



# The Knightly News

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<p><b>Congratulations to:</b></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p><b>SK Robert Billoni, PGK, PFN Knight of the Month</b></p> <p>Robert led Council 611 as the Grand Knight in the pandemic years and both years Council 611 accomplished Star Council awards. He currently serves as web page and newsletter editor. Two years in a row as District Deputy achieved Star District and last year less than 19% of all District Deputies worldwide achieved Star District also only one of two District Deputies to receive the Gold Level Circle of Excellence by the Florida State Council.</p> </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p><b>The Naquin Family Family of the Month</b></p> <p>Howard has volunteered in all of 611 fundraisers after he transferred into Council 611. He volunteers at St. Francis food bank every other Wednesday, even going out to Epic Cure to pick up food to distribute. He and his wife most volunteered their time at the Blues fest and the Nite Fire event, Howard's son Nicholas was invited to join the Knights of Malta. He is currently in Israel serving at a hospital.</p> </div> </div>		<table border="0"> <tr> <td>Grand Knight</td> <td>SK Frank Hill</td> <td>812-249-0038</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chaplain</td> <td>Fr. Ignatius Yeruva</td> <td>904-824-2806</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dep. Grand Knight</td> <td>SK Andrew Butts</td> <td>571-246-6253</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chancellor</td> <td>SK Josh Currie, PGK</td> <td>904-540-9559</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Recorder</td> <td>Al McConnell</td> <td>563-299-7333</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Financial Secretary</td> <td>SK AJ McCaffery, FDD, PGK, PFN</td> <td>904-599-1436</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Treasurer</td> <td>SK Tom Gehret</td> <td>904-566-8932</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lecturer</td> <td>(Vacant)</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Advocate</td> <td>Bruce Dufresne, PGK</td> <td>904-825-0000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Warden</td> <td>Shane O'Hara</td> <td>386-227-4557</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Inside Guard</td> <td>Tom Kaczmarczyk</td> <td>904-540-6749</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Outside Guard</td> <td>Howard Naquin</td> <td>512-568-4406</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1 Year Trustee</td> <td>SK Aaron Day</td> <td>904-315-9984</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2 Year Trustee</td> <td>SK Rick Salerno</td> <td>513-614-3266</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3 Year Trustee</td> <td>SK Gabe Oti, PGK</td> <td>904-806-2711</td> </tr> </table>		Grand Knight	SK Frank Hill	812-249-0038	Chaplain	Fr. Ignatius Yeruva	904-824-2806	Dep. Grand Knight	SK Andrew Butts	571-246-6253	Chancellor	SK Josh Currie, PGK	904-540-9559	Recorder	Al McConnell	563-299-7333	Financial Secretary	SK AJ McCaffery, FDD, PGK, PFN	904-599-1436	Treasurer	SK Tom Gehret	904-566-8932	Lecturer	(Vacant)		Advocate	Bruce Dufresne, PGK	904-825-0000	Warden	Shane O'Hara	386-227-4557	Inside Guard	Tom Kaczmarczyk	904-540-6749	Outside Guard	Howard Naquin	512-568-4406	1 Year Trustee	SK Aaron Day	904-315-9984	2 Year Trustee	SK Rick Salerno	513-614-3266	3 Year Trustee	SK Gabe Oti, PGK	904-806-2711
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**Life Fest  
(Saturday, November 4, 2023)**

Council 611 will be serving Hamburgers and Hot Dogs at the Mission Grounds at the National Shrine of our Lady of Leche. Set-up will begin at 9:30am.

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

**CPS Drama and Choir & Thanksgiving Dinner  
(Friday, November 17, 2023)**

Join First Florida Council 611 for our annual Thanksgiving Dinner with live performances by CPS Drama and Choir benefitting CPS from 6:00am – 8:00pm at the Bishop Baker Center.

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

**Council Social & Fraternal Benefits Night  
(Monday, November 20, 2023)**

Join First Florida Council 611 for Fraternal Benefit Night and monthly social with food and fellowship at the Bishop Baker Center located at 267 St. George Street, St. Augustine, FL 32085 from 7 – 9pm.

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

**THE NEXT GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD:**

**7:00PM in the Bishop Baker Center on Monday, November 6, 2023.** 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

Wow, another busy month for Council 611! Once again, council members volunteered for St. Nicholas food pantry at St. Benedict the Moor. Members manned the Adoration Chapel and led attendees in a special rosary at the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche from 11pm until 1am on October 6th for the 5th Annual Diocesan Rosary Congress. On October 9th, the Second Annual Columbus Day Golf Tournament was hosted by all 4 councils in District 16, with each council profiting \$3100 for our efforts. Having coffee with a new candidate on the 13th is but one example of our recruitment efforts. On October 14th we held our Fall picnic. 12 Knights on Bikes prison ministry members were our guests, along with several members of our council and their families. We completed the council audit on the 24th and attended the Fraternal benefits webinar on the 26th. On Friday, October 27, our council helped remove crosses from the grounds of the National Shrine Our Lady of La Leche. On Sunday, October 29th, our council held a corporate communion and recitation of the Rosary at the Cathedral.

