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## PAST GRAND KNIGHTS

1960 Louis Georgen +	1973 Eugene Ciotoli +	1986 Thomas Armento +	1999 Donald Tomlin +	2012 Daniel Davis +
1961 John A. Hill +	1974 Edward Millar +	1987 Richard Chisholm +	2000 Prospero "Nick" Pavia +	2013 Daniel Davis +
1962 Edward A. O'Neil +	1975 Earl Sloane +	1988 Jim Salisbury +	2001 Gerald Sherlock +	2014 Leon Lacroix +
1963 Walter A. Millar +	1976 James W. Cupp +	1989 Richard A. Fetchik Sr.	2002 Tom Miller +	2015 William W. Whiting
1964 Thomas Brown +	1977 Jack Spanola +	1990 Dave Kacprowicz	2003 Ray Peglow +	2016 Donald W. Macejko
1965 Robert Dugdale +	1978 Charles Schramm	1991 Dave Teitz +	2004 Martin Gabriel +	2017 Miguel Dorante Ramia
1966 Fred Lassiter +	1979 James Zilai +	1992 Jack Chadwick	2005 Don Scalzo +	2018 Kyle D. Riebel
1967 John Bussen +	1980 Jose Vales +	1993 John Papetti +	2006 Charles Monteforte Jr.	2019 Terence M. Sheen
1968 Steve Santa Lucia +	1981 Frank Braun +	1994 Frank Ricciardelli +	2007 Martin Dunne III	2020 John G. Yardley
1969 Robert Sorrelle +	1982 Rocco Bochetto +	1995 Raymond Drew	2008 Charles Monteforte Jr.	2021 John G. Yardley
1970 Joseph Massarella +	1983 Edward Joncas +	1996 Walter Kuhn +	2009 Daniel Davis +	2022 John G. Yardley
1971 Albert Vincent +	1984 Raymond Gauthier +	1997 Tom Miller +	2010 Leon Lacroix +	2023 Ralph Amato
1972 Ed Gross +	1985 George Vargo +	1998 Mack Courson +	2011 Daniel Davis +	

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## Budget, officers, scholarships OKd

Council members at the June 10 meeting gave preliminary approval to a budget and calendar of events for the 2024-25 fraternal year. A second confirming vote is scheduled at the membership meeting July 8.

Officers for the new fraternal year beginning July 1 also were elected:

Grand Knight Ralph Amato, Deputy Grand Knight Chris Long, Chancellor Matt Donohue, Recorder Robert Daw, Treasurer Mike Charles, Advocate Kenton Hajdic, Warden Michael Tarr, Inside Guard 1 Steve Cole, Inside Guard 2 David Miller, Inside Guard 3 Jose Zambrano, Outside Guard 1 Michael Byrant, Outside Guard 2 Kurt Kohler, Outside Guard 3 Tomas Vazquez, 3 Year Trustee Don Macejko, 2 Year Trustee John Yardley, 1 Year Trustee Richard Fetchik.

An installation ceremony and dinner is planned for 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 10, at St. Henry Parish Hall (Henry's Hideaway), 1500 S. Andrews Ave., Pompano Beach.

Scholarships also were awarded to:

William Limperis, Cardinal Gibbons High School Grade 11 (2022, 2023 recipient) -- \$500.

Kennedy Riebel, St. Coleman Grade 2 (2023 recipient) -- \$250.

Peyton Riebel, St. Coleman Grade 4 (2022, 2023 recipient) -- \$250.

Taylor Riebel, St. Coleman Grade 2 (2023 recipient) -- \$250.

Jose Enrique Zambrano, Cardinal Gibbons High School Grade 10 (2023 recipient) -- \$500.

Jose Ignacio Zambrano Clavier, Cardinal Gibbons High School Grade 9 (2023 recipient) -- \$500.



Council members feted brother Knight Joe Dziminski and wife Paula June 10, celebrating his 75 years of service in the Knights of Columbus. He became a First Degree member at the age of 19. His advice on long life: "Start early and live long."

## Calendar of events

JULY			
Mon	7/1/24	6:30 PM	Officers Meet
Mon	7/8/24	6:30 PM	Council Meet
Wed	7/10/24	6 PM	Installation and Dinner @ St. Henry Parish Hall
Sat	7/13/24		St. Henry Feast
July 8 Organizational Meet to approve goals, budget, calendar			
AUGUST			
Mon	8/5/24	6:30 PM	Officers Meet / Audit
Mon	8/12/24	6:30 PM	Council Meet
Tue	8/13/24		Blessed McGivney Feast
Thu	8/15/24		Assumption Feast
Mon	8/26/24		Our Lady of Czestochowa Feast
August 1 Service Program Personnel Report due			
August 15 Audit due			
Retention Committee contacts unpaid members			

