





The Knightly News



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KNIGHT AND FAMILY OF THE MONTH		Council 611 Officers	
<p style="text-align: center;">Congratulations to:</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Sk Tom Gehret Knight of the Month</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">The Carberry Family Family of the Month</p>		Grand Knight: SK Robert Billoni, PFN 954-445-3008 Chaplain: (temporarily vacant) Dep. Grand Knight: SK Gabe Oti 904-806-2711 Chancellor: SK Josh Currie, PGK 904-540-9559 Recorder: SK Frank Hill 812-249-0038 Financial Secretary: SK AJ McCaffery, PGK, FDD 904-599-1436 Treasurer: Mark Van Gemert 904-325-1843 Lecturer: SK Ken Brown 315-729-4211 Advocate: Bruce Dufresne, PGK 904-825-0000 Warden: SK Aaron Day 904-315-9984 Inside Guard: SK Linwood Finley, PFN 904-827-1536 Outside Guard: Tom Kaczmarczyk 904-540-6749 1 Year Trustee: SK Pat Maguire 904-794-4460 2 Year Trustee: SK Tom Gehret 904-566-8932 3 Year Trustee: John Gillespie, PGK 904-347-9426	
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Fraternal Benefits Night

(Wednesday, April 28, 2021 @ 7:30pm)

Knights of Columbus Insurance is doing a statewide fraternal benefits presentation by Van Mueller. Van Mueller is one of the top speakers in the insurance and financial industry. He is an author and dynamic speaker known for helping clients plan successful insurance and retirement strategies.

Registration link:
<https://register.flkofc.com>

Family Prayer Night

(Monday, April 19, 2021)

Join us for a 25 minute prayer night with family and friends. This will take place online via Zoom so you and your family can join us from the comfort of your home. Watch for an email with a link to the online prayer event.

For more information, please contact our Worthy Faith Program Director, Sk Josh Currie, PGK at jcurriekofci@gmail.com

Council Fundraisers

First Florida Council 611 has some a few Five Star Gift Cards left (\$25 Gift Card for \$20 each), as well as, Council Polo's (\$35) and T-Shirts (\$15) available for sale. Finally, KofC State Raffle Tickets are available for \$1.00 each (\$10 per book of 10 tickets). Council receives \$0.50 for every ticket sold. Check and credit cards are accepted. All proceeds go towards the new St. Gerard Campus Sonogram.

For more information, please contact Sk AJ McCaffery III at mccaff93@gmail.com or (904)599-1436.

THE NEXT GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD:

7:00PM in the Bishop Baker Center on Monday, May 3, 2021. Join us for the rosary at 6:45pm. Located at 267 St. George Street. This is an In-person meeting. Facial covering and social distancing will be required. ALWAYS KEEP YOUR FORM 100 HANDY!



Message from the Grand Knight

Worthy Brothers,

Council events are back in full swing and we have many brothers eagerly participating.

Congratulations to Tom Gehret and Andrew Butts who took their 4th Degree Exemplification on March 20th and are now titled Sir Knights.

I would like to welcome Tom De Lux who is a new member and joined the Knights of Columbus, taking his Exemplification on Charity, Unity and Fraternity this past month. Congratulations and welcome Brother Tom!

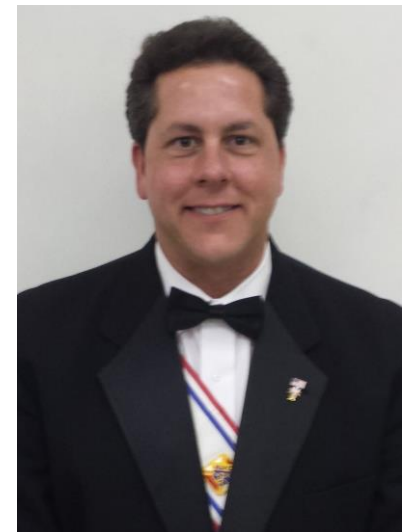
To date, we have exceeded our goal for recruitment for the Dr. McGivney Award, met our requirements for the Founder's Award and have completed 11 of our 16 required Faith, Family, Life and Community programs toward the Columbia Award. First Florida Council 611 is on track to receive the Star Council Award for the third year in a row!