November will be another busy month, but we want to take time to remember our Veterans on Veterans' Day. This is a day that we set aside to thank and honor all those who served honorably in the military – in wartime and peacetime. At 11am on November 11, a combined color guard representing all military services executes "Present Arms" at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery. The nation's tribute to its war dead is symbolized by laying of a Presidential wreath.

Vivat Jesus,

Sk Frank Hill  
Worthy Grand Knight



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### Insurance:

As we are nearing the end of 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)

## ROSARY PRAYER & CORPORATE COMMUNION

Submitted by Andrew Butts

Brothers and their families prayed the rosary and celebrated mass together at the Cathedral Basilica on Sunday, October 29, 2023. Council members also sold tickets to our annual Thanksgiving Dinner benefiting the Cathedral Parish School on November 17, 2023 at 6pm at the Bishop Baker Center.



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## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The council has reached its annual goal in record time! This is proof that now more than ever, the Knights of Columbus offers our catholic gentlemen what they are longing for: Strengthening their own Faith, Building up their Family in Christ, Providing Charity and giving back to their community and belonging to a fraternal brotherhood that promotes and reflects their values. 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, Br. Jacob Skinner at [endlesspressure82@gmail.com](mailto:endlesspressure82@gmail.com) or (904)325-1179**

**Have you asked someone to become a Knight?**

*(This year's Council goal is 9, to date we have 10)*

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!***



Submitted by Andrew Butts

Knights on Bikes had excellent weather on their fourth annual ride for prison ministry organized by the Knights on Bikes Diocese of St Augustine, Brother Gregg (TOG) Bell. As a whole, the St Augustine Diocese serves more than 38 major prisons and 17 county jails. Their mission is to serve the men on death row and confinement as well as those who the criminal justice system has determined belong in prison without judging their guilt or innocence, but who wish to practice their faith. These rides support the incarcerated Christian brothers and sisters that are sometime ignored and shunned by the community.

The bikers started the morning at St Ambrose church in Elkton. Pastor, Father Steve Zehler welcomed the Knights and provided a historical perspective of the church's establishment. He then led the praying of the rosary at the grotto dedicated to Our Lady of Lourdes.



Figure 1 St Ambrose Church in Elkton



Figure 21 St Ambrose Church Altar

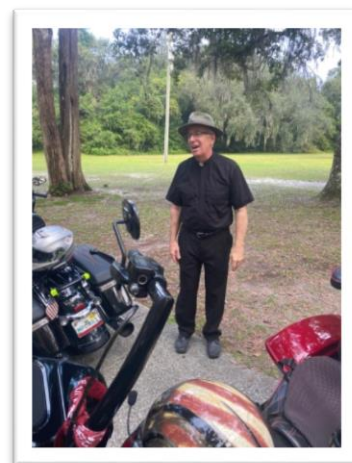


Figure 3 Father Steve Zehler

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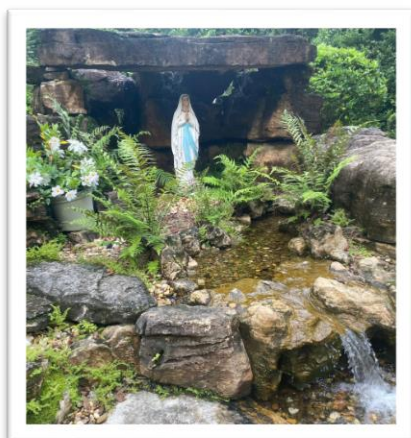


Figure 4 Fr Steve with Knights on Bikes Florida President, George Gutierrez





Figure 5 Knights on Bikes with Father Steve at the St Ambrose Grotto

After prayer and paying our respects to the church, the Knights rode to the Florida State Prison in Raiford. This is where all 302 Florida inmates on death row are incarcerated. In total, there are about 2,000 inmates at the prison.



This is where all 316 Florida inmates on death row are incarcerated. In total, there are about 1,400 inmates at the prison. Brother Bell explained the prison ministry provided to the inmates. He also mentioned they can always use volunteers, including priests, to help serve. Many of the death row inmates are very spiritual and are converted Christians and practicing Catholics. He mentioned these men and women are worshipping and spiritual reflections similar to a monastic life. They prayed three decades of the rosary for not only the inmates, but all the officers and people supporting the prison.



