



THE COMPASS

Kissimmee, Florida

March 2024

Upcoming Key Dates

March

- ♦ 2 Laps for life
- ♦ 6- Columbia Club Meeting 1700
- ♦ 6- Council 6624 Meeting 1900
- ♦ 13 - Assembly 1951 Meeting 1900
- ♦ 16- Columbiettes meeting 0900
- ♦ 16—Train Show
- ♦ 17—Hand Bag bingo (for Hero's Kids)
- ♦ 20- Monthly Social
- ♦ 27 - Officers Meeting
- ♦ 31 Easter

*** *Boy Scouts meeting every Thursday 1900*

Bingo Every Tuesday & Friday 3:00 PM - 9:45 PM we can always use assistance please come out and Volunteer

State of Florida Council of the year



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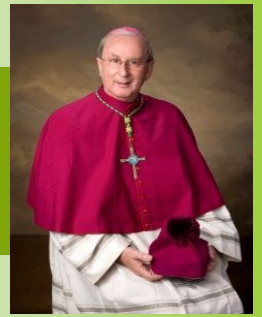
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A Light Brightly Visible by *Bishop Noonan*



My Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

We are nearly half-way through our Lenten Season. I pray you are learning how God sees during this Season of Hope. I pray you are refreshed in knowing the Lord as your Shepherd who offers His heart to become one with yours. I pray you are learning to live as children of light, producing every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth.

The Word of God proclaimed on the fourth Sunday of Lent sharpens our focus mid-season. We hear of the anointment of King David, we pray Psalm 23, St. Paul reminds us of our purpose as Catholics, and St. John speaks to us about blindness and how, even with our ability to see, we are still blinded by "how man sees, from the appearance or from his lofty stature." The profound words come together as we recognize the Word made flesh within them and realize they are the gift of the Eucharist for us.

When we receive the Eucharist, we receive the Word made flesh — that is, we receive Jesus. In that reception of His most holy Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity, we receive the wholeness of the Word; what came before in the Old Testament, what came through His being present on earth, and what is to come by our living in faith through the triune God each day. It is the sacred mystery in which we are growing and becoming a Eucharist to offer to God and to the people with whom we encounter.

Bringing forth a king was the ministry of Samuel, the prophet chosen by God. In the midst of difficulty, God chooses a most unassuming son who is filled with the breath of God. As David was shepherding the sheep when he was called, Psalm 23 speaks to the beauty of the true Shepherd who guides each one of us in right paths, if we have eyes to see God's goodness. St. Paul reminds us that we are out of darkness and live as children of light; exhorting us to learn what is pleasing to God. Finally, Jesus tells of how spiritual blindness can be a bully and can hurt those who seek God, when we put God aside.

In this mid-season of Lent, it is good to look into our heart and reflect upon whether we see as God or as man. This is also a time to seek the Sacrament of Penance to speak to God about how you failed to love God, if you have not already done so. The Sacrament of Penance is an offering of love, a conversation to voice your troubles and to receive God's forgiveness, the gift of His Peace. This gift of Peace was fulfilled through Jesus' death on the Cross. When we receive God's forgiveness, then we go and offer that same forgiveness to those whom we may have harmed. We offer ourselves as a Eucharist to one another.

How does our offering begin? It begins with prayer. Jesus always prayed before He went to minister. He prayed while He ministered. He prayed with His disciples. He taught us how to pray. When you pray, even though you may be praying for a need of your own, you are praying that the community of faith become stronger through Christ. Prayer can also be conversation with one another as you bring God's love through your words. Prayer can be the hug that someone might need or a smile that is affirming when there is doubt. Prayer is participating in the celebration of Mass to receive the Eucharist. Sincerely yours in Christ, Most Reverend John Noonan Bishop of Orlando



5-8PM FRIDAYS DURING LENT

(2/16, 2/23, 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22)

HOLY REDEEMER SOCIAL HALL

\$10 ADULTS / \$7 CHILD 10 & UNDER

DINE-IN or TAKE-OUT

BAKED OR FRIED FISH / PIZZA

COLESLAW & FRENCH FRIES

DRINK & DESSERT

*Sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 662 &
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Brother Knights,

Thank you to everyone who attended the Regional/District 28 meeting on February 10, 2024 at our hall. Danny McIntyre, the State Membership Director and Marshall of the 4th Degree, gave an inspiring presentation about what councils have to do to succeed -- the goal for all of us. He also offered to provide Color Corp training for the 4th Degree Sir Knights getting the new uniform in both the Assembly of the Spanish Council and our Father Holmes Assembly. Stay tuned if interested.

