



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

SAINT THOMAS MORE COUNCIL 7121  
5205 A1A SOUTH  
SAINT AUGUSTINE, FL 32080-8006

## FEBRUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER



Though the shortest month of the year, February is rich in Liturgical activity. It contains a feast (Presentation of our Lord) that bridges two other seasons (Christmas and Easter). The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd harkens back to the Christmas mystery of Light except that now, Christ, the helpless babe, is “the Light of Revelation to the Gentiles who will save his people from their sins.” Candles, symbolizing Christ our Light, will be carried in procession on this day, as will be the Paschal candle during the Easter Vigil Liturgy. In addition, the faithful may receive in February two of the four major public sacramentals that the Church confers during the liturgical year: blessed candles and the blessing of throats.

Liturgical feasts in February include Feb. 2 Presentation of the Lord; Feb 3 Feast of St. Blaise; Feb 6 St. Dorothy (patroness of gardens); Feb 11 Our Lady of Lourdes and Feb 22 The Chair of St. Peter

[THE POPE’S PRAYER MESSAGE for FEBRUARY 2025:](#) FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE. Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ’s mission in the priesthood and religious life.

Watch the [www.kofc7121.org/calendar](http://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](mailto: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.

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY LIST

After celebrating the Lunar New Year and the Year of the Snake, which symbolizes good luck, rebirth and regality, in February we celebrate Groundhog Day (celebrated by the ancient Romans as Hedgehog Day before Punxsutawney Phil stole the spotlight), Valentine’s Day, Washington’s and Lincoln’s birthdays, and National Random Acts of Kindness Day (Feb 17).

The shortest month of the year seems to have the longest list of birthday Brothers. We have 14 Brothers who need help celebrating their birthday. We wish them all a great big **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

BROTHER	BIRTHDAY	AGE
Frank Chrzanowski	02-01	80
Tim Buckley	02-07	74
Jim Kouroupis	02-08	67
Eric Ryan	02-08	70
George R. Ceccanese	02-13	99
Will Hall	02-13	64
Michael A Dirlam	02-16	34
Ron Meissner	02-16	70
Tom Sandknop	02-16	91
James Hinkle	02-17	55
Tom Kelly	02-18	78
William J Brennock	02-19	69
Jack Curtin	02-22	94
Chuck Gidel	02-29	89

## **COUNCIL BUSINESS AND MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The [kofc7121.org](http://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 December 19, 2024 meeting](#)**

**Click here to view the [Draft Minutes of the January 23, 2025 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 more efficiently conduct informed discussions.

### **BUSINESS MEETINGS ARE HELD IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER**

## **COUNCIL 7121 BUSINESS MEETING**

**4th THURSDAY  
St. Anthony Hall  
(Community Center)  
FEBRUARY 27**



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

## **KNIGHTS OF THE MONTH RECOGNIZED FOR SERVICE TO COUNCIL**

GK Bill Remy (light blue shirt) presented Knight of the Month certificates to Brian Foy (left) for December and Dave Morrison (right) for January at the Jan 23 business meeting. Nelson Jambard, KOTM for November, was not present. Brian served two terms as GK, currently serves as District Warden. Dave has served as a Trustee and currently manages the bartending crew for all events. Well done gentlemen!



## **FATHER SEAMUS O'FLYNN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN**



Fr. Seamus Scholarship Director Tom Alexander announces that 2025 scholarship applications are now being accepted for all students whose families are supporting members of St. Anastasia parish and who will be attending either Cathedral Parish School or St. Joseph Academy High School next fall.

Please go to [kofc7121.org/frseamusscholarshipapplication](http://kofc7121.org/frseamusscholarshipapplication) to either download the paper application or use the online application form to enter the required information and upload the student essay and letters of reference. Application deadline is March 31, 2025.

Those desiring to support Catholic education by **making a donation in memory of Fr. Seamus** are asked to send a check payable to KofC Council 7121 / For: Fr. Seamus Scholarship to our mailbox in the parish office, 5205 A1A S, St. Augustine FL 32080-8006.



