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1968 Steve Santa Lucia +
1969 Robert Sorrelle +
1970 Joseph Massarella +
1971 Albert Vincent +
1972 Ed Gross +
1973 Eugene Ciotoli +
1974 Edward Millar +
1975 Earl Sloane +
1976 James W. Cupp +
1977 Jack Spanola +
1978 Charles Schramm
1979 James Zilai +
1980 Jose Vales +
1981 Frank Braun +
1982 Rocco Bochetto +
1983 Edward Joncas +
1984 Raymond Gauthier +
1985 George Vargo +

1986 Thomas Armento +
1987 Richard Chisholm +
1988 Jim Salisbury +
1989 Richard A. Fetchik Sr.
1990 Dave Kacprowicz
1991 Dave Teitz +
1992 Jack Chadwick +
1993 John Papetti +
1994 Frank Ricciardelli +
1995 Raymond Drew
1996 Walter Kuhn +
1997 Tom Miller +
1998 Mack Courson +

1999 Donald Tomlin +
2000 Prospero "Nick" Pavia +
2001 Gerald Sherlock +
2002 Tom Miller +
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2005 Don Scalzo +
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OCTOBER - Respect Life Month			
Sun	10/13/24	10:30 AM	Columbus Rededication 2024 @ Port Everglades
Mon	10/14/24	6:30 PM	Council Meet & Installation / Columbus Day @ Our Lady of Mercy
Wkd	10/19-20/24		50 th Anniversary Festival @ Our Lady of Mercy
NOVEMBER			
Fri	11/1/24		All Saints Day
Mon	11/4/24	6:30 PM	Officers Meet
Tue	11/5/24		Election Day
Sat	11/9/24	5 PM	Corporate Communion @ Our Lady of the Sign
Mon	11/11/24	6:30 PM	Council Meet/Memorial Mass
Sat	11/16/24	5 PM	Salute Our Soldiers Dinner Dance @ St. Gabriel (KofC Military Chaplains Fund)
Sun	11/17/24		St. Elizabeth of Hungary Feast
Thu	11/21/24	Noon	St. Gabriel Thanksgiving Lunch
Thu	11/28/24		Thanksgiving
DECEMBER			
Mon	12/2/24	6:30 PM	Officers Meet
Sat	12/7/24	5 PM	Potluck Christmas Party @ St. Gabriel (Our Father's House Benefit); St. Ambrose Feast
Sun	12/8/24		Immaculate Conception Feast
Mon	12/9/24	6:30 PM	Council Meet
Wed	12/25/24		Christmas
Sun	12/29/24		Holy Family Feast Consecration

Coming up

Our council membership meeting at **6:30 p.m. Monday, October 14**, moves to **Our Lady of Mercy Church**; installation of officers, presentations from the parish Mercy Club and Youth Ministry; plans for council members working the parish **50th Anniversary Festival** will be discussed.

We remember our departed with our **memorial Mass** at 6:30 p.m. Monday, November 11, at St. Gabriel Church.

And then we host our annual **Salute Our Soldiers Dinner Dance** at 5 p.m. Saturday, November 16, at St. Gabriel Parish Hall. See the flyer for making reservations. Contact Grand Knight Ralph Amato to help make this special for veterans.

GK Amato also will be cooking for the St. Gabriel Thanksgiving Luncheon at noon, Monday, November 25.

Our **Family Potluck Christmas Party** is 5 p.m. Saturday, December 7, at St. Gabriel Parish Hall. The council pledges to match donations up to \$1,000 to Our Father's House Soup Kitchen run by brother Knight Jim and Katie Crissy.

Chancellor Matt Donohue and council members honored our brother Knight and Deacon Jerry McGuinn, right, in September with an \$815 grant to underwrite bus transportation he organized for pilgrims to the Gesture of Water devotion at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Miami.



In our prayers

Our dead: James Blaine, Charles Cavolina, PGK John "Jack" Chadwick, John Herbert Hays

For healing: Michael Tarr, Michael Bryant, Steve Cole, Dan Falvey, Rev. Kenneth D. Whittaker, Frank Laverty, Larry Martin, Tomas Vazquez, 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 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.

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

Veterans: For help with questions on your benefits, contact Don Macejko, PGK, 330-506-7500.



