



**Knights of Columbus**  
**Edward A. O'Neil Assembly 1534**  
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# The Patriot

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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  
**Business Meeting**  
 Third Monday at 7:00 PM

## **John A. Hill #4955**

St. Gabriel Catholic Church - Pompano Beach, FL  
 Meetings 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays  
**GK Ralph Amato**  
 954-650-4610

## **Msgr. John J. O'Looney #6590**

St. Vincent Catholic Church - Margate, FL  
 Meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays  
**GK William Rodriguez, RA**  
 954-908-9060

## **Coral Springs #8838**

St. Andrew Catholic Church - Coral Springs, FL  
 Meetings 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & last Thursdays  
**GK Sergio Lozano**  
 954-397-6111

## **St. Malachy #13355**

St. Malachy Catholic Church - Tamarac, FL  
 Meetings 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays  
**GK Jeffrey Rock**  
 561-325-0667

## **San Isidro #16980**

San Isidro Catholic Church - Pompano Beach, FL  
 Meetings 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays  
**GK Edwar Aguilera**  
 561-562-0422

## **February 2024**

### **ASSEMBLY OFFICERS - 2023-2024**

Navigator	John Yardley	954-798-8596
Friar	Rev. Wilfredo Contreras	
Captain	Donald "Don" Barnett, PFN	954-279-3229
Admiral	Kenneth "Ken" Staab, PFN	954-214-4915
Pilot	Todd Palgon	954-235-6725
Comptroller	Joseph Silvers	954-721-2564
Scribe	Marvin Persaud	754-307-9407
Purser	Jeffrey "Jeff" Rock	561-325-0667
Inner Sentinel	Louis Barrera, PFN / David Miller	
Outer Sentinel	Jose Bedoya / Kurt Kohler	
Three-year Trustee	Mike Tarr	845-793-0957
Two-year Trustee	Peter Swanson	943-242-1777
One-year Trustee	William "Willie" Rodriguez, PFN	954-908-9060

### **DIRECTORS & CHAIRMAN**

Color Corps Commander	Christopher "Chris" Wolff	561-560-7883
Color Corps Lt. Commander	Edwar Aguilera	561-562-0422

### **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	Manny 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 †		
1995	Doug Murray †		

## FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR'S REPORT

SK John Yardley  
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Dear Sir Knights and Friends,

It is a great honor to nominate Vice Marshal Don Barnett to be considered for the office of Florida District Master. We will present this nomination at the 2024 Fourth Degree Biennial Meeting in Orlando, a copy of the resolution is included in this edition of 'The Patriot' bulletin.

Sir Knight Don's extensive service to the Knights of Columbus and to Edward A. O'Neil Assembly 1534 is impressive and exemplary. We all share great respect and gratitude for the amount of time and energy Don has devoted to the Knights of Columbus.

We also owe a great deal of respect and thanks for Mary Barnett who in addition to serving as Assembly Photographer tirelessly brings Don to and from every Knights of Columbus function. "Chief of Stuff" Mary is a Blessing to our Assembly and helps in ways too numerous to list!

We elected Sir Knight Willie Rodriguez, PFN, Sir Knight Don Barnett, PFN, and new member Sir Knight Chris Wolff, CCC as our delegates who will join me at the Biennial meeting.

Chris Wolff transferred into our Assembly on President's Day 2024 and is a member of my parish, Assumption Catholic Church in Lauderdale-by-the-sea.

Chris is a good friend and no stranger to our Assembly having partnered many times with our Color Corps during his service as the Color Corps Commander for Father Michael J. Mulally Assembly 157.

I'm pleased to announce that effective immediately Sir Knight Chris Wolff will serve as the Color Corps Commander of Edward A. O'Neil Assembly 1534. Chris is a tremendous addition for our team and we are very fortunate to have him lead our Color Corps.

Sir Knight Don Barnett served as our Color Corps Commander for many years but he resigned that position in our Assembly due to his promotion. Don continues his service as District Vice Marshal assisting and coordinating our Color Corps and other Broward County Color Corps.

It is a pleasure to serve with dedicated men like Don and Chris leading our Color Corps. We are in excellent shape to continue the patriotic and compassionate mission of the Fourth Degree and provide a dignified and honorable visual presentation of the Knights of Columbus at funerals, parades, and liturgical services.

Vivat Jesus!

