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Knight Awards



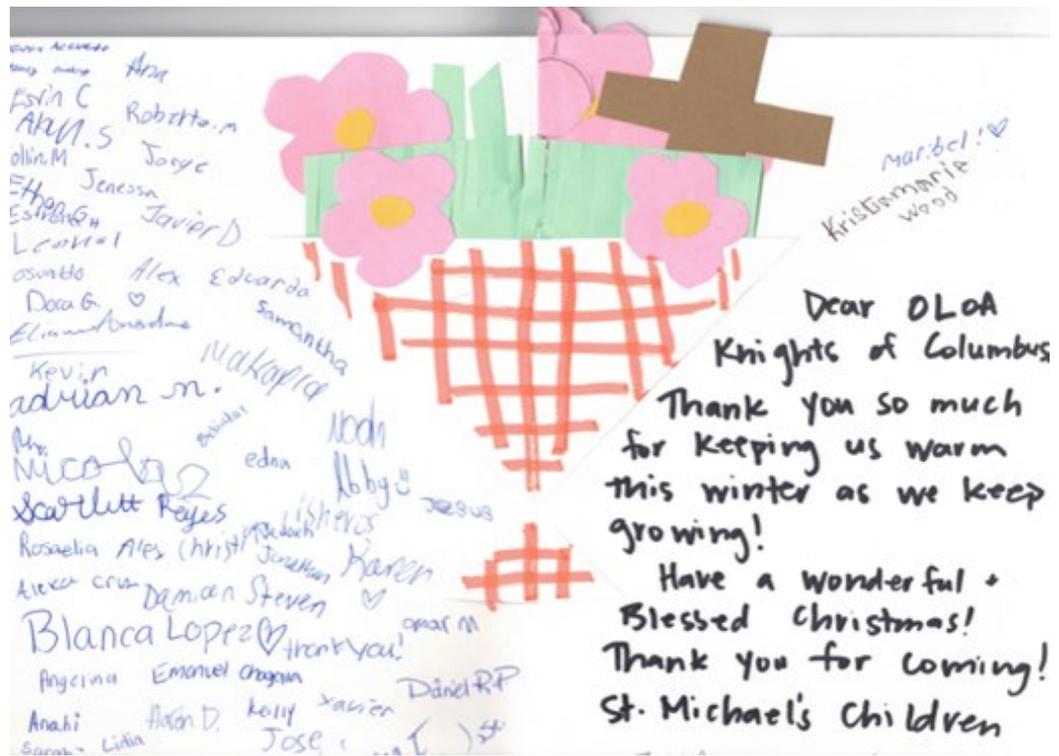
Mark O'Brien presenting to: PGK Jerry Graceffo



**KOM December BR Paul Pless
from GK Gordon Shellhaas**

Coats for Kids

On Dec 5th, Council 13341 distributed over 400 coats to the Children of St. Michael's parish in Wauchula. The children range from 1st grade to high school. Ten Brother Knights and six spouses attended the event. Mother Nikopoia of St. Michael's coordinated the event which included the children performing several songs.



Weekly, Council #13341 travels to St. Michael's in Wauchula, Fl. St. Michael's parish has a food bank operated by the Sisters of the Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matarra. The food bank serves 120-300 families a week. The main task is to unload, sort, and store approximately 11,000 pounds of donated food. In addition, the Knights complete other pantry tasks.

Wauchula is located in Hardee County which is one of the poorest counties in Florida. St. Michael's parish consists mainly of migrant families.

Many Knights feel this is one of the most rewarding programs at our council. The spirit of charity, fraternity, and unity is displayed every Friday while helping those most in need.



Rick Kuebel Al Valenti..certified St. Michael's lighting crew



Warren Collmer, Sister Regina, Gordon Shellhaas. Rick Kuebel, and Matt Cangemi



Matt Cangemi, Rick Kuebel, and Jerry Graceffo



Steve Borkenhagen, Warren Collmer... St. Michael's gutter crew

Brothers to Brothers

All the good works we do as Knights of Columbus are informed by our four core principles: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. Our Brothers to Brothers Program fulfills directly our principles of Unity and Fraternity.

Unity – None of us is as good as all of us. Together, we can accomplish far more than any of us can individually. So, we stick together...we support and encourage our brother Knights to make life better in our parish and community.

Fraternity – Blessed Michael J. McGivney founded our order to bring men together specifically to help them protect their families in times of distress, sickness and death.

The Program

Brothers to Brothers provides direct outreach to members of our Council experiencing health challenges of varying degrees of severity. We accomplish this at two levels: Council Awareness and Assigned Brothers.