The konB rides departed the prison and just a few minutes away arrived at the Union Correctional Institution also in Raiford. Here, they finished praying the rosary and then saddled up and headed for Council 611's picnic at World Golf Village. A wonderful morning riding, praying and having fellowship.

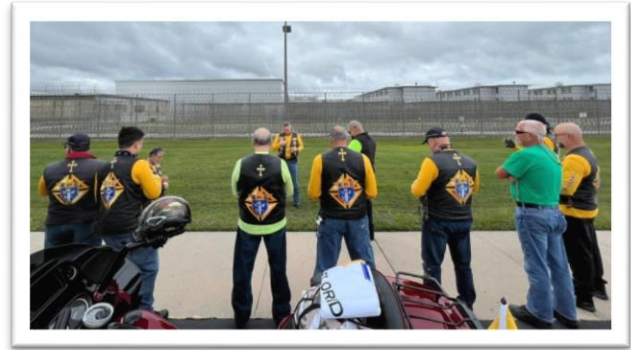


Figure 3 Knights on Bikes at Florida State Prison

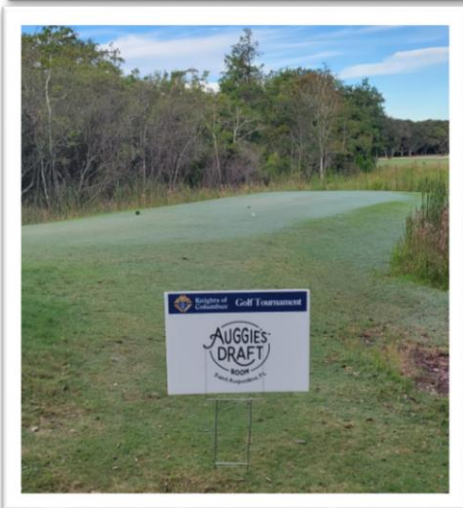
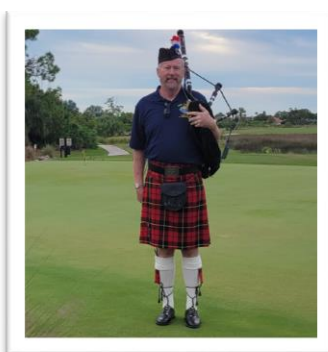


Figure 2 Knights on Bikes at Union Correctional Institute

# ANNUAL DISTRICT 16 COLUMBUS DAY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Submitted by Robert Billoni

On October 9, 2023, the four councils of District 16, Co. 611 at the Cathedral Basilica, 7121 at St. Anastasia, 11046 at San Sebastian, and 13337 at Corpus Christi hosted their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual golf scramble benefiting local area charities at Marsh Creek Country Club after 10 months of planning. There were 120 registered golfers, approximately 30 local corporate sponsors. The tournament raised over \$20,000 and each council received \$3,100 each towards their own individual charities after all costs and expenses were paid or reimbursed. It was a beautiful perfect day at 72 degrees with clear skies and a light breeze. After the tournament, the golfers were treated to an awards and recognition luncheon was held at just down the street St. Anastasia Catholic Church. In addition, 7 new members were signed up in the district by our insurance agent, Jim Bootrich.



## 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, Epic Cure that donates food to those in need here in St. Augustine every other Wednesday at St. Benedict of Moor.

For donations, please contact ladies auxiliary president Linda Hill 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:

Linda Hill  
Cell: (812)249-0165  
Email: [Lhill1949@gmail.com](mailto:Lhill1949@gmail.com)

### Ladies Auxiliary Officers

President	Linda Hill
Vice President	Amy Munson
Secretary	Cynthia Day
Treasurer	Beth Ann Kaczmarczyk
Chaplain	Ally Salerno
Greeter	Heather Hill







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



Florida District – De Soto Province  
Exemplification November 25, 2023, Catholic Church, Winter Garden, FL

### Fourth Degree Exemplification Instructions

The Florida Fourth Degree will continue a Thanksgiving Weekend tradition by holding an Exemplification in the Orlando area at a new location: Resurrection Catholic Church, 1211 Winter Garden Vineland Road, Winter Garden, FL. The ceremony will begin at noon on Saturday, Nov. 25. The event also includes a banquet following the ceremony; Vigil Mass; Ladies' Tea; and Patriotic Rosary.

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m., with Mass at 10 a.m. There will be the recitation of the Patriotic Rosary in the anteroom to get candidates into the proper frame of mind for the Patriotic Degree. The Exemplification begins at noon. There will also be a Ladies' Tea at noon. The Exemplification will be followed by a banquet at 3 p.m.

The event honoree is SK Robert S. Urrutia of Davenport, the Immediate Past State Deputy, and a member of the Florida Exemplification Team.

