



# THE COMPASS

Kissimmee, Florida

February 2025

## Upcoming Key Dates

*February*

- ◆5- Columbia Club Meeting 1700
- ◆5-Officers Meeting 1800 (New Date and Time)
- ◆5- Council 6624 Meeting 1900
- ◆8- District Free Throw @ St. Thomass
- ◆12- Assembly 1951 Meeting 1900
- ◆15- Columbiettes Meeting 0900
- ◆17 President's Day
- ◆19 Monthly Social (First Responders) 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



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# February Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2	3	4 	5 <i>5 PM Columbia Club Meeting</i> <i>6pm Officers Meeting</i> <i>7 PM Council Meeting</i>	6 <i>7pm Scout meeting</i>	7 	8 <i>8:00pm District Free Thow ( St. Thomas- St. Cloud)</i>
9	10	11 	12 <i>7pm Assembly Meeting</i>	13 <i>7pm Scout meeting</i>	14 	15 <i>0900 Columbiettes Meeting</i>
16	17 <i>Presidents Day</i>	18 	19 <i>6:00pm First Responder Social</i>	20 <i>7pm Scout meeting</i>	21 	22 <i>Post- Valentines Gala</i>
23	24	25 	26	27 <i>7pm Scout meeting</i>	28 	

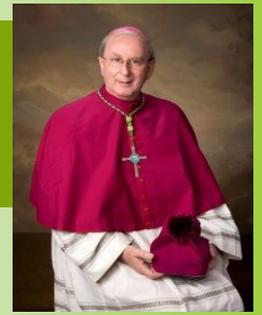
## Birthdays

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

## Prayer List

<b>Jim Varney</b>	<b>Jamie Hedges</b>
<b>Frank &amp; Anna Ruscheinsky</b>	<b>Kitty Choma</b>
<b>Alice &amp; Tony Costantini</b>	<b>Dennis &amp; Marlene Kent family</b>
<b>Billy Leonard</b>	<b>Dick &amp; Linda Quesnell</b>
<b>Larry &amp; Roberta McGrath</b>	<b>Doris Fortuno</b>
<b>Don Fischer and the Family</b>	<b>Luigi Rosa Family Member</b>
<b>Ron Munsch</b>	<b>Sopher Family</b>
<b>Robert Consolo</b>	<b>George Jackow</b>

# *A Light Brightly Visible by* *Bishop Noonan*



My Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Great is our Lord! We profess this generation to generation! My own eyes are opened when I visit with you at your parishes and see the work of God through the touch of your ministries. My heart is full of love for you as you journey to His heavenly Kingdom.

Jesus came on earth to live among the people. Jesus the Eucharist! Jesus didn't become the Eucharist. He is born to us as the Eucharist. When you hear the Gospel proclaimed, you and I learn how great is our Lord as Jesus the Eucharist shows us how to serve God. He takes on the presence of one another and in His divinity creates heaven on earth. He teaches us, then, how to continue the Covenant as we receive Him in the Eucharist.

Jesus leaves the Synagogue and enters the house of Peter and his brother, Andrew. Peter's mother-in-law was sick with a fever. Jesus, the Eucharist, approached her, grasped her hand and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them.

How great is our Lord that He helps us to understand the perfection of His Gift. The phrases, "He helped her up" and "grasped her hand" are two very powerful actions of Jesus. Jesus the Eucharist grasps Jesus the Eucharist shows us how to serve God our brokenness, our sinfulness and raises us up to serve one another.

Think about how wondrous this sacred moment is. Jesus leaves the House of God, the Synagogue, after praying. Within the Covenant of His holy mission, He enters the house of Peter and Andrew with other disciples. They immediately tell Jesus about Peter's sick mother-in-law.

When we come to the celebration of Mass, we also enter the House of God. Here, just as Jesus and the disciples offered, we, in union with our brothers and sisters — those who we see sitting in the pews, those who are not able to join us, and those in the heavens — praise God in thanksgiving.

Full of faith, the disciples tell Jesus about Peter's mother-in-law. We tell each other, as we are of the Eucharist, about our blessings and difficulties. We rely on each other through, with and in God to offer His Peace. What happens after Jesus the Eucharist touches Peter's mother-in-law with His generous mercy? She waits on them. She is touched by the Eucharist and then in unity with Jesus, she offers mutual love in her service.

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



*Harry Rother*  
*District Deputy– District 28*



Worthy Brothers,

I want to commend the Brother Knights and their families for attending the JMJ 'Baby Shower'. Our turnout was a little disappointing, but the JMJ representatives were thrilled with the baby items and our donation, which totaled over \$600 for JMJ Pregnancy Centers in both Kissimmee and Orlando. Speaking of Pro-life activities, please consider either attending or donating to the Laps for Life at Bishop Moore High School on Saturday, March 1, 2025. Every Ultrasound machine we can purchase saves lives.

