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FEBRUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER



FEBRUARY – THE MONTH OF THE HOLY FAMILY



The month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family, commemorating the flight of Jesus, Mary and Joseph into Egypt. February means "purification," and reflects both a pagan and Christian tradition of purification. "No evidence" has been demonstrated to link the ancient Roman purification festival of Lupercalia to St. Valentine's Day (from Latin: "in natali", lit.: "on the birthday of"). There are eleven saints and one Pope with the name Valentine. Pick your favorite.

Liturgical feasts in February include Feb. 2 Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas); Feb 3 Feast of St. Blaise, Feb 5 St. Agatha, Feb 6 St. Dorothy, Feb 10 St. Scholastica, Feb 11 Our Lady of Lourdes (World Day of Prayer for the Sick); Feb 14 The Memorial of Sts. Cyril and Methodius (also **Ash Wednesday**), Feb 22 The Chair of St. Peter. On the commercial calendar, we celebrate Valentine's Day, Presidents Day, and National Random Acts of Kindness Day. Friday Feb 16 starts 6 weeks of Fish Fries!

[THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 2024](#): **For the New Martyrs**: We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

Watch the www.kofc7121.org/calendar for additions and corrections to events that might not have been announced in time for publication of this newsletter.

Please email your news and articles for the next newsletter to kofc7121@gmail.com

See the **GOOD OF THE ORDER** web page for the list of Brothers, family members and friends in need of prayers, including recent additions of Dawn Murati and Ed Rice. Prayers are also requested for many others seriously ill. Names are added to this list as announcements are received. Please click this link (or bookmark it).

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY LIST

We have a long list of Brothers celebrating birthdays in the shortest month (hooray for Leap Year!) with the highest number of fictitious and commercial holidays! If you are not too busy saying "Good Morning" to a groundhog, searching for that perfect Valentines Day card, eating yellow-green-purple King Cake washed down with jambalaya and beignets, taking a day off to honor dead presidents, or watching Super Bowl LVIII on tv instead of buying a \$9000 ticket in Las Vegas, plan to make a Lenten sacrifice and take the time to wish one of these fine gentlemen a HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

BROTHER	BIRTHDAY	AGE
Frank Chrzanowski	02-01	79
Tim Buckley	02-07	73
Jim Kouroupis	02-08	66
Eric Ryan	02-08	69
George Ceccanese	02-13	98
Will Hall	02-13	63
Michael Dirlam	02-16	33
Ron Meissner	02-16	69
Tom Sandknop	02-16	90
Tom Kelly	02-18	77
William J Brennock	02-19	68
Jack Curtin	02-22	93
George Zajewski	02-22	86
Chuck Gidel	02-29	88

COUNCIL BUSINESS AND MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The kofc7121.org council website has been rearranged to allow for use of shared file and document storage on the Google Drive. Files can be viewed by anyone who has the file link.

Click here to view the [Final Minutes of the Dec 28 2023 meeting](#)

Click here to view the [Draft Minutes of the Jan 25 2024 meeting](#)

Please review the draft minutes of the previous meeting for expedited corrections / approval at the next business meeting. By using these electronic media files, we are able to simplify business meetings and eliminate a lot of redundant discussions.

BUSINESS MEETINGS ARE HELD IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER



**COUNCIL 7121
BUSINESS MEETING
4th Thursday
St. Anthony Hall
(Community Center)
FEBRUARY 22**

Recitation of the Rosary at 6:30 PM - Business meeting starts at 7:00 PM

ST JOSEPH PILGRIM ICON TO BE DISPLAYED

The Pilgrim Icon of St. Joseph will be on display Feb 12-18 at St. Anastasia, beginning with a **prayer service at 7 PM on Feb 12.**

A set of these icons (shown at right), blessed by Pope Francis, are being displayed across the country as part of a pilgrimage sponsored by the Knights of Columbus honoring St. Joseph - the "just man". The Icon Program is sponsored by the Supreme Council to spread devotion to St. Joseph and pray for the courage to stand up and carry out our mission of protecting, defending, and raising future generations.



