



Our Lady of Grace

Council #13243

Knights of Columbus

Palm Bay, Florida USA

Welcome to the web site of Our Lady of Grace Council 13243 of the Knights of Columbus. Our members are guided not only by our belief in God and the Catholic Church, but by our belief in each other and ourselves. Serving Our Lady of Grace parish in Palm Bay, Florida on Florida's Space Coast, we support our parish and its causes and believe in protecting and enhancing family life. We participate in Church, council, and community activities.



The Knights of Columbus was founded in 1882 by Fr. Michael J. McGivney. We have over 1.8 million members in more than 15,000 councils worldwide. Our Lady of Grace Council received its charter on December 18, 2002. Started by 52 Catholic gentlemen, we now have over 130 members dedicated to making a difference.

Why Become a Knight

As a knight, you have the opportunity to support your parish, give back to your community, grow in faith and gain exclusive access to our top-rated insurance programs to protect your family. We provide: **Service-** Charity is the first principle of the Knights of Columbus. We offer our time and our talents to

serve the parish and community. **Support-** Unity and Fraternity are the second and third principles of our Order. We are a unique band of brothers with shared values who by working together accomplish more than we could alone. **Stability** – For more than 130 years the Knights of Columbus has provided protection for families. Our insurance program is one of the highest rated programs in the world. For more information about the Knights of Columbus visit our Supreme Council web site at www.kofc.org. If you are interested in joining our council contact our Membership Director David Harris at carsey392@gmail.com or phone him at 321-557-2526. You may reach Grand Knight Mark Stephenson at mstephenson18@cfl.rr.com or phone him at 321-698-0053. You can see more of our activities on our facebook page-“Knights of Columbus Council 13243”.



Citizens With Disabilities Campaign

Members of the Knights of Columbus do a great deal to assist people with intellectual disabilities. One of the most popular and successful programs conducted by Knights of Columbus state and local councils for the benefit of people with intellectual disabilities is the fund-raiser in which councils collect donations outside stores and on street corners. In appreciation, the donor is offered a Tootsie Roll (or something similar.) The high visibility of this program has led to the campaign being referred to as the “Tootsie Roll Drive.” Many councils submit raised funds to their state council for distribution throughout their state and some keep a portion of the funds to benefit local organizations supporting intellectual and physical disabilities. Council 13243 conducts this campaign several times during the year and at various locations throughout the city. Local organizations benefiting from this drive are; Brevard County Special Olympics, Space Coast Early Intervention Center; as well as others. Each year the council sets aside monies to assist parishioners in need of assistance.