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## **Bishop Baker Center**

First Florida Council 611 has returned home for its monthly Council Meetings at the Bishop Baker Center located at 267 St. George Street.

As in the past, the meetings will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month (excluding holidays) from 7:00pm-8:30pm. Social distancing and masks are required to attend.

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

7:00PM in the Bishop Baker Center on Monday, March 1, 2021. 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!

(Monday, February 15, 2021)

First Florida Council 611 invite all Knights and parishioners for a short (about 20-25 minutes) but meaningful prayer meeting via ZOOM, starting at 7pm. Pope Francis has declared 2021 to be a year dedicated to St. Joseph and the family.

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

(Friday, February 26, 2021)

First Florida Council 611 has been asked to host a fish fry at this year's Cathedral Carnival to benefit the Cathedral Parish School.

The Council will have a tent inside the carnival from 4pm - 10pm.

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



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#### Message from the Grand Knight

Worthy Brothers,

First Florida Council 611 has had a record setting first six months to the 2020 - 2021 fraternal year despite the pandemic proving that faith is the greatest driving force on earth. We have reached our recruitment goal for Star Council and have earned the Fr. McGivney Award for new membership. The pandemic has not deterred those who have the desire to serve their faith and community from joining the Knights of Columbus.

First Florida Council 611 started the second half of the fraternal year off right with *Nine Days of Prayer for the Novena for Life*, March *for Life mass and Bar-B-Que Benefit at the Mission Grounds* where we served over 300 meals, our *Family Prayer Night* and *Spiritual Reflection Day*. These events are the reason that we come together as Knights to champion, promote and celebrate our faith and community.

Furthermore, to date, the Council has completed 50% of its requirements for the Founder's Award for fraternal benefits and 62% of its requirements for the Columbia Award for fraternal programming. We are on a roll and our momentum couldn't be better.

This coming month the Council is back at the Bishop Baker Center for our Council meetings, hosting its fourth *Family Prayer Night (via Zoom)* and is also hosting a Fish Fry at the Cathedral Festival to benefit the Cathedral Parish School. There is something for everyone here at 611.

Despite the pandemic, our Council'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.

Vivat Jesus,

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

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Let's talk (386)235-4064 or Stan.Hetrick@kofc.org





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### January 2021

## 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:

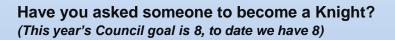
- Spiritual Reflection Program
- Refund Support Vocations Program
- Rosary Program
- Helping Hands
- Habitat for Humanity
- Disaster Preparedness Program
- Consecration to the Holy Family
- Family Prayer Nights
- Good Friday Family Promotion Program
- Family of the Month/Year
- Novena for Life Program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

## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Our Council is doing an amazing job this year of recruitment. We have y met our goal towards Star Council within the first six months of the 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 3 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



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!* 

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### March for Life Bar-B-Que (January 16, 2021)





















RUSSELL	L	SMITH	02-01
STEPHEN	Р	DOWDIE	02-03
DENNIS		KASTEN	02-07
RUSSELL	F	OLDENBURG	02-09
JOSHUA	R	CURRIE	02-14
RICHARD	F	MAFFEI	02-16
AL	J	MC CONNELL	02-18
CHARLES	В	KANASZKA	02-19
DENNIS	Ν	MALZACHER	02-19
STEPHAN	А	KRIENES	02-21
XAVIER	L	PELLICER	02-25
STEVE	J	BARANSKY	02-26
EDWARD	F	KAZMIERSKI	02-27
DENNIS	М	BANKS	02-28
GARRICK	R	BUTLER	02-28

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

#### SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

RUSSELL	L	SMITH	JR	59 Years
KURT	А	MILASI		54
CHARLES	L	SANDERS	JR	45
DAVID	J	MARIOTTI		44
RICHARD	G	ORSINI		44
JEREMIAH	F	LAMBE		42
PETER		CRAMER		39
JOHN	F	BRADSHAW	III	38
NICHOLAS	R	OTI		5
GABRIEL	Т	OTI		5
GARRICK	R	BUTLER		5

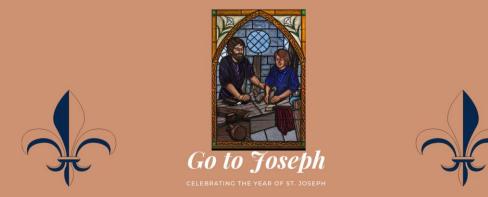
### + + + The Year of St. Joseph + + + December 8, 2020 through December 8, 2021

Pope Francis announced a "Year of St. Joseph" on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 – the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception – in honor of the 150th anniversary of Pope Pius IX's proclamation in 1870 of St. Joseph as "Patron of the Universal Church" (Quemadmodum Deus). The "Year of St. Joseph" began on December 8, 2020, and will conclude on December 8, 2021, according to the Decree authorized by the Pope.

The Decree states that Pope Francis established a "Year of St. Joseph" so that "every member of the faithful, following his example, may strengthen their life of faith daily in the complete fulfillment of God's will". The Decree adds that the Pope has granted special Indulgences to mark the year "to reaffirm the universality of St. Joseph's patronage in the Church." It would grant a Plenary Indulgence to Catholics who recite any approved prayer or act of piety in honor of St. Joseph, especially on March 19, the Saint's solemnity as "Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary", and on May 1, the Memorial of "St. Joseph the Worker."

Other notable days for the Plenary Indulgence are the "Feast of the Holy Family" on December 27 and "St. Joseph's Sunday" in the Byzantine tradition, as well as the 19th of each month during the Year and every Wednesday throughout the year, which is a day traditionally dedicated to the memory of St. Joseph in the Latin Church. The Sisters of St. Joseph, at the SSJ Motherhouse on St. George Street in St. Augustine, are planning retreats and novenas preceding the Feast of St. Joseph on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Below left: "Pandemic 2020" stained glass window by Sister Diane Couture, featured in the SSJ "Pandemic and Prescence" blog at: <u>https://ssjfl.org/musings/</u> If you have a minute, you can listen to a new, contemporary audio prayer available at <u>https://ssjfl.org/go-to-</u>

<u>joseph</u>



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For the Good of the Order



#### **Council Prayers for:**

- Speedy recovery of our Worthy District Deputy, Sk Bob Grimaldi, PGK, PFN from a heart stint procedure
- Sk AJ McCaffery, PGK, FDD who was recently diagnosed with fiber myalgia
- Sk AJ McCaffery's Aunt Audrey and Uncle Joe with dementia
- Fr. William Mooney with dementia
- Sk Gabe Oti's mother for her heart problems
- Sk Ryan LaPorte's sister-in-law with abdominal cancer, as well as, his uncle who has COVID-19
- Sk Aaron Day's Uncle Alfred
- Sk Linwood Finley, PFN who is on kidney dialysis
- John Gillespie, PGK who has been exposed to COVID-19 and is in quarantine over the next two weeks.
- All those afflicted with the COVID-19 virus
- All first responders and medical personnel
- All our service men & women

## FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 Business Mtng. 7pm Bishop Baker Ctr	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Valentine's Day	15 Family Prayer Night 7pm Zoom President's Day	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting 7pm San Sebastian	23 Officers & Directors Meeting TBA	24	25	26 Cathedral Festival Fish Fry 4pm Nombre de Dios	27
28	1 Business Mtng. 7pm Bishop Baker Ctr	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13

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