



The Knightly News

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| KNIGHT AND FAMILY OF THE MONTH | | Council 611 Officers | |
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| Congratulations to: | | Grand Knight | SK Frank Hill 812-249-0038 |
| Br. Stephen Hill Knight of the Month | The DeLux Family Family of the Month | Chaplain | Fr. Ignatius Yeruva 904-824-2806 |
| Steve is our newest member and shortly after his Exemplification, volunteered at the CPS Festival helping fry fish for Council 611. He also volunteered at the St. Patrick's Dinner/Trivia Night. Friday night, prepping food and washing pans. Saturday, helping cut up potatoes and kitchen cleaning. He even stayed to help with cleaning up after the event was over! Thank you Steve for all you do for 611! | Joyce, a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary and Br. Tom regularly volunteer. Tom had major back surgery and while still in pain, volunteered at our St. Patrick's Dinner/Trivia fundraiser. Joyce donated cookies for the Ladies Auxiliary fundraiser and helped with cleaning up after the event. | Dep. Grand Knight | SK Andrew Butts 571-246-6253 |
| | Both Tom and Joyce are Eucharist ministers at the Cathedral Basilica. | Chancellor | SK Josh Currie, PGK 904-540-9559 |
| | | Recorder | Richard Speidel |
| | | Financial Secretary | SK AJ McCaffery, FDD, PGK, PFN 904-599-1436 |
| | | Treasurer | SK Tom Gehret 904-566-8932 |
| | | Lecturer | (Vacant) |
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| | | 2 Year Trustee | SK Rick Salerno 513-614-3266 |
| | | 3 Year Trustee | SK Gabe Oti, PGK 904-806-2711 |
| Service Committee Directors & Chairs | | | |
| Program Director: | SK Andrew Butts 571-246-6253 | Newsletter Editor: | SK Robert Billoni, PGK, PFN 954-445-3008 |
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| Family Dir: | Sk Frank Hill 812-249-0038 | Insurance Rep: | Jim Booritch 412-779-3756 |

Monthly Council Social (Monday, April 15, 2024)

Join Council 611 for our monthly social beginning at 7pm at the Bishop Baker Center featuring special guest speaker Sister Kathleen (Sisters of St. Joseph Mother Superior). She will be talking about the renovation of the old school house and classes for single young ladies with children.

For more information, contact SK Frank Hill at (812)249-0038 or rsvp@kofc611.org

Council 5th Sunday Rosary Prayer (Sunday, April 28, 2024)

Join Council 611, their families and the parish for our 5th Sunday Rosary Prayer & Corporate Mass. Pews will be reserved for all Knights and their guests at the front of the Cathedral Basilica beginning at 10:30am

For more information, contact SK Frank Hill at (812)249-0038 or rsvp@kofc611.org

Coffee & Donuts (Sunday, April 28, 2024)

Council 611 will be serving coffee & donuts to all parishioners in the rear courtyard the Cathedral Basilica after the 9am and 11am masses. All are welcome to join.

To volunteer, contact SK Frank Hill at (812)249-0038 or rsvp@kofc611.org

THE NEXT GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD:

7:00PM in the Bishop Baker Center on Monday, April 1, 2024. 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 Worthy Grand Knight

I hope all of Council 611 members had a blessed Easter season and were able to attend several masses. There were lots of opportunities to practice our faith at the Cathedral with the Paschal Triduum: Holy Thursday Mass of the Last Supper, celebrated by Bishop Pohlmeier; Good Friday of the Lords Passion; then Live Stations of the Cross at the Mission grounds. Council 611's Chaplain Father Ignatius heard confessions at one of the Stations of the Cross. Father Mac was the narrator for the evening; Holy Saturday Easter Vigil celebrated by Bishop Pohlmeier; Easter Sunday Masses (three masses at the Cathedral and two at St. Benedict the Moor). Members of Council 611 and Ladies Auxiliary contributed by helping with mass, ushering, and serving communion.

At our March 4th business meeting Financial Secretary AJ McCaffery volunteered to be slate of officer's chairman for the new fraternal year 2024-2025. The Ladies Auxiliary collected lots of needed supplies for St. Gerard campus and Deputy Grand Knight Andy Butts delivered the items via his truck. The Ladies' Auxiliary is continuing to collect plastic bags for Epic-Cure food distribution center. Council 611 members continue to volunteer on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at St. Francis food bank distributing food to the people that are food insecure.

