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1962 Edward A. O'Neil +	1975 Earl Sloane +	1988 Jim Salisbury +	2001 Gerald Sherlock +	2014 Leon Lacroix +
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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 +	2024 Ralph Amato

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A grateful start and a bold vision for Council 4955

Dear Brother Knights,

I hope this message finds you and your families well. I want to begin by expressing my heartfelt thanks to each of you for making our Installation Dinner on June 23rd such a memorable and meaningful evening. The warmth, camaraderie and shared commitment to our mission were on full display, and I am truly honored to serve as your Grand Knight for the coming year.



The success of the dinner was a testament to the strength and unity of our council. From the beautifully arranged venue to the delicious meal and the inspiring presence of our clergy and guests, every detail reflected the spirit of fraternity that defines Council 4955. I especially want to thank all those who helped plan, set up and support the event behind the scenes. Your efforts did not go unnoticed.

As we look ahead, I want to share the two central focus areas for our council this year: serving our parishes and communities and growing our membership. The Knights of Columbus has always been a beacon of faith, service and brotherhood, and it is our responsibility to ensure that light continues to shine brightly in our parishes and communities. Welcoming new members not only strengthens our ability to serve but also brings fresh energy, ideas and perspectives to our work.

To that end, we will be launching several initiatives aimed at inviting more Catholic men to join our ranks. More to follow on some of those initiatives.

But none of this can happen without you. Each of us plays a vital role in growing our council. Whether it's inviting a friend, sharing your own story, or simply being present at events, your involvement makes a difference. Let's challenge ourselves to bring in at least one new member each this year – and double the size of our council. Imagine the impact we could have in our parishes!

In the coming weeks, I'll be sharing more details about our membership goals and how you can get involved. I also welcome your ideas; if you have suggestions or would like to help lead one of these efforts, please don't hesitate to reach out.

As we begin the new fiscal year, Council 4955 proudly introduces our dedicated program directors and parish coordinators, each committed to advancing our mission of charity, unity and fraternity. These leaders bring passion and purpose to their roles, guiding initiatives that support our parish, community and brother Knights.

From faith formation and family outreach to community service and youth engagement, their efforts will shape a vibrant and impactful year ahead. We thank them for their willingness to serve and invite all members to support and participate in the programs that strengthen our council and deepen our shared commitment to service.

Elsewhere in this month's newsletter are a list of our officers, program directors and parish coordinators. Thank you in advance for supporting their efforts.

Thank you again for your trust, your support and your commitment to our shared mission. I am excited for what lies ahead and confident that, together, we will make this a year of growth, service and brotherhood.

Vivat Jesus!

Chris Long, Grand Knight

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.

AUGUST			
Sat	8/23/25	4 PM	Hot Dog Picnic @ St. Gabriel
Sun	8/24/25		Coffee @ St. Gabriel Masses
SEPTEMBER			
Mon	9/1/25		Labor Day
Tue	9/2/25	6:30 PM	Officers Meet
Mon	9/8/25	6:30 PM	Council Meet
Sat	9/13/25	5 PM	San Gennaro Italian Festival @ St. Gabriel
Tue	9/23/25	6 PM	Religious Education Welcome @ St. Elizabeth of Hungary
Sat	9/27/25	10:30 AM	Religious Education Welcome @ St. Elizabeth of Hungary
Wkd	9/27-28/25		Coffee @ St. Gabriel Masses
Sun	9/28/25	1:30 PM	Our Lady of Mercy Feast Day @ Our Lady of Mercy
OCTOBER - Respect Life Month			
Mon	10/6/25	6:30 PM	Officers Meet
Mon	10/13/25	6:30 PM	Council Meet @ Our Lady of Mercy / Columbus Day / Exemplification
Wkd	10/26-27/25		Coffee @ St. Gabriel Masses
Fri	10/31/25		Halloween

In our prayers

For our dead: Lynn White.

For healing: Paul Ludwick, Deacon Benny Matos, Don Macejko, Kurt Kohler, Michael Bryant, Steve Cole, Dan Falvey, Rev. Kenneth D. Whittaker, Frank Laverty, Larry Martin, Tomas Vazquez, Roger Harris, Vincent Casale, Jeff and Paula Graham, 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 (plus \$12 shipping option) at Boca Color Graphics, 139 NW Third Street, Boca Raton, FL 33432; 561-391-2229 or email amy@bocacolorgraphics.com.

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

October Meeting Change: The October membership meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. Monday, October 13, at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 5201 N. Military Trail, Deerfield Beach.

65th Anniversary Installation Dinner



New GK Chris Long led 2025-26 fraternal year officers in oaths.



Equine Assisted Therapies Director Molly Sinclair was honored by GK Ralph Amato.



Advocate Peter Assumma honored the Daughters of Mary Mother of Mercy.



Scholarship awards went to Jose Enrique Zambrano, Jose Ignacio Zambrano, William Limperis, Kennedy, Taylor and Payton Riebel.



Grand Knight Awards went to David Rouchard, Kurt Kohler and Michael Tarr.



Guy DeJohn was honored for his work in supporting the KofC-sponsored restoration at St. Elizabeth of Hungary.



David Rouchard, Fr. Anthony Mulderry and Msgr. Willie Dever were honored guests, along with Fr. Jean Jadotte and Chaplain Fr. Nathan.



PGK Richard and Marian Fetchik were honored for 58 years of service. He was named Trustee Emeritus by incoming GK Chris Long.



Zambrano family members helped serve dinner prepared by Barbara and Hector Marrero.



PGK Fr. Martin Dunne III was the keynote speaker highlighting the council's history.



St. Gabriel Pastor Fr. Nathan was installed again as Council Chaplain.



Edward A. O'Neil Assembly 1534 Color Corps provided the honor guard.



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FREE Hot Dog Picnic



St. Gabriel Parish Hall

After 4 p.m. Saturday Mass, August 23

Contact Dave Rouchard, 754-224-1402

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Become a Knight**



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Welcome Back

St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Religious Education Families

FREE Hot Dogs & Hamburgers



6 p.m Tuesday, Sept. 23

10:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 27

Contact Dave Rouchard, 754-224-1402

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**OUR LADY OF MERCY
FEAST DAY**

GRAND PRIZE each raffle ticket **\$10.00**
77" LG Smart TV or 3 tickets for **\$25.00**

Sunday, September 28TH
Starting at 1:30 - 7:30 pm
Food, Drinks and Dance

TV Raffle Drawing at 7:00 pm

Location:
5201 North Military Trail, Deerfield Beach FL 33464



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

4th Annual

San Gennaro Italian Festival



Saturday, Sept. 13

St. Gabriel Parish Hall, 731 N. Ocean Blvd., Pompano Beach

Doors open at 5 p.m.

Fun + Food + Raffle Prizes + Music + Dancing
Pasta with choice of sausage, onions and peppers or
meatballs, mixed vegetables with onions and garlic,
salad, dessert, beer, wine or soda

Donation \$25

(Children under 11 free)

St. Gabriel Church Benefit

Seating Limited

Reserve by Sept. 8 online at KOFCA4955.COM

Or contact Mike Charles, 803-312-2302

Notice of investment resolution and policy

Members are encouraged to attend meetings Monday, August 11, and September 8 to approve a Resolution Confirming Council Investment Policy and Investment Policy Statement governing the council's charitable endowment funds. The draft documents have been emailed to members for review.

The council's charitable endowment was created in 2014 with the remaining proceeds from the dissolved Pompano KofC Home Corporation sale of the council hall in 2000.

The resolution and policy were approved August 4 by the Board of Trustees and officers and recommended to membership following a lengthy review of options.

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