IN MEMORIAM

**Our Brother William F. ("Bill") Boozang†
Age 88, Was Called To His
Eternal Reward In Heaven
January 17, 2024**

**Eternal Rest Grant Unto Him, Oh Lord
And Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Him**

**Our Prayers and Heartfelt Sympathy
To His Wife Sheila and Family**

LENT: THE SHORT VERSION

PRAY

IS LOVE FOR GOD

FAST

IS LOVE FOR YOURSELF

GIVE

IS LOVE FOR OTHERS



ST. ANASTASIA FISH FRY
EVERY FRIDAY IN LENT!
STARTING FEBRUARY 16
Celebration Hall 5:30 PM



Dinner is served immediately after the Stations of the Cross. Brother Knights are asked to help with setup, food service, bussing tables, and cleanup after the dinner. Proceeds will go towards funding the council's RSVP vocation donation to seminarians.

Help needed with prep and setup Thursday evening/Friday morning. 5-6 helpers needed anytime Friday between 3 pm and 8 pm. If interested in helping, please call Steve Barthelmes at 904-704-7560.

****Fish Fry on Friday March 1 is TAKE OUT ONLY due to hall being occupied by the ARTISAN FAIR. We will start serving early (4PM), and expect a huge crowd.**

39TH ANNUAL CATHEDRAL FESTIVAL



Feb 23-25 Mission de Nombre Dios

Fundraiser benefitting [Draft Minutes of the Jan 25 2024 meeting](#)ing Cathedral Parish School. Pizza, hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken, sausage & peppers, french fries, onion rings, corn on cob, wings, cotton candy, snow cones, popcorn, baked goods, ice cream, our ever-popular funnel cakes, and BBQ chicken dinners.

Check out the unbeatable Matanzas River view from the top of the Ferris Wheel. We have 20 amazing raffle baskets available. The average value is \$800.

Super Raffle – Grand Prize \$10,000 cash.

Shrimp dinner is served Sunday afternoon from noon until 8:00 (or until sold out). Pre-order shrimp dinners for \$15.00 by downloading the dinner reservation form from [the festival webpage](#), then sending it with payment to the parish or school office. Dinners are also available on-site for \$20.00. Beverages, including soft drinks, beer & wine, are available throughout the weekend.

Parking around the festival grounds is limited. Please be aware that some city streets may be blocked with "Event Parking Prohibited" signs; we ask that you respect our neighbors and obey the signs.

Hours of operation:

Friday, February 23, 2024 - 5:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 24, 2024 - Noon to 10:30 p.m. (Fireworks at 9:00 p.m.)

Sunday, February 25, 2024 - Noon to 9:00 p.m. (Fireworks rain date)

BIGGEST BLUEBERRY PANCAKE BREAKFAST EVER!!



The kitchen crew was very busy at the Family Breakfast held Sunday January 14, serving 233 paying customers and around 20 children who ate for free! This is the **highest attendance at a breakfast ever**. Kudos to Chef Steve Barthelmes and crew for keeping up with the demand and getting everyone fed. Special thanks to the big crew who showed up after the breakfast was over and got everything cleaned up and put away so that everyone was on their way home by 1 PM.

The next breakfast is Sunday, February 18, and this is usually our highest attendance of the year. Extra hands are especially welcome at this one. Please add your name to a blank line in the [Pancake Breakfast Signup Sheet](#) so we know who to expect when. We cannot set up on Saturday since Celebration Hall is being used for the Sock Hop, so we will have to set up tables and equipment bright and early Sunday morning..

SOCK HOP **SOLD OUT!!**

SATURDAY FEB 17 – 7-10 PM

Tickets were on sale for almost two full days when the Celebration Hall limit was reached! Luckily, the Knights of Columbus, offering to run the cash bar, had **reserved a table with ten chairs** for anyone who wants to help tend bar for a while, then go out and sit and listen to the music.