The candidate fee is \$70. The fee for a Priest is \$45. The deadline is Wednesday, November 15. Candidates should turn in their checks to their Assembly Faithful Comptroller, who will then make out one Assembly check payable to John J. O'Toole, Master. The check and appropriate paperwork should be sent to Master John J. O'Toole, 9686 SW 92 Place Road, Ocala 34481.

Assemblies will be required to send in a downloaded copy of the registration form (please do not write on the original), degree certificate, signed dress code letter, signed Form 4 (all four copies for each candidate), and check by Wednesday, November 16. Forms are available on the Florida State website. The Fourth Degree Certificates are available on kofc.org. Please do not send the certificate holder.

Please note the dress code for the exemplification. While tuxedos are no longer mandatory, candidates must wear a dark suit (not brown!) and black dress shoes. Candidates are encouraged to write the number of their new assembly on the back of their KofC membership card.

Bishop Verot Assembly 0166  
San Sebastian Catholic Church – Knights Hall - 1112 FL-16, St. Augustine, FL  
Faithful Navigator SK Chris Gallo  
(908)798-0243 – cgallo1011@gmail.com

**Meetings every 4th Monday of the Month at 7pm**

**BIRTHDAYS**

Kenneth		Brown
Stephen	L	Butler
Shawn		Clark
Alex		Dufresne
John		Fernandez
Craig	A	Maguire
George	E	McCrea
Gabriel	J.	Oti
Darrell	R	Poli
Edwin	O	Sia
Alexander		Toro
Kenneth	R	Trengrove
Dennis	E	Wissel

**SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES**

				Years of Service
Edward	V	Acebal		57
Patrick	E	Shipley		40
Mark	Wayne	Lynn		40
Ronald	D	Mickler		36
Al	J	McConnell		22
Edward	W	Tolson	III	17
Gregory	E	Loya		12
Zachary	J	Santorelli		12
Carl	R	Jacquet		11
Matthew	T	Bell		11
Patrick	J	Maguire		8
John		Fernandez		8
Matthew		Sills		8
Frederick	A	Schwarb		8
Andrew	L	Butts		3
Edward	C	Ludwig	IV	3
David	C	Griggs		3
Timothy	J	Constantine		2
Jacob	A	Skinner		1
Eric	M	Stanion		1



## 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 Father Jeff and Deacon Chuck that they receive peace and strength as they battle with their ailments.
- † Prayers for Brother Frank's niece who is battling cancer.
- † Prayers for Brother Shane's cousin, Fr Conrad Cowart from the Basilica of Immaculate Conception in Jacksonville.
- † Prayers for Brother AJ's mother, Cynthia McCaffery, who is struggling with COPD and possibly lung cancer. She's doing ok, but needs continued prayers.
- † Prayers for Brother AJ's wife, Rachel and her grandmother Selma Obi.
- † Prayers for Brother Robert's wife, Cathy and her family with the recent death of her brother Joseph. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.
- † Prayers for the family of Brother AJ's friend, Ron Asner and the repose of his soul. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.
- † 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 Pope Francis and Bishop Pohlmeier.
- † Prayers for our Cathedral priests, deacons and lay ministers.
- † 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's 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.

***If you know of a brother who is sick or in need of prayers, please contact our Worthy Grand Knight, SK Frank Hill at:  
(812)249-0038 or hillf6466@gmail.com***

# November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31 Halloween	1 Epic Cure Food Bank St. Benedict of Moor 8:30 – 10:30am All Saints Day	2	3	4 Life Fest 9:30am Nat'l Shrine Our Lady of La Leche
5	6 Business Mtng. 7pm Bishop Baker Ctr	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Epic Cure Food Bank St. Benedict of Moor 8:30 – 10:30am	16	17 Thanksgiving Dinner & Performance 6:30pm Bishop Baker Ctr	18
19	20 Monthly Social & Fraternal Benefits Night 6:30pm Bishop Baker Ctr	21	22	23 Thanksgiving	24	25
26	27 4th Degree Meeting 7pm San Sebastian	28 Officers Meeting TBA	29 Epic Cure Food Bank St. Benedict of Moor 8:30 – 10:30am	30	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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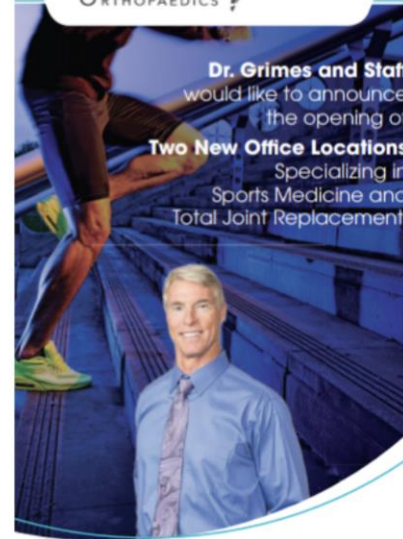
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