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## Honoring Knights



**Knight of the Month for May**

**Rich Mc Bride**

**Family of the Month for May**

**Mike and Nadine Kulikowski**

**July 2024**

**FOM Joe /Barbara Pfeiffer**

**KOM Clem Presogna**

**Aug 2024**

**FOM Rick/Lauren Kuebel**

**KOM Phil G/Keith Green**

**Sept 2024**

**FOM Dennis/Franci Beville**

**KOM Mike Sassano**

**Oct 2024**

**FOM Paul/Barb Petrus**

**KOM Randy Knowles**

**Dec 2024**

**FOM Al / Ana Tagliaferro**

**KOM Paul Pless**

**Jan 2025**

**FOM Tom/Lori Ludwig**

**KOM Joe Mascari**

**Feb 2025**

**FOM Mike /Maureen Kelley**

**KOM Jim Thompson**

**March 2025**

**FOM Kent/Patty Goodger**

**KOM Joe Timmons**

**April 2025**

**FOM Rich and Debbie Kent**

**KOM Joe Finamore**



## *New Officers!*



**Father Sebastián**



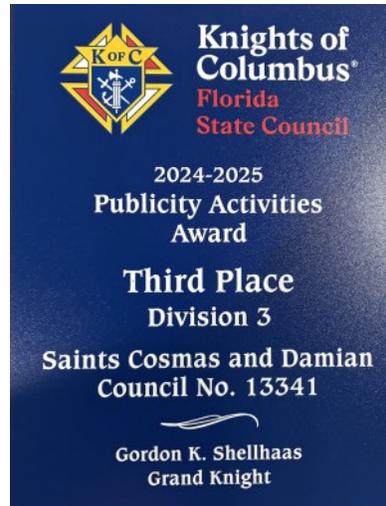
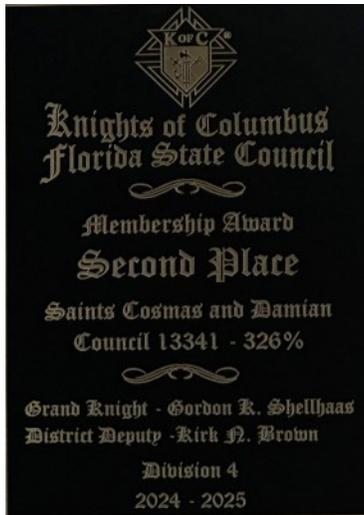
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**PGK Chris Treston**

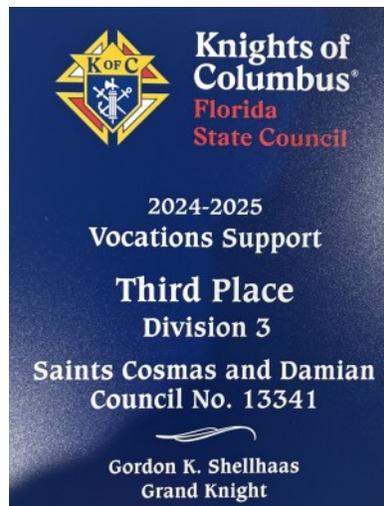
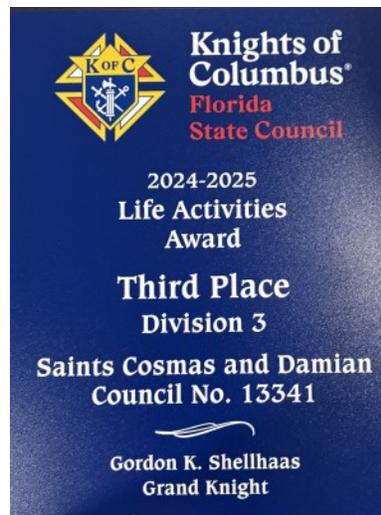


**GK Gordon Shellhass**

# State Awards!



**District Deputy Kirk Brown presenting SK John Coliton Challenge Coin for Individual Memberships**



## *The Feast of Corpus Chisti*

13341 Council Members participated in the procession around Our Lady of the Angels church in honor of the Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (The Feast of Corpus Christi).

The Mass was celebrated by Father Sebastian. Some council members held the canopy that covered Father Sebastian and the monstrance that held the consecrated Eucharist.



The purpose of the procession was to bring additional emphasis to the importance of Christ's suffering and death on the cross for our sake, and to reinforce our continued devotion to partaking in communion as often as we can. When we partake in communion we partake in the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Our Lord.

In addition to the Knights holding the canopy, members of many of the different ministries at OLA joined the procession, followed by most of the of the congregation that attended Mass. Finally, several other Knights



## *Tootsie Roll Drive*



Visited St Mary Academy in Sarasota on June 23 to present a \$3,550 donation to Development Director Connie Taft. Toured the school and learned how academics, life skills, arts, science and religious education are provided to K-8 students with intellectual and developmental disabilities. SMA is the only school in the diocese to provide a Roman Catholic faith-based education to children with these disabilities. It serves about 100 students from Sarasota and Manatee counties. Students learn the way they do best, in classes of no more than 12 students. Occupational and speech therapies are provided as needed. Our donation will help fund scholarships to bridge the gap between Florida state funding and current tuition costs.

Visited The Haven in Sarasota on July 25 to present a \$3,550 donation to COO Alison Thomas and Pre-School Director Erin Nowakowski. Toured the pre-school, which serves both neurodiverse and neurotypical children aged 1-5, in small inclusive classes. The pre-school currently serves 66 students from Sarasota and Manatee counties. A purposeful play-based curriculum provides younger students with opportunities for development of skills, relationships and problem solving. A Montessori model for students aged 3-5 fosters hands-on learning at each student's developmental level. Students are provided with occupational, physical and speech therapy based on individual needs. Met and engaged with one class of students. Our donation will help cover a tuition funding shortfall. Continued with a tour of The Haven's other programs at the Sarasota campus that serve people with disabilities, including Residential, Vocational, Adult Day Training and The Haven Academy, a high school for students from 14-22 y/o. The residential program serves 67 adults who live in 8 group homes on campus. The vocational and adult day programs serve over 300 adults and The Haven Academy serves 47 students.