Elections of Council Officers for the 2021 – 2022 Fraternal Year is quickly approaching. If you would like to be an officer or would like to nominate someone, please contact Sk AJ McCaffery III, PGK, FDD or any of the Council Trustees to submit your name or nomination. The election will be held during the June Council Meeting. There is a complete list of Council Officers on page 5 of this newsletter.

Let's keep this momentum going! First Florida Council 611's service to our faith and community is stronger than ever. I hope if you haven't been involved in sometime, you will see all the good that this Council and our great brothers are doing. Now may be the time to ask yourself "Am I who I say I am?" If you are not, become active in the Council again. You won't be disappointed. Here at 611, there is a program for everyone!

Vivat Jesus,

S/K Robert Billoni, PFN
Worthy Grand Knight
First Florida Council 611



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Insurance:

As we begin 2021, 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 PROGRAMING

First Florida Council 611 invites its members and their families to participate in following individual Faith in Action programs this 2020-2021 fraternal year.

These programs included:

- Spiritual Reflection Program
- Refund Support Vocations Program
- Rosary Program
- Helping Hands
- Habitat for Humanity
- Disaster Preparedness Program
- Consecration to the Holy Family
- Family Prayer Nights
- Good Friday Family Promotion Program
- Family of the Month/Year
- Novena for Life Program
- March for Life
- Pregnancy Center Support Program

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Our Council is doing an amazing job this fraternal year of recruitment. We have exceeded our goal for Star Council and are on our way to **Double Star Council!**

This is proof that 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 to become a full 3rd Degree Knight, making it easier than ever before to join the Knights of Columbus.

For more information, please contact our Membership Director, Sk Frank Hill at fhill@ma.rr.com or (812) 249-0038



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Have you asked someone to become a Knight?

(This year's Council goal is 8, 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! 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!***

First Florida Council 611 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:

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



First Florida Council 611 is now accepting nominations for its slate of elected Officers for the coming 2021-2022 Fraternal Year... Will You Answer the Call?

Grand Knight

- Presides over all council meetings
- Appoints program and membership directors
- Appoints committees as needed
- Countersigns orders for payment and checks
- Ensures the submission of all paperwork required by the Supreme and State Councils
- Maintains working relationships with the council's chaplain, district deputy, field agent and general agent, as well as with other local service organizations (e.g. Habitat for Humanity, food pantries/soup kitchens)
- Has a working knowledge of the kofc.org website, Officers Online and Member Management
- Responsible for his council's First Degree Team and the scheduling of frequent First Degree Ceremonials

Deputy Grand Knight

- Assists the grand knight with operation of the council
- Presides at council meetings in the absence of the grand knight
- Is recommended to serve on the council's retention committee
- Has a working knowledge of the Knights of Columbus website, Officers Online and Member Management
- Performs other such duties as the grand knight may direct

Chancellor

- Assists the grand knight and deputy grand knight with their duties, as assigned
- Is entrusted with strengthening the members' interest in council activities
- Is recommended to serve as the chairman of the Admission Committee
- Performs other such duties as the grand knight may direct

Recorder

- Responsible for keeping and maintaining a true and permanent record of all actions of the council, using a Recorder's Minute Book (#1403)
- Maintains all correspondence of the council
- Reads the bills entered into the minutes for discussion
- Performs such other duties as the grand knight may direct

Treasurer

- Handles council funds
- Receives money from the financial secretary and deposits it in the proper council accounts
- Maintains all of the council's checking and savings accounts
- Is responsible for paying all council expenses, including assessments from the Supreme Council
- Performs other such duties as the grand knight may direct

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Advocate

- Acts as parliamentarian for the council
- Has a working knowledge of Method of Conducting Council Meetings (#10318)
- Knows the council's bylaws and the Order's Charter, Constitution and Laws (#30)
- Has access to Officers Online and Officers Desk Reference 12
- Seeks legal assistance from the state advocate as needed
- Performs other such duties as the grand knight may direct

