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Brothers for Brothers

A group of brothers from our council have implemented a new program "Brothers for Brothers"

We are having a quarterly breakfast outing where brother Knights who find it hard to get out of their homes due to physical injuries or lack of transportation can still get out and join other brothers for a breakfast. We held our first breakfast and it was a great success, we had 10 brothers pick up other brothers and meet at Station 400 on Lakewood Ranch Main St. It was well received and everyone had a great time.

Some of the newer brothers met the brothers who helped start and grow our council, they heard some old stories and made new friends, we accomplished having brother knights get together for a morning outing and all had a good time.

We are all getting up there in age and circumstances, where we may be needing a little help in staying tuned in and participate in council events, as brothers join, we can identify brothers who are close to those needing assistance to make it an easy pickup.

If you know of any brothers who could use help, please contact the following Brother Knights

Jerry Graceffo, Vinnie Cipriano, Mike Chapman, Tom Rokosz or Matt Cangemi.

Brothers For Brothers keeps our Brotherhood of Knights in our Council close and strong, no one should be forgotten or left behind. We should support our Brother Knights and their wives especially in the case of our passed brothers.

Stand up and Paddle



5 Knights, 3 Wives, and 3 Culture of Life members participated as volunteers in the annual Special Olympics Stand Up Paddle State Championships at Benderson Park in Sarasota FL Saturday August 19th, 2023. The Knights had committed to 23 volunteer slots for the two-day event. However, Friday's event was cancelled due to the heat index.

The following tasks were assigned to volunteers:

- Assist as needed with timing and staging of the athletes.
- Assist as needed with finalist athletes and distribution of awards.
- Assist as needed with lunch and breakdown.

150+ athletes competed at various levels. Parents were in attendance assisting their athletes with preparation and cheering them on along with the volunteers during the races.





Habitat New Beginnings

On Thursday, July 6th, 2023, 7 Knights of Council #13341 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:

Set up drop cloths and all painting equipment in the front parking lot of the Depot.

Wiped down and cleaned 30- 16' long pieces of baseboard molding.

Applied two (2) coats of primer paint to all baseboard molding.

Stacked painted baseboard molding pieces on drying racks inside the Depot.

Washed and cleaned all paint tools and equipment and stored same inside the Depot.

Set up router table in the front parking lot of the Depot.

Prepared 12- 10' Hardy corner siding pieces. All pieces required three passes, each pass at a different depth, through router to achieve required results.

Stored all siding pieces on shelving inside the Depot.

Cleaned router table and parking lot of all debris. Router table stored inside the Depot.



Phil Gonnella, John Joly, Rick Kubel, Mike Mahan, Gordon Shellhaas, Carl Perkins and Rich McBride



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IT WAS HOT OUTSIDE!

The heat may have played a role in the less than expected turn out.

But, on the positive side, we had 8 donors offer to donate palettes. This is a critical need for especially cancer and orthopedic surgery patients.

The Knights of Columbus Council 13341 in association with OneBlood held a blood drive at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church on Thursday, July 13, 2023 from 12noon - 6pm.

We had 31 donors participating and providing 28 pints of blood to serve our local community. OneBlood had two whole blood buses and one palettes bus. I have asked that the palettes bus come more consistently so that our donors can count on it being there.

Each donation can save up to three lives, so that means 84 patients could benefit from the lifesaving efforts of our blood donors.

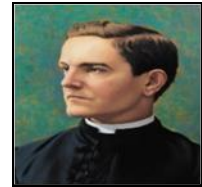
There was rush of donors at the beginning of the event and then steady until about 4:00pm when the donor activity dropped to about zero. The longest wait time was less than 5 minutes. We handled each donor as they arrived.

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 8 Knights on the day of the drive (30 total hours).



I was watching television the other day and saw an advertisement with the theme “Shop Local.” The ad touted the many benefits of putting your dollars to work with businesses that are owned and operated by those folks who live and work right in your community. In addition to supporting the local neighborhood and community, the ad pointed to the personal service and the unique products one can find locally. Big box stores are great, they are convenient and provide goods at competitive prices. But many products are uniform; you can get the same thing at many other places. Their service is sometimes wanting; I can remember wandering in a big box retailer looking for help. However, when I shop at some of my favorite local spots, I always get a genuine greeting, personal help and the feeling that they really appreciate me being there and supporting them.



