



THE COMPASS

Kissimmee, Florida

January 2026

Upcoming Key Dates

January

- ♦7- Columbia Club Meeting 1700
- ♦7-Officers Meeting 1800
- ♦7- Council 6624 Meeting 1900
- ♦14- Assembly 1951 Meeting 1900
- ♦17- Columbiettes Meeting—0900 Meeting
- ♦21– JMJ Baby Shower Social 1800

*** *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



Editor: Tyler and James Edgcomb

January Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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4	5	6 	7 5 PM Columbia Club Meeting 6pm Officers Meeting 7 PM Council Meeting	8 7pm Scout meeting pm	9 	10
11	12	13 	14 7pm Assembly Meeting	15 7pm Scout meeting	16 	17 0930 Columbiettes Meeting
18	19	20 	21 6:00pm Baby Shower Social	22 7pm Scout meeting pm	23 	24
25	26	27 	28	29 7pm Scout meeting pm	30 	31

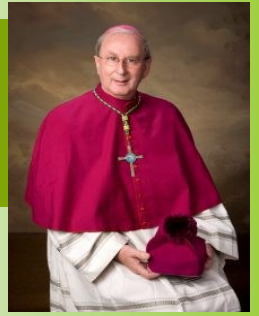
Birthdays

1 Louis Codone Jr.	21 Jeffrey Wolfe
2 Bryan Kent Luis Ramos	22 Mitchell Mc Common Kenneth Zwally
5 Javier Ramirez	24 Jacob Meyer Cesar Tricoche
7 Candido Delgado Jr.	Jim Varney
8 Thomas Castro	29 Denis Roy
9 Paul Asplen	30 William Davis
14 Bro. Gregory Reich	31 Andrew Donato John Hardin
15 Franklin Decher Jr	
17 Carl Carangelo	
18 Charles Mamele	
19 George Jackow	

Prayer List

Jim Varney	Jamie Hedges
Frank & Anna Ruscheinsky	Kitty Choma
Alice & Tony Costantini	Dennis & Marlene Kent family
Billy Leonard	Dick & Linda Quesnell
Jim Schonefeld	Doris Fortuno
Larry & Roberta McGrath	Luigi Rosa Family Member
Don Fischer and the Family	Sopher Family
Ron Munsch	George Jackow
Stephen E. Williams	John McMahan Family
Frank Giambona	Francis Barney
Carl Carangelo	Denis Roy

A Light Brightly Visible by *Bishop Noonan*



My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Comfort is something for which we all long. That word, comfort, can mean different things to different people in our secular world. For some, comfort is a soft-cushioned couch on which to sit and watch television. For others, comfort might be a new car or a windfall of money. For others, comfort might be a family gathering, or shelter, or food for a meal. The prophet, Isaiah, is really speaking of a different kind of comfort, one that is not measurable by “human” standards, but by God’s standards. By human standards, frankly, we will never know comfort for its derivative is not from the heart of God, but, as St. Paul writes to Titus, from godless ways and worldly desires. God’s comfort is the glory of the Lord revealed, it is the herald of Good News, it is the love of God touching the depth of our soul, filling our heart with His nourishment. This comfort is God’s offering of His Son, coming as one of us, to dwell with us. We join Jesus at His Baptism. We stand in wonder at the River Jordan wondering why Jesus would seek Baptism. Jesus is the fulfillment of the Covenant and always points us to God. He seeks Baptism as He is one of us. Baptism is the grace of a total life transformation and Jesus tells us that His life is now beginning in a new way. He begins His life of public ministry, the saving mission of God. He receives the Holy Spirit and is called Beloved. He gives us this name when we are baptized. We become His Beloved! We also agree to live out the saving mission of God. When we are clothed with Christ in Baptism, the status markers that determine our place in the secular world exist no longer. We are wrapped in the comfort of God’s love. Our Baptism in Christ gives all equal status in the family of God—all are descendants of Abraham and Sarah; all are children of God, and all are equal heirs. There are no different levels of inheritance; all are one and equal in Christ. What a beautiful gift we are given on this last day of the Christmas season! How glorious to know that we are the heart of God, His Beloved!