Warden

- Supervises and maintains all council property
- Arranges the council chambers for meetings and degree exemplifications
- Oversees inside and outside guards
- Performs other such duties as the grand knight may direct

Inside/Outside Guards

- Attend the doors of the council chamber, checking for current membership cards and allowing entrance
- Perform other such duties as the grand knight may direct

Board of Trustees

- Consists of the grand knight and three other members, who are elected by the council's membership for terms of three years, two years and one year
- At each regular election, the position of each trustee will be voted upon, with the current three- and two-year trustee potentially moving on to become the two- and one-year trustee, respectively
- Supervises all financial procedures of the council and conducts the semiannual audits
- Ensures that proper protocol and procedures are followed by the council for the payment of monies — however, cannot override the vote of the council's membership

The fraternal year begins on July 1, 2021 and ends on June 30, 2022. If you would like to nominate a fellow brother or to nominate yourself for this coming fraternal year's slate, submit your nominations to any member of the Council Board of Trustees.

Elections for First Florida Council 611 will be held at the beginning of the Council's Monthly Business Meeting on June 7, 2021 at 7pm in the Bishop Baker Center.

BIRTHDAYS

DONALD	A	CRICHLLOW		04-03
GERARD	P	OHARE		04-03
ALLEN	J	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

DARRELL	R	POLI		41 Years
LEOPOLDO	B	GONZALEZ	MD	25
CHARLES	D	BINNINGER		24
JOHN	B	GILLESPIE		17
KENNETH	R	TRENGROVE		14
JOE		ZITO	JR	14
EDMUNDO	ERVAS	DON		14
DANIEL	A	NOLAN		14
ALLEN	J	MCCAFFERY	III	10
NESTOR	R	LOPEZ		6
JON	A	SMITH		6
IVAN		CARRILLO		6
CARLOS	M	SOSA-ORTIZ		6
STEVE	J	BARANSKY		4
TOM	M	KACZMARCEYK		2
RANDAL	JOHN	LARSON		2
JAMES	M	GRIMES		2



For the Good of the Order



Council Prayers for:

- ❖ Repose for the soul of Council 611 Past Grand Knight Robert (Bob) Dooley
- ❖ Continued prayers for our Worthy District Deputy, Sk Bob Grimaldi, PGK, PFN
- ❖ Worthy Financial Secretary Sk AJ McCaffery III, PGK, FDD who was recently diagnosed with fiber myalgia
- ❖ Worthy Financial Secretary Sk AJ McCaffery's Aunt Audrey and Uncle Joe with dementia
- ❖ Fr. William Mooney with dementia
- ❖ Worthy Deputy Grand Knight Sk Gabe Oti as he continues to recover from COVID-19
- ❖ Sk Ryan LaPorte's sister-in-law with abdominal cancer, as well as, his uncle who has COVID-19
- ❖ Worthy Warden Sk Aaron Day's Uncle Alfred
- ❖ Worthy Inside Guard Sk Linwood Finley, PFN who is on kidney dialysis
- ❖ Worthy Grand Knight Sk Robert Billoni's mother who recently suffered a stroke
- ❖ All those afflicted with the COVID-19 virus
- ❖ All first responders and medical personnel
- ❖ All our service men & women

April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1 Holy Thursday	2 Good Friday	3 Holy Saturday
4 Easter Sunday	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Business Mtng. 7pm Bishop Baker Ctr	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Family Prayer Night 7pm Zoom.com	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 4 th Degree Meeting 7pm San Sebastian	27 Officers & Directors Meeting TBA	28	29	30	1
2	3 Business Mtng. 7pm Bishop Baker Ctr	4	5	6	7	8

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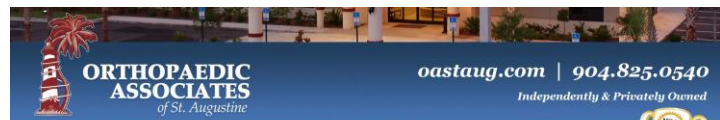
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