

# *Our Lady of Grace*

## *Council #13243*

# *Knights of Columbus*

Palm Bay, Florida USA



### Grand Knights Message

Where do I start for August? The month began with the District Organizational meeting on August 4. Our August 7 business meeting was preceded by a First Degree exemplification in which we welcomed 4 new members to our council, Sal Camilleri, Mark Peoples, Richard and Nick Zimpfer. We followed that up with another First Degree on Tuesday, August 14 bringing in 2 new members, Amaefule Chukwunye and Ernesto Vargas. With these additions we have are 1 new member short of reaching our goal for the year. We still need 4 new insurance members to meet our goal, but that looks promising also.

Friday, August 10 thru Friday, August 17 was Family Week. We started off by going to Andretti's thrill Park. It wasn't a big turnout, but all who attended had a great time. We raced go-carts, rode rides and played Putt-Putt golf.

Wednesday, August 15 we participated in a family Mass honoring our founder the Venerable Fr. Michael McGivney. The 4<sup>th</sup> degree honor guard participated, and Knights and family members served as ushers, altar servers, gift bearers, and greeters. The council was very visible and well represented with most brothers wearing Knights apparel.

We ended Family Week by going bowling. We had @30 bowlers, including Fr. Volaire, 3 deacons, and many staff members from the church office. Another 8 persons observed the fun. The culmination of Family Week was the presentation of the Family of the Month Certificate for July to the

Alberto and Maria Sierra family. This was the first time a family other than the family of a Knight was chosen. This is a new initiative starting this year.

Our social meeting for August was a presentation by Deacon Kevin Crawford on Hospice, what it is and how it works. Very informative meeting and a huge Thanks to Kevin.

Deputy Grand Knight Dennis Kelleher and I met with Tracy Flavell and two women from the Hispanic community to discuss the upcoming New Year's Eve party. Dennis is taking charge of the event and will be calling on you to assist in this event.

On Wednesday, August 22 Knights assisted parishioners in packing their POD as they are moving back up North. Thanks to the brother knights for taking time out of their day to help this couple.

Monday, August 27, the "Knights with a Truck" group were called on to assist the family of Ed Woehrle, a parishioner who passed away recently, to move the furniture from his house to SVDP for some of its clients.

### Upcoming Events in September

9/04 – 6:30 PM First Degree ( if candidates )  
7:30 PM – Business Meeting  
9/08 – 6:30 PM – 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree at Fr. Gabriel Council  
9/15 – 6:30 PM – 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree at Fr. Gabriel Council  
9/18 – 7:00 PM – Social Meeting (Parish Discipleship)  
9/26 – 4:00 PM – F.I.T. Spaghetti Dinner  
9/29 – 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM – District Retreat

### **October :**

10/5&6 - 9AM to 5PM - Tootsie Roll Drive  
10/14- 10/31 – Pumpkin patch

### Archbishops Challenge

**“Jesus then said to the Twelve, ‘Do you also want to leave?’ Simon Peter answered him, ‘Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.’”** (Gospel for Aug. 30, Jn. 6:67-69)

I don't know about you, but I can look back on moments in my life when Peter's words have been personal and I have said to Jesus in prayer: 'Master, to whom shall I go?' I hope that you likewise have reached a point in your life where you know with certainty that there is nowhere to go but Jesus: not to power, to money, to sex, to alcohol, or anything else that can become a false "master" in our lives. My brothers, we have come to believe that Jesus is the Holy One of God, and our lives must bear evidence of this. Let us become men who, with Peter, can truly say, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

### **Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:**

This month I challenge you to make a daily examination of conscience, probing your heart to find the false "masters" (e.g., comfort, power, appearance) to whom you go. Take a few minutes before bed to review the day, including both your blessings and sins. Second, I challenge you to eliminate one of your vices and when you are tempted to participate in that vice pray, "Jesus I trust in you."



### Insurance Agent's Report

### ***Raising Awareness About Life Insurance***

Each September since 2003 has been designated as Life Insurance Awareness Month. Like most awareness-raising campaigns, Life Insurance Awareness Month was created because there is an overwhelming lack of understanding of life insurance, its uses, its benefits, and its variations among the general public. Each year, the Life Insurance Market Research Association (LIMRA) puts out the results from a recent survey, and

unfortunately, the numbers they report continue to be discouraging.

A recent survey found that more than 75 percent of people polled did not have a personal financial advisor, even though 68 percent of them said their opinion of the current economic conditions was somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable.

In other words, a majority of those surveyed were uncomfortable with the economy and the uncertainty it brings, yet they did not seek professional assistance. Maybe they spoke with their friends and family. Maybe they hoped the instability would go away on its own. Maybe they did not know to whom to turn.

If you fall into this category, please remember that as a member of the Knights of Columbus, you have a full-time, professional agent you can call your own. My primary responsibility is the care and service of your family's life insurance, retirement and long-term care needs. I'll answer your questions because I want your decisions to be informed ones. I want to help.

Another LIMRA statistic said 43 percent of people did not buy life insurance because they worry about "making the wrong decision." Talk with me, your agent, and, afterwards, you'll understand that the only wrong decision was not purchasing sooner to protect your family's future.

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**Manuel D Fechas 09-05-**

**Edward J Schmitt 09-07**

**Vincent J Spagnola 09-12**

Jeff Stephen 09-12-  
Robert J Grosch 09-21-  
Michael V Fornataro 09-22  
Steven L Kremer 09-23-  
Peter M Hermesen 09-26-

### Anniversary of Knighthood

Mr Robert J Dray 09-01-1988 30  
Mr Sixto Ortiz 09-26-2000 18  
Fr. Emmanuel C Akalue 09-13-2002 16  
Mr Francis B O'Neil 09-18-2006 12  
Mr William Mc Sween 09-27-2007 11  
Steven L Kremer 09-10-2008 10  
Paul W Headlee 09-13-2012 6  
Richard T Bourne 09-04-2013 5  
Mangual 09-17-2013 5  
Gregory R Pelzer 09-17-2013 5  
Jerry Staggenborg 09-17-2013 5  
William E Anderson 09-21-2015 3

Welcome to our newest members: Sal Camelleri, Rick Zimpfer, Nick Zimpfer and Mark Peoples. Not pictured are Ernesto Vargas and Amaefule Chukwenenye.



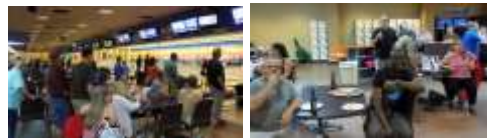
Chris Sansonia received a perfect attendance certificate from Easter Seals.

## Family Week

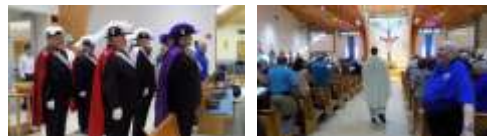
### Andretti Thrill Park



### Bowling



### Family Memorial Mass



### Family of the month July



### Alberto & Maria Sierra

