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<p><b>Congratulations to:</b></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p><b>Br. Bob Hesson</b> Knight of the Month</p>  </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p><b>The Bennett Family</b> Family of the Month</p>  </div> </div>		<p>Grand Knight: SK Frank Hill 812-249-0038</p> <p>Chaplain: Fr. Ignatius Yeruva 904-824-2806</p> <p>Dep. Grand Knight: SK Andrew Butts 571-246-6253</p> <p>Chancellor: Richard W. Speidel</p> <p>Recorder: SK Carl R. Jacquet</p> <p>Financial Secretary: SK AJ McCaffery, FDD, PGK, PFN 904-599-1436</p> <p>Treasurer: SK Tom Gehret 904-566-8932</p> <p>Lecturer: SK Josh Currie, PGK 904-540-9559</p> <p>Advocate: Bruce Dufresne, PGK 904-825-0000</p> <p>Warden: Shane O'Hara 386-227-4557</p> <p>Inside Guard: Tom Kaczmarczyk 904-540-6749</p> <p>Outside Guard: Scott V. Walters</p> <p>1 Year Trustee: SK Rick Salerno 513-614-3266</p> <p>2 Year Trustee: SK Gabe Oti, PGK 904-806-2711</p> <p>3 Year Trustee: Howard P. Naquin, II 512-568-4406</p>		
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## Exemplification on CUF (Wednesday, September 11, 2024)

Join Council 611, their guests and parishioners as we welcome new members when they are exemplified in Charity, Unity and Fraternity at St. Benedict the Moor at 7pm.

If you are a 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Knight and would like to become a FULL Knight, this is your opportunity to take your 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree with us.

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

## Monthly Council Social (Monday, September 16, 2024)

Join First Florida Council 611 for our monthly social with food and fellowship featuring our Installation of Officers at the Bishop Baker Center located at 267 St. George Street, St. Augustine, FL 32085 from 7 – 9pm. This event is open to all parishioners.

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

## Corporate Mass & Rosary (Sunday, September 29, 2024)

Join Council 611, their families and the parish for our Sunday Rosary Prayer & Corporate Mass. Pews will be reserved for all Knights and their guests at the front of the Cathedral Basilica beginning at 10:30am.

**Please wear your council polo and show your council pride!**

## THE NEXT GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD:

**7:00PM in the Bishop Baker Center on Tuesday, September 3, 2024. (Due to Labor Day Holiday)** Food will be served at 6:30pm. Located at The Bishop Baker Center, 267 St. George Street.

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## Message from the Worthy Grand Knight

August started out with a bang! On August 2nd, Knights helped set up Carlos Acutis Youth Day, which took place on August 3<sup>rd</sup>; included Bishop Pohlmeier holding Mass at St. Benedict the Moor Church and installing relics that were brought from Italy. Knights also worked that day assisting with the activities and cleaning up after the event.

Our first Council 611 business meeting of the 2024-25 fiscal year was held at St. Benedict the Moor Church; the Women's Auxiliary held their meeting in the Rectory there, both due to the Bishop Baker Center cafeteria floor being stripped and waxed. Unfortunately, our Council Treasurer slipped and fell on wet steps at the Rectory, dislocating his ankle and ending up having surgery to repair ligament damage. On August the 7th several Knights helped start the new school year by installing new blinds in the 5th grade classrooms. Installation team: Howard Naquin, Ron Roy, Bob Hesson, Andy Butts and Frank Hill. On August 10th, Council 611 held our Sunsational Trivia Night, featuring Claude and Jane Fiori's St. Augustine Ministry. Claude and Jane entertained us with family friendly trivia that gets you thinking. They played fun games along the way and had the kids assist them as the score sheet runners. They also provided nice prizes, including Rosary jewelry blessed by the Pope. We can't wait to have them back for our Corned Beef/cabbage St. Patrick's Day Feast and Trivia, which always brings a large crowd. On August 19th, Council 611 had their Officers Installation with our District Deputy Robert Billoni, assisted by District Warden Brian Foy conducting the Installation. After the installation a delicious meal of roasted chicken, green beans, mashed potatoes and gravy was served to the participants, members and their guests. August 23rd. Council 611 members Andy Butts, Howard Naquin, Rick Salerno and Frank Hill cooked and served a meal of roasted chicken, rice/gravy and green beans for the St. Joseph Academy's football team at St. Joseph's Academy cafeteria. We served 34 young men and coaches. Council members were impressed with how the young men conducted themselves, thanking us for preparing the meal and serving them. They also cleaned up after themselves. There wasn't anything left after they finished, and they also won their game 42 to 6! On August 25th, our Council held Corporate Communion and led the Holy Rosary at the 11 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine. On August 28th, our Council awarded two scholarships to students in our Parish to help with their educational expenses. One scholarship was awarded to a CPS student; one was awarded to a St. Joseph's Academy student. Later that day, several Knights attended the St. Augustine of Hippo Feast Day Celebration of Vespers at the Cathedral, which was led by Bishop Pohlmeier. After the Vespers Service, we adjourned to the Treasury Building for the 25th. Augustinian Address and reception. Brother Knights continue to serve as ushers at our masses, help at the St. Nicholas Food Pantry, and help wherever we can, whenever we are called to serve.

