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SK Larry Dale Simmons



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After serving in the United States Air Force as Staff Sergeant, Larry went on to work as a Long Island Railroad Police Officer. He was an active member of the Grand Knight and Color Corp Commander, Saints Cosmas & Damian Council #13341.

Larry was a loving and devoted husband, dad, and grandfather. He always put his family and friends above his own needs. Larry was a frequent Eucharist Minister at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church. He played golf weekly with his Knights of Columbus buddies and occasionally with his wife Sandy. Larry was a kind and gentle man who was always willing to help when needed.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Sandy; loving sons, Dennis Simmons (Linda) and Jamie Simmons (Theresa); sisters, Nancy Douty and Diane Bellow; and his cherished grandchildren, Kyle, Madison, Abigail, Alexander, and Cassidy. Besides his parents, Larry is also preceded in death by his brothers, Terry and Richard Simmons.



Memories

Having met Larry only two years ago when I first came to this area and transferred my membership to the Knights of Columbus, I was fortunate enough to play with Larry in the Knights of Columbus golf outings on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Larry and I always had fun bantering about our ages. When we used to go to the breakfast Company for breakfast after golf, we'd always having fun laughing about the big cinnamon pastry that he would eat. We always wondered if Sandy knew. When attending our Assembly and Council meeting, I always remember his dedication and willingness to help with any committee and was always available to help with procedural questions. Larry exemplified a true Knights values and commitment to service. Larry was always a consummate gentleman and will be missed.

BR. Mike Chapman

Larry was the most kind-hearted person who always had sincere and pure intentions to simply help his Brothers & Families, and to leave the world in a better place than he found it.

He was a good-hearted person and a great listener, always there for his Brothers & Families when they were in a time of need. He will be sorely missed.

John & Regina

We shared many dinners with Sandy and Larry. I will always remember his ruddy complexion and his gap tooth grin when he would deliver one of his humorous comments. You could just see the thought forming behind his eyes.

Chocolate cake will always be a reminder :)

Jim and Maureen Thompson

Many of our Knights have echoed similar thoughts and memories.



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Council 13341 & Assembly 3192

SOCIAL EVENT

9 N Dine Weekly Couples Golf

Come out and make new friends!



Event: 9 and Dine Couples Golf
Location: River Club 6600 River Club Boulevard, Bradenton
When: Every Friday
Time: 4:00pm need to be at the course by 3:30 or earlier
Format: Best Ball Scramble
 Shotgun Starts
Social after: buffet dinner & cash bar 6:30
Cost: golf only \$40.00+tax each team (2)
 buffet \$30.00+tax & tip each team (2)
 prize money \$5.00 each team for prizes
PLEASE GIVE PRIZE MONEY TO MARILYN MASCARI

Interested? Contact:

Mike Chapman	Rmichaelchapman9@icloud.com	Scheduling/Invites
Dan Quirk	dquirk@gmail.com	Pairings, Scoring, Rules
Marilyn Mascari	nanni228@aol.com	Prizes
Jennifer Chapman	Jennifer.chapman3@icloud.com	Newsletter
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Tee Times 4:00pm

You need to arrive by 3:30 to allow time to pay for your golf.
 Get your cart and go to your assigned tee.

Weekly Schedule

Pairings will be sent out by Thursday afternoon. Teams (Couples) will rotate each week.

You will be scheduled every Friday, if you are unable to play a certain Friday, we NEED to know by Wednesday AM so we can ask and schedule substitutes. Friends (couples) are welcome. However, we need to know by Wednesday AM. Friends are also welcome to join in the weekly schedule.

Buffet Dinner

Buffet dinner will start at 6:30
 The buffet selections will be rotated weekly. Cash bar
 Individual checks
 If you were unable to make golf, please join us for dinner and fellowship
 Please let us know if you are having dinner only

Rules of Play

- Each couple is a team.
- Ladies hit from RED tees.
- Men hit from the GRAY tees.
- All players must tee off.
- Each team hits from the best drive and each subsequent shot.
- Ladies putt first. Each player putts unless the ball is sunk.
- ONE score will be recorded for each team.
- Be sure and give us your team's score card at dinner.

Summer Camp

Council donated \$3,000 to St. Michael's Church in Wauchula to support their summer camp. This event lasts for two weeks and involves nearly 125 children and early teens. Activities include daily Mass, lunch/breakfast, outdoor fun and one off site special event.



Mother Nikopoia Mother Gema Gordon Shellhaas

The Officers Installation for this new Fraternal Year will be held on Thursday, August 24th in the Parish Center.

Please RSVP to GK Jerry Graceffo, Jr. 5250lwr@gmail.com

Bl. Fr. Michael McGivney Clergy Appreciation Dinner*



Saturday, August 12

Menu

(Catered)

Prime Rib

Chicken Piccata

Honey Carrots

Garlic Mashed Potatoes

House Salad & Rolls

Key Lime Pie/Chocolate Sin

Soft Drinks, Water & Coffee

BYOB

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Music for Dancing

Dress Code

Coat & Tie, Cocktail Dress

Country Club Casual

5:00 PM

In the Parish Center

Our Lady of the Angels

Catholic Church

12905 State Road 70 East

Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202

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Tickets

\$45 Per Person

Limited to 224 Diners

On Sale at Church – July 29/30 & August 5/6

{For Tables of 8 (only) Call (585) 509-0610 by July 25}

Credit Cards & Checks Accepted

** Celebrating the Priests & Deacons of Our Lady of the Angels*

If you want to insure your group is seated together please contact me at 585-509-0610 to reserve and pay for your table. I have the credit card machine at home so you can charge your purchase. Tickets will be in will call box at our upcoming meeting and at each mass described above.

