to give up his wealth by Jesus. The Apostles on the other hand had given up everything to follow Jesus and he said they would be rewarded in kind. Fr Alan then asked the congregation to take notice of the Knights gathered for this celebration of the Mass and referred to us as true Knights in the sense that we were willing to sacrifice for others and suggested that the congregation emulate us.

Due to Milton, the normal brunch was canceled, but some Council Members and wives found that the Peredia CC was one of the few places open and traveled there to enjoy fellowship and Commiserate after the storm.





GK Jerry Graceffo
1st Reading

PGK John Joly
2nd Reading

Deacon Tom Harenchar
Gospel

Father Alan
Homily

Joe Finamore, Mike Chap-
man and Joe Melocchi
Bringing the Gifts



Past GK and FN Dinner

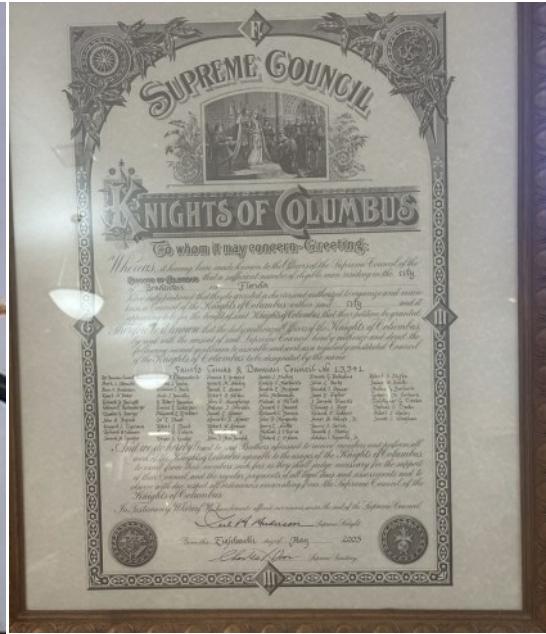
Council 13341 and Assembly 3192 gathered to honor and thank their past leaders for outstanding leadership during the last 21 years. 47 Knights and 35 wives were treated to a bit of history from the First Grand Knight, Anton Swihura, and the First Faithful Navigator, Mike Novello. The colorful stories of the beginning of their two fraternities definitely was the hit of the night. Following the ceremony, all enjoyed dinner and then dancing.



Mike Kelly, Gordon Shellhaas, Chris Treston, Keith Mobley, Steve Anzalone, Jeff Filipi, Carmine Maida, John Joly, Joe Lazza, Mike Novello, Vincent Cipriano, Jerry Graceffo Jr., Anton Swihura



Past Faithful Navigators: Mario Rente—New York, Gene Dolecki—Florida 2013-2015, Ron Kosey—Florida 2012, John Colliton—Georgia 2020-2021, Keith Mobley—Colorado 2009-2011/2018-2020



Council 13341

Original Charter

First Grand Knight-Anton Swihura



Past Grand Knights: Vincent Cipriano Florida 2009-2010, Carmine Maida Florida 2011, Gene Dolecki Florida 2008-2010, Dan Quirk Chicago 2012, Mike Kelly Florida 2017-2018,

Polling Gardens

On Thursday, August 15th, 2024, 6 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 of sixteen (16) single family homes.

The project team completed the following tasks: Hand transported twelve (12) large pallets of wall block from behind building supply trailers to the other side of the complex to a new homesite.

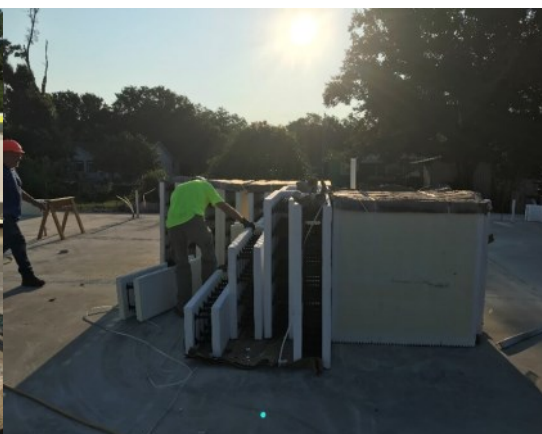
Responded to the Habitat Depot in Palmetto. Loaded numerous wood window and door frames onto a trailer and transported same to the same new homesite at Polling Gardens.

Started assembly of wall blocks on foundation. Bent rebar and installed same into the interior of wall blocks.

Unloaded wood window and door frames from trailer and installed same as construction of the wall blocks progressed.

Unloaded metal scaffold and braces from inside a trailer. Hand carried same to the homesite where it was also installed to maintain the integrity of assembled wall block.





