



THE COMPASS

Kissimmee, Florida

January 2024

Upcoming Key Dates

January

- ♦ 1- Solemnity of Mary
- ♦ 3 - Columbia Club Meeting 1700
- ♦ 3- Council 6624 Meeting 1900
- ♦ 7—Three Kings Event at Old Town
- ♦ 10 - Assembly 1951 Meeting 1900
- ♦ 13 - District Spelling Bee –0900 check in
- ♦ 15 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- ♦ 17- Officers Meeting *Note the Date Change*
- ♦ 20– Columbiettes meeting 0900
- ♦ 20 –Regional Spelling Bee—0930 Check in
- ♦ 24 - Monthly Social JMJ Babby Shower -*Note the Date Change*
- ♦ Feb 3rd State Spelling Bee—1000 Check in

**** Boy Scouts meeting every Thursday 1900*

Bingo Every Tuesday & Friday 3:00 PM - 9:45 PM we can always use assis-

State of Florida Council of the year



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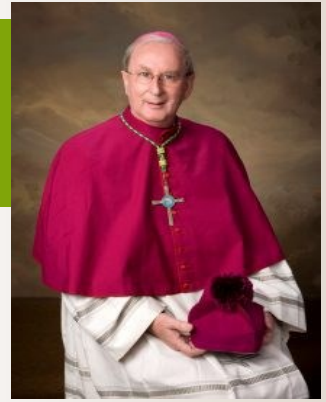
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A Light Brightly Visible by *Bishop Noonan*



My Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

We are in the Season of Christmas; yet, we also begin a new calendar year. During the Season of Advent, we made ready for the coming of Jesus, our Savior and Lord. We prayed to God to make within us a clean heart. We offered sacrifice upon God's altar and we received Him in the Eucharist.

Now, as we begin this new calendar year, we also think about changes that are needed. Our minds may ponder healthier options for eating, exercising, or reducing our expenses. In this Season of Christmas, I ask you to be sure that God is in the midst of your prospective changes – and that you allow yourself to realize the fullness of His love.

One way to think about our resolutions is to pray about how God is calling you to bring Him within our midst. I would ask that every Catholic in the Diocese of Orlando take up the resolution to *Receive the Eucharist and Be the Eucharist*; to really make our daily living a holy experience. As Isaiah foretold, let our heart throb and overflow with God's love that we bring forth the wealth of His love to one another.

As God delivers to us the riches of the sea, born in a trough as the Water of Life, He invites each one of us to give our lives completely, without measurement or personal interest, without thinking, "what's in it for me?" With the Eucharist, He gives Himself to us so that we are able to receive Him and continue our journey with Him each day. As we are reborn with this new year, let us keep our Baptismal Covenant with Jesus to love Him above all things and to serve Him in our brothers and sisters.

Jesus did not come into the world alone or lonely. He came announced by prophets and choirs of angels. The people long awaited His coming. The walls of His dwelling place are created with each one of us. We are a part of God's story. Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, encourages us to "write stories of redemption on the pages of our time." As we receive Christ in the Eucharist, we continue salvation history for Jesus Christ is yesterday, today and forever.

I ask you this new year to not sway from your focus on God. Come to Mass. Receive the Eucharist – receive Jesus. Leave the holy altar of the sanctuary and Be the Eucharist – BE- going out into the world glorifying the Lord with your life. Let everyone know Jesus through your marvelous works of charity; by the words you speak and the way you treat all the people.

Grow your works of charity that our unified heart throbs and overflows. Let every moment be a prayer of the Father – transfiguring the darkness into light, that we are radiant at what we see.
BE. Amen.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend John Noonan
Bishop of Orlando



The McCommon Family would like to thank all the Knights for their prayers and support during their passing of Brother Kenny in October.



The Kent Family want to give a big Thank You to all the Knights who prayed and supported for Brother Dennis who passed in November and his wife Marline who passed in December.



