



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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JANUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER



The month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus which is celebrated on January 3. January begins with the conclusion of the Octave of Christmas, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on January 1, also celebrated by the Catholic Church as the World Day of Peace, a tradition established by Pope Paul VI and confirmed by Pope John Paul II. The next feast of the new year is the Solemnity of the Epiphany on Jan 6, but in the U.S. Epiphany is celebrated on the Sunday after Jan 1. On this feast, the Church celebrates the manifestation (epiphany) of Christ to the Nations (Gentiles) in the persons of the Magi - also known as the Wise Men or the Three Kings:

Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. On the feast of the Epiphany, many Catholics bless their homes by writing the Magi's initials and the numbers of the year on the top of their front door frame with chalk: **20 C + M + B 25**, representing the Latin blessing *Christus mansionem benedicat*, which translates as "May Christ bless this house." Other feast days in January include St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (January 4), St. Andre Bessette (January 6), St. Raymond of Penafort (January 7), The Baptism of the Lord (January 12), St. Anthony, Abbot (January 17), Sts. Fabian and Sebastian (January 20), St. Agnes (January 21), St. Francis de Sales (January 24), Conversion of St. Paul (January 25), St. Angela Merici (January 27), St. Thomas Aquinas (January 28) and St. John Bosco (January 31).

[THE POPE'S PRAYER MESSAGE for JANUARY 2025:](#) For the right to an education

Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

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. Prayers are also requested for many others sick or in distress. Names are added to this list as announcements are received.

JANUARY BIRTHDAY LIST

Get ready to drop the confetti!

The January birth month flower is the carnation which graces us with the long-lasting bloom and stands for unconditional love. January also features the captivating garnet birthstone, a stone believed to inspire passion, courage, and faithfulness.

We wish all our January birthday Brothers a Happy New Year and a great big **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

BROTHER	BIRTHDAY	AGE
Mike Abbott	01-02	71
Jack Jones	01-05	70
Tom Burkhard	01-09	66
Deacon Steve Kassebaum	01-11	65
Denny Lucas	01-18	71
Rev. Terry Morgan	01-18	76
Jerry Coyle	01-22	82
James Monko	01-22	66
Gary Remensnyder	01-24	63
Fred Hernandez Sr	01-26	63
John R Mofran	01-26	90
Dave Morrison	01-27	66

COUNCIL BUSINESS AND MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The kofc7121.org council website allows 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 November 21, 2024 meeting](#)

Click here to view the [Draft Minutes of the December 19, 2024 meeting](#)

(The December 19 business meeting ran all of 30 minutes long – a new record!!!)

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 uninformed discussions.

BUSINESS MEETINGS ARE HELD IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER

COUNCIL 7121 BUSINESS MEETING



**4th THURSDAY
St. Anthony Hall
(Community Center)
JANUARY 23**

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

DECEMBER FAMILY OF THE MONTH

DGK Ken Scher has announced the selection of the Goehl family as the December 2024 Family of the Month. Shown in the photo with GK Bill Remy are Brother Daniel his wife Kimmie, Jason, Sadie and Zachary. Jason is an altar server, and the entire family helps with the children's liturgy. In addition to a fancy certificate, the award now comes with a \$50 gift card.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE THE 142nd SUPREME CONVENTION

From Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly's opening remarks, Québec, Canada August 6, 2024.



A VERY MERRY 2024 COUNCIL 7121 CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Council 7121 Potluck Dinner Christmas Party on Saturday evening, December 8, was attended by nearly 100 people in Celebration Hall. The event featured Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus (top left photo, aka Janet and Anthony Piselli), along with the Chief Elves GK Bill Remy and his wife Ulla. They stayed busy all evening, handing out gifts to all the good children in attendance, then handing out raffle prize baskets (a trifecta to Dave and Marie Morrison, 2 to Brian and Don Foy) and various door prizes. Merry Christmas to all and to all a Good Knight!



