



Knights of Columbus
Edward A. O'Neil Assembly 1534
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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 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-Gonzalez
 561-562-0422

May 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-Gonzalez	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	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 †		
1995	Doug Murray †		

UPCOMING EVENTS

Event	Where	When
Memorial Day Mass	Our Lady Queen of Heaven Cemetery	Monday, May 27 at 10:00 AM
Exemplification	Little Flower Church 2711 Indian Mound TRL, Coral Gables, 33134	Saturday, June 1 at 9:30 AM
Flag Day Patriotic Barbeque	Saint Vincent Church Pavilion	Friday, June 14 at 5:00 PM

FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR'S REPORT

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Sir Knights and Friends,

I'm pleased to report fourteen new Sir Knights joined Edward A. O'Neil Assembly 1534 at a Spanish Virtual Exemplification at the Saint Andrew Parish Hall. We have ten new Sir Knights from Council 8838, three from Council 16980, and one from Council 4955 joining the Assembly.

MAY 20 BUSINESS MEETING

(Updated)

As previously published, the election of officers will occur at our next Business meeting on **May 20** at the **Saint Gabriel Church Parish Hall**. The Nominating Committee is submitting as updated slate of officers for the 2024-2025 fraternal year as follows.

Navigator:	Donald Barnett, PFN	Council 6590
Friar:	Rev. Wilfredo Contreras	Council 16980
Captain:	Christopher Wolff	Council 6590
Admiral:	John Yardley	Council 4955
Scribe:	Kevin Harris	Council 6590
Comptroller:	Joseph Silvers	Council 13355
Purser:	Jeffrey Rock	Council 13355
Pilot:	David Miller	Council 4955
Inner Sentinel:	Manuel Castano, PFN	Council 13355
Inner Sentinel:	Lou Barrera, PFN	Council 8838
Inner Sentinel:	Jose Bedoya	Council 16980
Inner Sentinel:	Kurt Kohler	Council 4955
Outer Sentinel:	Frank Guido	Council 6590
Outer Sentinel:	Todd Palgon	Council 13355
Outer Sentinel:	Mike Tarr	Council 4955
3-Year Trustee:	Kenneth Staab, PFN	Council 4955
2-Year Trustee:	William Rodriquez, PFN	Council 6590
1-Year Trustee:	Peter Swanson	Council 8838
CC Commander:	Christopher Wolff	Council 6590
CC Lt. Commander	Edwar Aguilera-Gonzalez	Council 16980

Jose Amaya	Council 8838
Antero Flores Diaz	Council 16980
Omar Fleches	Council 8838
Federico Garay	Council 16980
Rafael Gimenez	Council 8838
Carlos Girata	Council 8838
Miguel Gonzalez	Council 8838
Mario Gutierrez	Council 8838
Luciano Mariano	Council 16980
Roberto Martinez	Council 8838
Tomas Mendiola	Council 8838
Salvador Seekatz	Council 8838
Juan Valois	Council 8838
Tomas Vazquez	Council 4955

We greatly appreciate Coral Springs Council 8838 Grand Knight Sergio Lozano and Past Grand Knight Peter Swanson for hosting the Assembly in their beautiful facility at Saint Andrew.



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

Nominations from the floor are in order and will be accepted if offered at our next meeting, however if you wish to serve for an office and are not on the slate, please see a member of the Nominating Committee so they can review. A member may nominate himself for office.

Nominating Committee members are PFN Ken Staab, PFN Willie Rodriquez, and PFN Don Barnett.

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A special honor was having Past Faithful Navigator Manny Castano present to ceremonially tap the new Sir Knights with his sword giving the candidates full Knighthood in our Order.



Thanks go to Vice Marshal Don Barnett, Color Corps Commander Chris Wolff, Color Corps Lt. Commander Edwar Aguilera-Gonzalez, and Color Corps Lt. Commander Jimmy Fernandez from Assembly 3218 for leading the Color Corps and the ceremony with dignity.

