



THE COMPASS

Kissimmee, Florida

February 2026

Upcoming Key Dates

February

- ♦4- Columbia Club Meeting 1700
- ♦4-Officers Meeting 1800
- ♦4- Council 6624 Meeting 1900
- ♦11- Assembly 1951 Meeting 1900
- ♦14- Valentines Day
- ♦17- Presidents Day
- ♦18- Ash Wednesday
- ♦18- Hero Awards Social 1800
- ♦21- Columbiettes Meeting—0900 Meeting
- ♦22- 1st Sunday of Lent

Fish Fry's start on Feb 20th and every Friday thru Lent

**** 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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Council Hall Phone number
407-847-8549



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February Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 BINGO	4 5 PM Columbia Club Meeting 6pm Officers Meeting 7 PM Council Meeting	5 7pm Scout meeting	6 BINGO	7
8	9	10 BINGO	11 7pm Assembly Meeting	12 7pm Scout meeting pm	13 BINGO	14 Valentines Day
15	16	17 BINGO Presidents Day	18 6:00pm Hero Awards Social Ash Wednesday	19 7pm Scout meeting	20 BINGO	21 0930 Columbiettes Meeting
22 1st Sunday of Lent	23	24 BINGO	25	26 7pm Scout meeting pm	27 BINGO	28
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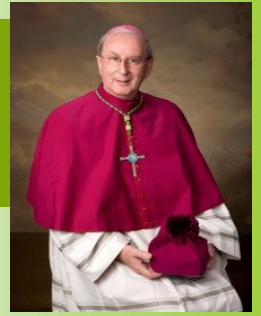
Birthdays

7 Frank Novak	17 John Clancy Julien Neville
8 Clemente Ramirez	18 Stephen Messian
9 Brenan Holmes	20 David Leonard
10 Guillermo Caoile	21 Ivan Mercado Richard Sikorski
12 Ronald Legendre Kenneth Maher Victor Cabaza III	24 Heriberto Hernandez
13 Jonathan Holmes	25 Augusto Miranda
15 Anthony Lettieri Andrew Urban	26 Ralph Knothe
	27 John Bontya
	28 Stephen Knothe

Prayer List

Frank & Anna Ruscheinsky	Jamie Hedges
Alice & Tony Costantini	Kitty Choma
Billy Leonard	Dick & Linda Quesnell
Jim Schonefeld	Doris Fortuno
Larry & Roberta McGrath	Sopher Family
Frank Giambona	George Jackow
Carl Carangelo	Francis Barney
Thomas Chico Rosa	Angela Andrews
Bill Waggener	Roger Edgcomb
Steve Gaston	

A Light Brightly Visible by *Bishop Noonan*



My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are pilgrims of hope as our Holy Father names us this Jubilee Year. This Jubilee Year, we are reminded of our Baptism, crossing the threshold between heaven and earth as we begin our journey of conversion, sealed by the encounter with Christ. Christ is the “door” into which we cross, uniting us with the Father in union with the Holy Spirit. Christ is the heart of our journey, for it is through Him that we come to know, love, and serve God. In the Scripture from Isaiah, we also acknowledge the mission of Jesus the Eucharist; to be sent forth to love one another as God loves us all the days of our life. It is courageous for each one to humbly say, “Here I am, send me!” For when we are sent, we are like other prophets, bringing the Word of God to His people and we will discover people who choose not to listen, whose heart is hardened. Yet God builds up strength in us! Our Holy Father encourages us, saying, “the Jubilee is a season of grace. In St. Luke’s writings, we hear Jesus call His apostles, saying they will be ‘fishers of men.’ Often, I think of this invitation specifically for those who are called to the Sacrament of Holy Orders; however, at the Sacrament of Baptism, we are all baptized as priests, prophets and kings and each one of us receives the invitation from Jesus to follow Him to be fishers of men; fishers in His name for all people. God calls us to have a relationship with Him. Our Holy Father tells us, “Jesus revealed God’s love in the beauty of His humanity, dwelling in our midst, sharing our daily life, our efforts, and our dreams, being merciful to those suffering in body and spirit, giving sight to the blind and strength to the disheartened. The three attitudes of God are mercy, closeness, and compassion.” Jesus is our model as we journey as ‘fishers of men.’ Our mission is to offer mercy, closeness and compassion to one another. Our mission is to smile the light of God upon despair; to offer our hand to someone who needs help; to hold close someone who is mourning; to feed someone who is hungry. By our daily living, people whom we encounter will encounter God because we receive Jesus the Eucharist and offer Jesus the Eucharist to one another. Jesus tells us, “do not be afraid.” He assures us of His everlasting love and gathers us to Him. In our uncertainty, as Peter voices, Jesus does not leave our side. He encourages us by His mercy. The presence of God always surprises us, as He does not come in the majesty of the heavens, but in our very nature and lives among us. He is with us now. Are we with Him? May we follow Him as ‘fishers of men.’

