



Bingo Newsletter

January 2025

Bingo Captain Notes from Pete, Rocco, and Kris

Happy New Year! We are excited that there will be five Bingo sessions this month. We look forward to seeing you at the first one on January 2nd. But before we surge ahead into 2025, I want to take a moment and look back at 2024. With your help, we had a great year of Bingo. In 2024, we had 43 sessions of Bingo which means we cancelled 9 sessions due to Holiday or Hurricanes. We had 3,058 players come through our doors. During that time, we went through 43 dozen donuts! The average payout of all of our games for the year was 63 percent, which is above our goal of 60 percent. Our expenses were over \$13K which includes the cost of the donuts, all the game material we buy, and the 20 percent surcharge we provide the church. In addition, with the remaining funds, we provide the Columbiettes with 20 percent for their help in running Bingo. Remaining funds are then used for our charitable programs. For example, last month we provided funds to the St. Jerome Peace and Justice Ministry to help resource upcoming events and provided funds to the St. Jerome Dancing Under the Stars event (specifically to help with the cost of the band). The proceeds from this event all went to help with the church roof repair which is currently under way. In 2024, our Council provided over \$21K in Faith program activities, over \$2.3K on Family program activities, over \$4.7K in Community program activities, and over \$4.5K on Life program activities. That is a total of over \$33K in charitable contributions for 2024. We hope to continue our good works in 2025 but that is all made possible by your participation in our little game. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you all on Thursdays!

Miscellaneous

Pilgrimage to St. Therese: Our Knights of Columbus Council is promoting a local pilgrimage to St. Therese Byzantine Church in St Petersburg on Sunday, January 12th (after the 12:30 Mass). Anyone interested in attending this event, please RSVP before January 10th 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. It consists of a 10x10 square grid for a total of 100 squares. We sell each square for \$10 which nets \$1,000 when all the squares are filled. \$500 goes to the winners and \$500 goes to the Council. If you are interested in participating, please let Pete or Rocco know before play begins.

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.

January Happenings

January 16th– Food Drive Game Coupon

Bring in a Food Item**

Get a Free Surprise Game

January 16th, 2024

**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