



THE COMPASS

Kissimmee, Florida

October 2025

Upcoming Key Dates

October

- ♦1- Columbia Club Meeting 1700
- ♦1-Officers Meeting 1800
- ♦1- Council 6624 Meeting 1900
- ♦2 Boy Scouts Spaghetti Dinner –1700-1900
- ♦8- Assembly 1951 Meeting 1900
- ♦11 - Columbiettes Meeting—0930
- ♦13 Columbus Day
- ♦ NO Social

State of Florida Council of the year



1996
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2001 2004
2010 2011

Council Hall Phone number
407-847-8549

**** 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



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October Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 5 PM Columbia Club Meeting 6pm Officers Meeting 7 PM Council Meeting	2 Scout's Spaghetti Dinner 1700-1900	3 	4
5	6	7 	8 7pm Assembly Meeting	9 7pm Scout meeting pm	10 	11 0930 Columbiettes Meeting
12	13 Columbus Day	14 	15 <i>NO SOCIAL</i>	16 7pm Scout meeting	17 	18
19	20	21 	22	23 7pm Scout meeting	24 	25
26	27	28 	29	30 7pm Scout meeting	31 Halloween 	

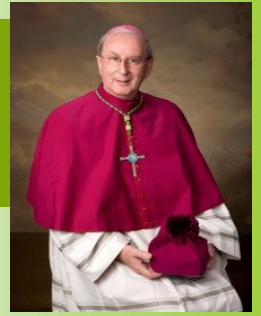
Birthdays

7 Daniel Gonzalez	21 Salvatore Bianco Richard Kapela
8 Rafael Diaz William Dion	22 Norman Iannacone
11 Benjamin Price	23 Manuel Romero
12 Stephen Choma Jr	24 Wayne Giampietro
13 Francis Santino Jr Arnaldo Picariello	25 Carlos Colon Anthony Merullo
16 Robert Amsterdam William Marrero	26 Thaddeus Ziemba
20 Hector Quinones Gustav Tay	27 Michael Inzirillo
	28 Luis Figueroa
	31 Jorge Perez

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
	Denis Roy

A Light Brightly Visible by *Bishop Noonan*



My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

God tells us that our profession of faith to follow Him is not easy; that we are to give up our possessions to know, love and serve Him. He says not to treasure but keep our focus on God alone. The psalmist prays that not our will, but God's will be done that the gracious care of the Lord be ours so that He alone prospers the work of our hands. If we all lived for God, 24-7-365, imagine the beauty of the earth for God's glory! God, the Creator of all life, gave us one another that we might uphold His tender care by how we love one another. We are asked to pay attention, not to things, but to one another. We are asked to strive for docility to the Word of God and to flourish His gift of life upon one another. Like the psalmist, we pray for intellectual humility because we must accept that our understanding of the world has limits. Our knowledge cannot compare to the limitless knowledge of God. In this we also seek humility when looking upon others and their actions truly know their situations and God asks us to serve, not judge. We pray that we will be filled with God's wisdom as we come to know God, for then His wisdom within us abounds and we are led to Him. St. Paul tells us that no matter the class of an individual, he or she is to be treated as a person of dignity through, with and in God. Rather than look down upon those with less economic or intellectual ability or people with whom we supervise, we are to see each one as a child of God. That designation gives the "lowly" a status of God's glory for all are created in God's perfection. In our daily living, we often take note of those around us who excel in bringing forth God's love, no matter the circumstance. There are many who serve as examples for us, from members of our families to clergy and religious, friends, prophets, and saints. Two individuals who set the measure of God were canonized saints Sept. 7, Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati and Blessed Carlo Acutis. The two Italian laymen will be the first saints proclaimed by Pope Leo XIV. Pope Leo XIV also confirmed that seven other Blesseds will be canonized Oct. 19, World Mission Sunday. The group includes men and women from five countries, among them martyrs, founders of religious congregations and laypeople recognized for their heroic virtue and service. As you arise each day, pray how you might serve God's people, in every moment that your day makes straight a path to holiness. Let us pray for one another that God prospers the work of our hands so that all the people will joyfully come to know, love, and serve God!

