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Edward A. O'Neil Assembly 1534
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June 2025

ASSEMBLY OFFICERS - 2024-2025

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| Navigator | Donald "Don" Barnett, PFN | 954-279-3229 |
| Friar | Rev. Wilfredo Contreras | |
| Captain | Manuel "Manny" Castano, PFN | 954-670-3857 |
| Admiral | John Yardley, PFN | 954-798-8596 |
| Pilot | David Miller | 954-574-7943 |
| Comptroller | Joseph Silvers | 954-721-2564 |
| Scribe | Kevin Harris | 954-895-4899 |
| Purser | Christopher "Chris" Wolff | 561-560-7883 |
| Inner Sentinel | Frank Guido | |
| Outer Sentinel | Kurt Kohler | |
| One Year Trustee | Peter Swanson | 954-242-1777 |
| 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
 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

DIRECTORS & CHAIRMAN

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|------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Color Corps Commander | Edwar Aguilera | 561-562-0422 |
| Color Corps Lt. Commander | Nelson Yopez | 954-682-0975 |
| Admission Committee Chairman | William "Willie" Rodriguez, PFN | 954-908-9060 |
| Retention Committee Chairman | Manuel "Manny" Castano, PFN | 954-670-3857 |
| Veterans Committee Chairman | Peter Swanson | 954-242-1777 |

A SALUTE TO OUR PAST FAITHFUL NAVIGATORS

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|------|--------------------|---------|-------------------------------|
| 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 |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Exemplification | Cathedral of Saint Ignatius Loyola | Saturday, June 14, at 9:00 AM |
| Confirmation Mass | San Isidro Church | Thursday, June 12, at 5:30 PM |
| Eucharistic Youth Adoration | Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church | Friday, June 20 at 7:00 PM |
| Corpus Christi Mass & Procession | Saint Gabriel Church | Saturday, June 21 at 4:00 PM |
| Corpus Christi Mass & Procession | Saint Henry Church | Sunday, June 22 at 1:30 PM |
| Council 4955 Installation Dinner | Saint Gabriel Parish Hall | Monday, June 23 at 6:30 PM |

FLORIDA STATE COUNCIL KNIGHT OF THE YEAR AWARD FOR 2024-2025 FRATERNAL YEAR

SK Sergio Lazano, Grand Knight of Council 8838, was selected as Knight of the Year at the State Convention in Jacksonville on May 23-25 for the entire State of Florida. Such dedication, such hard work so deserving in the eyes of so many.



MAY 19 BUSINESS MEETING

Election of officers concluded at the May 19 Business Meeting. The slate of officers to be enacted for the 2025-2026 fraternal year is as follows.

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| Navigator: | David Miller | Council 4955 |
| Friar: | Rev. Wilfredo Contreras | Council 16980 |
| Captain: | Manuel Castano, PFN | Council 13355 |
| Admiral: | William Rodriquez, PFN | Council 6590 |
| Scribe: | VACANT | |
| Comptroller: | Donald Barnett, PFN | Council 6590 |
| Purser: | Frank Guido | Council 6590 |
| Pilot: | Todd Palgon | Council 13355 |
| Inner Sentinel: | Frank Pelliccione | Council 6590 |
| Outer Sentinel: | Kurt Kohler | Council 4955 |
| 1-Year Trustee: | Peter Swanson | Council 8838 |
| 2-Year Trustee: | Kenneth Staab, PFN | Council 4955 |
| 3-Year Trustee: | Nelson Yepez | Council 16980 |
| CC Commander: | Edwar Aguilera-Gonzalez | Council 16980 |
| Lt CC Commander | Nelson Yepez | Council 16980 |
| Lt CC Commander | Christopher Wolff | Council 6590 |

The Faithful Friar, Color Corps Commander, and Lieutenant Color Corps Commander are appointed positions.

JUNE 11 OFFICERS MEETING

The June officers meeting on Wednesday, June 11 will be at Wings Plus in Coral Springs.



FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR'S REPORT

SK Don Barnett, PFN
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Worthy Sir Knights,

This is my last report as Faithful Navigator. I will be your Faithful Comptroller next term, so NO, I am not going away!

It has been a good year and we accomplished a few things that needed to be fixed, no reflections on my predecessors meant. The finances are doing well, the roster is clearer, activity and participation is up, and the CC is roaring along!

The Assembly is on track for a Star Award. GK Sergio Lozano of Coral Springs Council 8838 won a Knight of the Year Award From at the State at convention, so a year of achievements and milestones. I need to make this clear, I pointed out the path and YOU my Brothers did the heavy lifting getting us here. So congratulations to YOU! I need to express my thanks to the officers who worked as hard as I did to get us up and running again, KUDOS Gentlemen!

Let's keep the momentum going and stand behind Navigator-Elect David Miller when he takes office on July 1, with a mix of new and returning Officers. Our Assembly has a long and storied history, it is up to us to preserve and carry forward this history and maintain the ideals we are responsible for. We are also in our 125th Anniversary year, so it is important for us to drive forward as Fourth Degree Sir Knights. Lead the way as Catholic Gentlemen and Patriots and set the example of Knighthood that Father McGiveny gave us.

Vivat Jesus!

