



The Knightly News



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<p>Congratulations to:</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>Br. Ken Brown Knight of the Month</p> <p>Br. Ken led the effort and chaired the Council's St. Paddy's Dinner & Trivia Fundraiser. He spent tireless hours planning, shopping, preparing food and coordinating other volunteers.</p> </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>The McAlister Family Family of the Month</p> <p>The McAlisters are both Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers at the Cathedral Basilica. In addition, they are discussion leaders of the adult Bible Study group and hosted many dinners for them at their home.</p> </div> </div>		<table border="0"> <tr> <td>Grand Knight</td> <td>SK Robert Billoni, PFN</td> <td>954-445-3008</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chaplain</td> <td colspan="2" style="text-align: center;"><i>(temporarily vacant)</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dep. Grand Knight</td> <td>SK Greg Maguire</td> <td>904-347-4460</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chancellor</td> <td>SK Josh Currie, PGK</td> <td>904-540-9559</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Recorder</td> <td>SK AJ McCaffery, PGK, FDD</td> <td>904-599-1436</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Financial Secretary</td> <td>SK Gabe Oti</td> <td>904-806-2711</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Treasurer</td> <td>Mark Van Gemert</td> <td>904-325-1843</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Advocate</td> <td>Bruce Dufresne, PGK</td> <td>904-825-0000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Warden</td> <td>SK Aaron Day</td> <td>904-315-9984</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Inside Guard</td> <td>SK Linwood Finley</td> <td>904-827-1536</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Outside Guard</td> <td>Tom Gehret</td> <td>904-566-8932</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1 Year Trustee</td> <td>Pat Maguire</td> <td>904-794-4460</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2 Year Trustee</td> <td>SK Curt Baker, PGK</td> <td>904-517-9252</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3 Year Trustee</td> <td>John Gillespie, PGK</td> <td>904-347-9426</td> </tr> </table>		Grand Knight	SK Robert Billoni, PFN	954-445-3008	Chaplain	<i>(temporarily vacant)</i>		Dep. Grand Knight	SK Greg Maguire	904-347-4460	Chancellor	SK Josh Currie, PGK	904-540-9559	Recorder	SK AJ McCaffery, PGK, FDD	904-599-1436	Financial Secretary	SK Gabe Oti	904-806-2711	Treasurer	Mark Van Gemert	904-325-1843	Advocate	Bruce Dufresne, PGK	904-825-0000	Warden	SK Aaron Day	904-315-9984	Inside Guard	SK Linwood Finley	904-827-1536	Outside Guard	Tom Gehret	904-566-8932	1 Year Trustee	Pat Maguire	904-794-4460	2 Year Trustee	SK Curt Baker, PGK	904-517-9252	3 Year Trustee	John Gillespie, PGK	904-347-9426
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Online Exemplifications

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

With social distancing due to the COVID-19 virus, Supreme is encouraging Exemplifications online via videos and conferencing (Council goal is 11, to date we have 5)

Now more than ever, catholic men and their families need the Knights of Columbus.

Please contact GK Robert Billoni at (954)445-3008 or rbilloni@gmail.com

Public Rosary

The Council is hosting its 3rd Public Rosary of the fraternal year on **in April via live video conference.**

Please check your inbox for an email that will contain the date, time and a link to join this rosary prayer.

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

20 Days of Council Prayer

Each morning at 7:30pm, Council 611 says a prayer together as a Council.

The daily prayer is emailed to each member the evening before. At 7:30am, each member says the prayer from wherever they are if they are able.

In these times of crisis, Knights band together and lean on their brothers for support. Join us in this daily Morning Prayer. Also, the Cathedral Basilica live streams mass at 8am each day on their Facebook page.

THE NEXT GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD:

Online via Video Conferencing at 7:00PM on Monday, April 6, 2020. You do not need to sign up for any accounts, just check your email for the link to join the meeting.

ALWAYS KEEP YOUR FORM 100 HANDY!



Message from the Grand Knight

Worthy Brothers,

I pray that you and your families are doing well and staying healthy during this pandemic. If you or a brother you know are in need of assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to Council 611. Times of crisis is when we need the Knights of Columbus the most!

