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## Ed Smith Stadium

Since 2008, Council #13341 has operated food concession stands for the Baltimore Orioles preseason home games. The stands are located at Ed Smith Stadium in Sarasota, FL. 17 games were scheduled from March, 2023 through April, 2023. Operations included were retail sales of food items, food preparation including grills and deep friers, inventory management and personnel staffing for all positions. Compensation is made at pre-season end and is 10% of the net revenue plus tips.

### HISTORY: YEAR COMPENSATION VOLUNTEER HOURS

2020 \$7,298.97

2021 \$10,880.72 Volunteer hours 890 — One Concession Stand, Covid affected attendance

2022 \$28,204.05 Volunteer hours 2984—Two Concession Stands but BB strike shortened preseason

2023 \$55,678.84 Volunteer hours 2698 - Two Concession Stands, Full Pre-Season

This year we operated 2 concession stands. One on the main level (192) along the left field line. The second concession stand was in the left-side outfield area (Section 127-128), also known as the Patio Concession Stand. We have operated the 192 stand for many years, but this was the second year we staffed the Patio stand. The entire 192 stand was staffed by Knights volunteers. The Patio stand was staffed by ½ Knight volunteers and ½ stadium staff. We had a good mixture of seasoned volunteers as well as first timers





This was the first year we operated 2 concessions stands and we had a full pre-season of games played. The menu was changed from last year to eliminate grilled chicken in favor of pulled pork and BBQ beef. The pulled pork helmet with pulled pork and all the fixings was a hit. We did have some health issues because of the heat. Breaks, rotating personnel and frequent hydration would probably help. This activity is the by far the largest single fund raiser and activity for council #13341. Next year (2024), we will continue to have the 192 Concession Stand and the Patio Concession area







## OneBlood

Traditionally, the month of May is a low blood collection drive month. There just are not as many donors in May as there are in other months.

However, this month we set a record of 40 pints collected for any May! Also, of the 45 donors 23 of them were walk ups – more than ½ of the donors were walk-ins!

We received a personal call from the OneBlood Regional Office congratulating us on an outstanding drive.

The Knights of Columbus Council 13341 in association with OneBlood held a blood drive at

Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church on Thursday May 11, 2023 from 12noon - 6pm. OneBlood provided two Bloodmobiles which allowed us to have significant, non-snowbird-season results. We had 45 donors participating and providing 40 pints of blood to serve our local community. OneBlood had a goal of 32 pints! Each donation can save up to three lives, so that means 120 patients could benefit from the lifesaving efforts of our blood donors.

There was rush of donors at the beginning of the event and then steady throughout the rest of the day. The longest wait time was about 5 minutes. We handled each donor as they arrived.

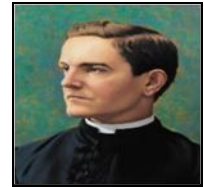
We had several deferrals which were generally caused by a low iron count. We missed out on several pints of blood. Just prior to the next event, we should send out reminders (email) about ways to increase the iron count.

This event is held 6 times per year. Solicitations were done through the church bulletin (3 Sundays in a row), a poster in the church Narthex the Sunday just prior to the drive and through emails to Brother Knights and prior donors. Appointments were booked by the donors online. Walk-ups were accommodated. Greeting, sign-in and escort to the buses were provided by 9 Knights on the day of the drive (24 total hours). One Blood is a not for profit 501 (c)(3) organization. ) Our brother Knights should be proud this accomplishment





On Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 9 Knights of Council #13341 responded to the triangle property across the street from the Habitat Depot in Palmetto and assisted with landscaping at two of the four homes currently under construction.



The project team completed the following tasks:

- Planted two (2) trees (one tree per front yard).
- Installed black plastic landscaping edging to form front yard shrub beds at each house.
- Installed black fiber weed screening in each shrub bed.
- Planted approximately three dozen assorted bushes/ shrubs in shrub beds.
- Wheelbarrowed mulch from opposite end of construction site and installed same in shrub beds after completing plantings.
- Raked and graded both front yards to prepare for sod planting at a future date.
- Installed post office box posts at both houses.
- Placed two (2) yards of crushed shell around the outside perimeter of one of the houses.
- Cleaned up all construction debris at both homesites. Discarded same in Depot dumpster.
- Cleaned and stored all garden tools and equipment in Depot













## Catechism Corner

### The Precepts of the Church – Part 2

The *first precept* of the church was explained in last month's Catechism Corner. The remaining precepts are explained below.



The *second precept* commands Catholics to fast on the days appointed (Ash Wednesday and Good Friday) and to abstain from meat on every Friday of Lent (CCC 1438). All baptized Catholics between the ages of 21 and 59 must fast, unless poor health conditions exempt one from compliance. (Fasting means one full meal and two small meals that together do not equal another full meal.) All baptized Catholics who have reached the age of 14 are required to abstain. (Abstaining means eating no meat. However, fish, seafood and dairy products are acceptable.)

