



Knights of Columbus
Edward A. O'Neil Assembly 1534
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Meetings are held at
St. Vincent Church DePaul Center
 6350 NW 18 ST
 Margate, FL 33063
 (unless otherwise announced)
Officers Meeting
 Wed. Prior to Bus. Mtg. at 7:00 PM
Food & Refreshments at 6:30 PM
Business Meeting
 Third Monday at 7:00 PM
Food & Refreshments at 6:30 PM

John A. Hill #4955
 St. Gabriel Church - Pompano Beach, FL
 Meetings - 2nd Monday
GK Ralph Amato
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Msgr. John J. O'Looney #6590
 St. Vincent Church - Margate, FL
 Meetings - 4th Tuesday
GK William Rodriguez
 954-908-9060

Coral Springs #8838
 St. Andrew Church - Coral Springs, FL
 Meetings - 3rd Thursday
GK Sergio Lozano
 954-397-6111

St. Malachy #13355
 St. Malachy Church - Tamarac, FL
 Meetings - 1st Tuesday
GK Todd Palgon
 954-235-6725

San Isidro #16980
 San Isidro Church - Pompano Beach, FL
 Meetings - 3rd Friday
GK Edwar Aguilera
 561-562-0422

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April 2025

ASSEMBLY OFFICERS - 2024-2025

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A SALUTE TO OUR PAST FAITHFUL NAVIGATORS

1970	Walter Millar †	1996	Martin Gabriel †
1971	Earl Mills †	1997	John O'Toole
1972	Robert Dugdale †	1998	James Cunningham †
1973	Albert Vincent †	1999	Robert Young †
1974	Lindley Shipley †	2000	Martin Knecht, Jr
1975	Warren Castline †	2001	Don Vettorel
1976	Michael Zofchak †	2002	James DiStefano †
1977	Francis Bonniol †	2003	Thomas Neale
1978	Anthony Marro †	2004	Jim Daly
1979	Frank Dvorak †	2005	Ed Mottola, Jr
1980	Edward Joncas †	2006	Lou Cimaglia Jr †
1981	James Cupp †	2007	Nick Zurzolo †
1982	Richard Chisholm †	2008	Harry Whitford
1983	Carmen Caliguire †	2009	Ron Harper †
1984	Jack Spanola †	2010	Eugene Bergeron
1985	Frank Cennamo †	2011	Reyes Carrizales
1986	Rocco Bochetto †	2012	Louis Barrera
1987	Robert Collins †	2013	Manuel Castano
1988	Raymond Gauthier †	2014	Michael Cherup
1989	Thomas Armento †	2015	John Rebesch
1990	James Zilai †	2016/17	Angelo Sardo † (two terms)
1991	Adam Richter †	2018/19	William Rodriguez (two terms)
1992	Stephen Press †	2020	Donald Barnett
1993	Tim Seifert †	2021/22	Kenneth Staab (two terms)
1994	Drew Cavan †	2023	John Yardley
1995	Doug Murray †		

UPCOMING EVENTS

Event	Where	When
Holy Thursday Mass	San Isidro Church	Thursday, April 17 at 6:30 PM
Holy Thursday Mass	All Saints Church	Thursday, April 17 at 7:00 PM
Patriotic Concert Benefitting Honor Flight South Florida	South Plantation High School	Sunday, May 4 at 3:00 PM
50 th Anniversary Ordination Mass of Father Michael Greer	Assumption Church	Saturday, May 17 at 4:00 PM
Honor Flight Operation Homecoming	Ft. Lauderdale International Airport Terminal Four	Saturday, May 17 at 8:00 PM

Sales of the March Madness sweepstakes tickets netted us \$435.00! Please support the sales of the NFL tickets in the next few weeks. We need to recruit some new members to the Color Corps. Please see me, CCC Edwar Aguilera, or Lt. CCC David Miller to sign up. We are forming a Color Guard for Flag presentations. Faithful Captain Manny Castano and Inside Guard Todd Palgon are our new Honor Flight representatives and will be attending their meetings to keep us informed. Our other ongoing patriotic programs will hopefully be continued by the new Officers, as I am running for a different position this year.

God Bless,
Donald J. Barnett
Faithful Navigator

APRIL 16 OFFICERS MEETING

The April officers meeting is Wednesday, March 16 at Wings Plus in Coral Springs.

FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR'S REPORT

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Worthy Sir Knights,

It is that time of year again, ELECTIONS. At this month's Officers Meeting, a nominating committee was formed chaired by Sir Knight Willie Rodriguez. Any Sir Knights interested in standing for Office should let him know. Nominations for Office will be open until the May Officers Meeting. After that date, please hold any further nominations. Election night will be May 15 at our regular business meeting leaving us June as a cushion in case of any contested seats with the new Officers assuming their chairs on July 1 per the Constitution and Charter of the Knights of Columbus.