Sincerely yours in Christ, Most Reverend John Noonan Bishop of Orlando



Robert Consolo

Grand Knight, Council 6624



Brother Knights All,

Hope this month's Compass finds you all doing well. Want to take this moment to welcome two new Brothers into the Council Brother's Julio and Joseph. I want to thank all those that came out for our JMJ Social and donated those useful items that these pregnant moms will be able to use. Congratulations to Knight of the Month Gerald Young and Family of the Month Kitty Choma. Looking forward to seeing some new faces for things going on at the Hall from Bingo to Organization that holds functions here at the Hall.

Since we are starting to get some new faces into the Council, I will bring up Bingo. We have Bingo on Tuesday's and Friday's from 3pm to 9:45ish pm. If you come early we will feed those volunteering between 3pm to 7pm as our kitchen closes at 7pm. This is what helps us support the many Organizations that we donate to as well as all our building improvements. So, I ask for all our Brothers to find the time to come down and volunteer.

This month we start our Holy days of Lent and on this first day our Lent, which is Ash Wednesday February 18, we have our Heros Night Social here at the Hall. This is where we Honor our First Responders. We will try to see if we can have a priest come and distribute Ashes for those who weren't able to make it to church as well as possible a Blue Mass here at the Hall for the First Responders. Hope to see most of you on this day and show our respect to our First Responders.

On February 11 is our support to the 4H kids at the Osceola Heritage grounds. We will be looking for volunteers to help serve food to the children of the 4H. Boy Scouts will be starting their Fish Fry on February 20 at Holy Redeemer. Please stop by and show your support to our Boy Scouts. I heard the Fish Fry is pretty good. We also will be doing our yearly auction on February 14 at 3pm, as we help the kids when they Auction their Pig that we buy every year.

Asking for special prayers for the following as they are battling some ailments. Brother Richard Quesnell, Brothers Larry McGrath, Brother Tony and Sister Alice Constantine, Brother William Lenard, Brother Tommy (Chico) Rosa, Brother Carl Carangelo, Brother Jim Schonfield, Brother Frances Barny, Brother Frankie Giambona, Sister Jackie Choma, Sister Angela Andrews, and Brother Bill Waggener. As always for those that I may have missed, please keep all our Brothers and Sisters in your daily prayers as we all can use them. Also keep all the people in War torn Countries, First Responders, Military and Clergy.

