

October 2018

Our Lady of Grace

Council #13243

Knights of Columbus

Palm Bay, Florida USA

Mary is the mother and model of the Church, who receives the divine Word in faith and offers herself to God as the “good soil” in which he can continue to accomplish his mystery of salvation.....Pope Benedict XVI

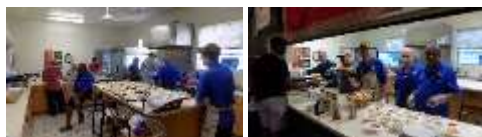


Grand Knights Message

Our social meeting for September was a presentation by the parish Discipleship Committee. We went over some of the future plans of the parish and had the opportunity to brainstorm among ourselves, things that we would like to see addressed or accomplished in the next several years.



On Wed. Sept. 26 we cooked & served spaghetti dinner for the F.I.T. students at the Catholic chapel and Newman club.



Thanks to all the Knights & Bev Gento for helping .

The big event for September was of course the District Retreat on Sat. Sept. 29.

50 men from the 5 councils of District 30 spent a day of Spiritual Reflection. Mass was celebrated by Fr.

Jeremiah of St. Joseph's, assisted by our own Deacon Tom Flavell.



After a short break for continental breakfast we were led by Deacon Gary on the 7 Themes of Catholic Social Justice.



Each table was given a topic and asked to discuss it among themselves. Each table had the opportunity to share their findings with the larger group.

We had a short lunch break.



Followed by a Visio Divina session led by Deacon



Kevin.

The last event of the afternoon was a presentation by Fr. Jeremiah on “Who are we as Christian Men?”

It was a very enjoyable and prayerful day and will probably become an annual event. Our council was represented by 18 men.

October is already jam packed with activity. We begin with our business meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 2. We have a lot to plan for so please try to attend.

Oct. 5 & 6 we will be conducting our **Tootsie Roll Drive** at the Wal-Mart on Malabar Rd. We hope for a good turnout and will conduct the drive in honor of Joe Dischinger, past chairman. Please try to help us, the hours are from 9am to 5pm.

Sat. Oct. 6 we will participate in the **Patriotic Rosary Service** led by brother Robert Grosch.

Sunday, Oct. 7 we will be participating in **the Life Chain** representing not only our council but the parish as will gather on the North side of Hwy 192(New Haven Ave.) west of Minton. If you can't stand for one hour then bring a chair...Remember to bring water.

The Pumpkin Patch truck is scheduled to arrive on Sunday, Oct 14 @4:30pm to unload pumpkins. We will need all the help we can get to unload. The Youth Group will be assisting as well. They did a great job last year. We will be selling pumpkins from Mon. Oct. 15 to Oct. 30 (or run out of pumpkins). A sign up sheet will be available at the business meeting. Also, the electronic sign up sheet will be available the evening of Oct. 3.

On Saturday, Oct. 20 we have planned a **dinner/dance** to support our seminarian Joseph Tran. The dinner will be catered by Mee Maws BBQ. We will have live entertainment by David L. the man with 1.000 voices. It should prove to be a lot of fun. Tickets will be available at the business meeting. A small discount for early purchases. Price is \$15/person but pre event tickets will be \$25/couple.

The retention committee of Ray Quinn, and the Trustees and myself, have been very busy contacting members who are arrears in paying their dues. They have been pretty successful in their efforts. We are down to @ 10 members who haven't paid.

Finally our new **council T-Shirts** are in and will be available at the business meeting. If you ordered one bring your money to pick up your shirt. \$15 ea.



A brief look at upcoming in October:

10/5&6 - 9AM to 5PM - Tootsie Roll Drive
10/7 – Life Chain 2PM to 3PM
10/14- 10/31 – Pumpkin patch
10/20 – Support our Seminarian Dinner/Dance
10/27 – Trunk or Treat 6PM

Archbishop Lori's Challenge for October 2018

“Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, ‘If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.’ (Gospel for Sept. 22, Mk. 9:35)

When I was in seminary, I had a roommate who was an early riser. Every morning his loud alarm went off at 5:15, at which point he'd say the same thing: “Gladly, Jesus, gladly!” My comments went in a different direction. Let's be honest. In a selfish, me-first world, it's just as hard to hear Jesus say “the first shall be last” as it was to hear my roommate at 5:15. And yet, my brothers, Jesus calls us to be servants of all; to step out of our comfort zone and say “gladly!” as we go to serve others in our lives. ‘Gladly, Jesus, gladly!’

