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PAST GRAND KNIGHTS

1960 Louis Georgen +	1973 Eugene Ciotoli +	1986 Thomas Armento +	1999 Donald Tomlin +	2012 Daniel Davis +
1961 John A. Hill +	1974 Edward Millar +	1987 Richard Chisholm +	2000 Prospero "Nick" Pavia +	2013 Daniel Davis +
1962 Edward A. O'Neil +	1975 Earl Sloane +	1988 Jim Salisbury +	2001 Gerald Sherlock +	2014 Leon Lacroix +
1963 Walter A. Millar +	1976 James W. Cupp +	1989 Richard A. Fetchik Sr.	2002 Tom Miller +	2015 William W. Whiting
1964 Thomas Brown +	1977 Jack Spanola +	1990 Dave Kacprowicz	2003 Ray Peglow +	2016 Donald W. Macejko
1965 Robert Dugdale +	1978 Charles Schramm	1991 Dave Teitz +	2004 Martin Gabriel +	2017 Miguel Dorante Ramia
1966 Fred Lassiter +	1979 James Zilai +	1992 Jack Chadwick +	2005 Don Scalzo +	2018 Kyle D. Riebel
1967 John Bussen +	1980 Jose Vales +	1993 John Papetti +	2006 Charles Monteforte Jr. +	2019 Terence M. Sheen
1968 Steve Santa Lucia +	1981 Frank Braun +	1994 Frank Ricciardelli +	2007 Martin Dunne III	2020 John G. Yardley
1969 Robert Sorrelle +	1982 Rocco Bochetto +	1995 Raymond Drew	2008 Charles Monteforte Jr.+	2021 John G. Yardley
1970 Joseph Massarella +	1983 Edward Joncas +	1996 Walter Kuhn +	2009 Daniel Davis +	2022 John G. Yardley
1971 Albert Vincent +	1984 Raymond Gauthier +	1997 Tom Miller +	2010 Leon Lacroix +	2023 Ralph Amato
1972 Ed Gross +	1985 George Vargo +	1998 Mack Courson +	2011 Daniel Davis +	2024 Ralph Amato

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Calendar of events

Join our monthly Rosary devotion to Mary Mother Guardian of the Faith at 5:30 p.m. before our membership meetings. Refreshments and fellowship follow. Visit kofc4955.com for events reservations.

APRIL			
Sun	4/20/25		Easter
Wkd	4/26-27/25		Coffee @ St. Gabriel Masses
Sun	4/27/25	10:30 AM	Corporate Communion @ St. Elizabeth of Hungary
MAY			
Mon	5/5/25	6:30 PM	Officers Meet
Sun	5/11/25		Mothers Day
Mon	5/12/25	6:30 PM	Council Meet/Election
Sat	5/17/25	4 PM	Assumption Mass honoring Fr. Greer's 50 th Anniversary
Wkd	5/23-25/25		State Convention
Wkd	5/24-25/24		Coffee @ St. Gabriel Masses
Mon	5/26/25		Memorial Day
Fri	5/30/25		Corpus Christi Feast
JUNE			
Mon	6/2/25	6:30 PM	Officers Meeting
Mon	6/9/25	6:30 PM	Council Meet
Sat	6/14/25		Flag Day
Sun	6/15/25		Fathers Day
Mon	6/23/25	6:30 PM	65 th Anniversary Installation Dinner @ St. Gabriel
Wkd	6/28-29/25		Coffee @ St. Gabriel Masses
Sun	6/29/25		St. Peter & Paul Feast

In our prayers

Our dead: Joseph Cauley, Ken Hevelone, PGK Charles Monteforte Jr.

For healing: Jeanette Ciotoli, Debbie Chadwick, Kurt Kohler, Michael Bryant, Steve Cole, Dan Falvey, Rev. Kenneth D. Whittaker, Frank Laverty, Larry Martin, Tomas Vazquez, Roger Harris, Vincent Casale, Jeff and Paula Graham, Mary Monteforte, Lynn White, Beverly Cunningham, Joseph D'Jay, Bill Farrington, Mark Ardis, Margaret Hays, Joseph Smith, James Walker.

If you know a member who needs help, is ill, or has passed away, contact Bill Whiting, 561-368-6531, or email kofc4955@yahoo.com.

NEW Local Shirt Vendor: Council 4955 red golf shirts \$37 (plus \$12 shipping option) at Boca Color Graphics, 139 NW Third Street, Boca Raton, FL 33432; 561-391-2229 or email amy@bocacolorgraphics.com.