Council Awareness – This is the responsibility of all Knights of the Council. When any member becomes aware of the illness, disability or death of a brother Knight it should be formally reported to the Council. This provides the Council with the opportunity to contact the member or his family to determine how the Council can assist them, and to coordinate with the Parish the involvement of the Council in any funeral service.

Assigned Brothers – As we speak with a Knight or their family about their health challenges, we offer to assign them a current active member. This Assigned Brother is asked to provide all that is necessary to allow their Brother Knight to be as engaged in Council and Parish life as they desire. Most importantly, they ensure they have regular access to receiving the Holy Eucharist, and to assists in arranging that access as necessary. Additionally, the assigned Knight attempts to identify any other practical needs of the family where the Council may be able to assist, such as minor home repairs.

Cosmas and Damian Council Brothers to Brothers Program



We ask those participating as Assigned Brothers to commit to the following with respect to their fellow brother Knight:

- Make contact by phone or visit at least once a month.
- Determine if they can attend Mass regularly. If not, offer to coordinate with the Parish, visitation by a Eucharistic Minister.
- Confirm they are receiving Council / Assembly emails.
- Invite them to monthly Council meetings and offer to give them a ride to the meeting.
- Invite them to the quarterly Brothers to Brothers luncheon and offer to give them a ride to the luncheon.
- Report to Brothers to Brothers Committee members any general practical needs with which the Council may be able to assist.
- Report to the Grand Knight and the Brothers to Brothers Committee members any significant increase in health problems so prayers may be offered.





**Knights of
Columbus®**



***3rd Annual Exclusive Charter on
Marina Jack II
Saturday, February 8, 2025***

Hosted by:

***Brother Matt Cangemi 646-588-9802 &
Brother Michael Chapman 585-509-0610
They're ready to take your reservations!***

120 are expected to attend!
100 minimum allows us to have a private boat without the normal charter fee!
149 people is the maximum, so respond quickly!

**Departs 12:00 Noon – Returns at 2:00PM
(We receive an extra one-half hour at no charge!)**

Boarding begins @ 11:30AM

Cash Bar

Only \$57. per person which includes:

A beautiful cruise

A delicious buffet

**A \$5. donation to St Michael's Food Bank
gratuity and tax!**

***Each person will also receive one raffle ticket for a chance to win a
Dinner Cruise for Two!
(additional raffle tickets will be sold onboard)***

Time to Play Ball!!



The time has come for you (FYI spouses/significant others are invited too !) to volunteer, have fun, and assist at this year's Orioles Spring Training Games to be held at Ed Smith Stadium in Sarasota. Last year we raised over \$63,000 to support our Charitable Giving.

This year I will be handling all the scheduling and to that end I list below the Spring Schedule of games for which you may volunteer.

Please note we will need between 23-25 volunteers for each game.

To volunteer,

1. simply select the games (we recommend that you sign up for 3-4 games, if possible) at which you can attend. Be prepared to have **FUN!**
2. send your:
 - a. name,
 - b. email address,
 - c. dates you wish to work
 - d. cell phone contact #
 - e. for those of you (wives/significant others included) new to volunteering, include shirt sizes which you will receive closer to game time along with a hat
3. in an email addressed to Mike Novello, man517@verizon.net
4. I will add your information to the Master Schedule
5. send the email to me **ASAP before February 14.**
6. I will then put it all together, create a final game by game roster and mail it out to all volunteers before the first game.

It takes the efforts of all of us to have a profitable and pleasurable experience at the games and your assistance is critical to our success.

Play Ball!

In Christ's Service, Brother Mike Novello

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Upcoming Events

Marina Jack's Cruise—February 8th
Ball Park sign up deadline February 14th
Patriotic Rosary now starting at 5:45 pm
Patriotic Ball February 15th at Tara Country Club

State Council & District

Florida State Council 3rd Quarter Membership Incentive Program

Objective: Help the FSC exceed 75% of the jurisdictional membership intake quota by 3/31/25

Eligible people: All knights in Florida

Reward: Limited edition State Deputy Challenge Coin

The requirement to earn an award:

Grand Knight & Membership Director- Lead council to attain a minimum intake in Q3 (1/1/25-3/31/25) of 50% of the annual council goal

District Deputy - Lead district to attain a minimum intake in Q3 of 50% of the combined goals of councils in his district

Regional Administrator - Lead region to attain a minimum intake of 50% in Q3 of the combined goal of councils in his region

