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Monthly Social

First Florida 611 will host the monthly socials this month on Monday, March 21, 2022 at the Bishop Baker Center at 7pm (doors open at 6:30pm).

All knights, their families, potential new members and the parish are invited to join us.

For more information, please contact our Worthy Grand Knight, Gabe Oti at (904)806-2711

Cathedral Festival

The Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine will be hosting its 37th Annual Cathedral Festival the weekend of February 25th – 27th, 2022 at the Mission Grounds. The festival offers exciting midway rides, games, raffles, great food and live music.

Please wear your council shirt to show the parish community that the Knights of Columbus is well represented and supportive.

St. Patrick's Corn Beef & Cabbage Dinner

(Cancelled)

First Florida Council 611 has cancelled its annual Corn Beef and Cabbage dinner benefitting the vocations that 611 financially supports throughout the year because the increase in prices made it prohibited to offset any costs. For more information or to volunteer, contact our Worthy Grand Knight, Gabe Oti at (904)806-2711.

THE NEXT GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD:

7:00PM in the Bishop Baker Center on Monday, March 7, 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 Grand Knight

Worthy brothers, families and friends,

As always I would like to thank our Brothers and their families for their continued support and dedication to our council and parish. I would especially like to extend my appreciation to all of those who gave their time and effort to our events throughout the month. In our council meetings we continue to cover upcoming events and our council's goals for the year.

Our monthly social was held on Monday February 21st and we had a good turnout. We would like to express our gratitude to Brother Frank Hill his wife Linda and daughter Heather for preparing the main course. On the same night Brother Aaron Day lead us in our family prayer night and rosary.

Spiritual reflection is such an important part of our lives as practicing Catholics and a corner stone of our family life. In our continued efforts towards our spiritual fulfillment our council will be handing out prayer cards promoting the Novena for Life beginning on the 25th of March— A day that Knights of Columbus around the world have set aside as “the day of the unborn child”. Our council will hand out the cards on Sunday, March 20th after each mass. Simultaneously on the same day we will hold a membership drive and have tables set up on the west courtyard of the Cathedral. I encourage everyone to participate and look forward to seeing all of you on Sunday.

Our council was scheduled to man the fish fry concession at the Parish Carnival On Friday February 25th, unfortunately the parish had to cancel the concession due to the inflated costs of fish and meats. But I'm happy to say that many of our council members volunteered to help out in other venues. We would like to thank those who gave their time and represented our council well. We have planned our own council fish fries on Friday April 1st and 8th from 3:30 PM to 8 PM at the Cathedral Parish school. Whether you're volunteering or not, I encourage everyone to stop on by and bring your family and friends.

We have a very busy beginning to 2022 and the second half of our fraternal year. There are other future events on the horizon and your participation will be greatly appreciated.

We need to continue the wonderful contributions that many of our brothers and their families have made to our council, parish, and community. I look forward to seeing all of you in our future meetings, socials and events.

Vivat Jesus,

Sk Gabriel Oti



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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

Message from the Chaplain Father Matthew Ibok

This Lent is special time in many senses: We are freer this year to observe our Lenten practices more than we did the last two years because of the pandemic. The number of people still with the virus and in the hospital or dying is considerably down from the past couple of years. Our Churches are more parked as the number of people who come for Masses and other activities is increasing. Many ministries have returned and less programs are offered via livestream to continue to accommodate those with underlying health conditions. But we are not there yet, as some people and regions in the world are still battling with the virus. In any case, we thank God for the progress so far courtesy of some of our leaders and medical professionals.

Sadly, we all witness the war launched by Russia on Ukraine during this time. Wars have both intended and unintended consequences. The war in Ukraine is already devastating: Many people including soldiers and civilians have been killed or maimed, facilities that worth billions in any currency have been destroyed, the seeds of hatred between Russia and Ukraine that may be irreconcilable have been sown, the future has been tarnished, the world order is thrown off balance, the call by Pope Francis and other peace loving leaders to stop the violence is ignored, and the worse is that nobody knows when all the atrocities will end. All these make this 2022 Lent challenging.

How can we make Ukraine and other countries people are suffering our focus for our Lenten practices: Is it almsgiving to rehabilitate the people devastated? Is it prayer for the salvation of the innocent who been killed? Is it forgiveness for those who perpetuate the evils or have responsibility to do something but keep quiet? To all these questions, the Knight of Columbus would say YES, and I plead with God to grant them the GRACE to fulfill their collective YES.

May God reward anybody who has already reached out to Ukraine and all other victims of man-made disasters, Amen

Fr. Matthew Ibok

You may contact Fr. Matthew at (904) 824-2806 ext. 303 or by email at frmatthewstaug@gmail.com



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For more information on up and coming Faith Programs, please contact our Faith Programs Director, Sk Josh Currie, PGK at jcuriekofc@gmail.com or (904)540-9559

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Our Council has achieved 100% of its recruitment goal of new members this fraternal year. 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.

Let's keep this momentum going. Just wear your council shirt to mass and let us know who you think would make a great Knight.

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



Have you asked someone to become a Knight?

(This year's Council goal is 8, to date we have 8)

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 Ladies Auxiliary is current collecting donations for the St. Gerard Campus. They are specifically looking for diapers, 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
Email: cvioletm94@hotmail.com

Ladies Auxiliary Officers

President	Cynthia Day
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BIRTHDAYS

MATTHEW		SILLS		03-03
MICHAEL	N	MENICOLA		03-07
FRANCIS	P	DUPONT		03-09
WILLIAM		MURPHY	JR	03-11
ANDREW	J	DUFRESNE		03-14
BRENDON	M	VANGEMERT		03-17
JAMES	J	MAGUIRE		03-23
TODD	A	MILLER		03-28

SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

Robert	Santo	Billoni		32
Peter	B	Bottini		45
Frederick		Catalano		5
Joshua	R	Currie		7
Andrew	J	Dufresne		26
Michael	J	Hesson		33
Erick	A	Hueck		12
Chris		Kallenberger		5
Kevin	B	Lyons		33
James	J	Maguire		42
Gerard	P	Ohare		5
Ryan	D	Olschewske		14
Kevin		Partel		13
Craig	S	Pehr		19
Charles	E	Pellicer		39
Donald	T	Pomar		36
Robert	E	Quinn		38
James	J	Whelan		27
Christopher	D	Williams		26
Joe		Zito	Sr	14



Intentions for the Sick or in Distress



Council Prayers for:

- † Prayers for the people of Ukraine for their courage, resilience and safe passages.
- † Prayers for the faithfully departed Susan Donlon who was an instrumental Christian and faithful servant at San Sebastian parish. Eternal rest, grant unto her O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. For more information: Obituary
- † Brother AJ requests prayer for a friend, Bruce Harvey who was killed in a car accident. He was a retired marine and has two surviving kids. Eternal rest, grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.
- † GK Gabe requests continued prayers for his nephew, Nino, who was hospitalized and is now home recovering.
- † Brother Tony Edwards grounded us and reminded us to pray for our own trials and tribulations because we may never know what's to come. Amen, Brother.
- † Continued prayers for Brother Lindwood Findley.
- † Continued prayers for our current and former first responders, medical professionals and those serving in the military. All are protecting our great country.

March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Business Mtng. 7pm Bishop Baker Ctr	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19
20 Pray Card Distribution and Membership Drive After each mass Cathedral Basilica	21 Monthly Social 6pm Bishop Baker Ctr	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 4 th Degree Meeting 7pm San Sebastian	29 Officers & Directors Meeting TBA	30	31	1	2
3	4 Business Mtng. 7pm Bishop Baker Ctr	5	6	7	8	9

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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