Digging It!

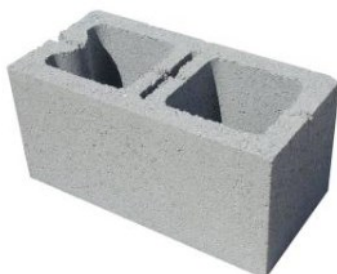
On Thursday, September 12th, 2024, 7 Knights of Council #13341 teamed together with Habitat for Humanity at their latest construction project, Polling Gardens, 1032 32nd Ave. E., Bradenton, a new community of sixteen (16) single family homes.

The project team completed the following tasks: Hand dug an 18" wide x 2' deep x 45' long trench behind an attached two single family homes villa under construction. Hand dug a secondary trench under the main trench and installed drainage piping. Installed railroad ties into the main trench to form a retaining wall and raised bed behind the structure



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| 1. Wayne Diller |
| 2. Warren Collmer |
| 3. Jack McDonnell |
| 4. Glen Fitzpatrick |
| 5. Rich McBride |
| 6. Michael Mahan |
| 7. Vin Misciagna |







Upcoming Events



Car Show November 2nd

Mass for Knights that have passed November 7th

Tootsie Roll Drive 8 am to 4 pm November 9th

Sarasota National Cemetery Veterans Mass November 11th

Blood Dive 11:45 am to 6 pm November 21st

Brothers for Brothers December 4th Peridia Country Club

Craft Show December 7th

State Council & District

Michael B. Sheedy, executive director of the Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops, “Under the guise of limiting government interference, this extreme ballot initiative would legalize full-term abortion. 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.”

Early voting October 26th to November 2nd.

Vote No on 4 Campaign Launches to Defeat The Deceptive and Extreme Amendment 4 - Florida Family Action

Amendment 4 – Not What it Seems – Way Too Extreme
(voteno4florida.com)

Supreme Council



Thanks to our excellent PR Director PGK John Joly we were recognized in the Knights Florida State Publication the Invocation and also on the Supreme website. We are passing along the article featured in

the Invocation. State: Page 10

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Annual Diocese of Venice Veterans Day Mass

On November 11, 2024, Sarasota National Cemetery will be hosting the Annual Diocese of Venice Veterans Day Mass at 3 p.m. Your volunteering allows us to thank the Veterans, past and present, who gave to our country instead of spending time with their families. They allowed us to rest easy because they were protecting us and those who lost their lives. Bishop Frank J. Dewayne has requested the Knights of Columbus to assist in organizing and sponsoring the Annual Veteran's Day Mass and Ceremonials.

This opportunity touches the very heart of our Order's *raison d'être*—charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. Through your leadership, efforts, and financial support, the Knights of Columbus Fraternal Order is sponsoring this event.

Your support is requested to provide parking support for the Veteran's Day Mass. Parking Support is needed from 12 noon to 5 pm at the cemetery. General directions for managing parking are attached. If you can volunteer for this vital veteran event, please send me your name by October 1, and I will forward it to the coordinators.





Prayer for our Nation under God

Worthies,

Faithful Friar, Father Sanderson, read a prayer from Fr. Chad Ripperger for our country and our election at the beginning of our Assembly meeting last night. Several asked for a copy. Here it is:

Mary Immaculate, living tabernacle of the Divinity, where the eternal Wisdom lies hidden to be adored and served by angels and men, Queen of heaven and of earth, beneath whose sway are subject all things that are lower than God, Patroness of the United States of America, sorrowful and mindful of our own sinfulness and the sins of our nation, we come to Thee, our refuge and hope.

Knowing that our country cannot be saved by our own works and mindful of how much our nation has departed from the ways of Thy Son, we humbly ask that Thou wouldst turn Thine eyes upon our country to bring about its conversion.

We consecrate to Thee the integrity of the upcoming election and its outcome, so that what is spiritually and morally best for the citizens of our country may be accomplished, and that all of those who are elected would govern according to the spiritual and moral principles which will bring our nation into conformity with the teachings of Thy Son.

Give grace to the citizens of this land so that they will choose leaders according to the Sacred Heart of Thy Son, that His glory may be made manifest, lest we be given the leaders we deserve. Trusting in the providential care of God the Father and Thy maternal care, we have perfect confidence that Thou wilt take care of us and will not leave us forsaken.

O Mary Immaculate, pray for us.

Amen.



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

Many were spared disastrous effects from Hurricane Milton.

However a number families were negatively impacted and need assistance.

The Knights stand ready to help. If you or you know of someone in need, please contact me.

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