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month I challenge you to become even more like Jesus, the “servant of all,” by making an act of charity for someone in your life from whom you have been distant, or whom you have wronged. Secondly I challenge you to prayerfully reflect on these words from Scripture: “Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another” (1 Jn. 4:11).



Insurance Agent's Report

Protecting Widows – A Founding Goal

As a member of this council, you know how important spouses can be to the charitable works of the Order. If you're married, your wife is probably involved in a few of the many events that happen each fraternal year. This

support adds great value and impact to what a council can achieve.

When the Order was founded in 1882, Father Michael J. McGivney and the other brave men were setting out to protect Catholic families, but especially wives and children. Today, we remain committed to this mission by offering insurance products and fraternal benefits designed with that goal in mind. One specific policy rider that you may not know about is called Spousal Waiver of Premium. This rider is unique to the Knights of Columbus philosophy of helping our widows.

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Mr Sixto Ortiz 10-03-

Francis H Phillip 10-04-

Kenneth B Gilbert 10-07-

Cameron E Mears 10-07-

Robert J Dray 10-09-

Timothy E Lubbering 10-14-

David E Jacques 10-17-

Nicholas J Zimpfer 10-21-

John J Lacey 10-25-

William W Cox 10-29-

Fr. Emmanuel C Akalue 10-30-

Anniversary of Knighthood

Mr Kenneth R Lulewicz 10-06-1994 **24**

Dr Dennis L Kelleher 10-25-1995 **23**

Richard T Seeberger Sr 10-27-2003 **15**

Mr Mark J Stephenson 10-30-2003 **15**

Dr Jose L Garcia 10-12-2004 **14**

Michael V Fornataro 10-16-2006 **12**

Misael M Velasquez 10-28-2009 **9**

Andrew Fatta 10-05-2017 – **1**

The Family Fully Alive....October

By understanding its mission, the family can more fully embrace God's plan for the fullness of divine life and love that he wishes to share with the family. Breaking Open the Theme When we think of being missionary, we often assume that this means we must travel to a faraway place and share our gifts and our faith. but being on mission is actually part of our everyday existence as baptized sons and daughters of God. Just as Jesus was sent into the world to save humanity, Jesus sends the family into the world with a specific mission. The Christian family, as a domestic church, is entrusted with the mission "to guard, reveal, and to communicate love." What makes its task unique is that the family does this mission together. To live out this mission of the family, it is necessary to attend s\Sunday Mass as a family, to give thanks to God for your mission and to pray as a family for the graces necessary to carry it out. Family prayer is an opportunity to bring the family together to "pause for prayer."83 families can learn in a particular way how to pray from the Holy family of Mary, Joseph and Jesus. They were a family of prayer. Christ regularly prayed the psalms with his family and Mary knew the scriptures well. St. Joseph, as head of the household, would have led

them in prayer. October is traditionally the month of the holy rosary. Through the rosary, and through the Joyful Mysteries in particular, we meditate upon the life of the Holy family through the eyes of Mary. The rosary is one of the simplest and most powerful prayers that the family can pray together. Both St .John Paul XIII and Pope Francis have often asked families to pray the rosary. 84 by coming together in this way for prayer and by turning together to Jesus with Mary, many families have experienced profound moments of peace, joy and reconciliation. 85

Meditation From Carl Anderson and Father José Granados' Called to love Jesus said to the disciples: "You are the light of the world"(Matt 5:14).The lord's words apply in a special way to the family. Light , after all, fulfills its "mission" of bestowing warmth and visibility not by some extra activity added to its nature, but simply by being what it is. Similarly just as the mission of the sun is nothing other than to shine, the mission of the family is just to be itself. John Paul II was calling the family to this essential mission when he exclaimed: "family, become what you are!" What happens when the family becomes what it is? Here is John Paul II's answer: ... the family has the mission to become more and more what it is, that is to say, a community of life and love. ... The family has the mission to guard, reveal and communicate love, and this is a living reflection of and a real sharing in God's love for humanity and the love of Christ the lord for the Church His bride. (*Familiaris Consortio*, 17) ... The family, we said, is the hearth from which the light of love spreads out to vivify the structures of society. ... significantly, the mission of the Church can be described in similar terms. The Church exists, after all, to radiate God's love into the world. The Church is the sacrament of love that both shows forth and effects man's union with God and man's union with man (see *LG [lumen Gentium]*, 1). 86

1. How do we as a family allow our light to shine before others in the world? How do we think of and care for others outside of our family? 2. What can we do to allow ourselves to be God's missionaries and to radiate his love into the world? 3. Do we live our family life as missionary disciples? Do we allow Jesus' word to dwell in our family and to teach us what it means to love? How can we do more to build up one another for the mission of love?