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The Patriot

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March 2025

ASSEMBLY OFFICERS - 2024-2025

Navigator	Donald "Don" Barnett, PFN	954-279-3229
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Captain	Manuel "Manny" Castano, PFN	954-670-3857
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Comptroller	Joseph Silvers	954-721-2564
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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

DIRECTORS & CHAIRMAN

Color Corps Commander	Edwar Aguilera	561-562-0422
Color Corps Lt. Commander	David Miller	954-574-7943
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

John A. Hill #4955
 St. Gabriel Church - Pompano Beach, FL
 Meetings - 2nd Monday
GK Ralph Amato
 954-650-4610

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 Rebescher
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 †		

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Event	Where	When
Fish Fry	Saint Malachy Church Parish Hall	See Flyer on Page 9
Fish Fry	Saint Vincent Church Community Center	See Flyer on Page 10
Youth Eucharistic Adoration	Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church	Friday, March 21 at 7:00 PM
Public Rosary	Our Lady Queen of Heaven Church	Saturday, March 22 at 11:30 AM
Elevation of San Isidro Mission to Parish	San Isidro Church	Sunday, March 30 at 11:30 AM



ICE CREAM SOCIAL AT VETERANS HOME ON FEBRUARY 16

The Assembly along with three other groups visited the Alexander "Sandy" Nininger, Jr. State Veterans Home on February 16 supporting an ice cream social. Below are some digital photographs of the event.



MARCH OFFICERS & BUSINESS MEETING

The March officers meeting is Wednesday, March 12 at Wings Plus in Coral Springs.

The business meeting is Monday, March 17 at Saint Vincent in Margate. The “Chief of Stuff” Mary and the Faithful Navigator Don will host a Saint Patrick’s Day dinner at the business meeting. Corned Beef, Cabbage and Potatoes. We are asking for a \$5.00 donation to offset the cost a little. Don is seeking a volunteer(s) for beverages and desserts, please call him ASAP.

FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR'S REPORT

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Worthy Sir Knights,

Just a few words about the AWESOME experience I had in New York City. On Saturday, February 22, Faithful Comptroller Joseph Silvers, CCLt.C David Miller and myself attended the 125th Anniversary of the Fourth Degree at Saint Patrick's Cathedral. Supreme debuted the new Fourth Degree Exemplification.



The banquet afterward was held at the Hilton Midtown where I met the Master of Hawaii and the Master of Guam; talk about dedication to the Degree!



It was excellent, a definite improvement from what we had. It is polished, smoother, better continuity and historically correct.



There were West Point cadets who became Fourth Degrees to present the Colors, speeches by the Supreme Knight, Supreme Master, Supreme Chaplain Archbishop Lori and Cardinal Dolan.



The ceremony is still approximately an hour and ten minutes, but it feels faster because it holds your attention.



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FAITHFUL ADMIRAL'S REPORT

SK John Yardley, PFN

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Sir Knights and Friends,

Blessed Father Michael McGivney presented his idea of forming a fraternal organization to the leading men of Saint Mary's Church in 1881. Thankfully this vision inspired other men to give it their wholehearted support and eventually the Knights of Columbus was legally incorporated by the State of Connecticut on March 29, 1882.

Father McGivney's vision was "to promote the principles of unity and charity so that members would gain the strength to bestow charity on each other." Through the death of his own father, Michael McGivney knew very well the burdens a family faced when the breadwinner died.

The group Father McGivney helped found would collectively protect the families of its members by providing charity to those in need while offering fraternal connections and activities to help keep its members strongly connected to their Catholic faith.

Father McGivney's vision and the efforts of faithful Knight of Columbus members has made a difference in millions of lives and brought hope to countless others. After 143 years, Father McGivney's brilliant idea remains the mission of the Knights of Columbus today.

Vivat Jesus!