Thanks also go to Faithful Sentinel David Miller for his help with registration, and Faithful Comptroller Joseph Silver for his special service and skill as our Technology Director aiding people like myself who grew up with 8-track tape players and phonographs.

The Assembly has a long tradition of supporting the **Memorial Day Mass at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Cemetery at 10:00 AM** and I encourage all to attend. If you can't join us please remember all of the American men and women who died in military service to our great nation in your prayers on Memorial Day.

Vivat Jesus!

John Yardley
Faithful Navigator

FAITHFUL CAPTAIN'S REPORT

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Worthies,

I wear two hats within the Fourth Degree, so my report will be in two parts.

As the Captain I am pleased to announce a social event! We are having a **BBQ Dinner at St. Vincent Church in Margate in the Pavilion**. It will be on **Friday evening, June 14**. The menu will be burgers, chicken, salad, and a vegetable. Price to be announced. All Sir Knights are invited with their family.

As Vice Marshal, on Saturday, April 27 the Assembly hosted Fourth Degree Virtual Exemplification in Spanish at St. Andrew Catholic Church. We have welcomed 14 new members to the Degree. There is an upcoming live Exemplification in English coming up June 1 in Coral Gables. Please see the Navigator or myself for assistance.

God Bless,

SK Donald Barnett, PFN
Faithful Captain

FAITHFUL ADMIRAL'S REPORT

SK Ken Staab, PFN
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Worthy Sir Knights,

A word of thanks to our pastors, priests, lay ministers, leaders, staff and volunteers for their collective efforts during this Lenten Season. It has been a beautiful time to be reminded of lessons from long ago and learn aspects of our Catholic faith we may not know.

As we approach Pentecost, I am reminded of a conversation with a fellow parishioner. While many Catholics stop learning about our faith following Confirmation, others, she described as searchers, find a way to continue growing in their knowledge of our Catholic faith.

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Fortunately, there are many opportunities for us to increase our knowledge about our Catholic faith. Resources are vast and beyond the scope of this article.

A friend who is a brother Knight and active searcher recommended the following reading material by Fr. Robert J. Spitzer, S.J., PhD.

The books are:

Escape from Evil's Darkness
Christ versus Satan In Our Daily Lives
The Moral Wisdom of the Catholic Church

You may be interested in other books by Fr. Spitzer.

Thank you for all you do for others.

Vivat Jesus!

Regards,
Ken, PFN
Admiral

FAITHFUL COMPTROLLER'S REPORT

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Worthy Sir Knights,

Our membership to date is 220. That is 26 less than last month due to those Sir Knights having been members of suspended Councils 12872 and 14698 that were transferred by Supreme into virtual Council 97009 and thereby out of the Fourth Degree.

109 members have paid and 104 are delinquent. Regrettably, one of the aforementioned Sir Knights was faithfully paying his dues which accounts for the one less than last month. 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.

The next live Exemplification will be on **June 1** at **Little Flower Church, 2711 Indian Mound Trail in Coral Gables.**

The **candidate fee is \$90.00** which includes the banquet. The **candidate fee for a Priest is \$50.00.** The **banquet fee for existing Sir Knights, family, and friends is \$50.00.** The **Ladies' Tea Luncheon fee is \$20.00.**

Checks are to be made out to **Edward A. O'Neil Assembly 1534** and handed over to me along with a completed Form 4 and signed Dress Code Acknowledgement. The deadline is **Monday, May 20.**

God Bless you and your family.

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,
Joseph Silvers
Faithful Comptroller

COLOR CORPS COMMANDER'S REPORT

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Worthy Brother Knights,

Summer is almost here, and our Color Corps activities are ramping up! The Color Corps has a vibrant month ahead, filled with ceremonies and multiple Mass celebrations. As always, your presence and participation are essential to uphold the traditions and honor of our order.