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Worthy Brothers all,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I hope that you and your families are having a wonderful and safe Christmas holiday season. Thanks to the Sons and Daughters of Italy and Council 6624 GK Robert Consolo, there was an outstanding Christmas Party at Knights of Columbus Council 6624 hall on Saturday evening, December 16, 2023. We had a great turn out, wonderful Italian food, dancing, and even Santa appeared. It was a nice way to start our Christmas festivities.

Please watch out for many opportunities to volunteer after the first of the year. Council 6624 will be looking for volunteers to cook and hand out hundreds of hot dogs again at Olde Town Kissimmee for the Three Kings Festival. It is special for kids of all ages -- just wear your Council shirt.

Youth programs are also looking for volunteers. The District 28 Free Throw Competition will be held at St. Thomas Aquinas School beginning at 9:00 am on Saturday, January 2024. Contact Pete Caporlingua if you want to volunteer.

The Florida State Spelling Bee will be held again at the 6624 Council Hall at 2000 Neptune Rd, Kissimmee, FL 34744. The District 28 Spelling Bee is scheduled for 9:00 am on Saturday, January 13, 2024; the Region 3 Spelling Bee at 9:30 am on Saturday, January 20, 2024; and the Florida State Spelling Bee will be held at 10:00 am on Saturday, February 3, 2024. If you would like to help, contact Willy Alvarado.

The St. Joseph Icon is again visiting parishes in District 28 so watch for notices and your church bulletins for details. The icon will be at St. Catherine of Siena (Council 13116) from January 2-6, 2024; then travel to Holy Redeemer (Council 6624) from January 9-15, 2024; and then to St. Thomas Aquinas (Council 15357) from January 16-22, 2024. I am still working out the details for Holy Cross parish.

Finally, I will be hosting a Regional/District meeting beginning at 9:00 am on Saturday, February 10, 2024 at Council 6624 hall. There are many changes occurring in the Knights of Columbus, both at the State and Supreme levels. I hope that at least the Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries can attend. I will send out more details as it gets closer.

Vivat Jesus!

Harry Rother — DD28



Robert Consolo
Grand Knight, Council 6624



Brother Knights All,

Hope everyone enjoyed their Holidays with the Family. Glad to see the great turn out for our Christmas Party at the Hall on Saturday December 26. I hope all that attended had a Great time and enjoyed themselves. A special thanks to the Sons and Daughters of Italy for our first joint party celebration and an incredibly special thanks to Angie, Brother David, Wael, Kitty and Brother Jim Edgcomb for volunteering to serve food set-up and clean-up. Glad I can always count on you all.

Congrats to the Knight of the Month George Jackow and the Family of the Month is Ed and Nancy Sass. Brother George went through some medical issues but still made it out to do some volunteer work even when he was feeling his best. Ed and Nancy Sass are always available when we need them whether it is in the kitchen or on the floor for Bingo.

As we are coming out of Holidays, we start the New Year with several things on our calendar and we will be needing volunteer help. We have our Three Kings Day in Old Town on January 7, where we will be handing out hotdogs. Details to come in our weekly blasts. Also coming up in the next couple of weeks in January are Spelling Bee, Free Throw, JMJ Baby Shower Social and DD Reginal meeting.

We will continue to be Improving things in the Hall so that we can bring our Hall up to par as far as Internet, Security, Stage, Kitchen, and Equipment. So please bear with us as we do this work. I have committees helping me with this work and if anyone is interested, please reach out to our Columbia Club Directors, DGK Bob Trace or Brother Jim Edgcomb.

We would not be able to do all this if it were not for Bingo. So, this is why we need to volunteer for Bingo. We do have a dedicated group of people who volunteer their time, but we need new blood. Most of our dedicated volunteers are up there in years and we need to in the next generation to keep our Bingo going to the future. So, if you are interested come down on Tuesday/Friday nights and we will show you the different things that need to be done. Remember the door opens at 3pm and our shifts are 3pm-6pm and 6pm-9pm. Feel free to reach out to any Brothers/Sisters that help we do keep all our volunteers well feed. Please consider coming out and helping us out. January we will have a sizable number of volunteers out due to a planned Cruise.

