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March 4 Life Dinner (Sunday, January 14, 2023)

First Florida Council 611 will prepare and serve between 200 - 300 spaghetti dinners from 12-3pm immediately following the March for Life at the Bishop Baker Center. Tickets may be purchased day of the event and all proceeds go the March for Life St. Augustine.

For more information, contact Committee Chair Br. Bruce Dufresne at (904)825-0000

Council Monthly Social (Monday, January 16, 2023)

Join First Florida Council 611 for its monthly social with food and fellowship at the Bishop Baker Center located at 267 St. George Street, St. Augustine, FL 32085 from 7 – 9pm.

For more information, contact our Grand Knight Gabe Oti at (904)806-2711 or gjoti3@gmail.com

Corporate Mass & Rosary Prayer (Sunday, January 29, 2023)

Bring your family and join First Florida Council 611 in prayer and celebration of the Holy Eucharist beginning at 10:30pm at the Cathedral Basilica. Reserved seating is available and please wear your council polo shirt.

To reserve seating, contact our Chancellor Josh Currie, PGK at (904)540-9559 or jcurriekofc@gmail.com

THE NEXT GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD:

7:00PM in the Bishop Baker Center on Monday, February 6, 2022. 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

Worthy Brothers, Families and Friends,

This month our council participated in the parish's Night Fire event celebrated on Friday, December 9. It was a worthwhile and beautiful spiritual event. The Parish and Fr. Mac appreciated our help. After the masses on December 17th and 18th, we distributed the Matthew Kelly book, Holy Moments, as a gift from the council, and our parish to our parishioners.

Our participation in parish events continues on February 4th when our council hosts the first parish social of the year, welcoming all parishioners to meet and connect with one another and the parish community.

Brothers, Andrew Butts, and Frank Hill worked with the Cathedral Parish School to organize student involvement in the Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest. The winner was announced and the award presented in the presence of CPS students, parents, and faculty. Father Mac and Father John were also in attendance.

Brother Frank, on behalf of our council delivered a donation of coats for kids in our community to the Emergency Service and Homeless Council of Saint Augustine which help clothe homeless children.

On Saturday, January 14th is the March for Life event. It will be the last one held here in Saint Augustine. Future marches will be moved to Tallahassee. This makes it vital that we have a successful event. A large part of this success is based on your participation and volunteerism. As we do every year, our council will have an important part in the March for Life. As customary we'll provide the spaghetti dinner for all participants.

Join us for our monthly social on Monday January 16th. This is a great opportunity for all of us to get together with family and friends after the Christmas holiday and give thanks by celebrating a family prayer night on the same evening.

Finally, in the month of January our council will have our corporate communion on January 29. The rosary will begin at 10:30 AM followed by the 11 AM mass. If you are attending mass at the Cathedral on that Sunday, please make it the 11 AM mass and join your fellow brother Knights.

Vivat Jesus,
Sk Gabe Oti
Grand Knight



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

COATS FOR KIDS



Deputy Grand Knight Frank Hill, on behalf of First Florida Council 611, delivered a donation of children's size coats to the Emergency Service and Homeless Council of Saint Augustine, which helps to cloth homeless children every day in our community.



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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

First Florida Council 611 has done a great job with new membership in the first half of the fraternal year. To date, we have added five new members and ten transfer members to our council. Let's keep this momentum going and ask a catholic gentlemen you know to join! **EVERY Knight is a member of the Membership Committee.**

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

Have you asked someone to become a Knight?

(This year's Council goal is 9, to date we have 5)

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!***

Keep Christ in Christmas

The Knights of Columbus offers a wonderful program bringing back the true spirit of Christmas and reminding families in our community the season is about more than Santa Claus and presents. The *Keep Christ in Christmas* poster contest provides a foundation of faith for our children and parish community by reinforcing the idea Christmas is the ultimate celebration of the Holy Family.