San Gennaro Festival 2024

The Riebel Family – Dad Kyle, Mom Amanda, KofC Scholarship winners from St. Coleman School Peyton and twins Taylor and Kennedy, and their sibling twins Chloe and Hunter joined in the fun. Nearly 150 patrons were treated to an Italian feast prepared by GK Chef Ralph Amato and crew. Chancellor Matt Donohue helped guests make prayer offerings. Proceeds benefit St. Gabriel Parish.



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS®**

Salute Our Soldiers Dinner Dance

Proceeds benefit St. Gabriel Church
and KofC Military Chaplains Scholarship Fund

5 p.m. Saturday, November 16

St. Gabriel Parish Hall

731 N. Ocean Blvd., Pompano Beach

Donation \$30

(Children under 11 free)

**Featuring pulled pork shoulder seasoned with warm savory
sauces, served with pan-seared paprika potatoes, green
beans, applesauce and dessert.**

Beverage included (beer, wine, soda, coffee).

**Seating is limited; please reserve by November 10 online at
kofc4955.com or contact Mike Charles, 803-312-2302**

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Council members attended a corporate communion at Mass September 22 at Our Lady of Mercy Church.



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Christmas Family Potluck

5 p.m. Saturday, December 7

St. Gabriel Parish Hall
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**Donations to Our Father's House Soup
Kitchen matched up to \$1,000**

All welcome; bring a dish to share
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SHOCK TROOPS

As Jean-Baptiste Chautard recounts in his book *The Soul of the Apostolate*, Pope St. Pius X was conversing with a group of his cardinals one day. The pope asked them:

"What is the thing we most need, today, to save society?"

"Build Catholic schools," said one.

"No."

"More churches," said another.

"Still no."

"Speed up the recruiting of priests," said a third.

"No, no," said the pope, "the most necessary thing of all, at this time, is for every parish to possess a group of laymen who will be at the same time virtuous, enlightened, resolute, and truly apostolic."

**Invite your friends to join the
Knights of Columbus.**

Remembering Sir Knight Jack Chadwick, PGK (1949-2024)

John "Jack" Chadwick was no-doubt inspired by his parents. They were heavily involved with 4955 from almost the start.

When not in their bakery in the (then) small town of Deerfield, Harold completely ran our hall's large 684-sq-ft. kitchen for all events with a militant precision until shortly before his passing in 1984.

Sue served in countless other ways at virtually every event, including as Ladies' Auxiliary President (she passed in 2010).

Having helped raise a beautiful family himself, Jack joined the KofC in 1987 and, like many PGKs, "hit the ground running," rising through the ranks to GK in 1992.

The activities calendar remained packed that year, but among the achievements of his term included the establishment of the KofC in the Bahamas (which FDD Richard Fetchik plans to detail in a future *Compass*).

Council 4955 also was honored as *Supreme* Council of the Year for the intricate Hurricane Andrew relief operation that helped to rebuild many lives that lost everything in the Homestead area (detailed by Richard and myself in two previous *Compass* articles).

For years after his term, Jack and his wife Debbie continued to work hard in the kitchen his father designed and led decades before, where Jack also took me under his wing, as many other



Jack Chadwick (second from left with Amy Mollica, Richard Fetchik, Eileen and Joe Massarella) at the 1993 State Convention. The Massarellas were selected "State Family of the Year."

friends and mentors of 4955 have.

Fr. Martin Dunne, PGK, Council Historian

Past accolades are motivating

As we quickly approach a new year, I offer a brief encouragement to visit our new "Awards" link on our website. It's not only updated for what 4955 earned through 2024, but it also accounts for other awards I recently became aware of as I continue to sift through the archives (still only a tiny fraction of what was actually awarded).

By 4955's 25th Anniversary (40 years ago this coming April) we were considered one of the premier councils of the entire order -- by far. Consequently, all its members were admonished, in writing: "*We are by no means going to rest on our laurels.*"

Please take some time to review some of our past achievements so that you may be inspired to bring 4955 to even-greater heights, just as I was inspired from the first time I gazed upon some of these trophies as a boy nearly 40 years ago.

Fr. Martin Dunne, PGK, Council Historian



A large trophy case in the former council hall on Federal Highway was still too small to display all the awards given members.

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