COUNCIL 7121 DONATES \$1K TO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



Brother Jim Kouroupis (front center) and Dr. Brian Schoonover (front right) present a check for \$1000 from Council 7121 to Habitat for Humanity of St. Augustine/St. Johns County Development Manager Tom Torretta on De 13 at the build site in West St. Augustine. The local Habitat for Humanity is celebrating 30 years of “Building Homes, Community and Hope”. The award was made as part of the Knights of Columbus Faith in Action program. Jim is a member of the St. Anastasia Build Team which provides volunteer labor for Habitat housing projects on the second Friday of each month.

SUNDAY BREAKFAST TEAM SERVES PLENTY WELL

The early shift relaxes for a moment on Dec 8 while serving heaping plates of blueberry pancakes, eggs, sausage and home fries. With orange juice and coffee, it's the best meal in town for \$7, children 8 and under eat free.

Next breakfast is January 12 – biggest crowd of the year expected!

Come on down to lend a hand in the kitchen, serving or cleaning up.



FOOD DRIVE FINISHES FANTASTIC YEAR OF “MORE THAN FOOD”

The five food collections in 2024 totaled **11,000 lb**, but **even better** was the **\$30,717** in cash and gift card donations. The food bank ministries are now swamped with heavy demand due to inflation, unemployment, high rent and lack of affordable housing. **Thank you to everyone who supports the MORE THAN A FOOD DRIVE** all year round, not just during the holidays. God bless you for thinking of others in need and doing something to really help them. Next drive is Jan 11-12 and 18-19.

ST. GERARD CAMPUS HOPE AND HEALING EVENT SATURDAY JAN 4

St. Gerard Campus has announced the successor event replacing the annual March for Life in St. Augustine. The theme of the inaugural "Hope and Healing" event is finding help after abortion. The event will be held from 9 am – noon on Saturday Jan 4, 2025 at the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche. Volunteers are need at 9 am on Thursday Jan 2 and Friday Jan 3 to mark the grid for cross placement at Mission Nombre de Dios, then meet at 7:30 am on Sat Jan 4 at St. Gerard Campus to pick up the crosses and transport them to Mission Nombre de Dios, to be installed on the grid by Knights and participants at 10:30 am after the opening prayers. The crosses are to remain in position until Friday Jan 24, with removal scheduled at 9 am. Any Brother Knights able to help are asked to contact Council 611 DGK Andy Butts at 571-246-6253 or andrew_butts@msn.com



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Be courageous. Witness to Jesus Christ.
Our Founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, gathered and empowered Catholic lay men to become faith-filled leaders in their families and community. We invite you to follow in their footsteps. With the Knights of Columbus, you'll stand shoulder to shoulder with more than 2 million brothers around the world. Whether you're looking to strengthen your faith, serve your parish or your neighbors in need, the Knights of Columbus has the tools to help you point the world, and your family, to Christ.

Contact Bill Remy at whremy@hotmail.com to learn more about the St. Thomas More Council here at St. Anastasia!




The Ancient Order of HIBERNIANS

Irish • Catholic • American

The Ancient Order of Hibernians is America's oldest Irish Catholic


Fraternal Organization founded concurrently in the coal-mining region of Pennsylvania and New York City in May, 1836. The Order can trace its roots back to a series of similar societies that existed in Ireland for more than 300 years. Today the AOH exists in America, Canada, Ireland, England, Wales and Scotland, however, while the organizations share a common thread, the American AOH is a separate and much larger organization. We invite all Catholics of Irish birth or descent to seek admittance to the **FINEST** Irish Catholic Organization in the world – all we would ask is for you to live our motto of: "Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity".