Every year Council 611 supports at least one seminarian with a \$500 check to help with their expenses. We let the Dioceses decide whom needs our support. This year it was Colter Brown, and we received a very nice thank you letter from Colton expressing his gratitude. We will be having our seminarian fundraiser on October 5th, which will be an Italian night. So, mark your calendars.

Vivat Jesus,

Sk Frank Hill  
Worthy Grand Knight



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## MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN

On Saturday, the Bishop came and celebrated the Holy Mass and blessed the statues here as well as installed the First Class Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis. Blessed Carlo Acutis has great love for the Eucharist. He researched the Eucharistic Miracles from around the world, and posted them on his website, promoting the true presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. He was not a priest. He was not even a religious, but he understood that the Eucharist is the highway to heaven, and a way to always be close to Jesus.

Jesus is present among us in his very body, just as he was during his mortal life among his friends. If you reflected on this seriously, you would never leave him alone in the tabernacles, waiting for us with love.

Blessed Carlo Acutis will soon be canonized, and unlike other saints, who we see in their religious clothing, Blessed Carlo is depicted as one of us, showing that anybody can become a saint. We pray and ask for his intercession, especially for the teenagers, so they look to Blessed Carlo an example. Blessed Carlo Acutis's body is in Assisi. It is incorruptible, and he will be canonized soon.

Amen,

Fr. Ignatius Yeruva



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## INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL OFFICERS

Congratulations to our new officers for the 2024 – 2025 Fraternal Year! On Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, prior to our monthly social, the 2024 – 2025 council officers were installed by District Deputy Robert Billon and District Warden Brian Foy. Please keep our new officers in your prayers to help guide them in supporting the Cathedral and our community with their charity, unity and fraternity. Vivat Jesus!



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## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The council exemplified three new members in July to kick off the new fraternal year. There is another Exemplification on Charity, Unity and Fraternity scheduled for September 11<sup>th</sup>. This is proof that now more than ever, the Knights of Columbus offers our fellow catholic gentlemen what they are longing for: Strengthening their own Faith, Building up their Family in Christ, Providing Charity, 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. Richard W. Speidel at [rspeidel@wcatech.com](mailto:rspeidel@wcatech.com)

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

*(This year's Council goal is 9, to date we have 3)*

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!***

## Silver Rose Mass



On Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup> the Knights of Bikes presented the Silver Rose to the Cathedral Basilica during special mass at 7am with First Florida Council 611. The Silver Rose honors our Lady of Guadalupe, the patron saint of North America, with prayer and evangelization by traveling throughout Canada, the US and Mexico reaffirming our dedication to the sanctity of human life. Blessed Mary pray for us!

## Sunsational Trivia Night Fundraiser

First Florida Council 611 held another successful fundraiser at the annual Sunsational Trivia Night featuring Claude Fiori's St. Augustine Ministry. Claude and Jane entertained us with family friendly trivia that gets you thinking. They played fun games along the way and had the kids assist them as the score sheet runners. They also provided nice prizes, including rosaries and jewelry blessed by the Pope. The council raised over \$900 to donate to local charities.





## Dinner for the Saint Joseph Academy Football Team



Knights of First Florida Council 611 cooked and served a delicious pre-game dinner to the St Joseph Academy football players and coaches. They were very appreciative and we were just as excited to provide them with a great dinner. Many returned for seconds and even thirds. The sustenance must've helped since the Flashes beat their opponents 41-6!



## **Knight of the Month (August 2024) Bob Hesson**

Bob Hesson is the August Knight of the Month. Bob lives his faith through daily Mass attendance and through his willingness to help when the Church needs him. As a new member, he has jumped right in and regularly attends Council meetings and Socials. He worked with other Knights to install blinds at CPS the week before school started. He recently recruited a new Knight who will be exemplified in September. Bob also acquired the speaker from the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind for Council 611's September Social. Most recently, Bob assisted Bishop Pohlmeier when he arrived at the Cathedral on August 28<sup>th</sup> by carrying the Bishop's briefcase and other items for the Vespers Mass in celebration of the Feast of Saint Augustine. Bob has been a great asset to our Council.