John Yardley
Faithful Admiral

The District Master told us on a Zoom meeting Monday that the Florida debut of the new Exemplification will be on April 25 in Lakewood Shores. After that, the South Florida Exemplification will be on June 15 in the Cathedral of Saint Ignatius Loyola in Palm Beach Gardens. Grand Knights, please share this with your Councils. Please let us know if you have anyone who is interested in becoming a Fourth Degree. Also, if your Council would be interested in hosting an Assembly business meeting, we will definitely come for a visit.

The Assembly is currently selling March Madness Sweepstake Tickets at \$10.00 per ticket. The grand prize is \$400. Call me if interested. We will also be ordering white polos with the emblem of the Fourth Degree and the Assembly name and number. If interested, you must attend the Assembly business meeting to order, pay and pick them up.

God Bless,
Donald J. Barnett
Faithful Navigator

FAITHFUL CAPTAIN'S REPORT

SK Manny Castano, PFN

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Greetings Sir Knights,

Why be a Catholic? The promises of Jesus Christ.

Jesus promised that the gates of Hell would not prevail against his Church. He promised that he would be with his Church until the end of time.

He promised to send the Holy Spirit as a guide who would abide with the Church. He promised that the Holy Spirit would guide the Church into all truth.

The Catholic Church has existed since the time of Christ for almost 2000 years, has been guided by the Holy Spirit and the gates of Hell have not prevailed against it just like Jesus promised.

Vivat Jesus!

Manny A. Castaño
Faithful Captain

FAITHFUL COMPTROLLER'S REPORT

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Worthy Sir Knights,

Our membership to date is 238.

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

Incidentally, this edition of "The Patriot" will be my last as Editor, an additional role that I was proud to carry on from Father Marty Dunne. I thank PFN Ken Staab for asking me to take on this responsibility two years ago. Faithful Purser Chris Wolff will be the new Editor next month going forward.

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,

The Color Corps of Assembly 1534 are very happy and blessed by God and our Lady the Virgin Mary with this wonderful past month of February where we were able to serve God and honor our Lady of Guadalupe. Thank you to all the CC for your support and heartfelt service.

On February 14, Youth Adoration at Mary Help of Christians. It is a blessing to serve with so many families and young people. Present were VM Don Barnett, CCC Edwar Aguilera, CCLtC David Miller and SK Rick Travers.



On February 19, practice and certification at San Isidro. VM Don Barnett was present and reviewed the procedures to offer the best service to our Holy Church. Then he certified the CC that they passed the practice exercises and could serve in all the calls.



We provided these three liturgical services on the annual Silver Rose pilgrimage across the US to reach its final destination on December 12 at the shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City. We pray especially for Respect for Life.

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On February 24, Fr. Victor Cordova of Saint Vincent offered Mass. Organized by GK William Rodriguez and the brothers of Council 6590. CCC Edwar Aguilera, SK Joseph Silvers, SK Rick Travers, SK Nelson Yopez and SK Yazel Manzanares served.



On February 25 at Saint Katharine Drexel, Fr. Omar Ayubi offered Mass and five CC served.



On February 26, Fr. Alfredo Rolon of Saint Malachy celebrated Mass. VM Don Barnett and SK Joseph Silvers served along with GK Todd Palgon from Council 13355.



On February 28, Fr. Wilfredo Contreras of San Isidro offered Mass. SK Joseph Silvers, SK Rick Travers, SK Jose Bedoya, SK Jose Rivera, SK Ruben Cardona, SK Nelson Yopez and SK Yasel Manzanares served along with some brothers from Council 16980.



Thank you to all the CC who were able to serve. I hope to see you all to offer the best service to God.

God bless you.

Vivat Jesus!