A \$3,550 donation was also made by mail to Special Olympics of Manatee.

These three donations were made from funds collected during our council's annual K of C Drive for Persons with Developmental Disabilities (aka "Tootsie Roll Drive").





## *Keeping You Posted!*

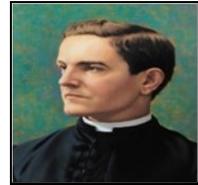
**On Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, 7 Knights of Council #13341 teamed together with Habitat for Humanity at the Habitat Depot in Palmetto**

**The project team completed the following tasks:**

- **Set up drop cloths, wooden horses, several power hand sanders and mixed several gallons of primer paint to be applied to porch posts.**
- **Rough sanded 12 full length and 4 half-length wood porch posts. Filled in all defects then fine sanded posts to high quality finish for future installation at several new home construction sites.**
- **While applying one coat of primer paint to the porch posts, inclement weather forced the early termination of the task at hand before completion.**
- **Cleaned area. Washed/ cleaned all painting materials, including drop cloths. Stored all equipment, including power sanders, for future use.**



# Habitat





## 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 sticking 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. 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 attempt 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 co-ordinate 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 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.**





## Upcoming Events

July 3rd Officers and Directors Meeting 7 pm Annex

July 12th Ordination Rev. Jacob Quinn Lady of Lourdes

July 13th Mass Fr. Jacob Holy Cross 3 pm

July 17th Business Meeting 7 pm Annex

August 17th Corporate Mass 9 am

## State Council & District



Congratulations everyone!

We made it into the Invocation state magazine for the month of June.

Thanks Again  
John Joly!!



## Supreme Council



### Sacred Heart Novena for Pope Leo XIV

All Knights, their families and people of goodwill are encouraged to join in praying a special novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for the intentions of Pope Leo XIV from June 19-27, beginning on the anniversary of the pope's ordination and concluding on the feast of the Sacred Heart. Visit [kofc.org/papalnovena](http://kofc.org/papalnovena) to pledge your participation and submit personal intentions, which will be delivered to Rome by Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly during a Jubilee pilgrimage in October.



**Worthy Sir Knights,**

**(Note that this is not the Installation ceremony hosted by the Council.)**

**You and your guest are invited to attend the Assembly 3192 Officers Installation Ceremony and Dinner. Also, during this event, we will announce the Patriot of the Year for our Assembly as well as other special recognition awards.**

**The details are listed below:**

**Date: July 11th**

**Time: 6-8:30 PM**

**Location: Parish Hall (Parish Center)**

**Attire: Men: Jacket/Tie (preferred) Fourth Degree uniform or an Assembly shirt and slacks. Ladies: Evening dinner**

**Note: The dinner will be catered, an RSVP is required.**

**Cutoff Date is July 5th!**

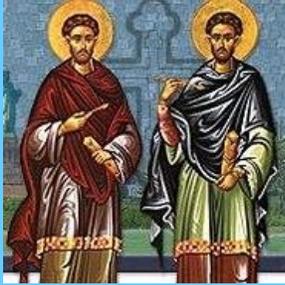
**Please confirm your attendance by contacting:**

**FN David Lawson ([lawson.davidm@outlook.com](mailto:lawson.davidm@outlook.com)).**

**I hope to see you there,  
Your Faithful Navigator, David**



## *Lecture*



Every day we are surrounded on all sides by requests for help and charitable donations. It can be overwhelming. But, once we have decided that we will donate our resources or skills, let us do so willingly and with a smile and with **JOY**. We have all been given many blessings, so let us share our gifts with others without feeling obligated, irritated, put upon or expecting recompense.

Our gift is our way of offering thanksgiving to our generous God

**2 Corinthians 9:6-11**

**Brothers and sisters, consider this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.**

**Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. Moreover, God is able to make every grace abundant for you, so that in all things, always having all you need, you may have an abundance for every good work. As it is written: He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever. The one who supplies seed to the Sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed and increase the harvest of your righteousness.**

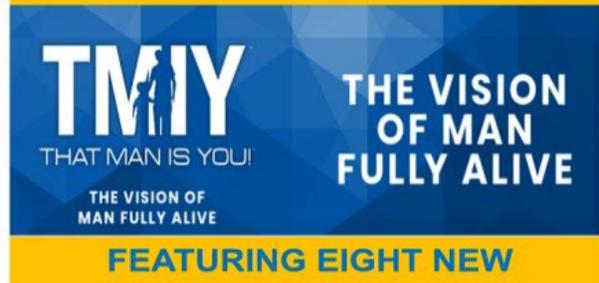
**You are being enriched in every way for all generosity, which through us produces thanksgiving to God.**



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



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

**Year 2 Schedule:**

- 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](mailto:gonzalesmichaelpaul@gmail.com)**



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## **Grand Knight's Korner**

I would like thank all the Officers and Directors for the superb job they have done in assembling the budget and setting a solid path forward for our next fiscal year. Our council is blessed to be able to provide charitable funds to a great many worthy causes. However it takes continued vigilance and dedication to ensure all recipients represent our values while we adhere to the guidance of the Order. Once again Brothers, let's thank the Officers and Directors for their service to our council.

**Gordon Shellhaas**  
**Grand Knight**