



Knights of Columbus
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Meetings are held at
St. Vincent Church DePaul Center
 6350 NW 18 ST
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 (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 1st & 2nd Mondays
GK Ralph Amato
 954-650-4610

Msgr. John J. O'Looney #6590
 St. Vincent Catholic Church - Margate, FL
 Meetings 2nd & 4th Tuesdays
GK William Rodriguez
 954-908-9060

Coral Springs #8838
 St. Andrew Catholic Church - Coral Springs, FL
 Meetings 2nd, 3rd & last Thursdays
GK Sergio Lozano
 954-397-6111

St. Malachy #13355
 St. Malachy Catholic Church - Tamarac, FL
 Meetings 1st & 3rd Tuesdays
GK Jeffrey Rock
 561-325-0667

San Isidro #16980
 San Isidro Catholic Church - Pompano Beach, FL
 Meetings 1st & 3rd Wednesdays
GK Edwar Aguilera
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March 2024

ASSEMBLY OFFICERS - 2023-2024

Navigator	John Yardley	954-798-8596
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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

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Sir Knights and Friends,

"It is said that 'Where there's a need, there's a Knight' - and we are proving it once again," said Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly discussing the Order's relief efforts in Hawaii and Ukraine. "Though the rebuilding efforts in Maui could take years after the devastating fire, our Knights on the ground will serve for the long haul. United in faith and charity, we'll continue to deliver on the mission set by our founder, Blessed Michael McGivney. We're grateful to our generous donors, and ask everyone to keep the men, women and children of Maui in their prayers."

The Order has now raised over \$1.5 million in relief for Maui, on top of a donation of \$200,000 to the Archdiocese of Honolulu from the Supreme Council. Working with the Archdiocese and other aid organizations, Knights in Hawaii have used the funds to deliver food, water and other essentials to the island, provide displaced families with shelter and emergency gift cards, and help small business owners buy supplies to get back on their feet.

The Knights continue to coordinate volunteers in Hawaii, with four teams rotating in shifts. They are building temporary housing for displaced residents; delivering supplies, which families can request through a web portal with K of C support; and assisting wherever else they are needed.

The Knights responded to a need after the terrible Russian invasion of Ukraine by undertaking the largest relief effort in the Knights of Columbus history. Since February 2022, Knights have prayed for peace, collected more than \$22.5 million for the Ukraine Solidarity Fund and worked tirelessly to bring help to more than 1.6 million victims of war - particularly refugees, children, widows and orphans, people with disabilities and the elderly.

The Knights of Columbus established Mercy Centers at the Polish-Ukrainian border and in major Polish cities, where war refugees received a warm welcome and care. Today these Mercy Centers assist Ukrainian refugees with long-term integration. Ukrainian Knights also opened up parish-based Mercy Centers across Ukraine to serve refugees seeking safety.

The relief assistance is impressive with 7.7 million pounds of food and supplies delivered by Knights Charity Convoys, 250,000 care packages provided, 60,000 rosaries distributed telling Ukrainian fathers, mothers and children they are not alone. 10,000 Polish and Ukrainian Knights are bringing hope and life-changing assistance to families in their own communities - just as Blessed Michael McGivney foresaw.

It is efforts like these that make us truly proud to be a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Vivat Jesus!

John Yardley
Faithful Navigator

Event	Where	When
Youth Eucharistic Adoration	St. Malachy Church	Friday, March 15 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

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Worthy Brothers,

Many of you are already aware that I have handed over command of the Color Corps to SK Chris Wolff, there was a conflict with my position as Vice Marshal. Worthy Brother Chris and I will still be working closely together on other events and projects as they come up. I will put his contact info at the bottom, so forward all CC requests to him and our Worthy Navigator.

Color Corps Commander Chris Wolff
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On another note, Kurt and Kevin are putting together a BBQ to raise assembly funds, I am going to assist them as much as possible so we have a great event, I am hoping more of you step up to assist. There are events to look forward to, Holy Thursday "Altar Watch" at San Isidro, the Biennial Meeting, Memorial Day Mass at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Cemetery, in June an Exemplification at Little Flower Church in Coral Gables. Those are the highlights coming up, there will be other events in between we will keep you in the loop.

Vivat Jesus!

SK Donald Barnett, PFN
Faithful Captain

FAITHFUL ADMIRAL'S REPORT

SK Ken Staab, PFN
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Worthy Sir Knights,

Our pastor recently shared a homework assignment with fellow parishioners. Given the polarized news we often hear, the message is worth sharing.

Make a list of the "difficult" people in your life and pray for them during Lent. Difficult people are all around us at work, in social circles, in our families...

You can't change people. So, what do you do? Stay neutral, while maintaining your space and emotions. Remind yourself that their behavior is about them, not you. Don't take it personally. Be assertive. Forgive. Pray.

(St. Paul the Apostle Parish Bulletin, March 3, 2024)

Regards,
Ken, PFN
Admiral

FAITHFUL COMPTROLLER'S REPORT

SK Joseph Silvers
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Worthy Sir Knights,

Our membership to date is 247.

If you have not yet paid your dues, please do so.

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.

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

God Bless you and your family.

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,
Joseph Silvers
Faithful Comptroller

COLOR CORPS COMMANDER'S REPORT

SK Chris Wolff
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Dear Brother Knights,

Greetings in the spirit of unity and service! As we march through the month of March, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the vibrant activities and impactful endeavors of our esteemed Color Corps. Here's a roundup of the types of events and initiatives the CC participates:

Flag Presentations: Our Color Corps proudly participated in flag presentations at local schools, community centers, and religious institutions, fostering a sense of patriotism and honor among attendees.

Parade Participation: Members showcased their dedication by marching in parades across the region, standing tall as symbols of our faith, charity, and unity.

Color Guard Duties: From solemn ceremonies to joyous celebrations, our Color Guard fulfilled its duty with precision and dignity, exemplifying the principles of the Knights of Columbus.



Community Outreach: Through outreach programs, members engaged with the community, offering support, assistance, and solidarity to those in need.

Training Sessions: Continuous training sessions were held to ensure that our Color Corps members remain proficient in their ceremonial duties, embodying excellence in every presentation.

Civic Ceremonies: We are honored to be invited to participate in upcoming civic ceremonies, where we will pay tribute to our nation's heritage and honor those who serve our communities.

Special Masses: As Easter approaches, our Color Corps will stand guard at special Masses, adding a solemn touch to these sacred gatherings.



Get Involved:

We encourage all Knights to actively participate in upcoming events and initiatives of the Color Corps. Whether you're a seasoned member or a newcomer, there's always a place for you in our ranks. Together, let's continue to honor our faith, serve our communities, and uphold the noble traditions of the Knights of Columbus.

To get involved, please reach out to me at anytime.

Yours in Faith, Charity, and Unity,
Chris Wolff, CCC



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**and those who served in-between*
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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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