Any council member not identified above - sponsor 4 or more Catholic men to join our Order in Q3

Measurement criteria:

Leaders - change in intake based on 12/31/24 and 3/31/25 Star Tracker (or nearest report to these dates)

Members - Q3 recruiter report from Supreme

Supreme Council



New Haven, Conn. — On Friday, Jan. 3, the Knights of Columbus launched its new Pilgrim Icon of the Sacred Heart of Jesus during a Holy Hour organized by San Salvador Council No. 1 and held at the birthplace of the Knights of Columbus, St. Mary's Church in New Haven. During the prayer service, an icon depicting the most famous image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, painted by Pompeo Batoni in 1767 and now venerated in the Church of the Gesù in Rome, was displayed. This reproduction of the original image is one of more than 300 icons, each bearing the Apostolic Blessing of His Holiness Pope Francis, which are now traveling around the world.



Purple Pass is now live, and individual tickets to the Patriotic Ball may be purchased by going to the following link below.

Table purchases can be purchases by contacting me only by emailing me at vinnie1248@outlook.com with the following information.

Full Names,
Meal Selection
Zip Code for the Credit Card being used.

<https://www.purplepass.com/events/296724-patriotic-ball---san-damiano-assembly-3192-feb-15th-2025>

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Lecture

I recently read a book by Bill Bryson titled *The Body, A guide for occupants*. Every page is chock full of interesting, albeit obscure, facts concerning the miracle of the human body. Not in a metaphysical sense but in a very practical "how it works and why" kind of way.

Each morning, I try to regularly meditate using a book titled *The Holy Hour*, produced by Bishop Robert Barron's Word on Fire Catholic Ministries.

Recently I happened upon a particularly striking passage in each book, each one linked the other in what seems to be a worthy daily meditation for anyone even remotely intellectually and/or spiritually curious enough to ponder them.

In *Holy Hour*, the reflection I read was written by Bishop Robert Barron and titled *Stay With Us, Lord*. He writes; "We are owed precisely nothing. We have nothing coming to us in this life. Every fiber of our being is a gift. To switch it around, we owe everything to God. For what, then, should we be grateful? Precisely everything. That's why Paul says to "devote yourselves to prayer, keeping with thanksgiving (Col.4:2)." _ In many ways that sums up-the Christian life. Your life is about rendering thanks to God for the gift he gives you every moment. That's why, as Catholics we return to the Mass over and over again. The Mass is the Eucharist, from the Greek eucharistia, which means thanksgiving, and act of gratitude. How often should we say thanks to God? With every breath, at every moment, our whole life should become an act of gratitude."

In *The Body, A guide for occupants*, Bryson muses "That is unquestionably the most astounding thing about us - that we are just a collection of inert components, the same stuff you would find in a pile of dirt. ..."The only thing special about the elements that make you is that they make you. That is the miracle of life."

My first thought is that both quotes lend unmistakable significance to Genesis 2:7, "then the Lord God formed man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and man became a living soul".

Other than a supreme act of love, I know of no better explanation for the grace of our existence. Say "Thanks to God" with every breath. At every moment, make the life that remains in you an act of gratitude.



Men, come and join us for a full breakfast, fellowship and an opportunity to grow in your faith while making life-long friends!

That Man is You (TMIY) is an interactive men's program focused on the development of male leadership in the modern world.

January 11 - April 12, 2025

TMIY

THAT MAN IS YOU!

THE VISION OF
MAN FULLY ALIVE

THE VISION
OF MAN
FULLY ALIVE

FEATURING EIGHT NEW

Year 2 Schedule:



Scan QR code to register
if you did NOT do so last year

- Meet in the OLA Parish Center
- 6:20 am full hot breakfast provided
- 6:40 am announcements
- 6:45 am training
- 7:50 am adjourn
- There is no need to register if you registered last year (Year 1)
- **Questions – contact Mike Gonzales at 913-424-8255 or at gonzalesmichaelpaul@gmail.com**



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Grand Knight's Korner

I hope everyone's holiday season was rewarding. Generally, most people use the month of January to recuperate except Knights. We get the first two weeks and guess what? They're over. We are on the cusp of one of the busiest periods of the year. The upcoming recruiting event and open house will lead to blood drives, tootsie roll, and then fish fries and Oriole's baseball. The vast majority of our charitable donations come from the revenue generated in the next several months. Please look ahead and plan to support these activities. Be generous with your time as many will benefit from your efforts.

Vivat Jesus!

Gordon Shellhaas
Grand Knight

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