John Yardley  
Faithful Navigator

Event	Where	When
Youth Eucharistic Adoration	Mary Help of Christians Church	Friday, February 23 at 7:00 PM
Special Olympics	Cardinal Gibbons High School	Saturday, March 2 at 8:30 AM
Color Corps Training & Certification	San Isidro Church	Tuesday, March 12 at 7:30 PM
Youth Eucharistic Adoration	St. Malachy Church	Friday, March 22 at 7:00 PM
Florida District Biennial Meeting	Monsignor Bishop Council 2112 Meeting Hall	Saturday, March 23 at 1:00 PM
Living Rosary	Our Lady Queen of Heaven Church	Saturday, April 13 at 11:00 AM

## FAITHFUL CAPTAIN'S REPORT

SK Don Barnett, PFN  
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Worthy Brothers,

This past month has been very slow, so instead of a report, the FN and myself felt an explanation of the upcoming February/March events is appropriate.

First, let me say to you, my Assembly Brothers about the upcoming news. I, your FC/VM am honored to have received the nomination and support of our Assembly for District Master. Other Assemblies have also given me their nominations and support, and I am grateful and humbled for this outpouring of support and confidence from my Brother Knights. These nominations are a great personal honor, but more importantly they recognize the dedication, sacrifice and commitment of my Brother Knights and CC members. For without you and them, I would not have this opportunity. Wow, that is a mouthful, but what does it mean? Ok, I'll try to keep this short.

We are talking about the Fourth Degree Biennial Meeting coming this March 23. This is mandated by Supreme on even years in March or April. Why two years? The Master serves a two-year term, and he is limited to two terms. Worthy John O'Toole has served two terms, so this biennial is IMPORTANT! I am going to be as brief as I can about the process. February 19 was our most recent business meeting. At this meeting we elected three voting delegates and four alternates, plus voted on any resolutions we wanted to send. For example, one we are talking about is splitting the state into two districts and two Masters (North and South). We get one voting delegate per 100 or any part thereof. The FN is a voting delegate. We just needed to elect his alternate. Only voting delegates are required to go to the meeting, but anyone may attend. This year it is on March 16. They were read and voted on at the meeting and sent to Supreme. Candidates for Master are read, voted on and two or three are submitted to Supreme, who then picks our next Master.

Brothers, with your support and prayers, I pray we can succeed.

The meeting is:

**Saturday, March 23**

Doors open at **12 PM**

Gavel on meeting at **1 PM**

**Monsignor Bishop Council 2112 Meeting Hall  
5727 Cornelia AVE, Orlando, FL**

If you want to go, reach out to me soon as some of us are going on Brightline with a group fare and Uber to the meeting which is 6.4 miles away, so the cost should be minimal.

Call me at (954) 279-3229, text, or email  
dbccc1534@gmail.com

God Bless,  
SK Donald Barnett, PFN  
Faithful Captain

## FAITHFUL ADMIRAL'S REPORT

SK Ken Staab, PFN  
954-214-4915  
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Worthy Sir Knights,

Kudos to Deacon Vincent Eberling. You may recall Deacon Vince is from San Isidro Church. In addition to providing support to Father Wilfredo and parishioners at San Isidro, Deacon Vince reaches the faithful in other locations as well.

Interested in Bible Study at Mary Help of Christians Parish? Contact Deacon Vince. He provides a program there.

Interested in a speaker addressing men in your parish? Deacon Vince does that too.

You may recall Deacon Vince visited with the Assembly last year in advance of the ManUp Conference in 2023. Deacon Vince addressed the importance of men being actively involved in their faith and sharing their faith with family and others. Some of our members attended. Sorry to say I did not.

I am happy to report I did attend the 2024 ManUp Conference this year. Although I did not participate in the golf tournament or Friday evening opening of the conference, I did participate on Saturday, February 17 at the Schott Center and St. Jude Chapel. I am glad I did. It was time well spent.

The Assembly Color Corps had the honor of participating in the opening testimonies on Saturday morning. Special thanks to VM Donald Barnett, Lt. Commander Edwar Aguilera and SK Kevin Harris for their participation. They were joined by Brothers Ken Briganti, Joseph Silva, the Knights on Bikes, along with other Knights.

Following Mass, attendees enjoyed breakfast and later lunch. Attendees had the opportunity to break bread with other men of faith and were reminded of the power of men of faith coming together to pray, learn and grow in our faith.

The event was very well attended and had exceptional speakers. Deacon Steve Javie, retired NBA referee, and Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, retired police chief, were very interesting. Each shared stories of their professions and faith journey. Each gave insight into their decision to become ordained Deacons in the Catholic Church and what it means to them and their families.

