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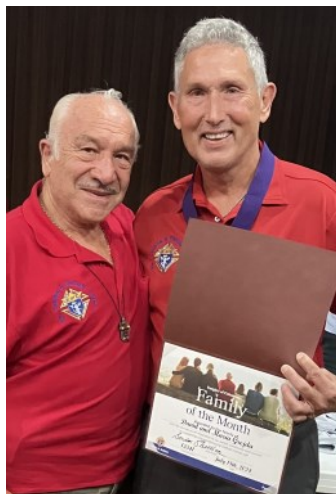
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Knight Awards

**Knight of the Month
for May**

Matt Wing

Still catching up.



**Knight of the Month for July
Sal Azzaro**



**Family of the Month
for July**

**Dave and Maria
Grejda**



Awards Night!



Family of the Year: Steve and Kris Borkenhagen

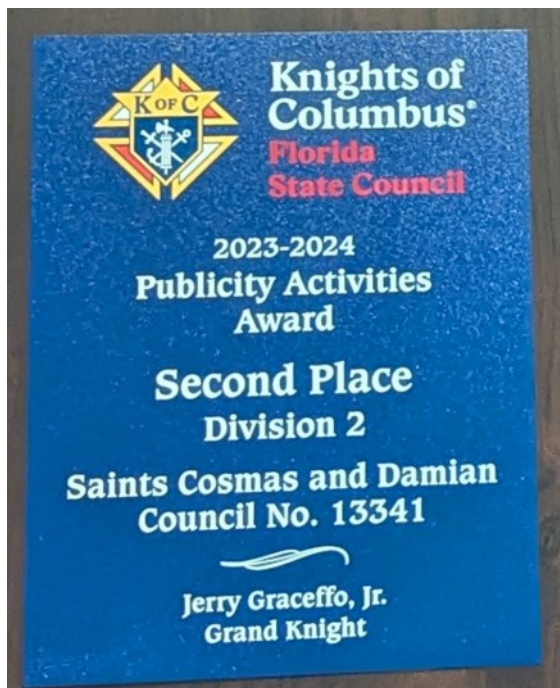
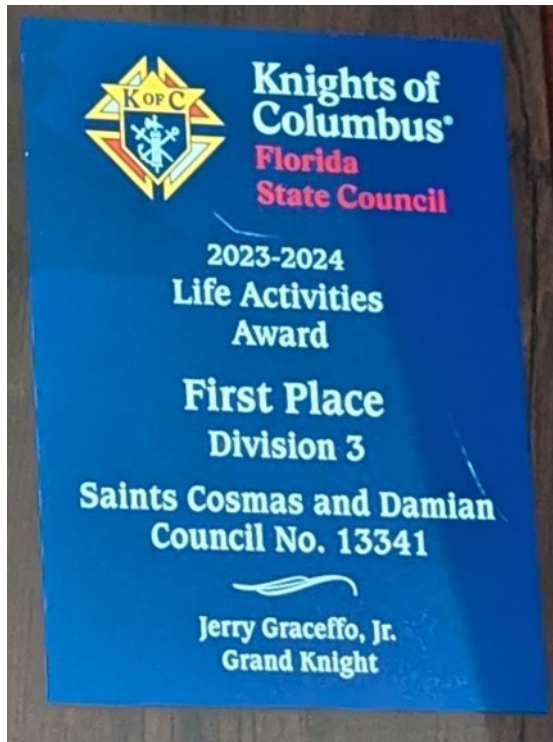


**Knight of the Year
John Finnegan**

Florida State Council Awards

Congratulations to GK Jerry Graceffo!

Another great team effort for 13341!



Brushing Up!

On Thursday, June 13th, 2024, 10 Knights of Council #13341 and one other teamed together with Habitat for Humanity at their latest construction project, Polling Gardens, 1032 32nd Ave. E., Bradenton, a new community consisting of sixteen (16) single family homes.

The project team completed the following tasks:

- Repositioned and restacked a large bundle of lumber approximately measuring 3' wide x 3' tall x 20' in length
- Sanded porch posts and house trim wherever needed,
- Prepped exterior walls of house for painting by taping off all doors and windows.
- Applied one coat of paint and a second coat where needed on exterior walls of house.
- Cleaned all painting equipment and stored same for future use





1. Bill Jacques
2. Warren Collmer
3. Carl Perkins
4. Francis Florez
5. Rick Kuebel
6. Chris Avren
7. Mike Corrigan
8. Martin Devereaux
9. Jack McDonnell
10. John Joly

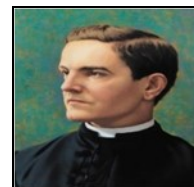


Youth Summer Program

Council 13341 supported the St. Michael's youth summer program by donating \$3,000 for the event. The program is developed and administered by the Sisters of Servants of the Lord who reside at St. Michael's parish.

