





# The Knightly News

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Br. Massimo Peters Knight of the Month	The Pyle Family Family of the Month	Dep. Grand Knight	SK Frank Hill 812-249-0038
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		Recorder	SK Andrew Butts 571-246-6253
		Financial Secretary	SK AJ McCaffery, FDD, PGK 904-599-1436
		Treasurer	SK Tom Gehret 904-566-8932
		Lecturer	(Vacant)
		Advocate	Bruce Dufresne, PGK 904-825-0000
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### Installation of Officers (Monday, July 17, 2023)

Please join Council 611 for its installation of council officers for the 2023-2024 fraternal year. The installation ceremony will begin at 6pm at St. Benedict of Moor and immediately followed by a social at the Bishop Baker Center.

For more information, contact our Grand Knight Elect, Frank Hill at (812)249-0038 or hill6466@gmail.com

### St. James Procession (Tuesday, July 25, 2023)

The Diocese has requested Council 611 take part in the St. James procession. The procession will be led by the Knights of Malta and the Knights of Malta are in charge of transporting the St. James statue. We will start at the west lawn of the Castillo de San Marco and will proceed to the Cathedral for Mass. The Knights of Malta and the Cathedral have requested that Council 611 also be ushers for the mass. . Procession begins at 6pm and mass at 7pm at the Cathedral Basilica.

For more information, contact SK Frank Hill at (812)249-0038 or hill6466@gmail.com

### Rosary Prayer & Corporate Communion (Sunday, July 30, 2023)

Please join Council 611 for the first of five Blessed Rosary and Corporate Communion at St. Benedict the Moor beginning at 7:30am followed by mass at 8:00am. Please wear your council polo. All family members are welcome to attend.

To reserve your seat please contact our Faith Director SK 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, July 10, 2023.** Due to the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday, our council meeting has been moved to July 10<sup>th</sup>! 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,

As my time as your Grand Knight has come to an end, I want to express my deepest appreciation for everyone's selfless service, unwavering commitment, and generous contributions to our Council, community, and Parish. Everyone's kindness, empathy, and passion, for helping others have made a profound difference in the lives this council has touched and I'm grateful for everyone's time and efforts. This farewell message to our council members is more of a reminder that your impact will always resonate in those we help. Even though this is my farewell address as your Grand Knight, I will always be an active member of our council. I've been honored to serve as your Grand Knight for the past two years. I want to offer my sincerest gratitude for your help in achieve our goals as a council. Thank you for sharing your valuable insights and feedback. We appreciate everyone's contributions, and hope that you found your participation with the council to be rewarding. Again, I want to extend a heartfelt thanks to all.

I know that our incoming officers and our new Grand Knight, Frank Hill, and Deputy Grand Knight, Andy Butts will provide great leadership. Please continue to support them and our council as you have done so graciously in the past. We appreciate your continued contributions and look forward to another great year.

Vivat Jesus,

Sk Gabe Oti  
Grand Knight

P. S.  
Our doors are always open to anyone, so please feel free to contact myself or any other officers if you have any needs, questions or



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### Insurance:

As we are mid-way through 2023, 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 (412)779-3756 or [james.booritch@kofc.org](mailto:james.booritch@kofc.org)

## WELCOME NEW BROTHERS

Please join us in welcoming our newest Brothers in Christ, Bruce Hornik, Carl Jacquet, Ed Xanders, Hal Williford, William Bennett, and Domenic Guastaferrero.



We would also like to welcome three new transfers to our council, Carl Jaquet, Timothy Freeman and Deacon James White, welcome brothers!

## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

First Florida Council 611 is did a great job of recruiting new members in last fraternal year. Our membership goal set by Supreme was 9 and Council 611 met that challenge and its goal for the fifth straight year!

The council hosted three membership drives throughout the fraternal year in the fall and spring, which not only attracted new members, but also more than a dozen current members that transferred their membership to our council. These membership drives are opportunities for the council to invite the men of the parish to join our order and are vital to our council's growth. 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, Sir Knight Frank Hill at [hillf6466@gmail.com](mailto: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 9)*

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!***



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## Bi-Annual Council Picnic (June 11, 2023)

Council 611 celebrated its second annual picnic on Sunday, June 11, 2023 at the World Golf Village the King and Bear activity center at the poolside pavilion. The picnic began at 1 PM and run through 6 PM and everyone exhausted themselves from having a good time. The venue was the same as our first picnic of the year, since everyone enjoyed the variety of amenities available for the kids and adults.