## MORE THAN A FOOD DRIVE FEEDS THE HUNGRY

**THANKS A TON!** Over **2000 lb** of food was collected on the weekend of Jan 18-19, along with **\$5440** in cash and gift cards. At right, some of the food bags collected at the first two Masses. Below, vanloads of food going to St. Johns Ecumenical Ministries Food Pantry, SEA food pantry, and nonfood items going to St. Francis House.



## EVENING OF DANCE GIVES DRINK TO THE THIRSTY



**VALENTINES DANCE**  
**A NIGHT OF DANCING WITH TIM RIPPEY**  
St. Anastasia Catholic Church  
Celebration Hall  
5205 A1A South  
3 mi North of the 206 Bridge  
**FRIDAY FEBRUARY 21**  
Cash Bar provided by Knights of Columbus  
(Beer, Wine & Soft Drinks)  
RESERVATIONS INCLUDE:  
8-10 TOPS or OPEN SEATING  
DOORS OPEN: 5:30  
DANCING BEGINS: 7:00  
**\$15 AT THE DOOR**  
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC  
CASH OR CHECK ONLY  
TEXT RSVP: 386-931-0074  
EMAIL RSVP: BKELLEY1024@AOL.COM

The Knights crew, led by Dave Morrison, provides refreshments for those attending the Evening of Dance, featuring music and singing by Tim Rippey in Celebration Hall. Two or three Brother Knights are needed for either the early 5-8 PM or late 7-10 PM shift. This is our most lucrative fundraising venture, and the most fun to attend. Wives are welcome. Work a while, sit and listen, dance for a while. Next event is Friday, Feb 21.

## PANCAKE BREAKFASTS PROVIDE GREAT FOOD & CAMARADERIE

Blueberry pancakes, eggs, home fries, sausage, juice and coffee for **only \$7!** Children 8 & under EAT FREE.

**BEST MEAL DEAL IN TOWN!!**

Join the Knights Kulinary Kitchen and Kleanup Krew on February 2, March 9, April 13, May 18 and June 8 as we serve the starving multitudes.





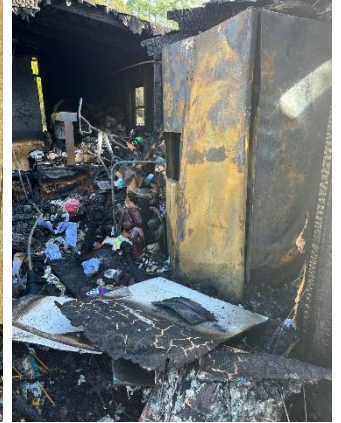
## KNIGHTS SPONSOR SPECIAL HOMELESS MINISTRY DONATION

While preparing for the January food drive, a report came in that the Spuds-Elkton-Armstrong (SEA) food pantry building had burned down on Jan 3. A sign board and donation basket were put up at the parish Wine & Cheese social on Saturday evening, Jan 11 and the Sunday pancake breakfast on Jan 12. \$333 in cash was collected. SEA is one of several local social service agencies supported by the parish Outreach Ministry. An additional \$600 in donations was collected during the January Food Drive, all forwarded to SEA through the parish.

**FIRE DESTROYS STORAGE SHED  
AT SPUDS-ELKTON-ARMSTRONG  
COMMUNITY HELP  
RESOURCE CENTER  
HELP THEM REBUILD!!**



For more than 25 years, the Spuds-Elkton-Armstrong (SEA) Community Help Resource Center at 6408 Armstrong Road in Elkton has served residents of the rural communities in the SW part of St. Johns County, operating a food pantry and clothes closet every Friday morning, and serving hot meals in the outdoor dining area. On January 3, 2025, a fire destroyed the storage shed (back building highlighted in the center of the picture) along with three large freezers, two refrigerators and a large steam hot food table. They had no insurance.



## EMMAUS MEN'S RETREAT MARCH 14-16



Emmaus is a retreat weekend designed for those men who feel they would like to explore a deeper relationship with God, whose hearts are ready to "burn" again or need to be reignited.

The weekend starts Friday, March 14th at 5:00 PM and will conclude no later than 5:30 PM on Sunday, March 16th.