Here's a roundup of our Assembly's completed and upcoming events:

April 27 - Spanish Exemplification Ceremony

We kicked off the 'a new 4th degree' season with a magnificent Spanish Exemplification Ceremony on April 27. The event was a testament to our growing brotherhood and cultural diversity within the Knights of Columbus. Thanks to all who participated and made it a memorable day!

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May 4 - St. Malachy First Communion

St. Malachy Church First Communion celebration held May 4. This sacred event marked a significant milestone in the lives of the young members of this parish coming together to support and honor these children as they received this holy sacrament for the first time.



May 4 - Fr. Nathan's 20th Anniversary at St. Gabriel

We were delighted to help celebrate Fr. Nathan's 20th anniversary at St. Gabriel Church. His two decades of dedicated service have been a blessing to our community. We gathered to show our appreciation and commemoration of his special milestone in Fr. Nathan's ministry.

May 5 - St. Joseph Icon Mass

On May 5, we presented at the St. Joseph Icon Mass, a beautiful tradition that honors the patron saint of the Universal Church. Attendance was great as we helped celebrate St. Joseph's example of faith and devotion.



May 17 - Children's Mass at St. Andrew

St. Andrew Church will host a joyous Children's Mass on May 17. This is a nice opportunity to witness and support the youngest members of our parish as they participate in the liturgy.

May 26 - St. Andrew Masses and Color Presentation

Mark your calendars for May 26 for a special day at St. Andrew Church with two masses:

- 11 AM - Present Colors at Mass
- 1 PM - Present Colors at Mass

May 27 - Our Lady Queen of Heaven Cemetery

We close the month with a solemn tribute on May 27 at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Join us for a Mass celebrated by the Archbishop and wreath-laying ceremony. Your participation is central to paying our respects and showing solidarity as a community.

Let's make this month one of reverence, celebration, and unity. Your commitment and service are the heartbeats of our Color Corps. Looking forward to seeing you at these events!

Vivat Jesus!

Chris Wolff
Color Corps Commander

ASSEMBLY 1534 HISTORY CORNER

SK John Yardley
Faithful Navigator

The Assembly was chartered in 1970 after key proponents Walt Millar, Earl Mills, Robert Dugdale, Al Vincent, and many other members of Pompano Beach Council 4955 wished to create an Assembly that better represented North Broward County and Boca Raton which was one of the fastest growing areas in the United States.

The Pompano Beach Council represented 10 parishes in North Broward and Boca Raton and had a new, beautiful Knights of Columbus hall located just off Federal Highway in Pompano Beach with a spacious meeting chamber, fully equipped bar and kitchen offering civic and recreational opportunities closer to Sir Knights and potential members' homes.

In 1970, the Pompano Beach Council was affiliated with Father Michael J. Mullaly Assembly 157 and the men from the Pompano Beach Council composed about one-third of the Mullaly Assembly membership. The Mullaly Assembly usually met in West Fort Lauderdale and this was considered an obstacle for North Broward and Boca Raton residents due to the traveling distance to attend functions and meetings.

The decision to separate was amiable and the Mullaly Assembly cordially approved the Sir Knights from the Pompano Beach Council to separate and create their own Assembly if its petition to the Worthy Master was granted. The petition was granted and Walt Millar served as Charter Faithful Navigator and Earl Mills was Charter Faithful Captain. Father Timothy Carr, the new Pastor of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary in Pompano Beach graciously served as Charter Faithful Friar.

According to scrap books and letters in archives maintained by Rev. Martin Dunne III, several names were considered for the Assembly, but by unanimous vote the name of Edward A. O'Neil was selected.

Sir Knight Edward A. O'Neil, Past Grand Knight, was a founding leader and important factor in the formation of the Pompano Beach Council and its tremendous growth from 17 members in 1962 to over 600 members by 1970 becoming the second largest council in Florida in great part because of his influence and leadership.

The following is a summary of the biography of Sir Knight Edward A. O'Neil submitted by Past Faithful Navigators Walt Millar and Earl Mills in the original application to Supreme Master Daniel McCormick:

Edward A. O'Neil was a daily communicant, a devout Catholic gentleman and his leadership and direction was inspirational and unexcelled, both religiously and otherwise.