All this got me thinking about our local councils. The Order is doing great things in countries far and wide. We have big ideas, big plans...and they are important and have tremendous impact on making our world better. But on a local level you members are the face of the Knights of Columbus. When our local Catholic community thinks of the Knights of Columbus, I'm sure it is you members who come to mind. Our Catholic community sees all the good works you do locally. They see you volunteering to help at parish events, supporting your pastor in his needs. Local folks see you handing out coats for kids, holding fundraisers to help local families, taking the lead at sacramental events, visiting the homebound. For the Catholics in the council and in the parish—you, my Brother Knights... you, are the Knights of Columbus. You represent all that is good in our Order. When you lead with faith, protect your family, serve others and defend your values, you are a witness inspired by our founding principles.

Our Supreme Convention in Orlando, Florida, highlighted many of the accomplishments from the previous fraternal year. I think we can all be justly proud of the difference the Knights of Columbus makes. Thank you for all you do! I want to congratulate you on your contribution to the Order's success and especially for the impact you in this council have had on the local Catholic community!





Upcoming Events



First Responders Mass September 9th

10:45 am Mass

State Council & District

The next Fourth Degree Exemplification of the Florida District of the DeSoto Province will be on Saturday, August 26.

Assumption Catholic Church, 2403 Atlantic Blvd., Jacksonville.

9:30 am. – Registration Opens

10 a.m. – Mass

11 a.m. – Registration Continues

Noon – Exemplification of the Fourth Degree

12:15 p.m. – Ladies Luncheon

3 p.m. -- Banquet

Contact FN Mark O'Brien ASAP!!

Supreme Council



The Knights Present Its Highest Award to Sisters of Life Superior General.

The Knights of Columbus Honors Mother Agnes Mary Donovan, S.V., Founding Superior General of the Sisters of Life, at 141st Supreme Convention States Dinner.



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DEGREE**
Patriotic degree of the Order.



A GESTURE OF OUR LOVE & APPRECIATION VETERANS MONTHLY BREAKFAST



Thank you for your service to our country. To show our appreciation let us serve you! All local veterans are invited to join us on the 2nd Wednesday of each month for a complimentary home-cooked breakfast at Windsor Reflections:
8230 Natures Way, Lakewood Ranch FL 34202

★ JOIN US AT 9:30AM ★
ON THE 2ND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH

Contact SK John Joly to RSVP

jojoly@earthlink.net

September 13th 2023

Lecture

Intellectual and Moral Virtues

The pagan philosopher, Aristotle, described virtue as *that which makes a man good and his works good*. A contemporary definition is that *(natural) virtues are good habits, which perfect our powers of action and bring them to a high peak of efficiency* (Charles Sheedy, CSC, STD). Some virtues are resident in, and identified with, the intellect, while others are associated with will and emotions. There are *Intellectual* and *Moral* or *Cardinal* virtues.



Intellectual Virtues.

There are five Intellectual virtues. Three are *Speculative*, and two are *Practical*. The Speculative ones include the *Habit of First Principles*, *Science*, and *Wisdom*; the Practical ones are called *Art* and *Prudence*. Their discussion is outside the scope of *Catechism Corner*.

Moral or Cardinal Virtues.

Moral virtues are habits of acting according to right reason, moral law and (formed and informed) conscience. There are four Moral Virtues:

Prudence
Justice
Temperance
Fortitude

(Note that Prudence is both an Intellectual and Moral virtue.)

Prudence is a guide that directs all other virtues because it is not only a matter of good judgment, but also because it considers actions as either good or bad. It affects our entire moral life. *Justice* motivates us to be fair and evenhanded with our neighbor – and so, it regulates our attitudes toward other people. It is truly a virtue of the will.

Temperance moves us to be reasonable in our use of sensual pleasures, especially that of eating, drinking and sexual activity. Finally, *fortitude* is synonymous with courage, as it helps us to overcome fear to do what is right – even in the face of severe adversity or consequence. *Temperance* and *fortitude* control our so-called inner life – our desires; they are the virtues brought to bear on our sense appetites, our emotions and our passions.

Intellectual and Moral virtues are acquired and lost similarly to other habits – by repetition, or non-use or contradictory actions. These are *natural virtues*, open to earnest acquisition by all intellectually honest men who wish to *do good and avoid evil*.

The exercise of Moral Virtues is necessary, but insufficient, for men to reach our final goal of the Beatific Vision in heaven. Accordingly, God has availed to mankind, an extraordinary set of instruments to help us reach our eternal destiny: *Grace*, *Supernatural (infused) Virtues*, and the *Gifts of the Holy Spirit*. They will be discussed in subsequent *Catechism Corner* articles.

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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Installation and Awards Night next month.

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