St. Michael's is a financially challenged parish in Wauchula Florida. The parishioners are mainly Hispanic. Each year approximately 250 children are provided 2 weeks of religious activity and education, recreation, and meals. For these children, it is the highlight of their summer.







Upcoming Events

Tootsie Roll Fundraiser Aug. 3rd Publix 12 Oaks Plaza

Paddleboard Championships Aug. 16th & 17th Special Olympics

Corporate Mass—August 11 at 10:45 am Brunch Tara

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.



Knights of Columbus FOURTH DEGREE

Patriotic degree of the Order.





The Ad Hominem Fallacy

When Keith Hess taught at a state college in Las Vegas, his students sometimes rejected the truth of the Bible because it was written by so-called “uneducated shepherds.” What should be made of their objection?

First, as a matter of straight logic, in rejecting the Bible because of the standing of its authors, the students committed what’s called ad hominem. *Ad hominem* literally means “to the body” or “to the man.” Ad hominem is a fallacy in which someone rejects a claim by attacking the person making the claim, instead of responding to the claim itself. Ad hominem are always fallacious since an attack on a person is irrelevant to the truth status of the person’s claim.

This fallacy comes in two types: ad hominem *abusive* and ad hominem *circumstantial*. With the first type, someone rejects a claim by criticizing the moral character of the person making the claim. For example, suppose Peter claims that the earth is round. Suppose Paul rejects Peter’s claim because Peter cheats on his taxes. Paul would be guilty of ad hominem abusive. Clearly, the truth of the claim “the earth is round” depends on the shape of the earth, not on whether Peter is honest with the IRS.

The second type occurs when someone rejects a claim based on the circumstances of the person making the claim. For example, while working as a patent clerk, Albert Einstein published important scientific papers. Anyone rejecting Einstein’s theories simply because he didn’t hold a university position at the time would be committing the ad hominem circumstantial.

Regarding the students, they seemed to reject the Bible (or its claims) due to the personal circumstances of its authors. But regardless of whether the authors were uneducated shepherds or Roman emperors, their claims might still be true. The station of the authors is irrelevant to the truth status of the Bible’s claims. Thus, when considering any claim of Scripture, it’s the quality of the claim that matters in determining its truth status.

In addition to being fallacious, the students’ reasoning is based on a faulty assumption. While some of the Bible’s authors may have lacked social standing or a formal education, others were educated and well-positioned. For example, Moses was educated in “all the wisdom of the Egyptians,” David and Solomon were kings, Luke was doctor, and Paul was a Roman citizen educated under Gamaliel the Elder.

Second, if the Bible traces its source to a divine origin, then whether or not its human authors were educated and well-positioned is inconsequential. God can relay His message through the humblest of means. In fact, 1 Corinthians 1:27-29 indicates that God intentionally works through the lowly. “But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.”

As a brief digression, historical evidence establishes the fact that the writings of the New Testament were completed by 70 A.D., meaning that eyewitnesses were alive during its composition, and that their minds were fully cognizant of the events described therein. Their testimonies were credible then and remain so today.

While Mr. Hess’s students clearly missed the mark on this particular issue, they teach us a more general lesson: when analyzing the truth of a person’s claim, the objective reality of the message stands or falls independently from the particularities of the messenger. When debating, it is critical to contest the topic at hand – and not the reputational stature of the proponent.



TMIY - Our Lady of the Angels - That Man is You! - Becoming a Man After God's Own Heart

I hope that you are enjoying the summer. **Today, I am reaching out to personally re-invite you to attend "That Man is You" (TMIY) this fall. 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.

Sign up at the link below or at our Council meetings.
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Jim Cullen

Grand Knight's Korner

I am honored to be your next Grand Knight. It is often said Council 13341 is always busy. However it's also said that much is expected of those who have much to give.

I believe our greatest accomplishments are yet to come. During the next two years, our council's legacy programs will continue to flourish while we actively seek new and creative initiatives to benefit our church, parish and community. Equally important, we will constantly be striving to turn our hard work into prayer. Thank you again for your confidence and let's go to work.
GK Gordon Shellhaas

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