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



Anthony Costantini
District Deputy– District 28



Worthy Brothers and Family Members

Another month has flown by. We have had the Icon at all our active churches. I must thank Harry Rother for his help in getting this accomplished. We tried to get it to a couple of churches that no longer have a Knights of Columbus presence. However, meetings with the Bishop had taken all the Priests time that week.

One of the most important days coming up this month is October 13, Columbus Day. So, let's take some time on that day to say a prayer that the celebration of this great explorer and the man our Fraternal Organization is named in honor of.

Speaking of prayers, please keep your Brother Knights in your prayers each day. I know we do this at every meeting, but let's do this during our daily prayers.

Finally, may you and your children have a happy and safe Halloween. God Bless All.

Vivat Jesus

Anthony M. "Tony" Costantini– DD28- kofcdd28tony@yahoo.com



Robert Consolo

Grand Knight, Council 6624



Brother Knights All,

Greetings 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 October.

There will be no Social for the month of October due to the lack of interest from members. The last few Socials have had a poor show by all and a waste of Council money for food that was cooked. So we are cancelling October Social. We are having a Son and Daughters of Italian Night at the Races. Tickets are \$25 and it's a fun night to be had by all.

We recently had a very productive meeting with Father Munez, where we were able to get some understanding of what he is looking to do and the direction the Church is going. Our Council meeting will be on October 1. We have finished the second phase of the Electrical work and hope to begin the final phase by the end of October and the beginning of November. Which should bring our building up to code and should not blow any more breakers.

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, Brother Larry McGrath, Brother Jim Schoenfeld, Brother Bill Waggner, Brother Richard Quesnell and Brother Francis Barney as they battle through their health issues. 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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Robert Consolo Grand Knight, of St. Cloud -
Kissimmee Council 6624, Presenting
Norman Iannacone
the Knight of the month



Robert Consolo Grand Knight, of St. Cloud - Kissimmee Council 6624,
Presenting
Jackie Choma and Family as
Family of the Month



JMJ GALA 2025





***Harry Rother,
Faithful Navigator ,
Fr. Holmes Assembly 1951***



Worthy Sir Knights,

First off, I would like to thank members and families of St. Cloud/Kissimmee Council 6624, the Father Holmes Assembly 1951, and the Columbiettes for participating in the Corporate Communion at the 9 am Mass at Holy Redeemer on September 14, 2025.

To make the event even more memorable, Color Corps Commander Gerry Yeung, Tommy Morris, and I acted as an Honor Guard for the Sacred Heart of Jesus Icon at the beginning of the Mass. Father Jose Munoz, Pastor of Holy Redeemer, was very appreciative of 'his Knights' and personally invited other men of the parish to join the Order.

Please watch for events to support during the busy Fall season. On October 4-5, 2025, Holy Redeemer will hold its first ever Multicultural Encounter 2025, with a procession of flags, traditional food, drink and dancing. Members of our Color Corps will represent the United States of America and carry the USA and Vatican flags in a procession of flags before the 4 pm and 6 pm Masses on Saturday. Please come and support the parish wearing your Council or Assembly shirts.

Similarly, the Sons and Daughters of Italy will be holding their annual Day at the Races event at our hall at 6:00 pm on Saturday, October 11, 2025. Gerry Yeung, our Color Corps Commander will lead a flag procession and make a short presentation to begin the event honoring Christopher Columbus. It is important to celebrate his holiday. Please come and enjoy the Italian tradition of good food, laughter and making new friends.

Please contact me if you need information or have any questions.

Vivat Jesus!

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Who is Father Holmes?

Father William J. Holmes was born on **April 20, 1902, in Milford, County Cork, Ireland**, one of six children of Denis and Mrs. Holmes. From an early age, he was drawn to faith and education, studying in both Irish and American seminaries. His academic journey took him through **St. Coleman's College (Fermoy), All Hallows (Dublin), St. Patrick's College (Carlow)**, and finally **Kenrick Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri**.

In **May 1929**, Father Holmes joined the **Congregation of the Priests of the Sacred Heart**, committing himself to a missionary life. On **April 3, 1932**, he was ordained at **Sacred Heart Monastery in Hales Corners, Wisconsin**, by Archbishop Samuel Stritch. His first assignment was in **Sault Ste. Marie, Illinois**, before embarking on mission work among the **Sioux Indians of the Cheyenne Reservation in South Dakota**, where he served from **1934 to 1939**. Later, he taught at the **Divine Heart College in Donaldson, Indiana**, until 1942.