I hope that everyone takes the time to pray and reflect during this Lenten season. When I was attending the Supreme Convention last year in Orlando, the mantra of the Knights of Columbus impressed me -- First in Faith and Charity. We always excel at Charity as Brother Knights in our many, many programs that continue to change lives and help our Church and Community. But I am not sure that we put faith first, myself included. Lent offers many opportunities to strengthen our faith -- the Stations of the Cross, bible studies, Adoration Hours and more. Let's pray and celebrate Easter, renewed in our faith as the Knights of our Church.

I will be away from March 4-10, 2024 for the Arnold Palmer's Invitational Golf Tournament at Bay Hill again this year. Despite the 14-hour days, I truly enjoy volunteering, and after 15 years, it is like spending time with family. However, during this week I will not be attending our Council meeting or helping out at bingo so reach out via text or email if you need my help for anything.

This year's Laps for Life will be held on March 2, 2024 at Bishop Moore High School track. If you can, please come out and help raise money to buy ultrasound machines and promote Pro-life activities. The Spanish Council 13116 will be there selling empanadas so drop by and say hello. If you can't attend, please consider making a donation as part of Council 6624 and help push our donations over \$2000.

Vivat Jesus!

Harry Rother — DD28

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Robert Consolo

Grand Knight, Council 6624



Brother Knights All,

Greetings all, hope all my Brothers and Sisters are doing well. As we enter the Season of Lent and our Catholic High Holy Days, please and support our Boy Scouts with their Fish Fry on Fridays at Holy Redeemer. Last date for the Fish Fry is on March 22. The Troop has invited Families to attend their Troop Court of Honor to help recognize our Scouts and that is on February 29. Will be sure to update all in my Weekly Updates.

Want to take this time to congratulate those First Responder that were Recognized for a Good Job well done by their departments and by the Knights of Columbus St Cloud/Kissimmee Council 6624 out or last Social. Also want to congratulate the Children of Holy Redeemer for doing so well in the many activities we had this passed month. (Spelling Bee, Free Throw and Soccer Challenge). Very Big thank you goes to our Brother Willy for all his work he put into this to make sure it went off without an issue. Captain's Ball Gala is February 24 hope to see a lot of Brother Knight from our Council there. Please come out and show your Support to our 4th Degree Brothers of Fr. Holmes Assembly. Have been told that the food is going to be good and plenty.

We will have our Officer's meeting at the end of March, (March 27th @ 7pm). Our next Council Meeting will be March 6 at 7pm, come early to enjoy some food before the Council meeting. For those who are members of our Columbia Club please remember their meeting is at 5pm, all Director are required to ATTEND.

Some of the thing we will be having at the Hall as far as events are of course our Sunday get together, we have the Train Show on March 16 at 7am, FOP Membership Appreciation Day March 16 at 3pm, Handbag Bingo on March 17 for Hero for Kids, Elections in the Chamber on March 19, and our Scholarship Social Wednesday 20 for the kids that have been pick under our Scholarship Program.

We have several other events coming up at the Hall so look out for those Weekly Update blasts. Even though Football is over doesn't mean our Sunday gathering is over. We have Baseball and Basketball, or hell just to get together and enjoy each other's company and play cards or dominos. All are welcome and we are open to anyone just looking to hang out with friends and families. The Fraternal Order of Police will be having their Members Appreciation Day on March 16 at 3pm and for a small donation they have invited the members of the Knights of Columbus Council 6624 to join them. Our very own Dominos Sunday Crew have been Challenged for that day.

Last but not least is our Bingo, as mentioned multiple time in my weekly updates, we always need help so please come on down and give us a helping hand. Bingo is every Tuesday and Friday 3pm-9pm. We have two shifts 3pm-6pm and 6pm-9pm. Please come down and learn the thing we do to keep our Council going and make money for all our donations. You will realize all the things that go behind keeping our Council up and going. There will be NO BINGO Friday March 29 due to Good Friday. 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

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First Responders Social 2024



Our Newest Members



Giving Back to the 4HH of Osceola County





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



Worthy Sir Knights,

First of all, I want to congratulate Faithful Captain Richard Quesnell on a very successful Captain's Ball that was held on February 24. A big thank you to all who attended, donated or helped out. You made it happen! Special kudos to Chef Lora Fisher and her brother-in-law Faithful Comptroller Jim Edgcomb for an excellent meal. All proceeds from the Captain's Ball go towards supporting the good work of the Assembly and the Color Corps.

Speaking of the Color Corps, I am pleased to inform that five new members are getting their regalia. This will certainly help us out in responding to callouts. So far this year, our Assembly Color Corps has assisted at the Good Shepherd Pro-Life Mass and Procession on January 20 and the Santo Niño Mass at the Basilica on January 28.