## 2023-24 Church, charity donations

Church: Assumption
Church: Our Lady of Czestochowa Mission
Church: Our Lady of Mercy
Church: Our Lady of the Sign
Church: St. Ambrose
Church: St. Elizabeth of Hungary
Church: St. Gabriel
Church: St. Henry
Church: St. Paul the Apostle
Disabilities Drive: Arc Broward
Disabilities Drive: B-PAN Warriors
Disabilities Drive: Dynamos of Pompano Beach
Disabilities Drive: Equine Assisted Therapies
Disabilities Drive: Florida Special Olympics
Food for Poor: Our Father's House
Prayer: Mass Intentions
Pregnancy Support: ADOM Respect Life Ministry
Prison Ministry: Palm Beach Diocese
Sacramental Gifts: Clergy
Scholarships: 7 @ St. Coleman, Cardinal Gibbons
Vocations: KofC Military Chaplains Fund
Vocations: RSVP 5 Seminarians Grants
<b>TOTAL \$44,500</b>

## In our prayers

**Our dead:** John F. (Jack) Buckley, Arthur C. Kratovil

**For healing:** Betty Ouellette, Dan Falvey, Rev. Kenneth D. Whittaker, Frank Laverty, Larry Martin, Tomas Vazquez, James Blaine, Roger Harris, Vincent Casale, Jeff and Paula Graham, PGK Chuck and Mary Monteforte, Lynn White, Joe Dziminski, Beverly Cunningham, Joseph D'Jay, Bill Farrington, Mark Ardis, Margaret and Herb Hays, Joseph Smith, James Walker.

**If you know a member who needs help,** is ill, or has passed away, contact Bill Whiting, 561-368-6531, or email [kofc4955@yahoo.com](mailto:kofc4955@yahoo.com).

**Local Shirt Vendor:** Council 4955 red golf shirts \$37 at Monograms Plus, 716 E. Atlantic Blvd., Pompano Beach, FL 33060; 954-785-4725.

## ***Former 4955 District Deputy Gary McLain offers clues to past success***

During the 2024 Florida State Convention in May, I spoke with Gary McClain, PSD, FM. Gary attended St. Anastasia High School, just north of where I'm now stationed. He converted to Catholicism shortly after enlisting in our military. He married his beloved Joan 62 years ago in 1962. We also spoke at-length on his term as 4955's District Deputy from 1981-1985.

Council 4955 garnered its greatest concentration of awards during these four years. Two of those years, 4955 won "Florida State Council of the Year," but for the 1984-1985 fraternal year, 4955 "swept" nearly every possible award offered by both Supreme and State at the time, a feat that's unprecedented, and yet to be matched or exceeded.

Gary first acknowledged, "the leadership never had to be told what to do." Although he collaborated with them at almost every event, he said they had the initiative, originality and creativity to not only seek out opportunities to serve, but also how to most effectively exceed all aspirations. Gary also stressed that proper decorum was non-negotiable at council meetings.

Gary also confirmed my theory on another factor of 4955's success. Our Home Corporation had the unique position of not only owning the council clubrooms (which was/is the norm for all councils with non-liquid assets), but also the shopping center in which the clubrooms were situated. Sure enough, the steady flow of lease income, from the various storefronts offset expenses, which freed-up the membership to focus not on how to "pay the bills," but on how to do the greatest amount of good for the community. This gave 4955 a unique advantage over any other council with a clubhouse. (Note: The shopping center closed around 1988



**Top: Current District Deputy John Yardley, PGK, and Fr. Martin Dunne III, PGK, caught up with FDD Gary McLain at the 2024 State Convention in Orlando.**

**Right: Gary and Joan at 4955's Officers Installation in 1981.**

**For more information on the state convention, visit [floridakofc.org](http://floridakofc.org). Council delegates were Richard Fetchik Sr., PGK, and Jose Zambrano Llovera.**



to accommodate hall expansions that never materialized.)

Gary was consoled to hear that although we no longer have the hall (which he earlier called "a showplace for the Order"), 4955 currently has access to the facilities at St. Gabriel, with the major benefits of owning a hall without any of the major drawbacks, such as "paying the bills" required to maintain a building.

Gary and Joan have been my close friends and deep supporters

before, during and after seminary formation. He remains active in many ways, including as Florida State Father McGivney Guild Chairman.

With great joy, he exclaimed "4955 **IS** still one of the best councils!" Gary believes the current generation of members can restore, and perhaps even exceed, 4955's former glory.

**Rev. Martin Dunne III  
PGK, FDD, Council Historian**





Deacon Milton Martinez, left, assists Archbishop Wenski at his ordination Mass in May. Deacon Milton was one of five seminarians receiving \$500 grants from Council 4955, including Christhian Mendieta, Alejandro Molina, Gerald Permenter and Tomas Salom.



Trustee John Yardley and Fr. Martin Munoz with the KofC St. Joseph icon displayed at St. Elizabeth of Hungary. The traveling icon also was venerated at John A. Hill 4955's April membership meeting and St. Gabriel Church.



Council member Dan Falvey, left, was visited by a team of volunteers from Council 4955 to help with cleanup/fixup projects at his home. They included, from left, James Olsen, Tomas Vazquez, Michael Bryant and John Yardley.*mm*



Pompano Beach Mayor Rex Hardin attended the May membership meeting to receive a donation of \$2,036 for Dynamos of Pompano Beach. In June, Molly Murphy from Equine Assisted Therapies and brother Knight Robert Chisholm from B-PAN Warriors Foundation received their Disabilities Drive checks and certificates of appreciation for their work on behalf of people with intellectual disabilities.