The St. Anastasia Chapter meets on the third Tuesday of the month. For more information, contact:
Women, contact: Maureen.mleahyryce@gmail.com
Men, contact: Brian.Foy11@yahoo.com



THE SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ITALY, SAINT AUGUSTINE PRESENTS


**AN AFTERNOON OF MUSIC AND DANCING THAT WILL HAVE
YOU TAPPING YOUR TOES AND MOVING TO THE BEAT.
SONGS THAT WILL REMIND YOU OF THE GOOD OLD DAYS**



WILLIAM CINTRON

"TRIBUTE TO THE LEGENDS"
Bee Gees, Golden Oldies, MoTown
Frankie Valli and More!

**LIVE AND ON STAGE
SUNDAY
JANUARY 19th 2025**



**DOORS OPEN AT 2:30PM
CONCERT BEGINS AT 3:30PM
CELEBRATION HALL**

\$25 PER TICKET | ALL SALES FINAL | TICKETS NON-REFUNDABLE
SOFT DRINKS AND WATER \$2
LIGHT SNACKS PROVIDED

*ALL PROCEEDS GO TO OUR SCHOLARSHIP FUND AND OTHER CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS

PURCHASE AT TABLE OF 10 FOR PREFERRED SEATING
OTHERWISE SEATING IS "FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE"

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO PURCHASE TICKETS,
CONTACT 904-377-7089



**SGT. ELIO LOPEZ
CHARLOTTE COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE
END OF WATCH
DECEMBER 15, 2024**

THE PARISH CORNER

Join Us For Fellowship Weekend!



Wine & Cheese
Saturday,
January 11
after the
4pm Mass
in
Celebration Hall



**Fellowship
Pancake Breakfast!**
SUNDAY | JANUARY 12 | CELEBRATION HALL
After Both Masses!

BLUEBERRY PANCAKES - EGGS - SAUSAGE -
HOME FRIES - JUICE - COFFEE -

\$7/PERSON - BEST DEAL IN TOWN!
Children 8 & under EAT FREE!

St. Martin De Porres Community Outreach Room

Located off the church narthex- **open Mon-Fri 8:30am – 10:30am and 30 min after all weekend Masses.**

Donations of non-perishable food items, gently used clothing and shoes are gratefully accepted at this time.

We ask that you please keep in mind the limited space in the Outreach Room and the shape and weight of the packages you are dropping off. Some of our distribution angels have physical limitations.

To help this ministry, please contact Deacon Steve at stephenkassenbaum@comcast.net

*Adult
Formation*

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study
at 9:45am in the St. Joseph Room!**

The Bible Timeline divides the Bible into twelve color-coded time periods that make the narrative thread easier to follow and will introduce you to the wonderful narrative of Scripture in a way that will transform your life.

**Contact: Deacon Steve
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RESUMES 2025 TUESDAY JAN. 7, 14, 21, 28

2025
And let There Be Music
Concert Series
SCHEDULE

JAN 18
7:00 PM

¡Fiesta Barocca!
A Celebration of St. Augustine through the Music of Old and New Spain | featuring 5 musicians of Seven Hills Baroque

**2025
FAITH, HOPE & LOVE
GALA**
FEBRUARY 15, 2025
IN ST. JUDE CELEBRATION HALL
BLACK TIE OPTIONAL!
CATERED BY PURPLE OLIVE!
LIVE MUSIC & DANCING!
SILENT AUCTION, LIVE AUCTION!
PREMIUM BEER & WINE AND A
SIGNATURE EVENT COCKTAIL!
**WE'LL BE DRAWING THE WINNER OF
THE \$10,000 RAFFLE!**
**TICKETS NOW ON SALE AT WEEKEND MASSES
\$150 PER PERSON**



JAMES EARL CARTER, JR., 39th PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The White House has ordered flags to be flown at half-staff across America in honor of former President Jimmy Carter until Tuesday, January 28. According to a proclamation signed by then-President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1954, flags are to remain at half-staff for 30 days from the day of death of a sitting president or former president. This is the longest period possible for the flags to fly at half-staff.

A national day of mourning will be observed on Thursday, Jan. 9