On March 16th Council 611 hosted their Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Trivia night, chaired by AJ McCaffery. Several members started preparing the food Friday night from 5pm to 10pm and then came back on Saturday at noon to finish prep and doing the final cooking. This was a great event. Which continues to grow in attendance yearly. We had 105 people attend this year! On March 26th, we had an exemplification for our newest member Robert Hesson. We have exemplified 19 new members so far, this fiscal year. Which is a new record for our council. We are now a Double Star Council and will be honored by the Florida State Council with a personalized retractable banner!

Way to go Council members!

Vivat Jesus,

Sk Frank Hill
Worthy Grand Knight



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Let's talk (412)779-3756 or james.booritch@kofc.org

2024 - 2025 Slate of Council Officers

As presented and nominated at the April 1, 2024 Council Business Meeting, our slate of officers for the Fraternal Year beginning July 1, 2024 will be as follows:

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| Grand Knight: | Frank Hill |
| Deputy Grand Knight: | Andy Butts |
| Chancellor: | Rich Speidel |
| Warden: | Shane O'Hara |
| Treasurer: | Tom Gehret |
| Recorder: | Carl Jacquet |
| Advocate: | Bruce Dufresne, PGK |
| Inside Guard: | Tom Kaczmarczyk |
| Outside Guard: | Scott Walters |
| Trustee 3 Year: | Howard Naquin |

Trustee 2-Year & 1-Year will be Rick Salerno and Gabe Oti, PGK who are continuing their respective 3 and 2 year terms.

Lecturer is appointed by the Grand Knight and Financial Secretary is appointed by the Supreme Knight.

There are still opportunities to nominate a member from the floor at the Election on May 6, 2024 and there are also opportunities to serve as Directors and Chairman of any of the program committees, and non-officers are encouraged to volunteer!!

WELCOME NEW BROTHER KNIGHT!

Welcome new brother knight Robert Hesson who took the Exemplification on Charity, Unity and Fraternity on Friday, March 26, 2024 at St. Benedict of Moore in front of Knights and their own families.

Thank you those brother Knights that officiated the ceremony, Council Chaplain Father Ignatius, Grand Knight Frank Hill, Financial Secretary AJ McCaffery, Deputy Grand Knight Andy Butts, 2-Year Trustee Rick Salerno and Br. Carl Jacquet.



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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The council has not only reached, but has more than DOUBLED its annual goal for the fraternal year. This makes Council 611 eligible for its first Double Star Council Award ever! This is proof that now more than ever, the Knights of Columbus offers our catholic gentlemen what they are longing for: Strengthening their own Faith, Building up their Family in Christ, Providing Charity and giving back to their community and belonging to a fraternal brotherhood that promotes and reflects their values. Have you asked a catholic gentlemen you know to join?

EVERY Knight is a member of the Membership Committee.

For more information, please contact our Membership Director, Br. Jacob Skinner at endlesspressure82@gmail.com or (904)325-1179

Have you asked someone to become a Knight?

(This year's Council goal is 9, to date we have 19)

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 to join!***

Knight and Family of the Month Award Presentations

Grand Knight Frank Hill presenting AL McConnell with Knight of the Month and the McCaffery Family (AJ and wife Rachel) with the Family of the Month for February 2024 at the March Council



Grand Knight Frank Hill presenting Stephen Hill with Knight of the Month and the DeLux Family (Tom and wife Joyce) with the Family of the Month for March 2024 at the March Council



First Florida Council 611 Ladies Auxiliary

DONATIONS REQUESTED

The Ladies Auxiliary is asking everyone to donate and fill baby bottles with money. All donations go directly to St. Gerard Campus.

The Ladies Auxiliary is also requesting plastic grocery bags to donate to the St. Nicolas food bank. Epic Cure donates the food to the food bank for those in need here in St. Augustine every other Wednesday at St. Benedict of Moore and are in continuous need of donated grocery bags to package the donated food to distribute to individuals.

For donations, please contact ladies auxiliary president Linda Hill or bring donations to any Council meeting and/or social event.