Committee recommends candidate slate

The Nominating Committee recommends the following members who have agreed to stand for election of officers for the 2025-26 fraternal year at the May 14 Council meeting:

Christopher Long, Grand Knight; David Rouchard, Deputy Grand Knight; Ronald Sacco, Chancellor; Matthew Donohue, Recorder; Michael Charles, Treasurer; Peter Assumma, Advocate; Robert Daw, Warden; Stephen Cole, Inside Guard; Michael Bryant, Outside Guard; Kurt Kohler, Outside Guard; Ralph Amato, 3-Year Trustee; Donald Macejko, 2-Year Trustee, John Yardley, 1-Year Trustee.

Nominations also may be made from the floor.



Drive Co-Chair Guy DeJohn joined Richard Fetchik and Matt Flynn Sr. and Jr. at St. Ambrose.

2025 Disabilities Drive nets \$11,305 for five charities

Council 4955's annual Disabilities (Tootsie Roll) Drive from January through March raised \$11,305 from donors at six parishes. The drive resulted in donations to five charities in support of people with intellectual disabilities:

\$2,576 ARC of Broward Alzheimer's Support Group.

\$2,576 BPAN Foundation Medical Research Support.

\$2,576 Dynamos of Pompano Beach Support Group.

\$2,576 Equine Assisted Therapies of South Florida.

\$1,000 Special Olympics Florida, Sallarulo Race for Champions.

The drive was chaired by Guy DeJohn and Don Macejko. It's the council's biggest annual charity initiative, made possible by the support of our pastors and their generous parishioners: Very Rev. Michael Greer (Assumption), Rev. Paul VI Karenga (Our Lady of Mercy), Rev. Dariusz Zarebsky (St. Ambrose), Rev. Jean Jadotte (St. Elizabeth of Hungary), Rev. Sahayanathan Nathan (St. Gabriel) and Very Rev. Willie Dever (St. Paul the Apostle).

Volunteers included: Ralph Amato, Peter Assumma, Mike Charles, Rolando De Aguiar, Guy DeJohn, Matt Donohue, Dominick Esposito, Ed Fee, Richard Fetchik, Sr., Matt Flynn, Steve Foley, Ernesto Gonzalez, Jeff Graham, Kenton Hajdic, Kurt Kohler, Frank Laverty, Chris Long, Paul Ludwick, Don Macejko, Leo MacInnis, John Marcinka, Kyle Riebel, David Rouchard, Ken Staab, Mike Tarr, Bill Whiting and John Yardley.

LOCATION	AMOUNT
Assumption	\$ 2,033
Online	\$ 470
Our Lady of Mercy	\$ 981
St. Ambrose	\$ 3,239
St. Elizabeth	\$ 1,083
St. Gabriel	\$ 1,826
St. Paul	\$ 1,673
TOTAL DONATIONS	\$ 11,305

In Memoriam

Chuck Monteforte, PGK (1940-2025)

Chuck joined the order in 1962. Retiring to Florida, he became involved with Council 4955 shortly before its move to Our Lady of Mercy in 2004. He helped bridge the council through its "lean" years.

In addition to two separate terms as Grand Knight (3-time "Knight of the Year"), he served (simultaneously, and for many years) as Treasurer, Compass Editor, "Tootsie Roll Drive" Chair, Parish Liaison, Home Corporation President and Treasurer and many other roles.

He was very proud of the fact that he would stop-by the council office daily to ensure nothing needed immediate attention, and remained involved as long as his health allowed.

Joe Cauley (1933-2025)

Joe joined the Knights and Council 4955 50 years ago this year ("Knight of Year" 1999 and immediately dedicated himself to virtually every council activity during the "seasonal" months (when our calendar was full seven days a week).

As Lecturer, he added fun and games to accompany the refreshments he prepared, but he preferred to work behind the scenes in the cooking, kitchen and cleaning crews, for years doing the jobs few others wanted.

He participated in every "Tootsie Roll Drive" from its inception.

From May-October, Joe was deeply involved with Buffalo-area ministries dedicated to those with disabilities. He was a Daily Communicant.

**Rev. Martin Dunne, PGK
Council Historian**

Note: All issues of The Compass of last 28 years, + mid-1960s are digitized. If you have any "lost" back-issues, or any other historical items, please loan to me so they can be preserved digitally. Thank you!