Viva Jesus
Fraternally

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Robert Consolo Grand Knight, of St. Cloud -
Kissimmee Council 6624, Presenting
Gerry Yueng
the Knight of the month



Robert Consolo Grand Knight, of St. Cloud - Kissimmee Council 6624,
Presenting
Kitty Choma Family as
Family of the Month

JMJ

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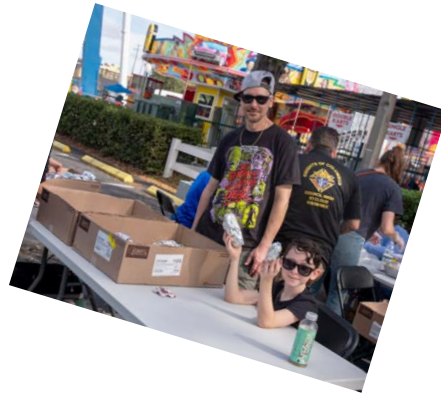


2026 Baby Shower



Three Kings Event at Old Town

January 11 2026





Harry Rother,
Faithful Navigator ,
Fr. Holmes Assembly 1951



Worthy Sir Knights,

First off, I want to thank all of you for keeping the Father Holmes Assembly 1951 in good financial shape -- we only have a few Brothers left to pay their membership dues for 2026 and most of the 300 Club tickets have been sold. Thanks to your efforts, we raised another \$1000 for our Veterans programs.

Please talk to your Councils and ask all the new Knights - why aren't you a member of the 4th Degree? You are all patriots and we need everyone to defend our faith, clergy, and communities during these unsettled times. There will be a Patriotism Degree in Tampa on January 31, 2026, but there isn't time to get your paperwork sent into the District Master. No worries! There will be a special Patriotism Exemplification held outside in the evening at the site of the first Catholic Mass in the U.S. on February 28, 2026 in St. Augustine, Florida. This will be the first 4th Degree Exemplification held outside in a special location. Please contact me or Jim Edgcomb, the Faithful Controller for more details if you want to sign up.

Finally, as most of you know, there will be both Primary and General Elections this year. It is our duty to vote and I hope that everyone does. If you have time and interest, we will be an Adopt-a-Precinct again this year at the Council 6624 hall and I will be asking for volunteers. In 2024 we raised \$3000 as an Adopt-a-Precinct for our charities. If you need more information, contact me.

Vivat Jesus!

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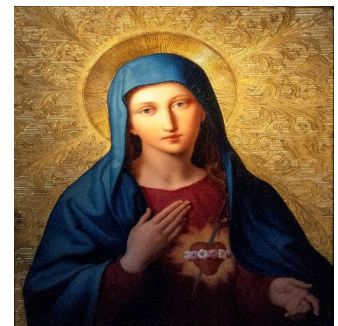


My Sister Columbiettes and all:

I want to thank you for your support in these past two and a half years and for the next few months coming up when my term is up. We still have more work to do to keep our auxiliary functioning so if you can get out there and see if we can get more ladies to join our organization. If you haven't paid your dues yet, please do so, they are only \$15 for the year. Our State Annual Convention will be held May 1, 2, 3, 2026 at the Embassy Suites, in Boca Raton. Anyone who wishes to attend please contact myself or Mary Gerst to let us know before our next meeting on Feb. 21st so we can get your reservation papers and money sent in on time.

Please keep Cheryl Hoebelheinrich our past state president in your prayers, and I also ask that you pray for Linda Quesnell's husband, and Wendy Arroyo's husband who are not doing very well now, so please keep them in your daily prayers and all our sister Columbiettes, Knight's, Soldier's, Police, Medical and Fire responders may the lord our God Bless and save, defend, and protect them all.

Blessed Virgin Mary
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Blessed Virgin

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Blessed Virgin



5th Tuesday Columbiettes Bingo Event

Ten Columbiettes were present and happily helping at the 5th Tuesday Bingo.

Columbiettes sold game papers, helped in the kitchen, serving food to players, called back winning card numbers, and Kitty ran the show from the stage





5-7 PM FRIDAYS DURING LENT

(2/20, 2/27, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27)

HOLY REDEEMER SOCIAL HALL

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

DINE-IN or TAKE-OUT

FRIED FISH, BAKED FISH, or CHEESE PIZZA

COLESLAW & FRENCH FRIES

DRINK & DESSERT

*Sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 662 &
Holy Redeemer Youth Ministry*