Pope Francis wrote, “The heart is also the locus of sincerity, where deceit and disguise have no place. It usually indicates our true intentions, what we really think, believe and desire, the “secrets” that we tell no one: in a word, the naked truth about ourselves”. Pope Francis reminded us, “The heart of Christ, as the symbol of the deepest and most personal source of his love for us, is the very core of the initial preaching of the Gospel. It stands at the origin of our faith, as the wellspring that refreshes and enlivens our Christian beliefs”.

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



Robert Consolo

Grand Knight, Council 6624



Brother Knights All,

Merry Christmas and Greetings to all, hope all my Brothers and Sisters are doing well, and hope all are doing well health wise. This is what we have going on in the month of January.

Our Council Meeting is on Wednesday January 7 at 7pm. Please make sure to wear your Council Shirt and pants. Doors open at 5pm as we will have food to eat.

Our Christmas's Social was a blast. I hope everyone had a good time as it was one of our biggest ones yet. Our Social for the month of January, hope we get a nice turn out for this Social like we got last month. Come celebrate our JMJ Baby Shower with friends and Family at the Hall. A list of things will be blasted out of what JMJ will need. Thanks to all that showed up.

We were able to help the Community this year by helping the St Cloud Police Dept with their Shop with a Cop.

With the Holidays in full gear, we need to remember those who are less fortunate. Please keep All our Brothers and Sisters who need our prayers because we have quite a few who need them currently. Let us keep special prayers going for Brother Tony Constantini and his wife Alice, Brother Larry McGrath, Brother Jim Schoenfeld, Brother Bill Waggener, Brother Richard Quiznell, Brother William Leonard, Brother Thomas Rosa, Brother Frank Giambona, Brother Roger Edgcomb, Brother Carl Carangelo, Angela wife of Brother Robert Andrews, Brother Andy Choma and his wife Nadina on the loss of her Mother and Brother Francis Barney as they battle through their health issues and loss. Pray for all those other Brothers and Sisters who need our prayers that I have not mentioned but are in need. Also keep all the people in War torn Countries, First Responders, Military and Clergy.

Viva Jesus
Fraternally

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Grand Knight Robert Consolo presented Sean Jakob Demchak, Grandson of Ed and Nancy Sass for taking the time out two years in a row and helping with out Turkey Handout back in November.

THANK YOU Sean

Council 6624 Members went out and helped the St. Cloud Police department on “Shop with a Cop” It is part of our Community Partnership with the First Responders

Thank you to **Luigi Rosa, George Jackow and Rob Consolo** for coming out and helping our First Responders





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



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



Harry Rother,
Faithful Navigator ,
Fr. Holmes Assembly 1951



Worthy Sir Knights,

I wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Blessed New Year to you and your families! New Year is traditionally the time where everyone makes resolutions to start the new year -- more exercise, better eating habits, etc.

I would offer that it is also a perfect time to reflect and take stock of your spiritual life. Our Faith is under attack and, more than ever, You, Sir Knights, the visible arm of our Order, will be called upon to defend the Church and our clergy.

The next Fourth Degree Exemplification will be held on Saturday, January 31, 2026, at St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church in Tampa, Florida. Please encourage any 3rd Degree members to pray and consider joining the 4th Degree.

I will be attending both as Faithful Navigator and State Photographer, so if you need a ride, let me know. Please contact Jim Edgcomb, the Faithful Controller, or me if you need more information or have any questions. The paperwork must be submitted by early January so don't delay if you are interested.

If you have the new regalia, please consider joining the Color Corps. We have received numerous requests recently and it would be wonderful to have new faces to help out. Training is available so if you have any interest, please contact Gerry Yeung, the Father Holmes Assembly 1951 Color Commander.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who already paid their 2026 membership dues and bought 300 Club tickets. Thanks to you we raised another \$1000 for our veterans. Well done!

Vivat Jesus!