What started out as only Football Sunday has become an Everyday Sunday get together with select Sundays that we do not open. My Weekly Update Blasts will keep you all posted on that. So, come on out and enjoy what we have to offer at the Hall. As always there will be some type of sports on the TV's, Beverages, Dominoes, Cards, and of course Camaraderie. The time where you can talk to another Brother and have a breakout session if needed or just need another to listen and talk.

I will end my report as I do every Compass with this please keep all our Brother's and Sister's in our prays as well as their families. Keep all who are sick, injured and in need of help. Keep the First Responders and Military personnel as well as our religious personnel.

Viva Jesus
Fraternally

Robert Consolo, Grand Knight, Council 6624 St Cloud-Kissimmee (718) 510-2263 bluerage69@gmail.com

Lake View Elementary School Christmas Party



Brother Johnny and Brother Tommy and our Grand Knight Rob helped the Kids enjoy a Merry Christmas



JMJ asked Brother Bob Birchler if the Knights had a wheelchair they could have b This was due to they had a Mom to be go into labor and they did have a chair to get her to the car to get to the hospital.

JMJ has now a wheelchair to help any moms that need it in there Kissimmee Office.

Thanks Bob for bringing this to our attention



Robert Consolo Grand Knight, of St. Cloud - Kissimmee Council 6624, Presenting George Jackow the Knight of the Month for January 2024



Robert Consolo Grand Knight, of St. Cloud - Kissimmee Council 6624, Presenting Ed & Nancy Sass as Family of the Month for January 2024

Notary Public

A notary public is a public officer appointed by state government to serve the public in non-contentious matters, usually related to the signing of important documents. A notary public attests or certifies writings, such as deeds, to make them authentic and takes affidavits, depositions, and protests of negotiable paper. A notary public also administers oaths and affirmations, authenticates the execution of certain documents, and performs other official acts depending on the jurisdiction. A notary public acts as an impartial witness and a fraud-deterrent in transactions and documents. If you need documents notarized, we have at least 2 Notary Publics in our Council:

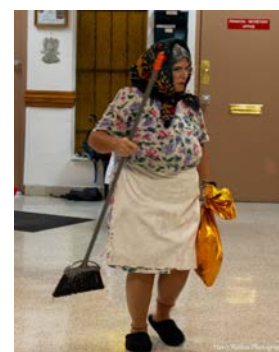
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Son's & Daughters of Italy /Council 6624
Christmas Party 2023



Council 6624 will have a Baby Shower for JMJ at the Social on January 24th Below are items that they need



Come check out our NEW Lifting Lives Center, we would love to give you a tour! Volunteer with us and make a difference!

Items we DO NOT need!!!

JMJ has been blessed this year with MANY diapers, wipes, bottles, formula, and more. Please do not send any of these items, as we are currently only looking for the URGENT NEEDS listed. Thank you!

- Baby SUMMER bottoms ALL sizes (skirts, shorts, and lightweight pants/leggings for boy and girl; NO tops please) – HIGHEST NEED
- Baby bath towels (boy and girl) – HIGHEST NEED
- Pack n' play sheets – HIGHEST NEED
- Baby booties / mitts (neutral colors are best) – HIGHEST NEED



- Enfamil infant formula (yellow can)
- Stage 2 / "sitters" cereal
- Stage 3 / "crawlers" meals and snacks (meals, puffs, yogurt melts, teethingers)



- Baby teething toys
- Baby interactive toys (suitable for 0-12 months)
- Baby plush stuffed toys (suitable for 0-12 months)
- Baby books (cardboard, plastic, crinkly, colorful)



- Baby swings / jumpers (suitable for 0-12 months)
- Infant car seats (has 5-point straps)
- Infant high chairs (has 5 point straps)
- Infant bassinets



- Brother TN-433BK (black toner for JMJ offices – Brother brand only please)
- Miniature bottled waters for JMJ clients (hydration for urine tests)
- Miniature gingerales for JMJ clients (hydration for nausea)



Gerry Yeung, Faithful Navigator **Fr. Holmes Assembly 1951**



Worthy Sir Knights,

Happy New Year to all! May God bless and keep you and yours during 2024.