The retreat is being held at the ENRICHMENT CENTER located on the grounds of SAN SEBASTIAN Church in St. Augustine.

You will be staying at the Days Inn (a Wyndham hotel) located at 1300 N Ponce de Leon.

Please arrive by 5 PM at the HOTEL to register and get your hotel room key. For details, see the registration form at [CANDIDATE APPLICATION MEN'S EMMAUS NEFL#4 .pdf](#)

## SURE AND BEGORRAH! THE ST. PATRICK'S DINNER/DANCE IS COMING!

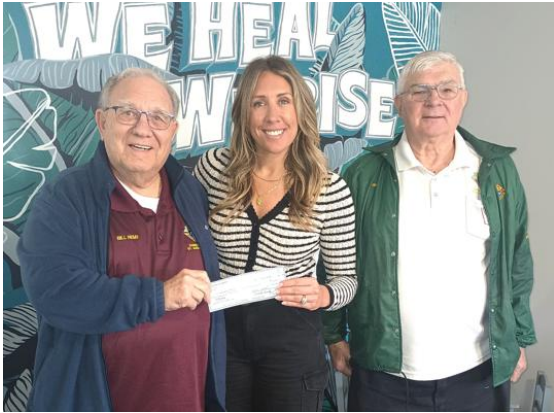


That's no blarney! Grand Leprechaun Bill Remy has announced that our annual corned beef and cabbage dinner will be held in Celebration Hall on Saturday March 22, with Irish music and dancing provided by Tim Rippey before and after dinner.

**ATTENDANCE WILL BE STRICTLY LIMITED TO 200 TICKETS** -that's all the servings of corned beef that will fit in the ovens. Tickets will be \$30/person and will go on sale to Knights at the February 27 business meeting, then to the general public on the next two weekends. Anyone -Irish or not- wishing to help make this a great event is asked to contact the Worthy GK at 303-886-8065 / [whremy@hotmail.com](mailto:whremy@hotmail.com)



## AID AND SUPPORT AFTER PREGNANCY (ASAP) PROGRAMS



Council 7121 took a major step in fulfilling our obligation to support **LIFE** activities by making donations to local pregnancy support programs through the Supreme Council's Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) program.

LEFT: GK Bill Remy and Dave Look present a \$1000 check to Brittany Glisson, Executive Director of St. Gerard Campus.

RIGHT: GK Bill Remy presents another \$1000 check to Sr. Kathleen Carr, General Superior, and Sr. Stephanie Flynn, Assistant General Superior of the Sisters of St. Joseph of St. Augustine. Photo was taken in front of the newly opened St. Joseph Neighborhood Center, 90 Martin Luther King Avenue, as a full-service facility for young single mothers.



## SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH REOPEN O'REILLY HOUSE MUSEUM

From Phyllis Croucher, SSJ Director of Mission Advancement:

"I'm excited to share that we are nearing the reopening of the Father Miguel O'Reilly House Museum after shutting down during the pandemic. We are now open and looking to recruit a few dedicated individuals to join our team as Docents.

I would be grateful if you could help us spread the word by sharing with any locals who may be interested in getting involved.

We are eager to welcome passionate individuals who want to contribute to our mission!" The Museum is located at 34 Aviles Street, adjacent to the SSJ Motherhouse."

### BECOME A PART OF HISTORY

*The O'Reilly House is Looking for Volunteers*

Become a docent at the Miguel O'Reilly House Museum and help illuminate the rich history of the Sisters of Saint Joseph. Share their inspiring legacy of education, service, and unity with God.

By joining us, you'll become part of diocesan history and ensure the Sisters' mission continues for generations to come.