FAITHFUL CAPTAIN'S REPORT

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Greetings Sir Knights,

Prayer to Saint Rita (when in special need)

*O powerful St. Rita, rightly called Saint of the Impossible,
I come to you with confidence in my great need.
You know well my trials,
for you yourself were many times burdened in this life.
Come to my help, speak for me, pray with me,
intercede on my behalf before the Father.
I know that God has a most generous heart
and that he is a most loving Father.
Join your prayers to mine
and obtain for me the grace I desire for my request.
You who were so very pleasing to God on earth
and are so much so now in heaven,
I promise to use this favor, when granted,
to better my life, to proclaim God's mercy,
and to make you more widely known and loved.
Amen.*

Vivat Jesus!

Manny A. Castaño
Faithful Captain

FAITHFUL ADMIRAL'S REPORT

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FAITHFUL COMPTROLLER'S REPORT

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Sir Knights and Friends,

Thank you for being a member and supporting the Assembly!

If you haven't been able to attend an Assembly meeting recently, please consider joining us on the third Monday of each month at Saint Vincent Church in the DePaul Center. We would love to see you!

Our Past Faithful Navigators helped establish a sound tradition of conducting productive meetings that do not last more than one hour unless there are urgent matters to review. This gives regularity to our schedule and helps our members plan their evening.

Faithful Navigator Don Barnett admirably continues this tradition demonstrating our respect of your time. Our meetings generally conclude before 8 PM and are worthy of your attendance.

The Assembly provides refreshments before our meeting at 6:30 PM instead of after the meeting which was our previous practice.

We can best fulfill our patriotic mission if we have extensive participation and representation from as many members as possible. So please join us on Monday, April 21 at 6:30 PM for refreshments and our meeting will begin promptly at 7 PM

Vivat Jesus!

John Yardley
Faithful Admiral

Worthy Sir Knights,

Our membership to date is 216.

112 members have paid their dues this calendar year. If you have not yet paid your dues, please do so.

The twenty-one members who were presented to Supreme for suspension last year were ultimately removed from the roster on March 25.

Faithful Purser Chris Wolff was to take over the role of Editor from me this month, but is currently not able to due to personal commitments. With that said, I will continue on as Editor until a replacement is found.

God Bless you and your family.

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,
Joseph Silvers
Faithful Comptroller

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



COLOR CORPS COMMANDER'S REPORT

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Dear Sir Knights,

March was a very busy month filled with many fulfillments for the services we were able to perform for our Holy Church. I thank our Lt. Commander David Miller for his wonderful service this month such as the Special Olympics at Cardinal Gibbons School on March 8 and the Youth Adoration Liturgical Service at St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton on March 21.

On March 10, we held a liturgical service to begin the Novena to St. Joseph. The Mass was celebrated by Fr. Warren Escalona and served by SK Rick Travers, and SK Nelson Yopez



We also provided a liturgical service on the Feast of the Solemnity of St. Joseph, celebrated by Fr. George on March 19. Thank you SK Nelson Yopez, SK Rafael Sandoval, SK José Bedoya, and SK Yasel Manzanares for your excellent service.



There was a practice on March 27 for the Elevation of San Isidro Mission to a Parish on March 30.



Columbiettes Auxiliary 16980 new Honor Guard is the second in Florida and the first in the Archdiocese of Miami. The Columbiettes Honor Guard is led by Captain Sandra Aguilera and Co-Captain Claudia Perez.



The Color Corps is led by Vice Marshal Don Barnett, Color Corps Commander Edwar Aguilera, Color Guard Commander David Miller.



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On March 30, we were present at the wonderful ceremony of the Elevation to Parish of San Isidro and the installation of Fr. Wilfredo Contreras as Pastor. Fr. Contreras has made the rebuilding and Elevation of San Isidro his primary goal which he has finally achieved.



The ceremony was officiated by Archbishop Thomas Wenski and he was accompanied by seven priests and Deacon Vincent.



Eighteen Color Corps members served led by Vice Marshall Don Barnett and with the participation of Lt. Commander David Miller.



In addition, this service was held with the participation of the Columbiettes Auxiliary 16980 new Honor Guard.



A total of twelve Sister Columbiettes led by Captain Sandra Gonzalez and Co-Captain Claudia Perez.



It was a wonderful service where we felt very good about serving our Holy Church.



Vivat Jesus!

Edwar Aguilera
Color Corps Commander

HONOR A VETERAN

WWII * KOREA * VIETNAM
**and those who served in-between*
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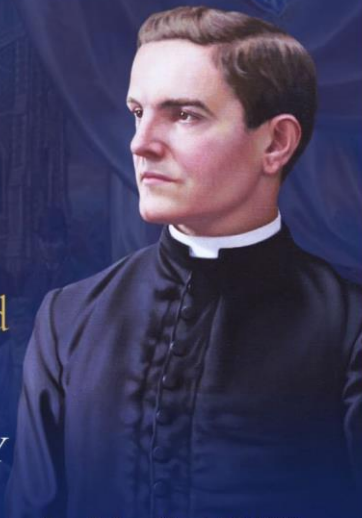
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A Happy Founders Day !
Vivat Jesus !!*

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