At our December meeting, we were delighted to recognize our newest Assembly Brothers: Michael Moorzejesski, Julien Neville, and Denis Roy. Welcome, Sir Knights, to the Fr. Holmes Assembly!

The January 12, 2024 deadline for submission of Journal ads for the Captain's Ball is fast approaching. Please speak to the establishments that you patronize and ask them to advertise in our Journal and support a worthy cause. Encourage family and friends to honor the memory of a loved one or display a message of support in our Journal. And of course, please purchase and sell tickets, tickets, tickets!! It promises to be a fun evening of food, fellowship and entertainment. Thank you in advance for helping to make this fundraiser a success to support the work of our Assembly and Color Corps.

As a reminder, you are encouraged to show your patriotic spirit and fly the American flag every day of the year, but especially on federal and state holidays. There are eleven federal holidays in 2024: 1/1 - New Year's Day, 1/15 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day, 2/19 - President's Day, 5/27 - Memorial Day, 6/19 - Juneteenth, 7/4 - Independence Day, 9/2 - Labor Day, 10/14 - Columbus Day, 11/11 - Veterans Day, 11/28 - Thanksgiving Day, and 12/25 - Christmas Day. Plus there are 3 additional Florida state holidays in 2024: 2/15 - Susan B. Anthony Day, 3/29 - Good Friday, and 4/2 - Pascua Florida.

May we always be grateful for the blessings of life and liberty that we enjoy in this country. I leave you with the comforting words of St. Paul: "We know that in everything God works for good for those who love him." (Rom 8:28)

Vivat Jesus!

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Faithful Navigator would like to congratulate our three newest members.

Also Thank you to Sir Knight Michael Adamus who escorted the new members when they became
4th Degree Knights



Congrats

Michael

Dennis

and Julien

Gerald Strohmeier Memorial

Captain's Ball

Date: February 24, 2024

Tickets: \$30.00 per person

4:00pm Mass in the Hall

5:30pm Happy Hour in the Bar

Dinner and Dance

6:00pm-10:00pm

Guest Chef
Lora Fisher Sous Chef from
the Talking Stick Resort &
Casino in Scottsdale, Az
Brother Jim Edgcomb will
be assisting her



Knights of Columbus

Father Holmes Assembly 1951

Tickets are available at the Knights of Columbus Hall at 2000 Neptune Rd Kiss.
Fl., with any Knight of Columbus Member or your location K of C Council.

K of C Fr. Holmes Assembly No. 1951
2024 Captain's Ball
Response Form

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

TICKETS

*Note that the deadline for ticket orders is **FEBRUARY 9, 2024**. Tickets will not be sold at the door.*

OF TICKETS (\$30 PER PERSON) _____

GUEST NAMES (Use reverse side if necessary) _____

____ I am not able to attend but enclosed is my contribution of \$____ to help support the work of Fr. Holmes Assembly No. 1951.

JOURNAL

*Note that the deadline for Journal ads is **JANUARY 12, 2024**.*

Proceeds from our Annual Journal will greatly assist us in our work. Sponsoring an advertisement, a message of support, a memorial, or a business card are ways to help us. Our Journal size is 5-1/2" X 8-1/2".

Kindly circle your requested ad size below and email this form along with your camera-ready ads, artwork or business cards to Gerry Yeung at broger8@gmail.com. Alternatively, you can mail the form and ads along with your check to the address below.

Outside Rear Cover.....	\$600.00
Inside front or rear cover.....	300.00
Full page.....	120.00
Half page.....	60.00
Quarter page.....	30.00
Business Cards.....	12.00

Please make checks payable to Fr. Holmes Assembly No. 1951 and send to:

K of C Assembly No. 1951
% Richard Quesnell
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Kindly direct any questions you may have to: Gerry Yeung at (914) 837-7008 or broger8@gmail.com.