TUESDAY - SATURDAY 10 AM- 4 PM  
Morning Shift 10-1 & Afternoon Shift 1-4

Please fill out the volunteer form at [oreillyhousefl.org/volunteer](http://oreillyhousefl.org/volunteer) or email our curator at [kcasarella@ssjfl.org](mailto:kcasarella@ssjfl.org) for more information





# ST. GERARD CAMPUS TO HOST CARIBBEAN GALA 2025

March 27, 2025 6:00 pm

Tringali Barn

7310 US 1, Saint Augustine, FL 32086

To benefit the St. Gerard Campus

High School and Maternity Home

Casual Caribbean Attire

Live Music - Delicious Food

\$100/PERSON, \$700 / TABLE FOR 8

[stgerardcampus.org/gala-2025](http://stgerardcampus.org/gala-2025)



## 2025 GALA FOR LIFE



# Legacy of Life

## Paving the Way Forward



### Thursday, May 22, 2025

WORLD GOLF VILLAGE RENAISSANCE RESORT



[www.whcjax.com](http://www.whcjax.com)

Join us by sponsoring Women's Help Center's 35th Anniversary Gala for Life. Since 1990, Women's Help Center has been a steadfast advocate for preborn babies and their mothers, empowering them to embrace the gift of life through compassionate care and practical support. We provide a safe space where they can make life-affirming choices. Your sponsorship will save lives and offer hope to those who need it most.

DOWNLOAD THE REGISTRATION FORM: [2025GalaForLife](https://2025GalaForLife.com)

Featuring Keynote Speaker  
**Pam Stenzel**



Pam Stenzel is a fierce pro-life warrior who has dedicated her life to walking alongside women facing unplanned pregnancies and fighting for the right to life for the preborn. She started her career working with pregnancy centers in Minneapolis, eventually becoming the director of Alpha Women's Center. Pam made it her mission to bring sexual integrity to teens, and often speaks to over 300,000 young people a year! Pam has produced training workshops on Sexual Health and Relationship Education (SHARE) for staff and volunteers working in life-affirming pregnancy help centers. She currently serves as the Client Services Director for Community Pregnancy Clinics, is on the board of Save Haven Baby Boxes and directs their National Crisis hotline.



## THE PARISH CORNER

## 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](mailto:stephenkassenbaum@comcast.net)**

2025

*And let There Be Music*  
Concert Series  
SCHEDULE



**Angela Massey Trio**  
Featuring Angela Massey, flute,  
Kris Marshall, trumpet, &  
Caroline Owen, piano

**FEB 8**  
7:00 PM

**MARCH 29**  
7:00 PM

**The Powell Trio**  
Featuring Curtis Powell, Piano,  
Helen Morin, Violin &  
Dr. Randy Tinnin – Trumpet



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!



**The Presentation of the Lord  
Blessing of Candles  
(Candlemas)  
will take place  
February 1st & 2nd  
at all weekend Masses**

If you have candles you use for personal prayer and devotion, you are invited to bring them to Mass on the weekend of February 1st & 2nd.

Why do we bless candles every year at this time? February 2 is the *Feast of the Presentation of the Lord*, also known as *Candlemas*. Celebrated since the early 4th century, a tradition developed of bringing candles to the local church to be blessed to be used for the rest of the year in prayer and personal devotion. Since this is an annual tradition, you may want to bring enough candles to last you the rest of the year.



**The Feast of  
St. Blaise  
with  
individual  
blessing of  
throats will be  
celebrated  
on Monday,  
February 3rd  
at 9 a.m.**

*Saint Blaise, you accepted the will of God as it was expressed through the acclamation of the people to become their shepherd. You lovingly spread the faith, healed the sick, and laid down your life as a martyr.*

*Please pray for me and my family that we may be kept safe from all illness, especially illnesses of the throat, and pray that I will have the same courage you had to be a witness to Christ, even to the point of death.*

*Saint Blaise, pray for me.*



**Feast of  
Our Lady of  
Lourdes  
February 11  
12:00 Noon  
Mass for the  
Anointing of  
the Sick**

*O ever-Immaculate Virgin, Mother of Mercy, health of the sick, refuge of sinners, comforter of the afflicted, you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings; look with mercy on me.*

*By appearing in the Grotto of Lourdes, you were pleased to make it a privileged sanctuary, whence you dispense your favours; and already many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal.*

*I come, therefore, with complete confidence to implore your maternal intercession. Obtain, O loving Mother, the grant of my requests.*