This pandemic has no doubt disrupted all of our lives and has caused many of us to suspend our normal daily activities with the exception of leaving our homes only when absolutely necessary. Many of us are even now set up to work remotely from home and having our groceries delivered in an abundance of caution for the virus. Businesses has closed, travel has been suspended, as well as, all public gatherings and this includes all Knights of Columbus events. So how are we adapting to this crisis? How are the Knights of Columbus and Council 611 continuing to function as an organization of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism?

By incorporating the digital and online media tools that have been available and utilized in the business world for many years now. Supreme and Councils across the nation at this very moment are using online video conferencing for Officer and Council Meetings, public rosary prayers, recruitment, Exemplification Ceremonies, fundraisers, etc. They are using media tools such as Google Forms for Council voting and elections. They are utilizing group texts, chat rooms, email broadcasting and their websites to communicate to each other and convey important information.

The Knights of Columbus and First Florida Council 611 are continuing to function as always, just in a new way. Our Council has already been recognized in the past for maintaining an "exceptional" website. For a couple of years now, we have utilized broadcast emailing and group texting as our main vehicle for communicating. Now we are going to take the next step and utilize online video conferencing for our meetings, Exemplifications, fundraising and programing events until this pandemic has passed and public gatherings are once again allowed.

Brothers, it is more important now more than ever to ask ourselves... "Am I who I Say I Am?" so we can all get through this crisis together.

Vivat Jesus,
S/K Robert Billoni, PFN
Worthy Grand Knight



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Insurance:

As we approach the middle of 2020, 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

COFFEE & DONUTS SERVICE

This ministry has been suspended by the Cathedral Basilica until further notice in an abundance of caution due to the COVID-19 virus. Once we are allowed to resume this important ministry, we will. It has been instrumental in:

- Raising needed funds for the parish through donations given by parishioners that the Knights collected each week.
- Engaging and exposing the Knights of Columbus to our parish community nearly each week for nine consecutive months from September through May.
- Generating leads for prospective new members by virtue of the exposure and meaningful interaction with our parishioners each week.
- The engagement itself with our fellow parishioners is a very rewarding and fun experience for each Knight that participates and volunteers.

We will need volunteers once this ministry resumes. More information will be communicated by our Community Director, S/K AJ McCaffery, PGK, FDD at (904)599-1436 or mccaff93@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Councils and the Knights of Columbus are still actively recruiting new members. Our Council goal set by Supreme is 11 new members and to date we have recruited 5. Now more than ever, catholic men and their families need the Knights of Columbus. We can fill out and submit Form 100's and Exemplifications totally online, making it easier than ever before to join the Knights of Columbus.

For more information Grand Knight, Sk Robert Billoni at (954)445-3008 or rbilloni@gmail.com



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Have you asked someone to become a Knight?

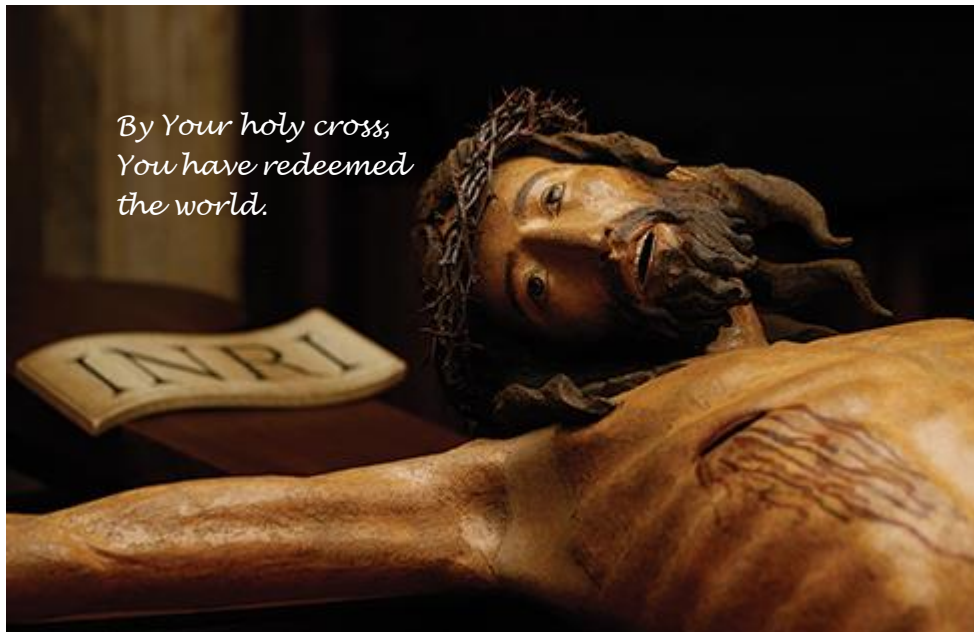
(This year's Council goal is 11, to date we only have 5)

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! A new member can sign-up, submit their Form 100 and participate in their Exemplification on Charity, Unity and Fraternity ceremony all online without even leaving their home!***

Good Friday Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

April 10, 2020



*By Your holy cross,
You have redeemed
the world.*

Good Friday is a central role in the heart of Christianity and despite the stay at home executive order by the State of Florida, Knights can attend services with our families at home in unity.

The Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine will stream the Good Friday Passion live on their Facebook page Friday, April 10, 2020 beginning at 3:00PM at

https://www.facebook.com/thefirstparish/?ref=br_rs

We ask every Knight to make special point to gather their family at home and watch the Good Friday Passion together. We may be separated due to social distancing, but we can be united together in spirit and our actions at 3pm on April 10, 2020.



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Complete Holy Week Schedule at the Cathedral Basilica

- **Palm Sunday is this coming Sunday.** We will be doing Mass at 8:00 am. Streaming on Facebook and YouTube at that time. We will bless palms at that mass. They will be available for pickup in the church and probably in the west courtyard (depending on the weather) after mass.
- **Chrism Mass** is postponed to a future date (unknown at this time)
- **Mass of the Lords Supper - Holy Thursday** - will be at 6:00 pm also streaming live at that time on Facebook and YouTube. Including Veneration of the Cross.
- **Good Friday Passion** - 3:00 pm - Streaming live at that time.
- **Easter Vigil - Holy Saturday** - 8:30 pm - will be somewhat condensed - streaming live at that time on Facebook and YouTube.

Christian Refugee Relief

The Knights of Columbus would like to draw your attention to the persecution of Christians worldwide. In fact, according to the International Society for Human Rights, 80 percent of religious discrimination in our world today is directed against Christians. A terrible microcosm of this phenomenon is occurring in Iraq and Syria, where Christians have been murdered, enslaved and driven from their homes in staggering numbers. Let us all pray together this season as a parish to bring relief to our fellow Christian around the world.

PRAYER FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

O God of all the nations,
the One God who is and was and always will be,
in your providence you willed that your Church
be united to the suffering of your Son.
Look with mercy on your servants
who are persecuted for their faith in you.
Grant them perseverance and courage
to be worthy imitators of Christ.
Bring your wisdom upon leaders of nations
to work for peace among all peoples.
May your Spirit open conversion
for those who contradict your will,
that we may live in harmony.
Give us the grace to be united in truth and freedom,
and to always seek your will in our lives.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians, pray for us.

Helping Hands

Saturday, March 14, 2020



With the St. Patrick's Dinner and Trivia Night Fundraiser to benefit the Cathedral Parish School & St. Joseph's Academy Annual Council 611 Student Scholarship Fund cancelled by the Cathedral Basilica out of an abundance of caution for the COVID-19 virus, the Council turned lemons into lemonade by cooking the food for that dinner and donating & serving over 100 meals to the homeless and needy through St. Joseph's Catholic Church that runs a monthly ministry through the Mandarin Food Bank.

A very special and heart filled *"Thank you"* to Br. Ken Brown, the brothers that volunteered and the Ladies Auxiliary that worked so hard planning and preparing for the St. Paddy's Dinner & Trivia Night. They were working every day for weeks leading up to the day of the dinner when it was cancelled purchasing and prepping food, creating decorations, selling tickets and making arrangements for entertainment and raffle prizes.

First Florida Council 611 recognizes your exceptional efforts and is proud of you!

The Cemetery for the Innocents

Saturday, March 7, 2020



Brothers and their families of First Florida Council 611 participated and helped install hundreds of crosses at the Mission de Dios in St. Augustine on Saturday, March 7, 2020 from 9am - 12pm. Each cross represented an innocent life lost each day.

This is an annual event that is co-sponsored by the St. Gerard Campus of St. Augustine and the Knights of Columbus.

First Florida Council 611 would like to thank each brother and their families. We are proud of you and you answered the question, "Am I Who I Say I am"!



FROM OUR FIELD AGENT



Most of you know me as your Knights of Columbus Field Agent but before that I'm a Brother Knight and as such I wanted to send you a quick note that reflects the posture of the Knights of Columbus and my own commitment to serve you and your family in these unprecedented times.

