





The Knightly News

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Recruitment Drive

(Sunday, November 14, 2021)

Please wear your council shirt when you attend either the 9am or 11am mass and join the Council for about 30 minutes afterwards to help recruit a new member.

Our goal is 8 new members and to date we have 2 so we are a little behind.

For more information, contact DGK Frank Hill at (812)249-0038 or hillf6466@gmail.com

Family Prayer Night

(Monday, November 15, 2021)

First Florida 611 will host its second family prayer night immediately followed by our monthly social beginning at 7pm at the Bishop Baker Center.

This is a wonderful family event that is open to the entire parish.

For more information, contact Josh Currie, PGK at (904)540-9559 or jcurriekofc@gmail.com

Fraternal Benefits Night

(Thursday, November 18, 2021)

Simple steps to become a Millionaire!

Sponsored by your Knights of Columbus Spinelli Agency, this evening is facilitated by Tom Hegna, considered by many as "The Retirement Income Expert." Tom has presented at over 5,000 seminars, helping seniors and baby boomers build lasting retirement plans.

Begins at 7:30pm, Link:

bit.ly/3zxFjko

THE NEXT GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD:

7:00PM in the Bishop Baker Center on Monday, December 6, 2021. Join us for food and fellowship at 6:30pm. Located at 267 St. George Street. This is an In-person meeting. ALWAYS KEEP YOUR FORM 100 HANDY!



Message from the Grand Knight

Worthy Brothers,

As always I would like to thank our Brothers and their families for their continued support and dedication to our council and parish. I would especially like to extend my appreciation to all of those who gave their time and effort to make our 120th anniversary a memorable event. The ladies auxiliary did a fantastic job of putting the hall together along with the food and refreshments. We were honored to have in attendance guests representing our State Council and our Diocese. We had several guest speakers at the event and father Liguori led us in prayer. Our District Deputy, Robert Billoni was our host and our Financial Secretary, AJ McCaffery gave us a wonderful presentation of our council's history and of the Knights of Columbus in Saint Augustine. Deputy Grand Knight, Frank Hill put together an amazing collection of memorabilia which was on display for everyone to enjoy. Among other guests were members from the community and parish. There were fellow brothers from surrounding Council's and we were honored to host the wives of several of our past Grand Knights.

A few days later on October 18 we held our council's monthly social and were honored to receive an award from our Supreme Council commemorating our councils mile stone. Our State Deputy Robert Urrutia presented the award.

On October 31, our Worthy Chancellor, brother Joshua Currie led us in our second Corporate Communion of the year which brings spiritual fortification to our members and families.

We all need to continue the great example set by our brothers and their families who have attended and or volunteered at our events. I look forward to seeing all of you in our future meetings, socials and events. May God bless you and your families.

Vivat Jesus,

S/K Gabriel Oti
Worthy Grand Knight
First Florida Council 611



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Insurance:

As we head into the end of 2021, the Knights of Columbus has more than \$100 billion of life insurance in force, covering the lives of hundreds of thousands of our members and their families.

Knights across North America continue to trust their Order to protect them and see to it that their loved ones are well taken care of once they're gone. More and more members are preparing to leave behind legacies of protection for their loved ones.

Let's talk (386)235-4064 or Stan.Hetrick@kofc.org

Message from the Chaplain Father Matthew Ibok

Three special events that we celebrate in the month of November are the Solemnity of All Saints, The Commemoration of All the Faith Departed (All Souls Day) and Thanksgiving Day in America. The first two are in remembrance of all our brethren who have gone before us; our saints who are already in heaven and those on their way to heaven respectively. Thanksgiving is always the last Thursday of the month in the United States of America.

All Saints and Souls give us an opportunity to thank God for the lives, relationships, and contributions of our brethren whom God has called back to himself through death. We congratulate those of them who have arrived in heaven. We continue to pray for those of them yet to arrive in heaven with faith and hope that they will soon reach their destination. We remember in a special way our brother Knights who were members of our Counsel and served the community well. May they rest in peace.