He was born April 28, 1897 and beginning in 1916 he served for more than two years as a Coast Guard Seamen with Allied Fleets in European Waters. He earned a Master's License from the U.S. Shipping Board School of Navigation in 1919.

He served as deck officer on various American ships, as Third Mate, Second Mate, Chief Mate, Navigator, and Master. In 1924 he was appointed from Civil Service List to the New York City Police Department.

In 1928 Edward A. O'Neil was appointed to the New York City Fire Department where he served as Marine Pilot for Fireboats until 1942. While on military leave from the New York City Fire and Police Departments he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Commander, U.S. Coast Guard.

From 1942 to 1946 he organized, trained, and supervised the first Coast Guard Marine Inspection office in the Canal Zone in Panama. From 1946 to 1951 he organized and commanded the Coast Guard Reserve in New York City.

In 1951 Lt. Commander Edward A. O'Neil was recalled into active service during the Korean War to help with Marine Inspection and the upgrading of all American Merchant Marine Service deck officers until he retired in 1954.

Edward A. O'Neil received his Third Degree in the Knights of Columbus in Fidelity Council 495 in Brooklyn, N.Y. in 1944. He transferred into Pompano Beach Council 4955 from Council 3005 of Elmont, N.Y. in October 1961. He was elected Grand Knight of Pompano Beach Council on July 1, 1962.

Sir Knight O'Neil was initiated into the Fourth Degree in 1945 into an Assembly unknown to us by name. He succumbed on October 6, 1964 and his example rubbed off on many officers who have since succeeded him and on the membership at large.

Today, we proudly continue honoring the service of United States Patriot and Coast Guard Lt. Commander Edward A. O'Neil as the exemplary namesake of Edward A. O'Neil General Assembly 1534 as we continue ours and his mission for God and country.

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

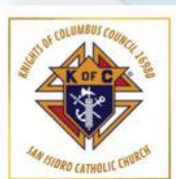
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San Isidro Catholic Church Caballeros de Colón Consejo 16980

Campaña Baby Shower

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- TOALLITAS PARA BEBÉ
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- FUNDAS PARA BEBÉ/CUBIERTAS PARA LA LACTANCIA
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¡MUCHAS GRACIAS! ¡DIOS LOS BENDIGA!

Las donaciones se recibirán en la Iglesia San Isidro
Durante todo el mes de mayo 2024

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San Isidro Catholic Church Knights OF Columbus-Council 16980

Baby Shower Campaign

Babies on the road!

Collection OF items for babies from 0 to 24 months of age

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- CAR SEATS (CHECK MANUFACTURE DATE - 6 YEARS OLD) NO BOOSTERS PLEASE.
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- RECEIVING BLANKETS/BABY BLANKETS
- MATERNITY CLOTHING, BASSINETS

THANK YOU SO MUCH! GOD BLESS YOU!

Donations will be received at the San Isidro Church
throughout the month of May 2024

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Fourth Degree Exemplification

Saturday, June 1, 2024
Church of the Little Flower
2711 Indian Mound Trail
Coral Gables, FL
Registration at 10:00am



Candidates-\$90.00
Priests-\$50.00
Banquet Fee
Family, Friends, Observers
\$50.00
Ladies Tea
\$20.00

Contact VM Ralph Egües or VM Don Barnett

Pray and worship

Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament

"This is the wonderful truth, my dear friends: the Word, which became flesh two thousand years ago, is present today in the Eucharist".

Pope John Paul



- Mary Help of Christians:
Friday, June 28th
7:00 – 8:00 PM Main Church

- St. Malachy:
Friday, July 19th
7:00 – 8:00 PM Main Church

- St. Vincent:
Friday, August 23rd
7:00 – 8:00 PM Main Church



YOUTH EUCHARIST ADORATION

"Everyone is welcomed"

- St. Andrew:
Friday, May 17th
7:00 – 8:00 PM
Main Church