



The Knightly News



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KNIGHT AND FAMILY OF THE MONTH		Council 611 Officers	
Congratulations to:		Grand Knight	SK Robert Billoni, PFN 954-445-3008 <i>(temporarily vacant)</i>
Br. Frank Hill Knight of the Month	The Day Family Family of the Month	Chaplain	SK Greg Maguire 904-347-4460
Br. Frank led the Council's Phone Tree effort to reach out to each member individually by telephone during the pandemic. He personally reached out to 50 members. Council 611 can't thank you enough!	The Day family are very active with Council 611. Sk Aaron serves as Warden & Program Dir. Cynthia was instrumental in re-founding the Ladies Aux. & serves as President. Both volunteer for nearly all 611's events.	Dep. Grand Knight	SK Josh Currie, PGK 904-540-9559
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		Recorder	SK Gabe Oti 904-806-2711
		Financial Secretary	Mark Van Gemert 904-325-1843
		Treasurer	Bruce Dufresne, PGK 904-825-0000
		Advocate	SK Aaron Day 904-315-9984
		Warden	SK Linwood Finley 904-827-1536
		Inside Guard	Tom Gehret 904-566-8932
		Outside Guard	Pat Maguire 904-794-4460
		1 Year Trustee	SK Curt Baker, PGK 904-517-9252
		2 Year Trustee	John Gillespie, PGK 904-347-9426
		3 Year Trustee	
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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 conducting Exemplifications online via videos and conferencing (Council goal is 7, 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

Council Rosary Prayer

The Council is hosting its 4th Public Rosary of the fraternal year (2nd via Zoom online video conferencing) on **Sunday, May 31st.**

A link to join the online meeting room will be emailed to the members.

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

Council Gatherings

On Monday, May 4, Bishop Felipe Estévez announced that the parishes of the Diocese of St. Augustine will begin the celebration of public Masses for the Sixth Sunday of Easter (May 16 and 17). Weekday Masses will begin on Monday, May 18th.

No word yet as to when all parish facilities will be open and available for the parish's ministries to use again for its meetings and events.

THE NEXT GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD:

7:00PM (Location is To Be Announced) on Monday, June 1, 2020. **Election of Officers for the 2020-2021 fraternal year will be held.**

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. Again, 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 stopped us from gathering together. Cancelled our fundraisers, meetings and all events. So how have we been adapting to this crisis? How has First Florida Council 611 continuing to function as an organization of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism?

Over the past two months, Council 611 has continued to operate day-to-day with digital and online media tools. We have been using online video conferencing for Officer, Council and Committee Meetings, Exemplification Ceremonies, and other programs like 20 Days of Prayer, Good Friday Promotion, Disaster Preparedness, a Public Rosary, We even prepared and delivered 100 meals to help those in our community in need. We have been using media tools like group texts, chat rooms, email broadcasting, our website and our Facebook page to communicate to each other and convey important information. We have even dug up an old technology, the telephone, and called over 100 of our members that we have telephone numbers for individually to see how they have been doing and if they needed any assistance.

First Florida Council 611 has not only weathered the storm and continued to function day-to-day, but we have excelled in our efforts to overcome the challenges of a pandemic, public shut down and social distancing. As the restrictions are lifting and life is beginning to return to normal, our Council is even stronger than before.

First Florida Council 611 is answering the question "Are We Who We Say We Are?"

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

COUNCIL ROSARY PRAYER

Join your Council members and their families for the 2nd online rosary prayer 7PM on Sunday, May 31, 2020.

- A link with details to the online meeting room will be emailed to all members.
- Log on with a computer 5 minutes prior to the prayer. If using a mobile device, you will need to download the Zoom meeting application first, its FREE.
- Once you have log into the meet **MUTE YOUR MICRPHONE AND SPEAKER.** It is very distracting to the individual trying to lead the decade.

For more information, please contact our Faith Director, Sk Josh Currie, PGK at (904)599-1436 or jcurriekofc@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Councils and the Knights of Columbus are still actively recruiting new members (**over 3,000 in the last two months**). Our Council goal, set by Supreme, is now 7 new members (reduced due to the COVID-19 Virus) 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 preform the Exemplifications totally online. It only takes 30 minutes, making it easier than ever before to join the Knights of Columbus.

For more information, please contact our Worthy 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 7, 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 register and participate in their Exemplification on Charity, Unity and Fraternity ceremony all online without even leaving their home. It only takes 30 minutes!***

Proposed Slate of Council Officers 2020-2021

<i>Grand Knight:</i>	<i>SK Robert Billoni, PFN</i>
<i>Deputy Grand Knight:</i>	<i>SK Gabe Oti</i>
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Elections to be held at the Regular Council Meeting on Monday, June 1, 2020

Introducing the First Florida Council 611 Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary of First Florida Council 611 officially began on March 2, 2020 with its first meeting where they adopted their Constitution and By-Laws and elected their officers.

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 its Assembly.