Fasting and abstinence serves the purpose of mortifying the flesh and making satisfaction for sins.

The *third precept* requires all Catholics to make a valid Confession once per year (CCC1457), in the case where they have committed a mortal sin. Since Communion must be received during Easter Season, Catholics should confess at that time, to ensure that they receive the Eucharist worthily.

The *fourth precept* requires that Catholics receive the Holy Eucharist worthily once per year, during the Easter Season (CCC 1389). To receive the Eucharist worthily, it is necessary that the recipient be in the state of grace (no consciously un-confessed mortal sins); otherwise he commits sacrilege.

The *fifth precept* requires support for the Church (CCC 2043). This is normally met by monetary contributions consistent with one's means; however, Catholics should also support the Church through volunteer work and participation in its various ministries.

It should be noted that Catholics are obligated to conform themselves to the *Precepts of the Church* with the same moral commitment as required of the *Ten Commandments of God*. They are not optional. That Precepts and Commandments are equally mandated is based on Jesus' delegation of authority over his Church, to Peter and the Apostles: *Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on Earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on Earth shall be loosed in heaven* (Matthew 16:19, 18:18). Through apostolic succession, this authority is passed on to the Pope and his Magisterium.

The *Precepts of the Church* relate to the moral and Catholic life as united with, and nourished by, the Liturgy of Christ's Church. It is unfortunate that many contemporary Catholics are unaware of the Precepts and their binding nature—which positions the Church to function as Christ's instrument in bringing to them their own sanctification.

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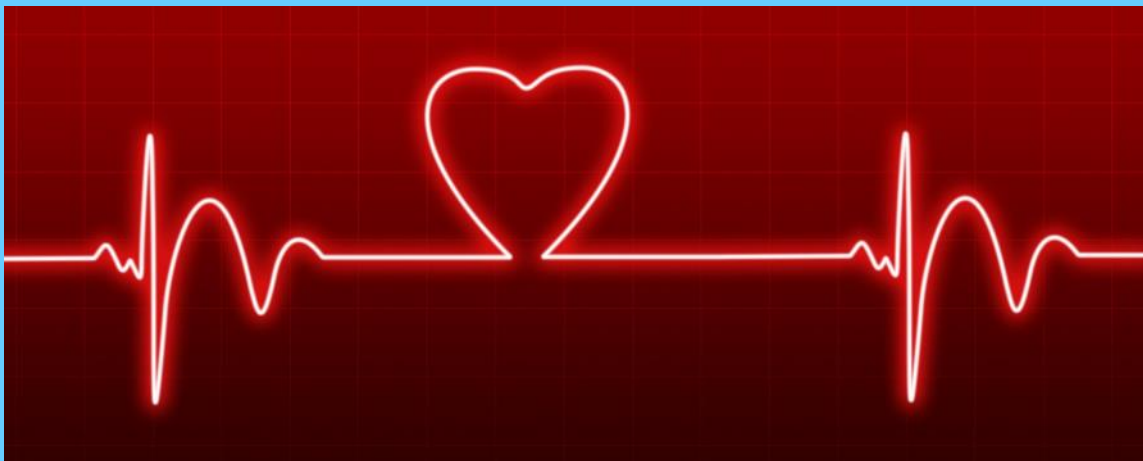


The new Florida **Heart beat** bill also prohibits state funds from being used to pay for someone's travel out of state for an abortion unless there are federal laws that require it or unless there needs to be "legitimate emergency medical procedures" to save the woman's life or avoid serious harm.

The bill also designates \$5 million for the Department of Health's family planning program, which includes contraceptive access, and designates \$25 million to the Florida Pregnancy Care Network Inc.

The \$20 million boost in funding for the **Florida Pregnancy Care Network** has come under fire from Democrats because the centers under this network aim to dissuade people from getting abortions.

Along with expanding the funding for the network, the bill also expands eligibility for services to recent parents, including adoptive parents, and widens the scope of duties to include providing parenting classes and materials like diapers and car seats.



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**Grand Knight's Korner**

Brother Knights,

We are beginning to wrap things up for this Fraternal year which has been very busy and very successful. Now, we begin to plan for next year. Because of our success we will be able to support some new charitable endeavors.

I have just returned from the Florida State Convention in Orlando, and I am pleased to announce that our Council was recognized and presented with four awards in three different categories. We were awarded 2nd place for Membership, 2 d place for Publicity, 1st place for Vocations and 3rd place for Vocations Support.

I would like to thank all my Brothers for their hard work and dedication, allowing our Council to be honored. Out of approximately 355 Councils we were fortunate to be recognized.

We are blessed to have a very dynamic and active council and the recruitment of new Knights will carry on our strong tradition.

As I have said before, you are the lifeblood of this Council and should be very proud of all our accomplishments. May we ask for God's blessings in all our endeavors.