To get one of these coveted seats, contact Dave Look at dave32080@gmail.com or call 407-748-0994 with your preference of early (6-8 pm) or late (8-10 pm) shift, or whenever you can make it. Our proceeds will also go to the Homeless Ministry.



SOCK HOP BY THE SEA!
PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE ST. MARTIN DE PORRES
HOMELESS MINISTRY

FEATURING: **THE KING'S ENGLISH**
WITH SPECIAL GUEST: **SARAH**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17 | 7:00PM-10:00PM
IN ST. JUDE CELEBRATION HALL AT ST. ANASTASIA

Limited Seating | Advance Purchase Recommended
\$25 in Advance | \$30 at the door
Please bring a new pair of socks to donate!
Reserve a table of ten friends!

Tickets go on sale at every mass January 20/21 & 27/28
For more information: 914-588-1686

Dress in your 50's & 60's Best! | Enter "The Twist" Contest!
Snacks, Dessert & Coffee Included!
Cash Bar by the Knights of Columbus

FOOD DRIVE COLLECTIONS INCREASE – THANKS A TON!!

THANK YOU to all the Brothers who helped distribute bags, collect food, and/or made donations to the Knights of Columbus More Than A Food Drive on Jan 20-21. We once again showed the generosity of St. Anastasia parishioners. Over **2400 lbs** of food was collected – highest total in almost three years. Even better, cash and gift cards totaled **\$6615**, allowing the food pantries to better operate and meet their clients' crisis needs.



Left: the pile of blankets, socks, household and personal items for the Homeless Ministry filling two tables and the floor in the St. Cecilia Room. Right, the third truckload of food, filled by Chelsea Beacon two layers deep plus the front seat, on its way to St. Johns Ecumenical Ministry Food Pantry.



EVENING OF DANCE

Tim Rippey returns to Celebration Hall for a special Valentine's Day edition (5 days early, but it's a good start!)

Knights provide the cash bar to a very thirsty crowd having a good time, singing and dancing the night away! This is a very effective fundraiser for the council – well worth the time and effort. All proceeds from the tip jar and 50/50 are now dedicated to **SPECIAL OLYMPICS**.

Sign up for any 2 hour setup /1st shift /2nd shift with Dave Morrison at 815-382-2213 or email davemorrison@outlook.com



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9
A NIGHT OF DANCING
WITH TIM RIPPEY

**St. Anastasia
Catholic Church**
CELEBRATION HALL
Located at 5205 AIA South,
3mi North of the 206 Bridge

Cash Bar provided by
Knights of Columbus
(Beer, Wine & Soft Drinks)

Reservations include:
8-10 tops or open seating

DOORS: 5:30
DANCING BEGINS: 7:00

\$15 AT THE DOOR
CASH OR CHECK ONLY
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



TEXT RSVP: 386-931-0074
EMAIL RSVP: BKELLEY1024@AOL.COM

COUNCIL 7121 DONATES TO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



Brother Jim Kouroupis (center) presents a check for \$1000 from Council 7121 to Habitat for Humanity of St. Augustine/St. Johns County Development Manager Tom Torretta and Project Manager Beth Ellison Jan 9 at the Habitat headquarters on Hopkins St. The award was made as part of the Knights of Columbus Faith In Action program. With community support and volunteers, Habitat is building 18 new single family homes in Canopy Oaks and has county approval to building 36 more homes in Volusia Woods in West St. Augustine. Jim is a member of the St. Anastasia build team which provides volunteer labor for Habitat housing projects.

COUNCIL 7121 DONATES TO ST JOSEPH NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

GK Bill Remy (center) presents a check for \$400 to Sisters Nicole Cayer and Carol Stovall, SSJ, at the Fr. Seamus O'Flynn memorial mass & reception, Jan 12 in Celebration Hall.