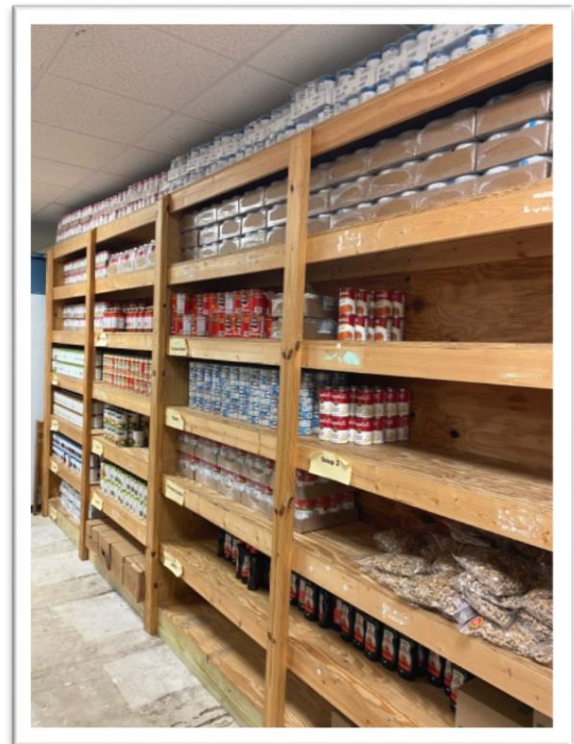
## Council 611 Answers the Call for Catholic Charities

Article Submitted by Andrew Butts

Nothing better than helping a fellow Brother who works at Catholic Charities. Recently exemplified Brother Will Bennett called Brother Frank Hill with an urgent and time sensitive request. He was a little concerned asking the Knights for help with him only being a Knight for a few days. Brother Frank simply stated, "that's what we're here for!"

Catholic Charities, where Brother Will is the Administrative Manager, needed help with an unexpected van load of canned food. He requested two or three Knights to help unload and store the food inside their facility. The van was to arrive within a few hours after Will talked to Frank. Frank quickly reached out to the Council membership email group as well as Grand Knights from the other St Augustine Councils. He received replies and the Brothers went into action. They and Frank's daughter Heather, who's a member of our Ladies Auxiliary, helped unload two box trucks of food at Catholic Charities for their food pantry! An incredible 7.5 tons of goods!! A true testament to "Knights in Action!"

Special thanks to Heather and Brothers Frank, Dave Martinak (Council 11046 Fr Rene Robert - San Sebastian Catholic Church), Massimo Peters, John Gillepsie, and Will. Vivat Jesus!



## Congratulations to the 2023 - 2024 First Florida Council 611 Officers

Grand Knight	Frank Hill
Chaplain	Rev. Inna Reddy Yeruva
Deputy Grand Knight	Andrew Butts
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One Year Trustee	Aaron Day
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Three Year Trustee	Gabriel Oti, PGK

Thank you to the all that served as officers during the 2022-2023 fraternal year. Our success could not have been achieved without your contributions and leadership.

## 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 of plastic grocery bags to donate to a local food bank.

For donations, please contact ladies auxiliary president Beth K or bring donations to meetings and/or social events.

### 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:

Beth Ann Kaczmarczyk

Cell: (904)392-7675

Email: [elizebetheretto@gmail.com](mailto:elizebetheretto@gmail.com)

## Ladies Auxiliary Officers

President	Beth Ann Kaczmarczyk
Vice President	Cynthia Day
Trustee	Lissette Oti
Trustee	Heather Hill
Trustee	Linda Hill







## THE 4<sup>th</sup> DEGREE ASSEMBLED



Submitted by SK Chris Gallo

### Congratulations to the 2023 - 2024 Bishop Verot Assembly 0166 Officers

Faithful Navigator	Christopher Gallo
Faithful Friar	Fr. William Mooney
Faithful Captain	Robert Shilkunus
Faithful Comptroller	Allen McCaffery Jr
Faithful Admiral	Allan Gieselman
Faithful Scribe	Robert Orsino
Faithful Purser	Dennis McNary
Faithful Pilot	Frank Hill
Inner Sentinel	John Mangold
Outer Sentinel	Leigh Gillette
One Year Trustee	William Coleman
Two Year Trustee	Dennis Gaetano
Three Year Trustee	William McGowan

Thank you to the all that served as officers during the 2022-2023 fraternal year. The Assembly took great strides with your contributions and leadership.

