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## **Knight's Awards**

**Paul Gulbrandsen Knight of Month September**



**Regina and John Joly**

**Family of Month September**



## *Habitat*

On Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, 10 Knights of Council #13341, along with two (2) spouses, teamed together with Habitat for Humanity at the Habitat Depot in Palmetto to assist with preparing, organizing, and storing building materials for future use in the new construction of 16 single family homes at Polling Gardens.

The project team completed the following tasks:

- Received fifty-six (56) bundles of wall construction building blocks.
- Off-loaded all bundles from tractor trailer. Bundles stacked and placed on pallets and subsequently stored in the front parking lot of the Habitat Depot.
- A large tarp was placed over the top of the palletized materials and tied down to protect from damage from the elements.







## **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.**

**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 attend the Mass as well. It is essential that all Knights demonstrate the importance of regular attendance at Mass and receiving the Eucharist. Faith as well as numerous charitable activities are closely intertwined.**

**Father Shawn spoke eloquently about Christopher Columbus and the connection with the Knights.**

**Afterwards Council Members and wives enjoyed brunch at Tara Golf and Country Club.**









## Rosary Congress

The Diocese of Venice held a travelling rosary congress Oct 6<sup>th</sup> thru Oct 14<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary. 30 parishes in the Diocese participated. Our Lady of the Angels participated by holding a 24 hour rosary starting on Oct 10<sup>th</sup> at 8AM till Oct 11<sup>th</sup> at 8AM. Brother Knights and their wives prayed the rosary in the OLA Adoration Chapel from 8PM thru 7AM



Phil Gonnella - Jim Cullen - Marge Reich—Warren Collmer - Dave Reich



In conjunction with Our Lady of Angels, Knights of Columbus #13341 participated in the Fall 40 Days of Life event. Brother Knights, their wives, and parishioners joined in peaceful prayer vigils outside Planned Parenthood in Sarasota. It is our firm belief that life should be celebrated and respected from conception to natural death.

Joe Gina—Anita Hagen - Anthony Scheip—Johnathan Rameau



Susie Smith - Gordon Shellhaas -Mike Dyer -Warren Collmer



## INVOCATION

## Councils Hosts Clergy Appreciation Dinner



(Honoree's Name) For Sharing His Biblical Compass, K of C Council 13341. Additional special recognition goes to of Chairman Vinnie Cipriano, Mike Chapman, Gordon Shellhaas, Mat Congemi, and Gene Dolecki.

Set-Up, Clean-Up and Tear-Down were executed by 30 Knights and five members of their families. Event planning and execution

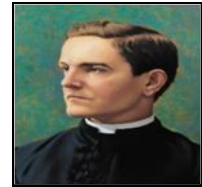
required 90 Man-Hours. The Dinner was catered by Stuffed Mushroom.

On the immediately following day, Father William celebrated a Corporate Mass in honor of Bl. Fr. Michael McGivney, delivering an excellent McGivney-appropriate homily. The Color Corps, including Sir Knights Mark O'Brien (FN), Bob Hellner, Vinnie Cipriano and Carmine Maida, provided solemn escort. A coffee and donuts social, staffed by Knights Wives, followed the Mass in the Parish Center.

**S**t. Cosmas and Damian Council 13341 celebrated the feast day of Blessed Michael McGivney by hosting a clergy appreciation dinner at Our Lady of the Angels Parish in Lakewood Ranch.

Clergy Honorees included Fathers Sebastian Szczawinski, Shawn Roser, William Sanderson, Monsignor Joe Stearns, and Deacons Jack Milholland, Tom Harenchar, Bill Hickey, and John Schaefer. Bishop Frank Dewane was also recognized for his contributions to, and leadership of, the Diocese of Venice in Florida. He led recitation of Grace prior to dinner, which was attended by more than 200 Knights and parishioners.