God Bless,
Donald J. Barnett
Faithful Navigator

FAITHFUL CAPTAIN'S REPORT

SK Manny Castano, PFN
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Greetings Sir Knights,

When you walk into a storm, remember these three things:

1. God's goodness never changes. Adversity will not take away His authority, and difficulty will not weaken His love. He is good yesterday, today, and forever.
2. You are being shaped, even when you can't see it. Every struggle, every prayer, God is working on you. Your faith is growing, and your spirit is being rooted.
3. Keep your eyes on Jesus, and don't be frightened by the storm. He is not standing by, He is at the helm. He is not watching from afar, but walking with you. No matter how great the storm, God is greater than the storm.

AMEN

Vivat Jesus!

Manny A. Castaño
Faithful Captain

FAITHFUL ADMIRAL'S REPORT

SK John Yardley, PFN
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FAITHFUL COMPTROLLER'S REPORT

SK Joseph Silvers
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Sir Knights and Friends,

My pleasurable time as an Assembly officer is ending and this is my last report. I greatly enjoyed serving as your Admiral and Faithful Navigator!

It was my honor to see firsthand the love and patriotism members of our assembly and councils have for Veterans and to witness their acts of charity for the most unfortunate.

Any success we had is due to the support and fraternal guidance of faithful friends like Father Martin Dunne, Father Wilfredo Contreras, Vicky Yardley, Ken Staab, Willie Rodriguez, Don and Mary Barnett, John O'Toole, Joseph Silvers, Jeff Rock, Manny Castano, David Miller, Marvin Persuad, Edwar Aguilera-Gonzalez, Alex Perez, Todd Palgon, Kurt Kohler, Mike Tarr, Peter Swanson, Sergio Lozano, and others who more than occasionally corrected my errors.

I am grateful for the leadership and excellent performance this year by Faithful Navigator Don Barnett and the assembly officers who created a great deal of success and momentum.

I am grateful that our next Faithful Navigator David Miller is a member of John A. Hill Council and my friend. David is a good Catholic man and a dedicated Knight of Columbus and he needs our prayers and support.

Our mission of Patriotism is never more needed in a county that seems increasingly divided. Acts of Patriotism and displays of respect to others help bring our diverse nation together and remind all that out of many people we are one—E Pluribus Unum.

I pray for the Holy Spirit to continue inspiring our charity, patriotism, and brotherly love.

May God bless and never weaken you.

Vivat Jesus!

John Yardley, PFN
Faithful Admiral

Worthy Sir Knights,

Our membership to date is 215.

129 members to date 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 hassle-free 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 through Bill Pay, it should be made out to:

Edward A. O'Neil Assembly 1534

The address they would mail it to is:

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This will be my last report as Faithful Comptroller. A little over three years ago and after a long hiatus from the Knights, I attended a regular Business Meeting consisting of just Willie Rodriguez, Ken Staab, and myself on October 18, 2021. It happened to be the very first meeting post-pandemic following two years of trying times for the Assembly. Low turnout, key officers being afflicted with health issues, mandated cancelation of all K of C activates, and our tax-exempt status being automatically revoked were among them. Little did I know I would be offering to help by finishing the term of the Faithful Comptroller, let alone serving that role for the next three and a half fraternal years. I thank Willie and Ken for their confidence in me and allowing me to learn as I huddled through the challenges that came with the job. It was a privilege to serve as your Faithful Comptroller.

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,

In May we served with our Color Corps much dedication and respect in the month of Mothers and honoring the Mexican Martyrs of the Knights of Columbus and also on Memorial Day.

Our uniformed Color Corps served at the First Communion Mass on May 31 at San Isidro Catholic Parish.

On May 21, a liturgical Mass was held in honor of the Mexican Martyrs of the Knights of Columbus at San Isidro Catholic Parish.

On Memorial Day, May 26, we served in a beautiful ceremony presided over by Archbishop Thomas Wenski at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Cemetery. The call out was led by VM Don Barnett and was assisted by three Color Corps Commanders, one Lieutenant Color Corps Commander, and attended by two Faithful Navigators, and six Color Corps members.



On May 31, we attended a First Communion Liturgical Service, the Mass was offered by Father Wilfredo Contreras and two other priests.



The Mass was offered by our Father Wilfredo Contreras. We served with the Columbiettes.

I thank God for this wonderful service to God and our Assembly for coordinating everything in the best way possible.

Vivat Jesus!

Edwar Aguilera
Color Corps Commander

HONOR A VETERAN

WWII * KOREA * VIETNAM
**and those who served in-between*
**WITH A
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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***Join the Patriotic Degree!
Become a Sir Knight in June!
Serve the Lord and your Country
on a different level , we are the
visible arm of the Order
through our Color Corps***



***Saturday, June 14, 2025
Cathedral of St. Ignatius Loyola
9995 N. Military Trail
Palm Beach Gardens ,FL
Registration - 9:30 am
Exemplification - 11:00 am
Fee is \$90.00
(1 banquet ticket, lapel pin , processing)***



Knights of Columbus John A. Hill Council 4955 65th Anniversary Installation Dinner

6:30 p.m. Monday, June 23, 2025
St. Gabriel Hall
731 N. Ocean Blvd., Pompano Beach



Join the Celebration!

Dinner and Drinks \$10; Children under 11 free
Reserve online by June 16 at kofc4955.com
Contact Bill Whiting, koc4955@yahoo.com, 561-368-6531