In closing, "a tip of the hat" to SK Deacon Vincent Eberling for his active role in the planning and coordination of the ManUp conference this year and years past. He was happy to see his brother Knights. He continues to make a difference.

Please consider attending future ManUp conferences. It is time well spent.

Thank you for all you do for others.

Vivat Jesus!

Regards,  
Ken, PFN  
Admiral

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## FAITHFUL COMPTROLLER'S REPORT

SK Joseph Silvers  
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Worthy Sir Knights,

Our membership to date is 247.

I am happy to report that some members who had not paid their dues in years began doing so since the inception of accepting Bill Pay. Thank you for reconciling your annual obligation to the Assembly!

As a reminder, the dues you pay the Assembly (every calendar year around January) as a Sir Knight in the Fourth Degree is separate from the dues you pay your Council (every fraternal year around July) as a Brother Knight in the Third Degree.

It is important for the Assembly to have the most up-to-date contact information (home address, contact number, and e-mail address) on its members as possible. It keeps us from never losing touch with you nor you with us! I have been enclosing a copy of your member record for your review with your travel card so you may provide any updated information.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

God Bless you and your family.

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,  
Joseph Silvers  
Faithful Comptroller

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## COLOR CORPS COMMANDER'S REPORT

SK Chris Wolff  
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Worthy Knights,

It is with great excitement that I join the Assembly as Color Corps Commander.

As CCC, I am honored to lead such an exceptional group of individuals who embody the principles of unity, charity, fraternity, and patriotism. The commitment to excellence and the noble traditions of the Knights of Columbus Color Corps is nothing short of inspiring.

Together, in Broward County, we have not only showcased the vibrant spirit of our order but also served as a beacon of hope and strength within our communities. Whether participating in parades, presenting the colors at ceremonies, or engaging in charitable activities, each member of the Color Corps plays a crucial role in uplifting the values we hold dear.

As we look ahead to the future, I am filled with anticipation for the continued growth and success of our organization. With your continued support, I am confident that we will achieve new heights and make an even greater difference in the lives of those we serve. Together, we will uphold the principles of the Knights of Columbus and contribute to the betterment of our communities.

I extend my deepest thanks to each and every one of you for your dedication, camaraderie, and passion for our mission. Your commitment to the ideals of the Knights of Columbus Color Corps is a testament to the strength of our brotherhood.

Let's move forward with enthusiasm, unity, and a shared sense of purpose.

May we stand shoulder to shoulder, ever vigilant, and ready to serve. Thank you for being the heart and soul of the Knights of Columbus Color Corps.

Vivat Jesus!

Chris Wolff, CC Commander



Assembly



EDWARD A O NEIL

Assembly 1534

Assembly Location: POMPANO BEACH

Jurisdiction: FL

4th Degree District: FLORIDA

Date of Institution: 06-19-1970

Province: DE SOTO

Motion for Nomination — Florida District Master

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

**WHEREAS** Sir Knight Donald Barnett has been a dedicated and active member of the Knights of Columbus in Florida since 2012 achieving the honor of entering the Fourth Degree on August 17, 2013, successively serving in many council and assembly leadership roles including Charter Grand Knight, Faithful Navigator, Vice Marshal, and Color Corps Commander, and

**WHEREAS** Brother Donald demonstrated superior organizational, ceremonial, and leadership skills acquired through years of service to his country and church, by raising a family with steadfast Catholic values, by owning and operating a successful small transportation and logistics business, and

**WHEREAS** Brother Donald dutifully and patriotically served his country and state for six years with the 3rd Ranger Battalion, 101st Airborne Army Division faithfully achieving the rank of Corporal (E-4) assigned to a mobile scout platoon, and

**WHEREAS** Brother Donald Barnett has served for the past three years and currently serves on an Advisory Board for the City of Sunrise, Florida, and

**WHEREAS** The Barnett Family, Don, Mary, and Christina were honored with the prestigious Knights of Columbus "Family of the Year" award from both Saint John Nuemann Council 5971 and Edward A. O'Neil Assembly 1534, and

**WHEREAS** Brother Donald faithfully and honorably served as Color Corps Commander for several Faithful Navigators, and during his dedicated tenure participated at 167 funeral services honoring the faithfully departed and comforting families and friends of the fallen, and

**WHEREAS** Sir Knight Donald Barnett was appointed District Vice Marshal for the Fourth Degree serving Florida District Master John J. O'Toole in various ceremonies and in important roles in Fourth Degree Exemplifications, and

**WHEREAS** Brother Donald successfully developed and implemented a multi-assembly, combined Color Corps model which best utilizes available manpower resources to represent the Order in ceremonial and liturgical services, and

