



Bingo Newsletter

February 2025

Bingo Captain Notes from Pete, Rocco, and Kris

Before we get too far into 2025, I want to look back at 2024 one more time. Our Knights of Columbus Council is dedicated to Unity, Fraternity, and Charity. That last one is the focus of this update. With your help attending our little Bingo game, our Council has been able to be very generous and busy. For example, what we've been able to do in our four program areas. In Faith activities we gave away \$22,780 and 589 hours of service. You might remember we donated \$10,000 to the Church Roof Fund alone. Family activity contributions were \$2,502 and 236 hours of service. Some examples include Lifeline, Boy Scouts, and the Trunk or Treat event. The Community activities totaled \$5,774 and 1,525 hours of service. Examples include the Coats for Kids program, lots of disaster relief efforts, and other community events. Life activity contributions were \$5,080 and 82 hours of service. The Council supported Special Olympics and pregnancy support to Foundations of Life. Of course, much of this (at least the monetary donations) is possible due to our Bingo operation. Bingo is the Council's main source of income which allows us the flexibility to help so many worthy causes. In 2024, we conducted 43 weeks of Bingo and cancelled 9 times due to holidays or hurricanes. The total revenue (before expenses) was \$38,427. Of course, we must subtract the cost of donuts (\$3,204), supplies (\$3,559.25), and church (\$6,332.75). Council proceeds equal \$25,331. But wait, there's more. Our Council contributes 20 percent (\$5,066.20) of that to the Columbiettes for their help with Bingo. As you can see, we are still left with over \$20K to fund our four program areas. Our Bingo game hosted 3,058 players and many of them are regular players each week. That is the strength of our game. We provide a fun and friendly game that builds a sense of community. Let's hope 2025 is equally as successful.

Miscellaneous

Pilgrimage to Epiphany of Our Lord Ukrainian Church: Our Knights of Columbus Council is promoting a local pilgrimage to Epiphany of Our Lord Ukrainian Church in St Petersburg on Sunday, February 2nd (after the 12:30 Mass). Anyone interested in attending this event, please RSVP by emailing StJeromePilgrimages@gmail.com or call 727-595-4610. This should be a great event

Super Bowl fundraiser: Our Council is sponsoring a Super Bowl fundraiser. All squares have been taken. \$500 goes to the winners and \$500 goes to the Council. Good luck to those of you who are participating. You will be contacted if you win one of the many prizes.

Game-Themed Bingo Marathon: Sponsored by the Fr. Lopez Council (7177 58th N. Pinellas Park) on February 8th. Doors open at 10a and Game start at noon. Cost is \$45 (package includes 18 regular cards, 3 bonanza, and 2 sheets of each special. Dinner is included during the first break. Questions? Contact Belinda at 727-215-3530 or Wynette at 727-244-1859.

Car Show: Sponsored by Blessed Sacrament Knights of Columbus (11475 66th Ave N, Seminole) on Saturday, February 15th at 10a.

February Happenings

February– Food Drive Game Coupon

Bring in a Food Item**

Get a Free Surprise Game

February 20th, 2025

****Food Items include:**

- Cereal
- Hearty canned soups
- Canned tuna or chicken
- Beef stew
- Spaghetti or other pasta
- Pasta sauce
- Boxed macaroni & cheese
- Mashed potatoes (bag or box)
- Canned fruit
- Canned pork & beans
- Canned vegetables (corn, beans, carrots)
- Diced tomatoes
- Peanut butter & jelly
- Granola bars
- Peanut butter crackers