We will have tickets and available at July's Assembly and Council meetings avoid the line, call now.

SK Mike Chapman rmichaelchapman9@icloud.com

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Habitat Post

On Thursday, June 15th, 2023, 8 Knights of Council #13341 and 1 spouse teamed together with Habitat for Humanity at the Habitat Depot in Palmetto

The project team completed the following tasks:

Set up drop cloths, wooden horses, several power hand sanders and mixed several gallons of primer paint to be applied to porch posts.

Rough sanded 6- 12', 12- 10', and 6- 4' wood porch posts (6" x 6").

Filled in all defects then fine sanded posts to high quality finish for future installation at new home construction sites.

Applied two coats of primer paint to all porch posts. All posts stored on an open trailer at the Depot for drying. Posts to be transported to Habitat's new construction project

Polling Gardens, a 16 single family homes community in Palmetto, where the will be installed in the first new homes to be constructed

Cleaned area. Washed/ cleaned all painting materials, including drop cloths. Stored all equipment, including power sanders, for future use.







Upcoming Events

The Stand Up Paddle Championships are coming back to Benderson Park Friday and Saturday August 18th & 19th!! This is a fun event for not only the athletes, but our volunteers as well.

Many Brothers and their wives (or partner, or son, or daughter 18 or older) have volunteered in the past, so I would suggest signing up early. There is one shift for Friday and one for Saturday. We need a minimum of 12 volunteers for each day's shift. See the attached spreadsheet. You can fill it in and return it to me or just send me an email and indicate which day (or days) you would like and if you are bringing someone with you.

State Council & District



Kudos PGK John Joly!

We made the cover of July's State Council Invocation magazine.

Supreme Council

[2023 Supreme Convention Hospitality Center \(floridakofc.org\)](http://floridakofc.org)

August 1st, 2nd and 3rd

**\$40 to attend Volunteers needed see the website in the above link.
141st Supreme Convention in Orlando Florida**



Knights of Columbus

FOURTH DEGREE

Patriotic degree of the Order.



On Thursday, June 1st, 2023, San Damiano 4 Assembly Sir Knights and 1 SK's wife participated along with the nursing home staff in the second VAVS event at the Douglas Jacobson Veterans Nursing Home in Port Charlotte. There were 28 Veteran residents from the Memory Care Unit in attendance. The Assembly provided cookies and soft drinks for the Veterans.

Our 4 Sir Knights and 1 SK's wife assisted the staff with 3 sessions of bingo helping the Veterans with their 3 bingo cards to find their numbers being called out and knowing when they had a win. Our SKs conversed with them throughout the afternoon about their military branch, where they served, etc. After the sessions were completed, we thanked them for their service and helped return each of them in their wheelchairs from the lunch/activity room to their next activity or their rooms.

Megan I. Kirkpatrick, Activities Director, commented following this event:
"In the little bit of time, I have been in contact with your organization, all of you have done so much to help me and be there to support our Veterans here. Again, thank you for all that you have done. It is greatly appreciated."
Sincerely,

The staff was very thankful for giving our time and bringing the refreshments for the Veterans. We will continue to volunteer at this location which houses approximately 200 Veterans and do so probably on a quarterly basis.



Catechism Corner

The Seven Sacraments – Part 2

The sacraments of Christian Initiation (*Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist*) were discussed in the last rendition of *Catechism Corner*. The remaining sacraments are addressed below.



Penance and Reconciliation is the Sacrament of spiritual healing for a baptized person - from the distancing from God resulting from sins committed. It involves four elements: contrition for one's sins, confession to a priest with the faculty to hear confessions, absolution by the priest, and satisfaction (penance).

Anointing of the Sick (Extreme Unction, or one of the Last Rites) is a Sacrament administered to Catholics who are seriously ill or in danger of death. Its intent is to strengthen the recipient, both spiritually and physically. The other Last Rites are Confession (if the dying person is physically unable to confess, then conditional absolution is given, based on the existence of contrition) and Holy Eucharist (Viaticum, when dying).

Holy Orders is a sacrament by which a man is made a priest, bishop or a deacon. Ordination of a priest confers upon him the power to celebrate the Sacraments and other liturgical acts, especially the Eucharist. Ordination as a bishop confers upon him the fullness of the sacrament, making the bishop a member of the body of successors to the Apostles, and charging him with the mission to teach, govern and sanctify.

Matrimony is the Sacrament that establishes a permanent and exclusive bond between spouses, sealed by God. Accordingly, a marriage between baptized persons, validly entered into and consummated, cannot be dissolved.

Recall that through the sacraments, divine life is bestowed upon us. And so, frequent reception of the sacraments of *Penance & Reconciliation* and *Holy Eucharist* is encouraged.

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 September 16th 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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Grand Knight's Korner

Heavenly Father, we ask that you hear the prayers of Sandy and her family during this very difficult time.

May his soul and all the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace.

As you all know. Br. Larry served his Church and the Knights in various roles for many years. He was an EM, Past Grand Knight of our Council, Past Faithful Navigator of our Assembly and friend to all.

Jerry Graceffo, Jr.
Grand Knight
Council 13341