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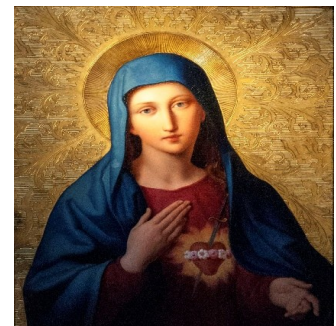
My Sister Columbiettes and all:

I hope all is well in this coming new year and that everyone had a wonderful Christmas. Our meeting went well on the 13th of December and our Christmas luncheon at the Village Inn I hope everyone that was there enjoyed themselves, I'm sorry that some of our auxiliary members were unable to attend. I want to thank all the bingo players, Knights and Columbiettes for bringing Toys for Tots, Toni Metts and I delivered them to the distribution center on the 18th of December they were very appreciative for our contribution of so many toys. For those who did not attend the Knights of Columbus social on 17th December you miss a great time and good food with live Christmas music being sung by Jeff the Chaplin from the Army National Guard in Orlando, great job Jeff. Tammy Fischer, Mary Gerst, and I delivered sock, backpacks, toiletries, and two bicycles to the Transition House in St Cloud for their Christmas celebration.

It is time to pay your \$15 dues if you have not already done so, please try to pay by the end of January. Our Convention is coming up, and we need a head count on how many will be attending this year, I have applications if you haven't already picked one up at the meeting the deadline for reservation is February 28, 2026, that means our auxiliary has to send everyone's application out by the middle of February if at all possible. Central Florida Chapter will be having their meeting in Jacksonville on the 7th of February, we will be setting up for a zoom meeting at the Knights Hall in the Chambers at 10:30 am if anyone is interested in attending, delegates please attend if you can.

Please keep Alice Costantini who was in a car accident in your prayers, her surgery went well on her ankle, and she is being transferred to another hospital for rehab. Michelle Zouhairi is seeing a surgeon to determine what they can do to fix the damage that was done to her hand after her car accident. Cheryl Hoebelheinrich immediate past president of state she has been diagnosed with lung cancer, but we are hopeful that a short round of radiation will give her a very high rate of success. Linda Quesnell's husband is not doing very well now, so please keep them in your daily prayers and all my sister Columbiettes, Knights, Soldiers, 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

Tammy Fischer, Mary Gerst, and I delivered sock, backpacks, toiletries, and two bicycles to the Transition House in St Cloud for their Christmas celebration.





***Council 6624 will have a
Baby Shower for JMJ at the
Social on January 21st
Next page have the items that
they need***

Clothing/ Hygiene Room-

All Seasons for Boys and Girls in all sizes, Booties (Boy & Girl), Hats (Boy & Girl),
Mittens (Boy & Girl), Baby Bathtubs, Baby Towels and Washcloths (Boy & Girl),
Bath Toys, Laundry Detergent (Sensitive), Laundry Bags / Baskets, Diaper Rash Cream,
Baby Lotion, Shampoo, and Wash (Fragrance Free), Baby Bottles (All Sizes), Pacifiers,
Teethers, Books (Cardboard or Crinkly), Interactive Toys (0-12 mo.), Musical / Light-up Toys (0-12 mo.), Plush / Stuffed Toys (0-12 mo.)

Food / Diaper/ Wipe Room-

All size diapers from Preemie to Size 5, Fragrance Free Wipes
Pillows, Nursing Pads, Nursing Bras (Breastfeeding), Medela Pump In Style Advanced (NEW Tubes)
All Enfamil, Similac Formula, All Stages of Baby Food

Warehouse / Furniture Room-

Car Seats, Infant Strollers, Bassinets, Cribs (NO Mattresses!), Pack 'n Plays, Bouncers,
Exersaucers, Swings, Walkers, Bumbo Floor Seats, Highchairs, Potty Seats

Maternity Closets-

Tops / Bottoms (XS-3XL), Bras / Panties (XS-3XL), Active Wear (XS-3XL),
Dresses / Rompers (XS-3XL), Belly Support Bands

300 Club Drawing



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TICKETS ARE GOOD ALL YEAR LONG FOR 2026



Monthly Prizes

11 Months of -\$10.00

12 months of - \$20.00

12 months of - \$50.00

1 Month of - \$150.00

Tickets are limited to 300

**Tickets:
\$10.00 Each
January - December**

**See a Knight to purchase
your Tickets today**