Another charity near and dear to my heart is Florida Special Olympics. Rob Urrutia, the Florida District Master of the 4th Degree, will lead a team of Knights braving the cold water for this year's Polar Plunge at Aquatica on Saturday, February 8, 2025. He challenges all the Councils to form their own team, raising the numbers of participating Knights. If you don't relish jumping in the cool water, check out the Florida Special Olympics Polar Plunge website and donate to this worthy cause. Remember to donate to the Knights of Columbus team. I will be there taking pictures.

We are fast approaching the end of this fraternal year. The 121th Annual Meeting of the Florida State Council, otherwise known as the 2025 State Convention, will be held May 23-25, 2025 at the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville, 225 East Coastline Drive Jacksonville, FL 32202. Soon each Council will elect two delegates and two alternates to attend the Florida State Council. Voting begins soon to elect a new slate of State officers so please consider attending the Convention this year.

Finally, we will be hosting two events in one week. Our annual Heroes Social honoring all our local law enforcement and first responders in Osceola County will be held on Wednesday, February 19, 2025. It is a very memorable evening and provides an opportunity to say 'thank you' to our Heroes who keep us safe. Then on Saturday, February 22, 2025, Father Holmes Assembly 1951 will host a "Post Valentine Gala" aka Captain's Ball. We will begin with Mass in the chambers at 4:00pm, with food, drinks and entertainments for all. If you need tickets, just contact Kitty Choma or me.

**Vivat Jesus!      Harry Rother — DD28**



*Robert Consolo*

*Grand Knight, Council 6624*



Brother Knights All,

Greetings all, hope all my Brothers and Sisters are doing well.

Want to thank all those who came out to help with our Baby Shower Social for JMJ, hope it was informative to all those who were there.

As we go into the month of February we begin with our soccer and free throw challenges with the kids of Holy Redeemer and St Thomas. Want to thank Brother Willy Alvarado for all he does with the Youth Programs. Also thank all those who have helped Brother Willy. This month will also be the Assembly's Captain Gala February 22. Tickets are available for purchase; I will be putting out blasts soon. This month's Social, February 19, will be our First Responders Social. I would like to see a large turnout from everyone in our Council as we reward our First Responders for the work they do. This month we also do our charity/community help with the kids from 4H during the Rodeo week. We may be requesting some help with this so keep an eye out for my blasts with this information.

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 Don Fischer, Brother Tony Constantini, Brother Larry McGrath as they battle their health issues. Also keep all the people in War torn Countries, First Responders, Military and Clergy.

Viva Jesus  
Fraternally

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# High School Seniors College Scholarship

The Knights of Columbus, Council 6624 has established the Joseph Kroskosz Scholarship for deserving students. Scholarships in the amount of **\$1,000** will be awarded for one academic year. Come by the Parish Office to pick up the application form or contact:

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### The Three Kings Day Celebration returns to Kissimmee Old Town for the 20th year

Three Kings Day, or Día de Los Reyes, is celebrated in many countries worldwide. It recognizes the Biblical Three Wise Men, or Kings, who brought gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh to baby Jesus. For many children in Latin American cultures, this day is eagerly anticipated for holiday gifts and treats. This year marked the 20th Anniversary of celebrating Three Kings Day in Old Town Kissimmee, where the children enjoyed free toys, face painting, and photos with the Three Kings. Knights of Columbus St. Cloud/Kissimmee Council 6624 again was asked to participate in this fun event serving the Hispanic community..

Led by Grand Knight Robert Consolo, several Brother Knights and their families volunteered to cook, wrap, and hand out nearly 3000 hotdogs to the children and their families. One Brother Knight remarked; "the smiles on the children's faces make it all worthwhile. That is why I come every year." We also learned an important lesson -- kids prefer ketchup to mustard on their hotdogs as we out of ketchup packets before noon.



Thank you to all that came out and supported  
the Baby shower for JMJ on  
Wednesday Feb 22nd





**Michael Adamus,  
Faithful Navigator ,  
Fr. Holmes Assembly 1951**



Sir Knights,

I hope this finds you in good health, as we have been telling all of you that our Annual Captains Gala is coming up fast on Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>. Get your tickets now before the cut off date. If you can't make it then give it to the Journal, see the form below in the Compass. This is how we can support our Veterans and other projects.