As a framework, I want to employ the five pillars that Supreme Knight Carl Anderson has pointed to as characteristics found in men who, in time of crisis, not only survive but lead.

First, **we remain rooted in the truth of the faith.** We pray for one another, for the sick and the dying, and for the Church and world. In this we remain true to Fr. McGivney's vision of protecting families within the sure tracks of the Catholic faith.

Second, the Knights can be counted on to **step into the breach.** When disasters strike, the Knights are there with prayer and work, supporting first responders, providing shelter and assistance to those affected. This time is no different. Working together, we remain united and strong.

Third, **a Knight stays at his post.** I understand that you have concerns about health, finances, job security, savings, retirement, and these have only increased in these days. I am here to help allay those concerns and to answer any questions you may have.

We are ready **to suffer for the good.** It has fallen to us agents and our Supreme Council leadership to roll up our sleeves and get to work so we can remain effective as we work remotely and maintain social distance. To that end, we are employing new technology that allows us to meet "virtually," using a secure video conferencing software. It allows us to see each other, and to share a screen that features forms and other graphics.

Finally, **a Knight maintains humble confidence.** My commitment to you, our members and families, remains steady and is built not primarily on my qualifications but on the strength of our Order, which has grown and strengthened over more than 135 years. Our Order is strong, and our guarantees remain in place.

As always, I stand ready to help. If you or anyone you know need assistance of any kind during these trying times, please feel free to contact me at (386) 235-4064.

Faternally,

Stanley Hetrick, FICF
Field Agent

BIRTHDAYS

DONALD	A	CRICHLOW		04-03
GERARD	P	OHARE		04-03
ALLEN	JB	MCCAFFERY	III	04-06
RONALD	D	MICKLER		04-14
MICHAEL	J	HESSON		04-18
GEORGE	A	EDWARDS		04-20
WILLIAM		DUFRESNE		04-22
JOSEPH	M	GALL		04-25
JOHN	F	BRADSHAW	III	04-29

SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

STEVE	J	BARANSKY		45 Years
DARRELL	R	POLI		40
LEOPOLDO	B	GONZALEZ	MD	24
CHARLES	D	BINNINGER		23
JOHN	B	GILLESPIE		16
JOE		ZITO	JR	13
EDMUNDO	ERVAS	DON		13
DANIEL	A	NOLAN		13
KENNETH	R	TRENGROVE		13
ALLEN	JB	MCCAFFERY	III	9
NESTOR	R	LOPEZ		5
IVAN		CARRILLO		5
JON	A	SMITH		5
CARLOS	M	SOSA-ORTIZ		5
JAMES	M	GRIMES		1
RANDAL	JOHN	LARSON		1
TOM	M	KACZMARCEYK		1



For the Good of the Order



Council Prayers for:

- ❖ GK Jim Waggoner
- ❖ All those effected by COVID-19
- ❖ All first responders and medical personnel
- ❖ All of our service men & women

If you know of a brother who is sick or in need of prayers, please contact our Worthy Grand Knight, S/K Robert Billoni at: 954-445-3008 or rbilloni@gmail.com

April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 20 Days of Morning Prayer	30 20 Days of Morning Prayer	31 20 Days of Morning Prayer	1 20 Days of Morning Prayer	2 20 Days of Morning Prayer	3 20 Days of Morning Prayer	4 20 Days of Morning Prayer
5 20 Days of Morning Prayer Palm Sunday Live stream mass at 8am Cathedral's Facebook page	6 Business Mtng. 7pm **ONLINE** 20 Days of Morning Prayer Holy Monday	7 20 Days of Morning Prayer Holy Tuesday	8 20 Days of Morning Prayer Holy Wednesday	9 20 Days of Morning Prayer Maundy Thursday Live stream mass at 6pm Cathedral's Facebook page	10 20 Days of Morning Prayer Good Friday Live stream mass at 3pm Cathedral's Facebook page	11 20 Days of Morning Prayer Holy Saturday Live stream mass at 8:30pm Cathedral's Facebook page
12 20 Days of Morning Prayer Easter Sunday	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 No Monthly Social this month	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 Officers & Directors Meeting **ONLINE**	29	30	1	2
3	4 Business Mtng. 7pm TBA	5	6	7	8	9

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S/K Greg Maguire

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