President Jackie Choma
Columbiette Auxiliary #6624



Sister Columbiettes:

I would like to thank all the auxiliary members for all that they have done in helping me this past short year as your Auxiliary President, and I hope that this coming year will be a very good year. I would like to thank all that showed up for our year end meeting and Christmas social with the gift card exchange. Everyone that brought a covered dish {thankyou} everything turned out nicely, and I hope everyone enjoyed themselves. Just a quick note our boxes Toys for Tots were picked up on Friday December 15th during bingo thanks to all that donated for this cause the boxes were overflowing again thank you. A few things that were brought up during our Dec. meeting was the State Convention on April 26,27, and 28th, 2024 in Boca Raton, Fl. If you need a form for the convention to fill out please contact me and I will be more than happy to give you one to fill out, don't forget that each Columbiette only has to pay their half of the bill of \$425.00 which is only \$212.50 and the auxiliary pays the rest, this is for each auxiliary member per night, based on double occupancy If you are planning on going please fill out your convention forms and give your moneys to our Financial Secretary Mary Gerst by the end of January 2024. We will need to setup a carpool to go down to Boca Raton, Fl. please let me know who is willing to drive. Our next fund-raising event is on April 6th "April In Paris". I welcome any suggestions that will help in carrying out this event. Our fifth Tuesday is coming up January 30th, 2024, our auxiliary needs to step up and participate in this event which will help our auxiliary in their donations to many recipients in the near future, bingo starts at 5:30 for the warmup games, 6:30 early birds, and 7:00 for the regular games I'm just letting you know what times you would like to help so please pick a time, you don't necessarily have to only come on our 5th Tuesday of the month please come and participate and learn how to help, a Knight from the council will be more than happy to show you how. Don't forget to pay your 2024 dues. When the Grand Knight for 6624 sends out his weekly report I also try to send it out to the Columbiettes so you will know what's going on with the Knights at 6624. Our next meeting will be on January 20th, 2024.

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May the Lord our God Bless you and your families in the new year and keep us safe from harm.

Blessed Virgin Mary

Mary (Jackie) Choma

President-Columbiettes Aux 6624

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Blessed Virgin

January Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1  New Years Day	2 	3 5 PM Columbia Club Meeting 7 PM Council Meeting	4 7pm Scout meeting	5 	6
7 3 Kings at Old Town	8	8 	10 7pm Assembly Meeting	11 7pm Scout meeting	12 	13  District Spelling Bee
14	15	16 	17 7:00pm Officer Meeting <i>NOTE Change</i>	18 7pm Scout meeting	19 	20  Regional Spelling Bee 9am Columbiettes meeting
21	22	23 	24 6:00pm Social JMJ Baby Shower <i>NOTE Change</i>	25 7pm Scout meeting	26 	27
28	29	30 	31			

Birthdays

1 Louis Codone Jr.	21 Jeffrey Wolfe
5 Javier Ramirez	22 Mitchell Mc Common
7 Candido Delgado Jr.	Kenneth Zwally
8 Thomas Castro	24 Jacob Meyer
9 Paul Asplen	Cesar Tricoche
14 Bro. Gregory Reich	Jim Varney
18 Charles Mamele	25 Roger Bihl
19 George Jackow	30 William Davis
	31 Andrew Donato
	John Hardin

Prayer List

<i>Pete Bryant</i>	<i>Jamie Hedges</i>
<i>Jim Varney</i>	<i>Kitty Choma</i>
<i>Frank & Anna Ruscheinsky</i>	<i>Dennis & Marlene Kent family</i>
<i>Alice & Tony Costantini</i>	<i>Linda Quesnell</i>
<i>Billy Leonard</i>	<i>Doris Fortuno</i>
<i>Larry & Roberta McGrath</i>	<i>Luigi Rosa Family Member</i>
	<i>Sopher Family</i>
	<i>George Jackow</i>
	<i>Ron Munsch</i>