I am disappointed in a lot of our Sir Knight that have not come to our meeting. We have 135 members and only around 15/20 or less show up. In this new year we need to make it a point to come to at least half of our Assembly meeting. We are also already looking for Members to fill Officers rolls for next year, if you are interested in or not, please help and support your Assembly.

Columbiettes are having a Dance on March 8<sup>th</sup> and Council 6624 have a Heroes Casino Night on April 26, please come out and support these events, they support ours. Please keep all our members who are having challenges in their lives in your prayers.

We can change the World together and in prayer.

Vivat Jesus!

Michael Adamus Faithful Navigator, Fr. William Holmes Assembly 1951 (814) 434-0560

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**K of C Fr. Holmes Assembly No. 1951**  
**Post-Valentine's Gala**  
**Response Form**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

**TICKETS**

*Note that the deadline for ticket orders is **FEBRUARY 12, 2025**. Tickets will not be sold at the door.*

# OF TICKETS (\$30 PER PERSON) \_\_\_\_\_

GUEST NAMES (Use reverse side if necessary) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I am not able to attend but enclosed is my contribution of \$\_\_\_\_ to help support the work of Fr. Holmes Assembly No. 1951.

**JOURNAL**

*Note that the deadline for Journal ads is **February 13, 2025**.*

Proceeds from our Annual Journal will greatly assist us in our work. Sponsoring an advertisement, a message of support, a memorial, or a business card are ways to help us. Our Journal size is 5-1/2" X 8-1/2".

Kindly circle your requested ad size below and email this form along with your camera-ready ads, artwork or business cards to Gerry Yeung at [broger8@gmail.com](mailto:broger8@gmail.com). Alternatively, you can mail the form and ads along with your check to the address below.

Outside Rear Cover.....	\$600.00
Inside front or rear cover.....	300.00
Full page.....	120.00
Half page.....	60.00
Quarter page.....	30.00
Business Cards.....	12.00

**Please make checks payable to Fr. Holmes Assembly No. 1951 and send to:**

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President Jackie Choma  
Columbiette Auxiliary #6624



My Sister Columbiettes and all:

We are starting off a new year your membership dues of \$15.00 must be paid this month please mail them to Linda Quesnell at 2920 Canoe Cir, St Cloud, FL 34772 checks are to be made out to (Kissimmee/St Cloud Columbiettes 6624).

Last month the Knights held a baby shower social I was hoping that more Columbiettes would show up to listen to JMJ speak about what they do for a lot of these young women before and after their pregnancy. I learned a lot of information that I did not know.

We have a Chapter meeting on February eighth in Lakeland, any auxiliary member is welcome to come along to see how the Chapter meetings are held and what they do. We will be meeting at the Knights Hall and carpooling to Lakeland about 8 in the morning hope to see more auxiliary members who wish to participate. The Chapter is having a fund raiser on the 8<sup>th</sup> of March at D. Lawrence J. O'Rourke, Knights of Columbus Hall in Winter Haven. Tickets are \$10.00 for the sock hop food is extra \$1.00 for a hamburger or hotdog with fries with a cash bar 50/50, baskets, music, and dancing by Diana Lynn.

The Transition House needs socks and gloves to help the men in this very cold winter months. Tammy Fischer our Auxiliary Sectary is still in need of insure preferably strawberry for her husband Don who is still not doing well Hospice will not furnish the insure unless he's not eating, he eats but not very much just little bites here and there.

Please keep Alice Costantini and her husband Tony in your prayers Tony is not doing well right now. Also don't forget the Fischer family as well as Don whose health and his well-being is fading. Keep your prayers coming for our sister Columbiettes, Knights, and families, and for those who need help. May the Lord our God bless all the lives that are lost and the ones we have forgotten.

Blessed Virgin Mary  
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Blessed Virgin

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Blessed Virgin

# **Fr Holmes Assembly Post-Valentine's Gala**

**Date:** February 22, 2025

**Tickets:** \$30.00 per person

**4:00pm Mass in the Hall**

**5:30pm Happy Hour in the Bar**

**Dinner and Dance**

**6:00pm-10:00pm**

**Guest Chef**  
Lora Fisher Sous Chef  
from the Talking Stick  
Resort & Casino in  
Scottsdale, Arizona  
Brother Jim Edgcomb will  
be assisting her



**Knights of Columbus**

**Father Holmes Assembly 1951**

Tickets are available at the Knights of Columbus Hall at 2000 Neptune Rd Kiss.  
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# Rock Around the CLOCK

Enjoy a night of great music from the 50's, 60's & 70's!

**Saturday, March 8, 2025**

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**Doors open at 5:30 PM**



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Cash Bar

Music by Diana Lynn  
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Sandi the 60's Girl



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