That same year, Father Holmes came to Florida and began his long ministry within the **Diocese of St. Augustine**, which later became part of the Orlando Diocese. On **March 24, 1952**, he was incardinated as a diocesan priest. Over the years, he served at many parishes across Florida, including **St. Patrick's in Miami Beach, St. James in Orlando, St. Francis Xavier in Fort Myers, Sts. Peter and Paul in Miami, St. Margaret in Clewiston, Epiphany in South Miami**, and the **Cathedral in St. Augustine**.

Father Holmes' leadership as pastor was especially remembered at **Holy Redeemer Church in Kissimmee (1957–1962), St. Michael's in Fernandina Beach (1962–1964)**, and **St. Thomas Aquinas in St. Cloud (1964–1968)**, where he also served as the first chaplain of **St. Cloud Hospital** when it opened. His ministry was marked by dedication, humility, and a pioneering spirit that helped lay the foundations of the Catholic Church in central Florida.

After retiring on **October 1, 1968**, Father Holmes remained active in Orlando, remembered by his fellow priests as loyal, hardworking, and always ready to serve. In **November 1968**, he was honored on "Father Holmes' Day," a diocesan tribute celebrating his life of mission and service.

Father William J. Holmes passed away on **January 13, 1982, in Orlando** at the age of 79. His funeral was held at **St. Thomas Aquinas Church in St. Cloud** on **January 16, 1982**, and he was laid to rest in **Osceola Memorial Gardens, Kissimmee**.

Father Holmes' life was one of faith, service, and steadfast devotion to God's people. Through his missionary zeal and parish ministry, he became a cornerstone of the Catholic presence in Florida, remembered with deep gratitude by those he served.

Sir Knight Thomas Evan Morris, Jr.



President Jackie Choma
Columbiette Auxiliary #6624



My Sister Columbiettes and all:

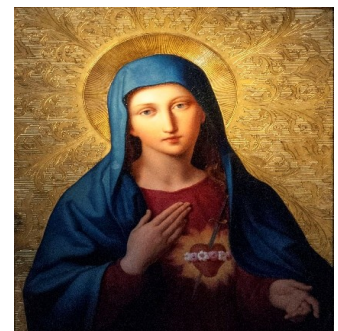
For some who did not attend the meeting this past Saturday September 20th we had a great turnout for our first meeting along with the initiation of two new members I would like all our auxiliary members to welcome Angie Leonard, and Susel Ceglarek to our Columbiette organization here at 6624. We had 20 in attendance with our DD Margie Zamana, our Florida State Secretary, and three other Knights attending. After the meeting was over some of the auxiliary members went to Village Inn for lunch. Mary Gerst and I, along with the Knights and their wives and other family members attended the JMJ Gala held at the Rosen Centre Hotel on International Drive in Orlando. It was a very interesting evening, the food was delicious, it is a very worthwhile cause.

Coming up this October our auxiliary meeting will be held on the 11th of the month due to the State Regional meeting that will be held on the 18th of October in Lake Wales, at the Holy Spirit Catholic Parish Center, 644 S. 9th Street, Lake Wales, FL 33853. For those who would like to attend please have the courtesy of letting myself or Mary Gerst know. Our auxiliary must make reservations so they can properly prepare for the breakfasts and lunches. The cost is \$30.00 per person, which our auxiliary member will pay, so please let us know by October first, any auxiliary member who wishes to attend is welcomed along with our officers who must attend, if possible, we will be carpooling from the Knights Hall. This is an educational workshop/by laws/and presentation of charters.

This past September 14th Holy Redeemer held a mass honoring the Knights and Columbiettes, I must say we did have somewhat of a good turn out when Father Jose Munoz blessed the Knights, and everyone was wearing their shirts. The Knights still need help with bingo on Tuesdays and Fridays the hall is open from 3:00 till 9:30 for bingo, we start calling bingo from 5:30 till closing so come and help between the times that you are able to volunteer to stay.

Please keep your prayers coming for our sister Columbiettes, Knights, and families of those who are sick and in need of our help. May the Lord our God bless and strengthen our Soldiers, Police, Medical and Fire Responders.

Blessed Virgin Mary
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Blessed Virgin

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