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
Secretary	Brittney Van Gemert
Treasurer	Beth Ann Kaczmarczyk
Trustee	Lissette Oti
Trustee	Heather Hill
Trustee	Linda Hill



Disaster Preparedness

It only takes one storm to change your life and community. Tropical cyclones are among nature's most powerful and destructive phenomena. If you live in an area prone to tropical cyclones, you need to be prepared. The threats from hurricanes to you and your family can vary widely depending on where you live. It's not just those along the coast that can experience significant, life-threatening impacts. Evaluate what you need to do to protect your home and family NOW, before the first storm of the season even forms.

Take some time this month to make sure you have a hurricane evacuation plan. The first thing you need to do is find out if you live in a storm surge hurricane evacuation zone or if you're in a home that would be unsafe during a hurricane. If you are, figure out where you'd go and how you'd get there if told to evacuate. You do not need to travel hundreds of miles. Identify someone, perhaps a friend or relative who doesn't live in an evacuation zone or unsafe home, and coordinate with them to use their home as your evacuation destination. Be sure to account for your pets, as most local shelters do not permit them. Put the plan in writing for you and those you care about.

As hurricane season approaches, listen to local officials on questions related to how you may need to adjust any evacuation plans based on the latest health and safety guidelines from the CDC and your local officials. For more information, and additional resources, please go to www.ready.gov/hurricanes and <https://www.weather.gov/wrn/hurricane-preparedness>.

As part of our Council's Disaster Preparedness Program, we have highlighted some action step to take before Hurricane Season begins on June 1, 2020 from FEMA and [Ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov). Here in the Nation's Oldest City, we are no stranger to Hurricanes, and we want to help you make sure you're doing all you can to be prepared! [#HurricanePrep](https://twitter.com/HurricanePrep)

- **Determine Your Risk**
 - Are you in a flood or storm surge area
- **Develop an Evacuation Plan**
 - Keep your important documents together for quick access, take photos of valuables and remember not all shelters allow pets
- **Assemble Disaster Supplies**
 - Don't forget things like cash and medications
- **Get an Insurance Checkup on Your Property**
 - Flood Insurance must be obtained separately
- **Strengthen Your Home**
 - Trim trees on your property, get approved window coverings
- **Help Your Neighbor**
 - Help those that need assistance to prepare
- **Complete a Written Plan**
 - Share and review it with everyone in your household

Join Council 611 for an online 30 minute Disaster Preparedness Presentation on Monday, May 18, 2020 at 7PM on Zoom. Meeting ID: 666 342 0924, Password: 133669 or copy and paste this URL address <http://us04web.zoom.us/j/6663420924>

BIRTHDAYS

CHRISTOPHER	D	WILLIAMS		05-02
ROBERT	E	QUINN		05-03
NICHOLAS	E	ALBANESE		05-04
ERICK	A	HUECK		05-07
PHILIP	R	GAGAN		05-11
WILLIAM	CURTIS	BAKER		05-14
LEOPOLDO	B	GONZALEZ	MD	05-18
CORY		MARA		05-18
GUY	A	MALTESE		05-20
MARK		VAN GEMERT		05-21
GREG		DIVICO		05-23
PATRICK	J	MAGUIRE		05-24
CHRIS		KALLENBERGER		05-25
GREGORY	E	LOYA		05-26

SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

CONRAD	P	KARWAY	56 Years
DANIEL	J	TAYLOR	46
RICHARD	F	MAFFEI	42
CHARLES	H	PETERSON	32
GREG		DIVICO	31
DONALD	A	CRICHLLOW	29
ALEX		DUFRESNE	16
WILLIAM		DUFRESNE	15
GABRIEL	J.	OTI	10
RICHARD		LYNN	6
CHRISTOPHER	S	LYNN	6
MARK		VAN GEMERT	5
EVAN	R	MCDOW	5
WILLIAM	F	ROBERTS	5
RICHARD	A	BAKER	4
THOMAS	J	MC NAMARA	1



For the Good of the Order



Council Prayers for:

- ❖ Sk Josh Currie, PGK & wife for the birth of their first child
- ❖ Continued prayers GK Jim Waggoner
- ❖ Continued prayers Br. Don Fox had a stroke
- ❖ Repose of the soul of Sk James Plungis
- ❖ All those afflicted with the COVID-19 virus
- ❖ All first responders and medical personnel
- ❖ All our service men & women

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

MAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	1 Council Rosary Prayer 7pm **Online**	2
3	4 Business Mtng. 7pm **ONLINE**	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Disaster Preparedness Presentation 7PM **ONLINE**	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 Officers & Directors Meeting **ONLINE**	27	28	29	30
31 Council Rosary Prayer 7pm **Online**	1 Business Mtng Officer Elections 7pm TBA	2	3	4	5	6

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Sk Greg Maguire

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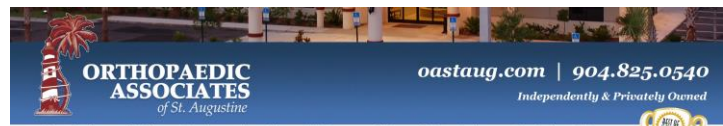
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