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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 +	
1972 Ed Gross +	1985 George Vargo +	1998 Mack Courson +	2011 Daniel Davis +	

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Working together makes us stronger

In today's world, many people have taken a me-first and me-only attitude.

Self-centered thoughts can be destructive to a group, as it doesn't allow for a large, coordinated effort to move forward.

This country was built on the individual effort and it is the cornerstone of how America became great. We, as a country, generally focused on what was great for our country.

Today, I don't see the same effort to do what is good for the country. Many of our citizens from a variety of other countries want to do what is good for their old country before their new home.

Now helping is great and very important. However, if folks have chosen to live here and express their opinion, then their support should be here first.

Our nation is a collective of opinions, experiences and lessons taken from around the world and that made us great as these ideals were melted into the American life.

It will serve us well into the future if we are able to refocus on doing what is best for our country and operating as a team.

Ralph Amato, Grand Knight

In our prayers

Our dead: Robert (Bob) Smith, Robin Weaver

For healing: Frank Laverty, Larry Martin, Tomas Vazquez, Kurt Kohler, James Blaine, Roger Harris, Mike Tarr, 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.



Council members Kurt Kohler, John Yardley, Steve Cole, Guy DeJohn and Dave Rouchard kicked off the annual Disabilities Drive at St. Elizabeth of Hungary in January, netting \$1,102. St. Ambrose parishioners contributed \$2,015. The drive continues through March at our other parishes.

Calendar of events

Join our monthly Rosary devotion to Mary Mother Guardian of the Faith at 5:30 p.m. before our membership meetings. Refreshments and fellowship follow. Visit kofc4955.com for events reservations. Contact parish representatives to help with Disabilities Drive collections – our biggest fundraiser.

FEBRUARY			
	2/22-25/24		St. Ambrose Carnival
Wkd	2/24-25/24		Disabilities Drive @ Assumption
Sun	2/25/24		St. Gabriel Coffee, Donuts
MARCH			
Mon	3/4/24	6:30 PM	Officers Meet / Scholarship Applications Due
Wkd	3/9-10/23		Disabilities Drive @ St. Gabriel
Mon	3/11/24	6:30 PM	Council Meet & Benefit Presentation
Sat	3/16/24	5:30 PM	St. Patrick Dinner Dance w/ MOSA @ St. Ambrose
Sun	3/17/24		St. Patrick Feast
Tue	3/19/24		St. Joseph Feast
Sun	3/24/24		St. Gabriel Coffee, Donuts
Fri	3/29/24		KofC Founders Day
Sun	3/31/24		Easter
APRIL			
Mon	4/1/24	6:30 PM	Officers Meet
Mon	4/8/24	6:30 PM	Council Meet
	4/9-15/24		St. Joseph Traveling Icon
Sun	4/28/24		St. Gabriel Coffee, Donuts

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

BLESS

is holding our 1st Annual Beach Walk for Life!

from **St Ambrose** to **beach** in Deerfield. While we are there, we will share the pro-life fellowship and enjoy some fresh air, sunshine and refreshments.

When: Saturday, March 9th from 9AM-Noon
Where: Meet at St Ambrose, walk to beach
More information: call Carol, 954-415-1285

Life is precious

BLESSministrySA@gmail.com
 Meetings in Parish Center, 2nd Thursday of the month at 1PM

Candidates interested in running for council offices at the May 13 meeting should contact GK Ralph Amato by March 31. A Nominating Committee will be appointed to recommend a slate of candidates in April. Only Third Degree members qualify. The following positions will be on the ballot: Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Chancellor, Recorder, Treasurer, Advocate, Warden, Inside and Outside Guards, three Trustees.

Scholarship applications are due by March 4 for review by the Scholarship Committee. The Council offers scholarships for the children of Knights attending Catholic schools: \$500 for elementary grades, \$1,000 for high school students. Email Bill Whiting at kofc4955@yahoo.com for an application.

4955's large rosary reminds us of the need for Mary, Queen of the Knights

Six years ago, I briefly mentioned 4955's large Rosary as part of a larger article elaborating on how the Rosary has always been 4955's "secret to success." Given the undefeatable spiritual power of the Rosary, I wish to elaborate more during this Lenten Season on the history of our "Traveling Rosary," hoping that more will be inspired to adopt the Rosary for life.

As seen in this Columbia Magazine clipping from October 1966, 4955 PGK (and later Charter Navigator of Assembly 1534) Walter Millar (second from the right) accepted the large Rosary from the Brother Knights of Maryland (the state named for our Blessed Mother).

For the next 34 years, with some small updates, it was used by several area councils, but mostly 4955, for various annual intentions, such as protection of the unborn, as well as for special occasions, such as the passing of Pope St. Paul VI in 1978.

The Rosary seemed the perfect fit for our large hall, where several dozen (very often over 100) Knights would frequently pray in unity. After the hall was sold, the Rosary was moved into the home of 1534's former Color Corps Commander (and current Master) PFN John O'Toole.

The next couple decades, it would be used at parishes such as San Isidro and Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, where its large field provides the generous space for the Rosary to be fully spread out.

Most recently, 1534's current Color Corps Commander Don Barrett, along with his wife Mary, provided its new home as well as another refurbishment:

"Mary and I purchased a heavy-duty



The Maryland delegates present the Florida Knights with a "traveling rosary." A similar rosary is making the prayer round in the Maryland councils.

COLUMBIA

storage container with wheels to make moving it easier. It was cleaned, waxed, buffed. The Crucifix needed work. Jesus was loose, as was the sign. I removed both and waxed the Cross, then put it back together so everything is secure. I also got a piece of 3-inch foam for the bottom of the box, a tablecloth to wrap it in.

"I am making a set of packing instructions with photos to be attached



Top: Knights gather in the council hall August 23, 1978, to pray a living Rosary for Pope Paul VI. Left: PGK Walt Millar was on hand for the Rosary presentation in 1966. Above: The Rosary is used at St. Vincent in 2023.

to the inside cover."

In recent months, it's been used at St. Vincent's (with the continued participation of Fourth Degree Knights), and it continues to bring many closer to God through the powerful intercession of our Blessed Mother ... as "the Son denies nothing that the mother asks."

**Fr. Martin Dunne, PGK
Council Historian**

Council members teamed up with parishioners at Our Lady of Mercy Church to host a "Night in Napoli" Italian dinner February 3. The event netted \$2,491 for the parish and its youth ministry.



Relic of arm of St. Jude

Saturday, February 24
St. Jude Catholic Church
21689 Toledo Road
Boca Raton, FL 33433
(561) 392-8172

- Special Mass celebrated in Saint Jude's honor: 1 p.m.
- Public veneration of Saint Jude Relics begins: immediately following Mass
- Public veneration ends 8 p.m.

St. Patrick Dinner

**Saturday,
March 16, 2024
5:30 p.m.**

St. Ambrose Parish Hall

380 S. Federal Hwy., Deerfield Beach



**\$30 includes
dinner, drinks and
DJ for dancing**

Homemade Corned Beef and Cabbage, Colcannon Potatoes, String Beans, Dessert, Coffee, Beer, Wine, Soda

**Reserve by March 11 at KofC4955.com
or purchase tickets in the parish office**

Questions? Ask Bill Whiting at 561-368-6531

Your hosts: Knights of Columbus 4955 and Men of St. Ambrose