ABOUT THE LADIES AUXILIARY

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:

Linda Hill
Cell: (812)249-0165
Email: Lhill1949@gmail.com

Ladies Auxiliary Officers

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|----------------|----------------------|
| President | Linda Hill |
| Vice President | Amy Munson |
| Secretary | Cynthia Day |
| Treasurer | Beth Ann Kaczmarczyk |
| Chaplain | Allie Salerno |
| Greeter | Heather Hill |





THE 4th DEGREE ASSEMBLED



NEXT ASSEMBLY MEETING

The next Assembly Meeting will be held on the 4th Monday of April at 7pm. This fraternal year, the Assembly has elected to rotate its meeting location every month between each of the four parishes of our district in order to make the meetings more accessible to its members. March's meeting location is to be announced. Please watch for an email from our Worthy Faithful Navigator for the meeting location.

Bishop Verot Assembly 0166
San Sebastian Catholic Church – Knights Hall - 1112 FL-16, St. Augustine, FL
Faithful Navigator SK Chris Gallo
(908)798-0243 – cgallo1011@gmail.com

Meetings every 4th Monday of the Month at 7pm, location TBA each month

BIRTHDAYS

SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

| Name | Birthday |
|------------------------|------------|
| Frederick A Schwarb | 03-02-████ |
| Howard P Naquin II | 03-04-████ |
| Richard W Speidel | 03-04-████ |
| Francis P Dupont | 03-09-████ |
| William Murphy Jr | 03-11-████ |
| Msgr. Michael P Morgan | 03-13-████ |
| James J Maguire | 03-23-████ |
| Todd A Miller | 03-28-████ |
| Leonhard A Gerling | 03-29-████ |

| Name | First Degree Date/ Re-entry Date | Years of Service |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Leonhard A Gerling | 03-01-1966 | 58 |
| P. Blaise Bottini | 03-09-1976 | 48 |
| James J Maguire | 03-01-1979 | 45 |
| Michael J Hesson | 03-01-1988 | 36 |
| Kevin B Lyons | 03-01-1988 | 36 |
| George E Mc Crea | 03-01-1991 | 33 |
| Christopher D Williams | 03-30-1995 | 29 |
| Ryan D Olschewske | 03-25-2007 | 17 |
| Kevin Partel | 03-27-2008 | 16 |
| Erick A Hueck | 03-09-2009 | 15 |
| Frederick Catalano | 03-07-2016 | 8 |



Intentions for the Sick or in Distress



Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor.

Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Council Prayers for:

- † Richard Speidel, recently started experiencing a health concern.
- † Fr. Jeff
- † Deacon Chuck
- † Aly, wife of Rick
- † Cathy, wife of District Deputy Robert Billoni
- † Fr. Conrad, in Jacksonville with pancreatic cancer
- † Repose of the soul of Don Edwards
- † Audrey, aunt of AJ McCaffery, with memory issues.
- † Hannah, employee of AJ McCaffery, who suffered a stroke
- † A dear friend of Frank Hill who has colon cancer
- † Steve Barnett, who is having surgery on his neck tomorrow
- † Prayers for Pope Francis and Bishop Pohlmeier.
- † Prayers for our Cathedral priests, deacons, and lay ministers.
- † Prayer for the unrest in Isreal
- † Prayers for our brothers in Ukraine and the people of Ukraine for their courage, resilience, and safe passage.
- † Prayers for our own trials and tribulations because we may never know what's to come.
- † Continued prayers for our current and former first responders, medical professionals and those serving in the military. All are protecting our great country.

April

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|--|-------------------------------|--|----------|--------|----------|
| 31 Easter Sunday | 1 Business Mtng. 7pm Bishop Baker Ctr | 2 | 3 St. Nicholas Food Pantry St. Benedict of Moor 8:30 – 10:30am | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 Monthly Council Social 7pm Bishop Baker Ctr | 16 | 17 St. Nicholas Food Pantry St. Benedict of Moor 8:30 – 10:30am | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 4 th Degree Meeting 7pm TBA | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 Council serving Coffee & Donuts after 9am & 11am masses Rosary Prayer 10:30am Cathedral Basilica | 29 | 30 Officers Meeting TBA | 1 St. Nicholas Food Pantry St. Benedict of Moor 8:30 – 10:30am | 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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