Grand Knight Jerry Graceffo was Master of Ceremonies and delivered impressive biographies for each of the Honorees. He then presented each with a gift from Council 13341: double-gimbale compasses mounted in wooden enclosures with engraved brass plates indicating Celebrating



**Special appreciation to SK John Joly for publicity getting Council # 13341 in the State Invocation Magazine and the Columbia Magazine!**



## **Thank You Luncheon**

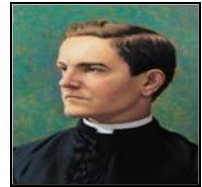
**Council 13341 hosted an event to thank Brother Knights and their wives for volunteering during the previous year. A bar-b-que buffet was provided. Approximately 51 Knights and wives attended.**

**In addition to the meal, several matches of competitive bocce ball were enthusiastically held. Courtesy of Vinnie Cipriano**

**The location was out in the country...OLA Annex.**







## Social Event

### Knights Of Columbus COUNCIL 13341 Benefiting St Michael's Church Food Bank MARINA JACK's LUNCH CRUISE

Come and join us for a wonderful Lunch Cruise on Sarasota Bay on Marina Jack's Seabreeze

#### DATE AND TIME

Saturday February 3, 2024, 12:00PM – 2:00 PM EST

#### LOCATION

Marina Jack's 2 Marina Plaza Sarasota, FL 34236

#### ABOUT THIS EVENT

Join us for a beautiful lunch cruise on Marina Jack's Seabreeze on Saturday February 3, 2024, 12:00 to 2:00pm. Arrival time will be 11:15am, we will sail at 12:00. Enjoy the narrated sights on beautiful Sarasota Bay with a excellent buffet lunch and great fellowship. This event is open to all Brother Knights and their families and Friends. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

The Menu will be: Mixed Greens Salad with Dressings, Fresh Baked Rolls, Chef's Daily Catch, Chicken Marsala, Chef's Specialty Rice, Vegetable Medley, Chef's Daily Dessert Selections and Iced Tea and Coffee.

**Note** - Booking this Cruise includes a raffle ticket for each paid person. Additional raffle tickets are available onboard the ship. The winning raffle ticket will receive a dinner cruise for 2 (\$154.00) on the same ship we are sailing on. **Good Luck!**

Ticket cost \$55.00

A reservation paid is a reservation confirmed.

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## Upcoming Events

**Memorial Mass - November 9th at 11:00 am - OLA Chapel**

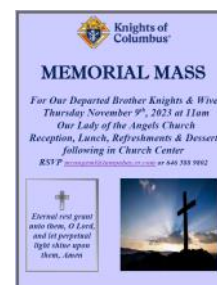
**Brother to Brother River Club—December 5th 1pm**

**Coats for Kids— December 5th**

**Breakfast with St. Nick — December 16th**

**Christmas Dinner at Tara \$45 — December 16th**

**Marina Jacks Cruise \$55 — February 3rd, 2024**



## State Council & District

**The Diocese of Venice in Florida is making plans to once again celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 3:00 p.m. on Veterans Day, Saturday, November 11. The Mass will take place in the Amphitheater of the Sarasota National Cemetery, with the opening ceremonies beginning at 2:45 p.m.**

**Each year for the past 13 years, the Diocese of Venice has gathered on this day to commemorate the many sacrifices the members of the Armed Forces have made to protect the citizens of the United States. Many traveled to fight on foreign soil to ensure the same freedoms for others in their own countries. A number of these brave men and women have returned home with disabilities that changed their lives forever. Others paid the ultimate price with their lives.**

**I ask that you prayerfully consider offering support for this important event by assisting your respective councils. In the past, your valuable contributions have addressed the financial and personnel needs for the day. There is much planning and preparation for an event of this size, both in advance and on the day of the Mass. You, as well as your family and friends, are cordially invited to join me for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on Veteran's Day to honor the deceased and pray for the repose of their eternal souls and for the intentions of those who continue to serve or have served our country. This Mass will fulfill the Sunday Obligation.**

**I also take this opportunity to extend to you the assurances of my prayers for you and your family!**

**Sincerely yours in Christ, Frank Dewane  
Bishop of the Diocese of Venice, Florida**

**'CHRIST GIVES US THE HEART OF A FATHER'**

## Supreme Council

**Nearly 8,500 people, including many Knights of Columbus and their families, participated in the New York State Eucharistic Congress at the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs in Auriesville, New York, this past weekend. Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly delivered a keynote address to the congress, outlining how the modern crisis of the family can only be remedied if fathers meet Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.**





Knights of Columbus  
**FOURTH**  
**DEGREE**  
*Patriotic degree of the Order.*



It has been an exciting month to be a Fourth Degree Sir Knight.

