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Edward A. O'Neil Assembly 1534
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February 2025

ASSEMBLY OFFICERS - 2024-2025

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Two Year Trustee	William "Willie" Rodriguez, PFN	954-908-9060
Three Year Trustee	Kenneth "Ken" Staab, PFN	954-214-4915

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
 954-650-4610

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
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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
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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

LOUIS BARRERA FUNDRAISER DINNER

Event	Where	When
Youth Eucharistic Adoration	Mary Help of Christians Church	Friday, February 14 at 6:30 PM
Color Corps Training / Certification	San Isidro Church	Wednesday, February 19 at 7:30 PM
125 th Anniversary of the Fourth Degree Exemplification & Mass	Saint Patrick's Cathedral New York, New York	Saturday, February 22 at 1:00 PM
Silver Rose Mass	Saint Katharine Drexel Church	Sunday, February 23 at 7:00 PM
Silver Rose Mass	Saint John XXIII Church	Sunday, February 23 at 8:00 PM

Grand Knight Sergio Lozano of Council 8838 shared an e-mail with the Assembly about the fundraiser dinner for Louis Barrera on February 1. Below is an excerpt from that e-mail.

We would like to thank everyone who participated in Louis Barrera family's Fundraiser Dinner. Some helped with donations, some helped organizing, some helped setting up, some helped during the event, and some helped with the cleaning at the end. We all came together to make this happened and it doesn't matter how you helped, you did helped and we thank you!



Our Fourth Degree Assembly presented a check for \$500 to Louis during the event.

EMMAUS RETREAT

Many of you have heard about the Emmaus Retreats and plan to attend one. How does March 2025 look? Fr. Edmond Prendergast and the parishioners of St. Bonaventure in Davie have scheduled two March retreats:

Women's Retreat on March 21-23
 Men's Retreat on March 28-30

You do many things for others. Consider taking time to do something for you. Please check the St. Bonaventure website at <https://stbonaventurechurch.com/emmaus> for additional information.

JANUARY 20 BUSINESS MEETING

Sir Knight Christopher "Chris" Wolff was formally elected to the office of Faithful Purser for the remainder of the 2024-2025 fraternal year. Chris was appointed to the position just five days earlier on February 15 after Jeffrey Rock resigned his post due to health issues.



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Our Council was able to make \$3,500 which includes a 50/50 raffle that was done during the event. We went to Louis' house yesterday to hand his family the check. They were very happy and they could not believe how generous everyone was.



They told us yesterday that when they woke up on Monday, they had no electricity in the house. They used the cash from the 50/50 raffle to pay the electricity bill and get the power back on. They also towed away their car two weeks ago because they couldn't make the monthly payment.

We want to thank Dan Cositore and Juan Carlos Quintero for taking the time to sing and entertain everyone.

We would also like to thank Father Andrew Tomonto and Louise Ditto for letting us use the parish hall at no cost.

We can't thank you enough for your unconditional support. Sometimes, we only have one opportunity to make a difference in someone's life. We should be very proud for taking this one because it will be always printed in the hearts of this family.

MEET & GREET WITH SAN ISIDRO PARISH

Both the Faithful Navigator Don and his wife "The Chief of Stuff" Mary had bought ninety-four dozen donuts, nine cases of small orange juice, and roughly fifty-two gallons of coffee for the Pastor and fellow parishioners of San Isidro the weekend of November 9 and 10 last year.



FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR'S REPORT

SK Don Barnett, PFN
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Worthy Sir Knights,

Let me start that the BBQ for February has been cancelled and no date has been set for it as of this publication.

Lou Barrera's dinner was February 1. Council 6590 had an Italian Dinner the same night as well as the Archbishop De Paoli Assembly having a Blessing of the Swords. February 1 was a busy night!

SK Chris Wolff is taking over as Purser from Jeff Rock. Thank You Jeff for your service, I Pray you get well soon. Congratulations to Chris for joining the leadership team.

The next form due for Star Assembly has been submitted. Two more to go and we are there!

On a personal note, thank you to my Assembly Brothers for their support during a very rough December, God Bless you all.

I travelled a lot recently and I want to send KUDOS to the COLOR CORPS. In my absence they truly stood tall at two funerals and two Masses exemplifying the ideals of the Order. This is last call for 2025 CC dates. Ask your Priests especially for Corpus Christi in June.

Vivat Jesus!

Donald J. Barnett
Faithful Navigator

FAITHFUL CAPTAIN'S REPORT

SK Manny Castano, PFN
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Greetings Sir Knights,

I would like to share a "Prayer for Protection During a Storm" in your life.

Loving God, maker of heaven and earth, protect us in your love and mercy. Send the Spirit of Jesus to be with us, to still our fears and give us confidence.

In the stormy waters, Jesus reassured his disciples by his presence, calmed the storm, and strengthened their faith. Guard us from harm during this storm and renew our faith to serve you faithfully.