**WHEREAS** Sir Knight Donald Barnett faithfully served for many years as chairman of the Edward A. O'Neil Assembly Veterans Committee leading annual successful collection drives with various parishes, assemblies, councils and auxiliaries securing supplies to benefit retired American Veterans living in State Retirement Homes in Clearwater and Pembroke Pines, and

**WHEREAS** Brother Donald is an active member of San Isidro Catholic Mission in Pompano Beach, Florida where he volunteers with his wife Mary as lectors, and assist San Isidro Pastor Reverend Wilfredo Contreras wherever and whenever needed, and

**WHEREAS** Sir Knight Donald and Mary Barnett have lovingly served as the caretakers and custodians of Assembly 1534's 'Giant Rosary' sharing this devotion with the faithful and pious in our community, and

**WHEREAS** Sir Knight Donald and Mary Barnett have been married for 34 years and being blessed with the birth of their daughter Christina espouse the principles of Unity, Fraternity, Charity, and Patriotism, and are mutually committed to work for the aid and benefit the Order, and

**WHEREAS** Don and Mary's understanding of the requirements, time, and obligations necessary to serve as District Master, pledge complete dedication to the Knights of Columbus should Sir Knight Don Barnett be chosen for the office of Florida District Master.



**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

The members of Edward A. O'Neil Assembly 1534 of Pompano Beach, Florida unanimously, vigorously, and enthusiastically endorse the name of Sir Knight **Donald Barnett** to be honorably submitted to the Worthy Supreme Master for consideration for the office of Florida District Master.

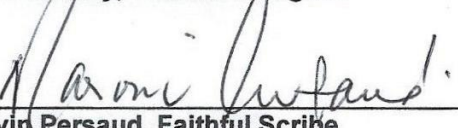
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

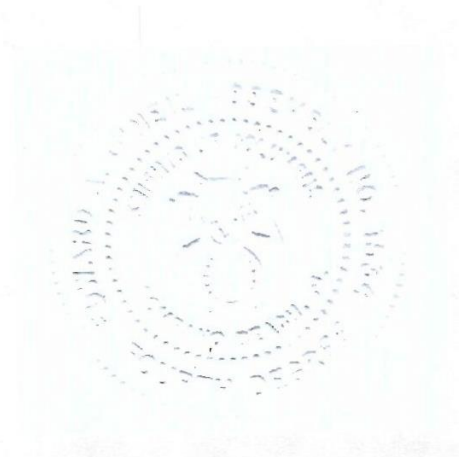
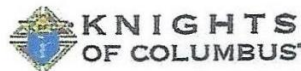
This resolution be respectfully presented to Worthy Master John J. O'Toole, Florida District, DeSoto Province by the Edward A. O'Neil Assembly 1534 for consideration and adoption at the 2024 Biennial District Meeting in Orlando, Florida.

The foregoing resolution was read and unanimously approved by the membership of Edward A. O'Neil Assembly 1534 at its regular business meeting on President's Day, February 19, 2024. A list of Sir Knight Don Barnett's positions with the Knights of Columbus is included with this resolution.

X   
John Yardley, Faithful Navigator

**Affix Assembly Seal Below**

X   
Marvin Persaud, Faithful Scribe





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**LIST OF LEADERSHIP POSITIONS FOR SK DONALD BARNETT**

**DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT**

ST. John Nuemann C 5971  
2 Years

**CHARTER GRAND KNIGHT**

ST. Bernard C 16598  
5 Years

**DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT**

Msgr. John J. O'Looney C 6590  
5 Years

**FAITHFUL CAPTAIN**

Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy A 3054  
1 Year

**FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR**

Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy A 3054  
1 Year

**FAITHFUL CAPTAIN**

Edward A. O'Neil A 1534  
4 Years and current position

**FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR**

Edward A. O'Neil A1534  
1 Year



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Florida District, Biennial Meeting

Saturday, March 23, 2024

1 pm to 3:30 pm

Monsignor Bishop Council 2112 Hall

5727 Cornelia Avenue  
Orlando, FL 32807

Assembly 1534 Delegates and Alternates:

1. Delegate 1. Willie Rodriguez, members 1 — 100
2. Delegate 2. Don Barnett, members 101 — 200
3. Delegate 3. Chris Wolff members 201 — up
4. Faithful Navigator John Yardley
5. Faithful Navigator Alternate Ken Staab
6. Alternate 1. Peter Swanson
7. Alternate 2. Kurt Kohler
8. Alternate 3. Mike Tarr