Thanksgiving this year gives us an opportunity to thank God for the 120th anniversary of Council 611, the oldest in the State of Florida. The anniversary was on October 16, 2021. We thank the current officers who continue the good works of former ones. We thank the Basilica Cathedral parishioners for their support. We thank all other Councils across our diocese who celebrated with us. And finally, we thank all too numerous to mention here for their prayers and support. May God reward your generosity, Amen.

You may contact Fr. Matthew at (904) 824-2806 ext. 303 or by email at frmatthewstaug@gmail.com



Knights of Columbus

Programs



ADVENT BOOK DISTRIBUTION

First Florida Council 611 will be distributing advent books for free after all masses on Saturday, November 20th and Sunday, November 21st at the Cathedral Basilica and St. Benedict's

Please wear your council shirt to mass on those days and if you can volunteer to help pass out books after your mass, ***please contact Br. Matthew Bell at (913)439-9737***

FRATERNAL BENEFITS NIGHT

Everyone is invited to register and attend a special online webinar titled "Simple Steps to Become a Millionaire" by leading economist Tom Hegan on fraternal benefits Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 7:30pm. ***This is one of only two Star Council Events on fraternal benefits that will qualify towards the Founder's Award.***

You must register with the link below and be sure to indicate where asked that you are will Council 611 for our council to receive credit.

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_4GrdSyW0SbesE8OVyShloA

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Our Council is hosting a membership drive after the 9am & 11am masses on Sunday, November 14th in the courtyards of the Cathedral Basilica.

Just wear your council shirt to mass and help out for about 20 minutes afterwards to recruit a new member.

Let's keep this momentum going into the new fraternal year.

For more information, please contact our Membership Director, Sk Frank Hill at hillf6466@gmail.com or (812)249-0038



Have you asked someone to become a Knight?

(This year's Council goal is 8, to date we have 2)

Did you know the number one reason catholic men do not join the Knights of Columbus is just simply because no one has ever asked them before?

Ask a catholic gentlemen you know that would make a great Knight to join today. ***It never has been easier! A new member can register and participate in their Exemplification on Charity, Unity and Fraternity ceremony all online without even leaving their home. It only takes 30 minutes!***

First Florida Council 611 Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary is current collecting donations for the St. Gerard Campus. They are specifically looking for diapers, baby formula, baby food, bottles, baby clothes, etc. You can drop off your donations at our Council Meetings and Monthly Socials or you can contact Cynthia Day at (360)628-0007 directly.

The mission of the Ladies Auxiliary is to promote spiritual and charitable growth, enhance social enrichment, encourage good fellowship and love, and perform selected works of charity in support of the Cathedral Basilica Parish, the Knights of Columbus Council #611 and Assembly #166.

Any practicing Catholic women, 18 years of age and older, who is interested in making a difference in our parish is welcome to join. Applicants need not be a spouse of a Knight.

Annual dues are \$25 and \$10 for senior citizens. Annual dues are waived for spouses of deceased Knights.

The Ladies Auxiliary meets on the first Monday of each month at 7pm at the Bishop Baker Center, located at 267 St. George Street, St. Augustine, FL 32084 (Parish Hall at the Cathedral Parish School).

If you know any ladies that would like to join or for more information, please contact:

Cynthia Day
Cell: (360)628-0007
Email: cvioletm94@hotmail.com

Ladies Auxiliary Officers

President	Cynthia Day
Vice President	Keri Van Gemert
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Treasurer	Beth Ann Kaczmarczyk
Trustee	Lissette Oti
Trustee	Heather Hill
Trustee	Linda Hill



120th Anniversary Celebration (Saturday, October 16, 2021)



Greeting guests and
50/50 raffle tickets



Master of Ceremonies District
Deputy Robert Billoni, PGK
opening the celebration and
welcoming all



Diocesan Chaplain
Rev. Christopher Liquori
with the invocation



Guest Speaker
Stanley Hetrick
Spinelli Agency
KofC Insurance



Guest Speaker
Rev. Mackenzie
Cathedral Basilica



Keynote Speaker
Regional Administrator,
Florida State Council
Danny McIntyre



AJ McCaffery III, PGK gives a historical
presentation of First Florida Council 611's 120 years