Don't forget to do your civic duty and vote in the March 19 Presidential Primary. Early voting begins on March 9.

At our February business meeting, we elected delegates and alternates to represent our Assembly at the Florida District Biennial Meeting hosted by Msgr. Bishop Council No. 2112 in Orlando on March 23.

Finally, I wish to remind everyone that Good Friday, March 29, is a Florida state holiday, and a blessed Lent and Holy Week to all.

Vivat Jesus!

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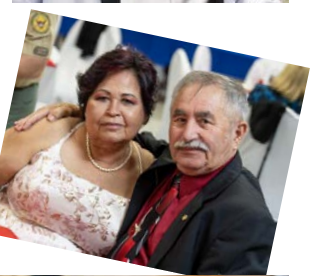


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President Jackie Choma
Columbiette Auxiliary #6624



Sister Columbiettes:

First off, I would like to thank everyone who pitched in to volunteer at our fifth Tuesday bingo last month, we had a total of sixteen auxiliary members present, nice job ladies. We are still in need of some of our ladies to volunteer at less one or two nights in the kitchen, the times are from 4 to 7 on Tuesday and Friday.

It's that time of the year when we have so many projects coming up, lent season is the time for us to embrace our Catholic faith, to meditate on the public life of Jesus, his teachings and his suffering and the love he has for us. Lent is a time of forgiveness, to leave behind us our sins, our anger, our spiritual failings, and the time to ask ourselves what really matters while we are here on earth. March eight at Holy Redeemer our auxiliary is asked to do the Stations of the Cross, at six in the evening, any lady that would like to participate please show up with your Columbiette blouse on and try to be there fifteen minutes early before we start.

As most of you know our auxiliary made the local paper the Osceola News Gazette. Here's a little piece of what was printed in the paper. Members of the ST. Cloud/Kissimmee Columbiettes Auxiliary, a women's group affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, presented new bicycles to two residents of the Transition House in St. Cloud on Saturday the 27th of January.

The Transition House is a behavioral and mental healthcare center with programs for homeless individuals and veterans. I must give credit to our auxiliary secretary Tammy Fischer for bringing this worthy cause to our attention.

Our April in Paris fund raiser is coming up on the sixth of April, Chapter meeting on the following Saturday thirteenth at our Knights of Columbus Hall, the Twentieth is our regular meeting, and then off to convention in Boca Raton, on April 26,27, and 28, 2024. So, as you can see, we have a very busy month ahead, we will need for all of our ladies help.

Please keep your prayers coming for our sister Columbiettes, Knights, families and to those who are sick and in the need of help. May the Lord our God bless and strengthen our Soldiers, Police, Medical and Fire responders. Grant them a heart of courage to save, defend, protect and purity and fill them with spiritual joy, be the protector of their soul and bodies.

Blessed Virgin Mary

Mary (Jackie) Choma
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Blessed Virgin

April In Paris

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*April 6th 2024 6 to 10 pm
Dinner, Cash Bar
and Entertainment*

By: Diana Lynn

*\$20.00 per person
50/50 & Raffles*

Get your
picture taken
in Paris

Proceed go to
Columbiettes
sponsored
donations

**For tickets call Jackie Choma at
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The Columbiette donated two Bikes to the Veterans program “The Transportation House” on Feb. 3rd



March Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3	4	5 	6 5 PM Columbia Club Meeting 7 PM Council Meeting	7 7pm Scout meeting	8 	9
10 	11	12 	13 7pm Assembly Meeting <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	14 7pm Scout meeting	15 	16 9am-Columbiettes meeting Train Show in the main hall
17 St Patrick's Day Hand Bag Bingo	18	19 	20 6:00pm Social First Responders	21 7pm Scout meeting	22 	23 Master Semi Annual meeting
24	25	26 	27 7:00pm Officer Meeting	28 7pm Scout meeting	29 	30
31 Easter Day						

Birthdays

1 Rev. Rodolfo Ramon - Cabrea	14 James Hardin Ronald Munsch
2 Bro. Nelson Placa Jr.	20 Donald Rinkus Guy Samuelson
4 Wilfredo Alvarado Jr.	22 John Moschouris
6 Richard Quesnell	23 Paul Corbley
7 Lawrence McGrath	25 Robert Schneck Joseph Wisnosky
9 Rev. Gabriel Ipasu Rev. Fabian Gimeno	26 Ruben Sanchez-Serrano
10 Robert Rao	28 Francis Barney
11 Edward Meyer	30 Alton Downs Jose Ramirez
12 John Kikta	
13 Lawrence Gray	

Prayer List

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