Edwar Aguilera
Color Corps Commander

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WWII * KOREA * VIETNAM

**and those who served in-between*

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**FISH
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**Dine In or
Carry Out!!**

**Friday March 14th
Friday March 28th
Friday April 11th
Serving 5:30 to 7:30pm**

**Dinner includes Clam Chowder Soup,
Fried Fish, French Fries, Cole Slaw,
Roll and Dessert**

***Tickets will be sold at all
Masses and at the Rectory***

\$15



per person

**Join Us For a Great Dinner
& Bring Your Friends!**



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*Monsignor John J. O'Looney
Council 6590, St. Vincent Church
Margate, FL*



**Knights of Columbus
Fish Fry Menu**

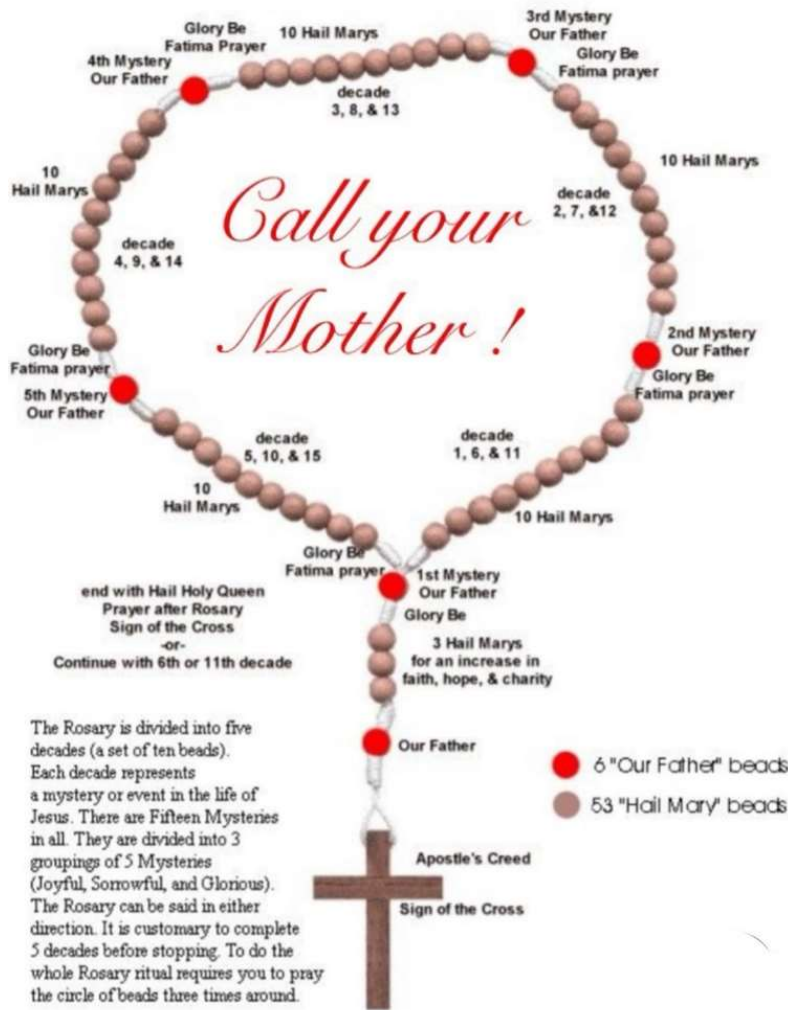
FISH FRY DATES

**Doors are open
5:00pm until 7:30 pm
Cash or Credit Menu
Dine in / Take Out
\$15.00 per person , coffee
tea, water dessert included**

**Menu changes weekly
check your email**

**EVERY Friday in Lent
St. Vincent Church
6350 NW 18th St.
Margate, FL**

Public Rosary Saturday, March 22, 2025 at 11:30 am



Our Lady Queen
of Heaven
1400 N. State Road 7
N. Lauderdale, FL



Let us come together to witness:

THE ELEVATION OF SAN ISIDRO
AS A CANONICAL PARISH AND THE
INSTALLATION OF FATHER WILFREDO
CONTRERAS AS PASTOR.



Sunday, March 30th
at 11:30 a.m.
Bilingual Mass
Officiant: Archbishop Thomas
J. Wenski

*Don't miss this
historical Parish and
Archdiocesan event!*