RA Danny McIntyre presenting Council 611 with State Deputy, Robert Urrutia's Proclamation recognizing the 120th Anniversary



Grand Knight Gabriel Oti recognizing Past Grand Knights of Council 611 and their wives



Council 611 Past Grand Knights Gabriel Oti, Bruce Defresne, AJ McCaffery III and Robert Billoni



October Social (October 18, 2021)



State Deputy Robert Urrutia presenting the Council with a letter of recognition celebrating the Council's 120th Anniversary from the Florida State Council



Grand Knight Gabriel Oti presenting Frosty Roberts with Knight of the Month

St. Johns County Commission Meeting (October 19, 2021)



County Commissioner Whitehurst presenting the Knights of Columbus with a proclamation recognizing the Knights of Columbus' efforts and support in St. Johns County in 2020. State Deputy Robert Urrutia accepts the proclamation and recognizes Council 611 for celebrating 120 years.

(Second picture from left to right is Commissioner Whitehurst, District Deputy 13 Bill Kelly, Regional Administrator Dan McIntyre, State Deputy Robert Urrutia, District Deputy 16 Robert Billoni, Br. Clyde Slick Council 16492)

Join First Florida Council 611 every 3rd Monday of each month at the Bishop Baker Center at 7pm for our monthly social that is open to all.

BIRTHDAYS

DAVID	C	GRIGGS		11-02-1962
TIMOTHY	J	VALLEY		11-03-1959
RYAN	J	LAPORTE		11-06-1970
EUGENE	J	MASON		11-12-1943
JAMIE	S	KNOX		11-15-1961
RANDAL	JOHN	LARSON		11-17-1956
FREDERICK	J	WISEMAN		11-19-1935
THOMAS	S	WILLIS		11-19-1957
FREDERICK		CATALANO		11-20-1956
DAVID	A	LAUBACKER		11-20-1978
KURT	A	MILASI		11-21-1948
GERARD	T	REMY		11-22-1957
JAIME	T	KOPKE		11-24-1958
JON	A	SMITH		11-26-1990

SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

EDWARD	F	KAZMIERSKI		50 Years
PHILIP	R	GAGAN		42
VICTOR	B	GALEONE		20
DAVID	A	LAUBACKER		20
ALBERT	G	VOLK	MD	19
RUSSELL	F	OLDENBURG	SR	18
THOMAS	F	ANDREU		14
AARON	R	KLEIST		14
GEORGE	A	EDWARDS		11
DENNIS	N	MALZACHER	JR	2
MICHAEL		MAUSTELLER	JR	2



Intentions for the Sick or in Distress



Council Prayers for:

- ❖ Prayers for Brother Matt's daughter and her injury,
- ❖ Prayers for Sk Ryan LaPorte's sister-in-law as she combats her illness,
- ❖ Prayers for Sk AJ McCaffery III, PGK, FDD successful medical procedures this month.
- ❖ Prayers for Sk Linwood Finley, PFN who is on kidney dialysis
- ❖ Repose for the soul of Brother Terry Cassidy, Knights of Columbus District Deputy of District 20, who passed away last month from COVID-19.
- ❖ Prayers for Mrs Casey DeSantis, our governor's wife, who was diagnosed with breast cancer.
- ❖ All those afflicted with the COVID-19 virus
- ❖ All first responders and medical personnel
- ❖ All our service men & women
- ❖ Repose for the souls that lost their lives at the Houston concert

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 Business Mtng. 7pm Bishop Baker Ctr	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Veteran's Day	12	13
14 Recruitment Drive 9am & 11am Masses Cathedral Basilica	15 Monthly Social/Family Prayer Night 7pm Bishop Baker Ctr	16	17	18 Fraternal Benefit Night 7:30pm Virtual Meeting	19	20 Council Advent Book Distribution All Masses Cathedral & St Benedict's
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28	29 4 th Degree Meeting 7pm San Sebastian	30 Officers & Directors Meeting TBA	1	2	3	4
5	6 Business Mtng. 7pm Bishop Baker Ctr	7	8	9	10	11

Red = Council events open to all members

Black = Council events open to specific council members

Green = Holy Day/Event or Holiday

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