



History of Our Lady of Peace Council 8668 **

In the spring of 1984 thirty-two Catholic gentlemen, under the guidance of David Fobert, came together to form ***Our Lady of Peace Council 8668***. Our first council meetings were held at Carmel Heights Seniors Retirement residence. Eventually they switched to a meeting room in the Rectory of St. Francis of Assisi Church where they continue to be held to this day. Today Council 8668 covers both St. Francis of Assisi and St. Ignatius Loyola Parishes.

In 2009, the Council celebrated its 25th Anniversary together with seven charter brothers who celebrated 25 years of unbroken membership and service. These gentlemen were: Jack Ewing, David Fobert, Henry Kitchura, Nelson Fernandes, Charles Haupt, and Sir Knights Robert Sandford and Charles Sumeraj.

We also have members who have become priests and deacons (e.g., Fr. Scott Birchall, Dc. Corry Manne, Dc. David Doyle, Dc. Silverio Fidalgo, Dc. Don Roberts, Dc. Richard Te and Dc. Greg DiMarchi). ***Our Lady of Peace Council*** has and will continue to financially support Seminaries and Seminarians in their very vital role of religious vocation formation !

Grand Knights over the Years

David Fobert (Charter GK)	1984 – 1986	Nelson Fernandes	1998 – 2001
Desmond Somers	1986 – 1988	Anthony Fernandes	2001 – 2003
Frank Poliquin	1988 – 1990	Neil Shevlen	2003 – 2005
Charles Haupt	1990 – 1991	Fred Cabri	2005 – 2008
Desmond Somers	1991 (resigned)	Gerald Powell	2008 – 2009
Reginald Hotham	1991 – 1993	Fred Cabri	2009 – 2010
Henry Kitchura	1993 – 1994	Bruce Peterson	2010 – 2011
Oskar Stubits	1994 – 1996	Fred Cabri	2011 – 2012
Charles Sumeraj	1996 – 1997	Charles Sumeraj	2012 – 2013
Robert Sandford	1997 – 1998	Michael Genua	2013 – Present

Four (4) of our Grand Knights have also served with distinction as District Deputies. They are Reginald Hotham, Oskar Stubits, Charles Sumeraj and Robert Sandford.

Unfortunately Brothers Desmond Somers, Frank Poliquin, Oskar Stubits, Rev. Mr. David Doyle and Neil Shevlen have passed away and are sorely missed by all your brother Knights and their families. Our honour roll also includes Brothers Peter Arthur, Guerino DiPaulo, Gerry Gaucher, Alberto Saavedra, Gerald Bisnaire, Gerry Dozois, Basil Thomas, Stuart Teh, Jack Ewing, Myles O'Grady, Tom McMillen, Frank Horrigan and Ernest Fernando and Richard Vendryes. May God bless you !

During the Fraternal Years 2007-2008 and 2014-2015 ***Our Lady of Peace Council*** achieved the unique distinction of **Double Star Council** !

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