*Haven't yet advanced to the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree of Patriotism? Now is the time! There will be a **Exemplification on Patriotism** right here in Jacksonville on **August 26, 2023** at Assumption Catholic Church. It could not be easier. **NO** out of town travel, **NO** hotel stay. **For more information, please contact SK Chris Gallo at (908)798-0243 or [cgallo1011@gmail.com](mailto:cgallo1011@gmail.com)***

Bishop Verot Assembly 0166  
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Faithful Navigator SK AJ McCaffery III, FDD, PGK  
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Meetings every 4th Monday of the Month at 7pm



## BIRTHDAYS

Richard	A	Baker	
Matthew	T	Bell	
Peter	B	Bottini	
Theodore	B	Burkhardt	
Andrew	L	Butts	
David	J	Mariotti	
Jesse	S	Monek	
Christopher	M	O'Connor	
Kevin		Partel	
Eric	M	Stanion	
Charles	B	Thomas	Jr

## SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

				Years of Service
Robert	H	Czopek		31
Charles	P	Broglia		28
Edwin	O	Sia		27
Jamie	S	Knox		15
Arthur	E	Maroney	III	13
Todd		Ojala		4
Joseph	M	Gall		4
Stephen	L	Butler		3
Zavien	P	Van Gemert		2
Jordan	P	Henley		2



## 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 Brother Robert's brother-in-law who is battling late stage mesothelioma.
- † Prayers for Brother Frank's niece who is battling breast cancer.
- † Prayers for Brother AJ's wife's grandmother Selma Obi.
- † Prayers for Brother AJ's mother, Cynthia McCaffery, who is struggling with COPD and possibly lung cancer.
- † Prayers for the repose of Bishop Victor Galeone, Ninth Bishop of St Augustine. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.
- † Prayers for the birth of Brother Tom G's second grandchild.
- † Prayers for GK Gabe's first grandchild, Sylvana who was born 31 May in England.
- † Prayers for Father William Mooney and him being rewarded with peace and love as he struggles with dementia. Fr Mooney is the founding pastor of Corpus Christi parish.
- † 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 is 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.

# July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Business Mtng. 7pm Bishop Baker Ctr	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 Installation of Officers & Social 6:00pm St. Benedict of Moor	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 4th Degree Meeting 7pm San Sebastian	25 St. James Feast Day Procession 6pm Castillo de San Marcos	26	27	28 Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose pilgrimage	29
30 Rosary & Corporate Mass 7:30am St. Benedict of Moor	31	1 Officers Meeting TBA	2	3	4	5

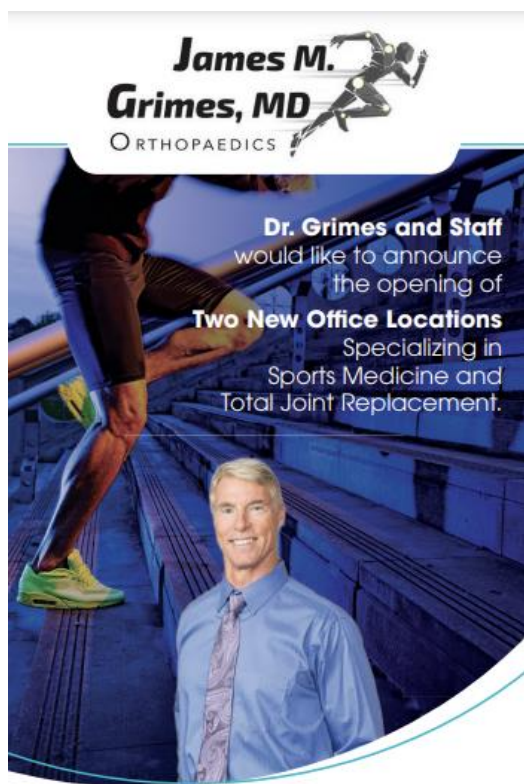
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Black = Council events open to specific council members

Green = Holy Day/Event or Holiday



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