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Family Prayer Night & Social

First Florida 611 will resume hosting the monthly socials this month on Monday, February 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

(Date is TBA)

First Florida Council 611 will host and serve its annual Corn Beef and Cabbage dinner benefitting the vocations that 611 financially supports throughout the year in March at Bishop Baker Center.

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, February 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,

I hope everyone is having a blessed New Year. 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.

On Saturday, January 15th our Council participated in the March for life, we prepared and served over 250 meals. We would like to extend our appreciation to brothers to Bruce Dufrense and John Gillespie who headed and organized the dinner as they do every year. I would also like to thank all our volunteers who really showed up in force, our council was well represented. May Oliver the director of the March sent us personal note thanking our council for our efforts. We also received a letter from Catholic Charities thanking us for sponsoring two families over the Christmas holidays. The ladies auxiliary along with our council provided gifts and clothing for the children and food for these families in need.

We held our first Council Social of the year on Monday, January 17th. We will be celebrating our next council social this month on Monday February 21st. Our Chancellor, Josh Currie, PGK will be leading us in a family prayer night and rosary. This will be a special gathering and I encourage all to bring your families 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.

May the New Year bless you with good health, happiness and the love of family.

Vivat Jesus,

Sk Gabriel Oti
Grand Knight



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Insurance:

As we head into the end of 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 (412)779-3756 or james.booritch@kofc.org

Message from the Chaplain Father Matthew Ibok

The second month of the year, February is a unique one for several reasons. It is not only the shortest month of the year but also the only month that has a leap year. It has 28 or 29 when it is a leap year. This means it does not have 30 or 31 days like other months. February is also unique because of few celebrations that occur in it. It begins with the Feast of the Presentation on February 2. Many people extend their Christmas celebration to February; leaving their decorations up until the Feast of the Presentation. The Feast gives all Christians including the Knights of whatever Orders the opportunity to symbolically present themselves, families and projects to God. This counts for the many blessings of success in whatever the Knights of St. Columbus are doing both in the Church and the society.

The memorial of St. Blaise or Blasé which occurs in this month also makes it unique. The story of this saint is known throughout the world. He was a saint that healed a child who was choking on a bone. This year, we request him to intercede for the healing of the world from the pandemic, violence, poverty, and protection of all life

We are always respectful of our political leaders since their authority comes from God (cf. Romans 13: 1 – 5), the Presidents' Day holiday in the United States occurs in February, and this adds to the unique nature of the month. The birthdays of Presidents Abraham Lincoln and Ronald Reagan occur in this month.

Super bowl 56 is in February. The ballgame is the most highly rated sport in the United States. Needless to say that it makes February unique. We congratulate the Bengals and the Rams for their victories that have taken them to the grand finale this year.

Even though I pay less attention to Valentine's Day, the celebration occurs on February, 14 every year. These the few events in February I wanted you to consider for your reflection this month! Happy February

Fr. Matthew Ibok

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



Knights of Columbus

Programs



ROSARY PRAYER & CORPORATE MASS

First Florida Council 611 hosted its third public rosary prayer and corporate mass at the Cathedral Basilica this past Sunday, January 20, 2022. There were many Knights and their families in attendance and the council had the front center pews reserved for all who attended.

With the Knights wearing their council shirts and sitting “center stage”, the council had a visible presence that was noticed by the parish community.

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

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March for Life Spaghetti Dinner



First Florida Council 611 hosted its annual March for Life Spaghetti Dinner benefiting March for Life St. Augustine on Saturday, January 15, 2022. Over 200 meals were served and made possible by the great turnout of volunteers from Council 611. We especially would like to extend our appreciation to brothers Bruce Dufrense and John Gillespie who planned and organized the meals, as they do every year, and to all those who volunteered.

Council 611 does the cooking, serving and clean up every year. Many count on our spaghetti dinner as a place to come rest and congregate after the march.

BIRTHDAYS

RUSSELL	L	SMITH	JR	02-01
STEPHEN	P	DOWDIE		02-03
DENNIS		KASTEN		02-07
RUSSELL	F	OLDENBURG	SR	02-09
JORDAN	P	HENLEY		02-13
JOSHUA	R	CURRIE		02-14
RICHARD	F	MAFFEI		02-16
BURDETTE	R	FOX		02-17
MONSON	S	LANE		02-17
AL	J	MC CONNELL		02-18
CHARLES	B	KANASZKA		02-19
DENNIS	N	MALZACHER	JR	02-19
STEPHAN	A	KRIENES		02-21
RICK		SALERNO		02-23
XAVIER	L	PELLICER	JR	02-25
STEVE	J	BARANSKY		02-26
EDWARD	F	KAZMIERSKI		02-27
GARRICK	R	BUTLER		02-28

SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

KURT	A	MILASI		55 Years
BURDETTE	R	FOX		52
CHARLES	L	SANDERS	JR	47
DAVID	J	MARIOTTI		45
RICHARD	G	ORSINI		45
JEREMIAH	F	LAMBE		43
PETER		CRAMER		40
JOHN	F	BRADSHAW	III	23
NICHOLAS	R	OTI		6
GABRIEL	T	OTI		6
GARRICK	R	BUTLER		6



Intentions for the Sick or in Distress



Council Prayers for:

- † Prayers for Brother Andy's father-in-law for a safe and successful upcoming surgery.
- † Prayers for Brother Tom's brother-in-law who has come down with COVID-19.
- † Prayers for GK Gabe's brother, sister, sister-in-law; sister-in-law's husband.
- † Prayers for Brother Ryan LaPorte's sister-in-law's and brother's family. Brother Ryan reported the passing of his sister-in-law on 27 Dec. He thanked us for all our thoughts and prayers. Please keep the family in your prayers.
- † 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 Gabriel Oti at:
(904)806-2711 or gjoti3@gmail.com***

February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Business Mtng. 7pm Bishop Baker Ctr	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Family Prayer Night & Monthly Social 6pm Bishop Baker Ctr	22	23	24	25 Cathedral Festival 5 – 10:30pm Mission Grounds	26 Cathedral Festival 12 – 10:30pm Mission Grounds
27 Cathedral Festival 12 – 9pm Mission Grounds	28 4 th Degree Meeting 7pm San Sebastian	1 Officers & Directors Meeting TBA	2	3	4	5
6	7 Business Mtng. 7pm Bishop Baker Ctr	8	9	10	11	12

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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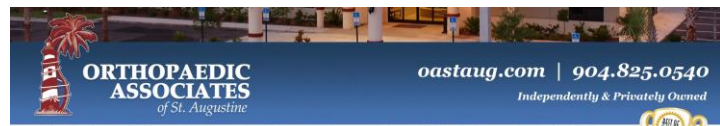
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