We have had some exciting news as we have received confirmation of a local 4th Degree. Exemplification on March 9th, 2024. at St. Frances Cabrini in Parrish FL. We will be the host Assembly, which is quite the honor and it will be a 1st for our Assembly. It is quite the honor and the officers could not be more excited about it. So stay tuned for the exciting news as plans begin to take shape.

I would like to Thank our Worthy Comptroller and Past Faithful Navigator, Sir Knight Vinnie Cipriano, for his help in making this a reality.

We have also announced a First time Fund Raising Event for Veterans in a brand new annual Golf Tournament. This is a very exciting opportunity to raise a lot of money for Veterans and to Honor Sir Knights who have passed away.

I would like to Thank Sir Knight Mike Mahan for all his work in putting the event together. The event is going to be planned for May of 2024. We will keep you posted as plans are finalized and the registration process begins.

The Color Corp was asked to participate in the installation of Pastor Teo at Holy Cross Church in Palmetto. The Corp had 5 Corp members present and the Knights of Columbus received a special Thank you from Father Teo from the pulpit at the end of Mass. I was also informed that the Bishop pulled our Corp Commander, Sir Knight Keith Mobley, aside and thanked him personally for having the Color Corp present and for participating in this wonderful Mass.

This really installed in me yet again the honor it is in being a Fourth Degree Knight and having the opportunity to represent the Knights of Columbus in such a wonderful way.

I encourage each and every Sir Knight to think about joining the Color Corp. It is an honor and privilege to serve our church in such a meaningful way. You have all received a "tool kit" to assist in fund raising for our upcoming Patriotic Ball in February.

I ask each of you to closely follow the instructions that were provided by Sir Knight John Joly when the information was sent out. Without you it is not possible to make the event a success. I have no doubt that this year's Patriotic Ball will again be a great one.

Vivat Jesus,  
 FN SK Mark O'Brien Assembly 3192



## **Catechism Corner**

### **Gifts of the Holy Spirit**

In addition to the infused Theological and Moral Virtues, God gives the *Gifts of the Holy Spirit* to our souls through the Sacrament of Confirmation. These Gifts are as follows:

*Wisdom*  
*Understanding*  
*Counsel*  
*Fortitude*  
*Knowledge*  
*Piety*  
*Fear of the Lord*

They are permanent endowments of the soul in the State of Grace – supernatural habits (different from virtues) that enable us to instinctively comply with the inspirations of the Holy Spirit. They differ from the Infused Virtues in that under the influence of these Gifts we “passively” comply, whereas under the influence of Infused Virtues we “actively” perform good actions consistent with our ultimate goal. The operative descriptions for actions performed under the influence of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit are “instinctive and instantaneous” – as in *inspired*.

*Wisdom* helps us to recognize the importance of others, while keeping God central in our lives. It helps us to properly order our relationship to the world, loving Creation for the sake of God, and not for its own sake.

*Understanding* is the ability to comprehend the meanings of God’s messages – the essence of the truths of our Faith.

*Counsel* is the ability to determine (almost by intuition) the optimum way to follow God’s plan, when we have choices that relate to Him.

*Fortitude* is the courage to do what one knows to be moral and right, regardless of oppositional consequences.

*Knowledge* is the ability to contemplate and explore God’s Revelation (Scripture and Tradition), and to recognize that there are mysteries of Faith beyond us.

*Piety* implies the willingness to worship and serve God – beyond a sense of duty, and out of love for Him.

*Fear of the Lord* gives us the desire to avoid offending God, while harboring the certainty that He will give us the grace that we need in order to keep from offending Him. This Gift arises from love of God.

Everybody in the State of Grace is blessed with these Gifts. However, not all are equally led by them. Personal prayer and charity are needed to make us more receptive and compliant.

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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## SETTING COURSE

Grand Knight Jerry Graceffo (right) of St Cosmas and Damian Council 13341 in Lakewood Ranch, Fla., presents Bishop Frank Dewane of Venice with a double gimbaled compass in gratitude for his years of guidance. Bishop Dewane was one of nine clergy who received the custom commemorative gifts at Council 13341's annual appreciation dinner for priests and deacons

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