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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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Teamwork

Teamwork is what makes good organizations great and great organizations phenomenal.

Teamwork was on display this past Italian dinner with the Columbiettes. We were able to raise for both organizations several thousand dollars.

The Knights would like to say thanks for their hard work.

This example also is similar to how we work with our churches, charities and the folks we support. Teamwork is how we improve the community.

As we move forward as Knights, we must keep our teamwork and the results of our teamwork high in our hearts and way out in front for all to see.

The results of our efforts are to provide leadership to continue to help others.

Thank you.

Ralph Amato, Grand Knight

In our prayers

Our dead: Douglas Murry, PSD, Carmine Giancola, Anne Sorrelle, Henry Garberg

For healing: Anthony Pellitteri, Tomas Vazquez, Kurt Kohler, Chris Maccio, James Blaine, PGK Richard and Marian Fetchik Sr., Mike Tarr, Rev. Mathew Thomas, 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.

OCTOBER - Respect Life Month			
Sat	10/14/23	Noon	Columbiettes Luncheon @ St. Ambrose
Sun	10/22/23		St. Gabriel Coffee, Donuts
Tue	10/31/23		Halloween
Disabilities Drive Tootsie Roll order, permissions			
NOVEMBER			
Wed	11/1/23		All Saints Day
Wkd	11/4-5/23	9 AM-5:30 PM	Columbiettes Christmas Market @ St. Ambrose
Mon	11/6/23	6:30 PM	Officers Meet
Sat	11/11/23	5 PM	Salute Our Soldiers Dinner Dance @ St. Gabriel (KofC Military Chaplains Fund)
Mon	11/13/23	6:30 PM	Council Meet/Memorial Mass
Fri	11/17/23		St. Elizabeth of Hungary Feast
Thu	11/23/23		Thanksgiving
Sun	11/26/23		St. Gabriel Coffee, Donuts
11/15 – Tax filing deadline			
DECEMBER			
Sat	12/3/23	5 PM	Potluck Christmas Party w/ Columbiettes @ St. Gabriel (Our Father's House Benefit)
Mon	12/4/23	6:30 PM	Officers Meet
Thu	12/7/23		St. Ambrose Feast
Fri	12/8/23		Immaculate Conception
Mon	12/11/23	6:30 PM	Council Meet
Sun	12/24/23		St. Gabriel Coffee, Donuts
Mon	12/25/23		Christmas
Sun	12/31/23		Holy Family Feast Consecration



LEFT: Riebel and Zambrano families each received scholarship grants for their three children attending Catholic schools. BOTTOM LEFT: Jim Crissy expanded Our Father's House services to refit buses for family shelters. TOP RIGHT: Columbiettes honored San Gennaro and helped make the festival a big success. MID RIGHT: Officers were installed September 11. BOTTOM RIGHT: KofC insurance agent Benny Matos was ordained deacon September 9.



The most wonderful time of the year -- and the busiest!

At the time of this writing I am preparing for -- by far -- the busiest time of the entire year for any priest, Advent (for various reasons, it's not Lent). This year, Advent is crammed into a three-week period; the fourth Sunday of Advent also falls on December 24. Both the fourth Sunday and Christmas are Days of Obligation. Going to just one doesn't count for both!

Historically, Advent also has been the busiest time for Council 4955. In addition to all of its other recurring events and meetings, they hosted *many separate* "Christmas" celebrations every year, all crammed-in before Christmas Eve:

- Pinehurst Nursing (now "Seaview") in Pompano Beach
- Tree-lighting Ceremony with Caroling
- Council 4955 3rd Degree
- Council 4955 Ladies' Auxiliary
- Assembly 1534 4th Degree
- Council 4955 Children's Party
- Several corporate "holiday" banquet rentals (paid the bills!)

Although virtually all of these, year after year, are forever among my happiest memories, the most profound and frequent experience for me is the Children's Christmas party.

My participation began nearly 40 years ago, and I couldn't have been more mesmerized by these first impressions of the KofC. Yes, it was exciting that Santa took time from his busy schedule to be with us, but these events had the more exciting consequence of introducing me to many of the other works of the Council. I couldn't help but notice their promotions on the walls advertising "Keep Christ in Christmas" and other events, as well as their several dozen accolades earned by that point.

Because I realize that December, in numerous ways, is the busiest month for everyone, I wanted to offer this gentle reminder of the "Reason for the Season."



The four Dunne Brothers (all became Knights), with the three children of Council member Gary Darch at 4955 Children's Christmas Party, 1993.

It's always saddened me that most do most celebrating during Advent, which is meant to be instead a season of prayer and preparation. What's even worse is that they abruptly stop celebrating Christmas at midnight December 26.

I've been encouraging many to shift their "Christmas" parties from Advent into the *actual* Christmas Season, which goes well into the following year!

Fr. Martin Dunne, PGK
Council Historian

Columbiettes auxiliary is off to a busy new year

Sister Columbiettes have been very busy beginning with a raffle at the July 27th wine taste.

First, in July the auxiliary donated backpacks and school supplies for Broward County underprivileged students.

Second, in August, we partnered with K of C Assembly 1534 to collecting new and used Bibles for their prison ministry. We collected Bibles from three parishes for a total of over 500 new and used Bibles and cash donations totaling \$467.

Third, September 9th, four officers attended the state regional meeting in Winter Haven. While there, we accepted our Margaret Mary J. Mangan Achievement award plaque.

Fourth, September 16th both Columbiettes and Knights participated in the Rick Case Habitat for Humanity house building project.

September 16th, we partnered with the Knights Council 4955 to put on the San Gennaro Festival. We sold tickets, decorated the hall, and helped serve and clean up.

Fifth, September 27th our first auxiliary meeting of the year we selected donations to the following organizations:

- BLESS Ministry a \$100 donation for doves for their closing flags ceremony and Life Chain.
- Purchase anti-fungal entrance mats for St. Gabriel's three hall entrances.
- Cash donation of \$150 to St. Vincent DePaul toward the purchase of exercise mats for Broward County women's detention center.
- \$500 cash donation presented at October 14th Ladies Luncheon to Tomorrow's Rainbow.
- Purchased two concert series tickets for three St. Gabriel concerts to present to Columbiette who attends meeting prior to event.
- Month of October with KofC Assembly 1534 collecting NEW male and female clothing and toiletries for veterans.

Patricia Macejko, Columbiettes President



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SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 11, 2023

DINNER DANCE

Menu

PULLED PORK SHOULDER

*(Seasoned with warm savory spices) Served
with Pan seared Paprika Potatoes, Green Beans
and Apple Sauce on the side.*

Includes Beer, Wine and Soda

Coffee and Tea

Donation \$30.00

Doors Open at 5:00pm

Dancing 5:30pm-8:00pm

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Roy Michaels

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Contact Mike Charles 803-312-2302

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