This year, Brothers Frank Hill and Andrew Butts worked with the Cathedral Parish School's principal, Deacon Bryan Ott and art teacher, Ms Dani Sowards to organize student involvement in the poster contest.



2022 winning poster by CPS 5th grader Christian Chasse'



Brothers Jacob, Andy, Ms. Dani and Brother Frank

Congratulations to Mr Christian Chasse' who won this year's *Keep Christ in Christmas* poster contest. Mr Chasse is a 5th grader at the Cathedral Parish School and created a beautiful poster with tremendous thought. The pearls strung across the drawing symbolize the blessed virgin Mary's purity. The center cross is colored purple for advent and represents the royalty of Christ the King. The superimposed heart on baby Jesus depicts his love for all of us. And the KC holding up the manger are for the Knights of Columbus.



Br. Frank and Andy presenting award to CPS Art teacher, Ms. Dani Soward, who accepted on behalf of 5th Grader Christian Chasse'



Brothers Frank and Andrew presented the award to Ms Sowards on behalf of Mr Chasse'. Brother Jacob Skinner was in attendance as well to watch his kids perform. The presentation was during the school's Christmas pageant and included the entire student body, teachers and all sorts of parents. The Bishop Baker Center was packed with standing room only. Fathers John Tetlow and Mac Hill were also present. Brother Andrew had an opportunity to show and describe Mr Chasse' poster to Father John. "It's beautiful!"

Mr Chasse's poster now competes in the North Florida region and God willing competition at the state, national and international levels. Good luck! Thank you again to principal Deacon Ott and Ms Sowards for their support, the Council for sponsoring the program packet and cash award and especially Mr Chasse' for his most excellent poster creation.

First Florida Council 611 Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary is current collecting donations for the St. Gerard Campus. They are specifically looking for diapers (**Sizes 4 – 6**), 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
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Ladies Auxiliary Officers

President	Cynthia Day
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BIRTHDAYS

Edward	V	Acebal	
Terrance	E	Auten	
Robert	Santo	Billoni	
Gerardo	V	Coello	Jr
Peter		Cramer	
Aaron	C	Day	
Bruce	W	Dufresne	
Frank	A	Hill	
Thomas	J	Jackson	
Jeremiah	F	Lambe	Rev
Mark	Wayne	Lynn	
Evan	R	McDow	
Gabriel	T	Oti	

SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

				Years of Service
Francis	P	Dupont		51
Charles	B	Thomas	Jr	48
George	R	Hesson		46
Dennis	E	Wissel		44
Bruce	W	Dufresne		37
Craig	A	Maguire		37
Emil		Chando		31
Charles	B	Kanaszka	Deacon	21
Andrew	F	Shotwell	Jr	18
Aaron	C	Day		7
David	G	Howard		4
Christopher	M	O'Connor	Dr	1
Rick		Salerno		1
Stone	R	Duro		1
Howard	P	Naquin	II	1



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:

- † Prayers for Deacon Chuck as he endures a serious ailment.
- † Prayers for Lissette Oti for her upcoming surgery.
- † Prayers for GK Gabe's mother, Daisy, who is in the hospital.
- † Prayers for our Cathedral priests, deacons and lay ministers.
- † Prayers for Pope Francis and Bishop Pohlmeier.
- † 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.

***If you know of a brother who is sick or in need of prayers, please contact our Worthy Grand Knight, Sk Gabriel Oti at:
(904)806-2711 or gjoti3@gmail.com***

January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Business Mtng. 7pm Bishop Baker Ctr	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 March 4 Life Spaghetti Dinner 12 - 3pm Bishop Baker Ctr
15	16 MLK Jr. Birthday Council Social 7pm Bishop Baker Center	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 4 th Degree Meeting 7pm San Sebastian	24	25	26	27	28
29 Corp. Mass & Rosary Prayer 10:30am – 12pm Cathedral Basilica	30	31 Officers & Directors Meeting TBA	1	2	3	4 KofC Parish Social 6:30pm – 8:30pm Bishop Baker Ctr
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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