This check represents the final installment of the Supreme Council's Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) program, in which Supreme rebates 20% of a council's donation (\$200 this year) to a pregnancy resource center or maternity home.



Council 7121 received a special exception from Supreme by having the SJNC, with its mission to support young single mothers, declared eligible for ASAP grants.

COUNCIL 7121 DONATES TO SEMINARIANS

Council 7121 has completed its pledge to support diocesan seminarians by sending a check for \$500 to the Diocesan Vocations Office for each of the following seminarians:



Jacob Daul

Seminary:

St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary

Year: Pastoral Year



Nick Patin

Seminary:

St. John Vianney College Seminary

Year: Discipleship



Casey Marden

Seminary:

St. John Vianney College Seminary

Year: Discipleship



Steve Henderson

Seminary:

St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary

Year: Pastoral Year

In addition, the Council also remitted a contribution to the Florida State Council Holy Angels Fund for Vocations of \$1560 – a per capita donation of \$12 per member from 130 members, to be distributed to Florida seminarians by Florida K of C Charities.

**THE PARISH
CORNER**

ST. ANASTASIA
AND LET THERE BE MUSIC
2023-2024 CONCERT SERIES

PETER BERGIN
THURSDAY | FEBRUARY 1, 2024 7:00 PM
IN CELEBRATION HALL
PIANIST, SINGER - EACH PROGRAM IS AN EVEN MIX OF
ENTERTAINMENT AND EDUCATION -STORYTELLING AND
HUMOR

THE POWELL TRIO
SATURDAY | MARCH 9, 2024 7:00 PM
IN THE CHURCH
HELEN MORIN ON VIOLIN, RANDY TINNIN ON TRUMPET
AND CURTIS POWELL ON PIANO

Loving Jesus Through Mary

A spiritual program about the richness of our Catholic faith; Marian Devotions, Saints and events in the Liturgical year. New topics each month! Attend any time!
Dates: February 8, March 14, April 11, May 9
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Join us for coffee & fellowship at 9:45 am
For more information contact:
buckleydiane@gmail.com

LENTEN ROSARY FAMILY CHALLENGE!
FEBRUARY 7TH AT 6:00 P.M.

Are you looking for a Lenten Challenge?

On Wednesday, February 7th, all parents of children in Religious Formation are invited to join us to learn more about a 40 Day Rosary Making Challenge!

The Rosary Guild will instruct you on how to say the Rosary, how to make a rosary and provide all of the families with rosary making supplies!

Hands and Feet

The St. Martin de Porres Outreach room is open **Monday- Friday 8:30am—10:00am or 30 minutes after all weekend Masses** to receive donations of non-perishable food items, gently used clothing & shoes, new packs of adult sized socks & undergarments, yoga mats, travel size soap & shampoo and feminine items. With the cooler weather coming in, gently used sheets and blankets would be gratefully accepted. Thank you to all who have donated items to this Outreach Room. Your kind heart and generosity in spirit has helped so many of our brothers and sisters in our community who need help. With your help we have been able to bring Christ to people who may not otherwise know Him.



ST. ANASTASIA'S
Artisan Market

SPRING MARKET
FRIDAY - EARLY BIRD SHOP
MARCH 1, 2024
5:00PM- 7:00 PM

SATURDAY - MAIN EVENT
MARCH 2, 2024
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

The Knights of Columbus will be serving food and refreshment during the Artisan Market, including a Fish Fry on Friday, March 1



Eucharistic Adoration

We are in need of Eucharistic Adorers at both silent and group prayer in the chapel Mon-Fri 9:30 AM – 7:00 PM. Volunteers may sign up for one designated hour each week, or may sign up to be a "substitute" on call. If you are interested, please contact Veronica Mitkish at 904-540-6775.

 Gentlemen! Do you want to play a more active role in your parish?
Join the Knights of Columbus!
Just call or text Rick Cozby,
Financial Secretary: 410-322-3248
The Knights: We make things happen!
(open to all Catholic gentlemen 18 years and older)