PGK Chuck Monteforte, right, helped PGK Dan Davis serve up dinner at our 2016 Christmas Party.

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Friday, February 12, 2016

For 40-years Joe Cauley has volunteered for the K of C Tootsie Roll Drive to help the disabled

Making a Difference

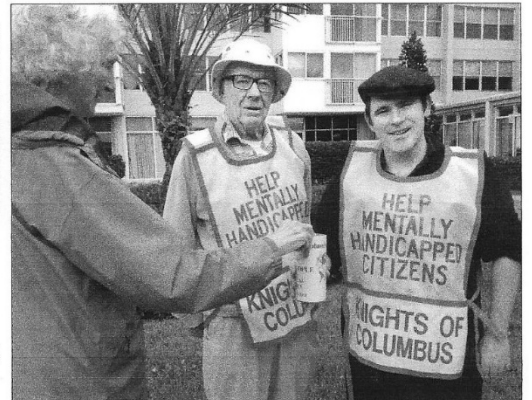


Phyllis J. Neuberger wants your suggestions about people making a difference. Phyllis's book, *China Dahl*, is available on amazon.com. Call 954-783-8700.

By Phyllis J. Neuberger

PELICAN STAFF

"That's right," says Joe Cauley, "the first week of March, I'll be out there, along with at least 25 volunteers from the Knights of Columbus



A dedicated pair, Joe Cauley and Martin Dunn suit up for the 40th Tootsie Roll Drive that happens the first week of March. Over 25 Knights of Columbus volunteers will be collecting funds for agencies that help the disabled. [Photo by Phyllis J. Neuberger]

Joe Cauley enlisted then-seminarian Marty Dunne in promoting our Tootsie Roll Drive in 2016.



KNIGHTS IN ACTION – Above, Knight Deacon Jerry McGuinn organized two busloads of pilgrims from St. Ambrose Church who drove February 15 to Miami's Our Lady of Lourdes Church for the Gesture of Water devotion, with lunches donated by Council 4955. Top right, Council 4955 and Knights on Bikes hosted the KofC Silver Rose at St. Ambrose Church February 27 after another Mass at St. Elizabeth of Hungary. Bottom right, Council 4955 cooks Steve Cole and GK Ralph Amato served up corned beef dinners with Men of St. Ambrose for St. Paddy's Day.



Celebrate 65 years of service

After 65 years, it's time to celebrate the Knights of Columbus in our community.

Mark your calendar for a special 65th Anniversary and Installation Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 23, at St. Gabriel Parish Hall. We ask for a \$10 donation for dinner and drinks. Children under 11 eat free. Please make reservations online at kofc4955.com by June 18.

Five years ago, our plans for a 60th anniversary event were cancelled when we all were locked out of our churches during the pandemic scare. This year, we have even more to appreciate.

Officers for the 2025-26 fraternal year will be sworn at 6:30 p.m., with dinner at 7 p.m. followed by awards and remarks by Council Historian Father Martin Dunne.

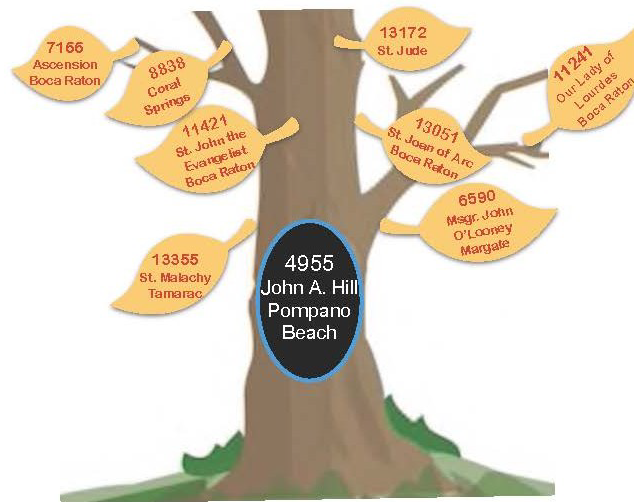
Among other things, Father reminds us of the many spinoffs of other councils from 4955.

Invitations will be extended to our area clergy to attend as our honored guests. The event also is open to our parishioners and friends of the Knights who support our efforts



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

We especially want to remember those who came before us, as well as our Honorary and Honorary Life members of longstanding.

Dress for the occasion is jacket and tie. Contact Bill Whiting, 561-368-6531 or kofc4955@yahoo.com.

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