Give us the courage to face all difficulties and the wisdom to see the ways your Spirit binds us together in mutual assistance. With confidence we make our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Vivat Jesus!

Manny A. Castaño
Faithful Captain

FAITHFUL ADMIRAL'S REPORT

SK John Yardley, PFN
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Sir Knights and Friends,

As faithful members of Knights of Columbus we know the impact one parish priest can have upon the world such as our Founder Blessed Michael McGivney did. Each vocation is a special gift and Our Order steadfastly supports vocations in many ways including by providing millions of dollars in collaboration with Assemblies and Councils to support seminarians and men and women religious postulants and novices.

Religious and priestly vocations to our Church are vital since without priests we would be without sacraments and as sheep without shepherds.

Our new Archdiocesan Vocations Director and member of our assembly Sir Knight Rev. Milton Martinez requests that we please recite one Hail Mary prayer daily for the increase of religious vocations in the Archdiocese of Miami and for his efforts as Vocations Director.

Please join in a prayer from Pope Saint John Paul II for religious vocations...

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Lord Jesus, as you once called the first disciples to make them fishers of men, let your sweet invitation continue to resound: Come, Follow Me! Give young men and women the grace of responding quickly to your voice. Support our bishops, priests, and consecrated people in their apostolic labor. Grant perseverance to our seminarians and to all those who are carrying out the ideal of a life totally consecrated to your service. Mary, Mother of the Church, the model of every vocation, help us say "Yes" to the Lord Who calls us to cooperate in the divine plan of salvation. Amen.

Vivat Jesus!

John Yardley
Faithful Admiral

FAITHFUL COMPTROLLER'S REPORT

SK Joseph Silvers
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Worthy Sir Knights,

Our membership to date is 240.

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

For those of you who have not yet done so, I encourage you to save money on postage by paying your dues electronically through your financial institution with a process called Bill Pay. This is where they would be issuing and mailing us the check in the amount on your dues statement that you indicate from their website or mobile app.

When setting up the one-time payment, it should be made out to:

Edward A. O'Neil Assembly 1534

The address they would mail it to is:
**Post Office Box 590146
Tamarac, Florida 33359-0146**

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.

Travel cards have been mailed and should be received by February 15.

God Bless you and your family.

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,
Joseph Silvers
Faithful Comptroller

COLOR CORPS COMMANDER'S REPORT

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Dear Sir Knights,

This month of January we had many activities and Services to make the beloved and Blessed Catholic Church great. I thank CCC Chris Wolff for all the Services he coordinated and directed. God Bless you Brother and to all the Knights who serve God through Assembly 1534.

FN Don Barnett organized a ceremony on January 17 at the San Isidro Church for the Renewal of Obligations as Sir Knights and the Blessing of Swords in which our Friar, Father Wilfredo Contreras, made a special prayer and renewed the blessing of our swords.



Thirty-one Sir Knights attended this meeting.

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On January 3 we had a liturgical service and an Honor Guard at the First Friday of the Month service at San Isidro Church.



Thanks to the Brothers for their service, Father Wilfredo Contreras, CCC Chris Wolff, SK Gilberto Romero, SK Jose Bedoya, SK Nelson Yopez and SK Ruben Cardona.

On January 24 at St. Vincent Church, we were present at the Youth Worship where CCC Chris Wolff, SK Rick Travers, SK Kevin Harrys and SK Joseph Silvers served.

We had two funeral services on January 23 Our Lady Queen of Haven for SK Michael Marren with honors and consolation to his family by CCC Brothers Chris Wolff and SK Joseph Silvers.

The other funeral service we offered was on January 25 at Kraeer Funeral Home SK Frank William. We paid honors and accompanied his family in that difficult time. Thanks to CCC Chris Wolff, SK Rick Travers, SK Kevin Harris and Assembly 157 FN Richard Amsden.

On January 26, CCC Chris Wolff, CCLtC David Miller, SK Joseph Silvers and SK Rick Travers were present for the Lunar New Year Mass celebration at Our Lady of La Vang Church.



Embracing the cultural diversity within our Catholic community.



Our participation in this celebration highlighted the unity of faith beyond cultural boundaries.

I am deeply grateful to each of you who have taken the time to serve in these events. Your dedication to the Order and to our mission strengthens our bond as Sir Knights and enhances our spiritual calling.

God bless you.

Vivat Jesus!

Edwar Aguilera
Color Corps Commander

HONOR A VETERAN

WWII * KOREA * VIETNAM
**and those who served in-between*
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TRIP OF A LIFETIME**

Help us locate and honor our Senior Veterans

We are asking for help finding every willing and able Veteran in South Florida who served anytime from the start of World War II to the end of the Vietnam War, so we can take them to Washington DC at *no cost* to them, to visit and experience the Memorials built to honor their service and sacrifice.

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