## **Family of the Month (August 2024) William Bennett Family**

The Bennett family is August 2024 Family of the Month. William is the Administrative Manager for St. Augustine Area Catholic Charities and Elisa is the newly formed Communication Director for the Cathedral Parish, which is a new position. Both William and Elisa are our new Cathedral Parish Youth Ministry leaders. When the call came that the Cathedral urgently needed someone to lead the Youth Ministry, they both stepped up and accepted this huge responsibility. One can see from our weekly church bulletin that they are up to the task and have lots of engaging new ideas for the youth of our Parish! They both regularly attend Mass at the Cathedral, bringing their two small children up in the Faith.

# First Florida Council 611 Ladies Auxiliary

## DONATIONS REQUESTED

The Ladies Auxiliary is requesting that you donate your used plastic grocery bags for the St. Nicolas Food Bank. Epic Cure donatees the food to the food bank for those in need here is St. Augustine every other Wednesday at St. Benedict of Moor, however, St. Nicolas Food Bank must provide the shopping bags to bag up and disribute the food to individuals the cost to purchase new bags is very costly.

For donations, please contact the Ladies Auxiliary President, Linda Hill or bring your donations to any Council meeting and/or socail event.

## 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 0166.

Any practicing women, 18 years and older, who are interested in making a difference in our parish is welcome to join. Appliancts need not be a spouse of a Knight.

Annual dues are \$25 and \$10 for senior citizens. Annual dues are waived for the spouses of deceased Knights.

The Ladies Auxiliary meets on the first Monday of each month at 7pm at te 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 inforamtion, 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	Allie Salerno
Greeter	Heather Hill





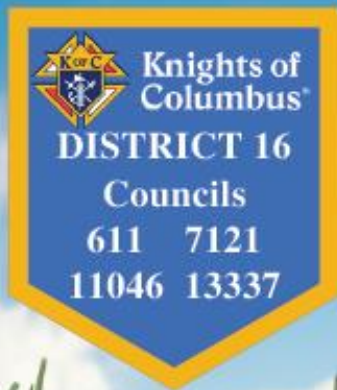


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 10:00 a.m. Shotgun start  
 Awards lunch at conclusion of play at  
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Brian O. Foy, DW 16 304-871-0888 bfoy11@yahoo.com



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



### Next Assembly Meeting

The next Assembly Meeting will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 7pm. This fraternal year, the Assembly has elected to rotate its meeting location every month between each of the four parishes of our district in order to make the meetings more accessible to its members. This month's meeting location is to be announced. Please watch for an email from our Worthy Faithful Navigator, Sir Knight Chris Gallo, for the meeting location.

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](mailto:cgallo1011@gmail.com)

**Meetings every 4th Monday of the Month at 7pm, location TBA each month**

**BIRTHDAYS**

Name	Birthday
Edmundo Ervas Don	08-04-1979
Rev. Inna Reddy Yeruva	08-04-1972
Nestor R Lopez	08-06-1969
David K Wharton	08-09-1967
Richard J Petrocine	08-10-1965
Robert H Czopek	08-11-1959
Deacon Douglas J Nullet	08-12-1959
Rev. Mackenzie J Hill	08-14-1992
Dr James M Grimes	08-15-1961
Rev Carlos M Sosa-Ortiz	08-15-1982
Thomas F Andreu	08-18-1960
Rev. Martin L Ibeh	08-23-1976
Charles E Pellicer	08-26-1942

**SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES**

Name	First Degree Date/ Re-entry Date	Years of Service
Xavier L Pellicer Jr	08-01-1954	70
Frederick J Wiseman	08-01-1978	46
Rev Terence A Smith	08-01-1991	33
Cory Mara	08-18-1997	27
Dan T Terrell	08-27-2002	22
Mr Ryan J LaPorte	08-23-2012	12
Alexander Toro	08-11-2015	9
David K Wharton	08-21-2016	8
Manuel B Aquino	08-21-2023	1

**WEDDING ANNISVERSARIES**

Name	Date	Wife's Name
Thomas N Gehret	08-06-1983	Nancy Gehret





## 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:

- † Dennis McCarthy
- † Leon, Father of Brian
- † Gabe's cousin-in-law, with possible cancer diagnosis.
- † Grandson of one of the Auxiliary ladies—Hit by a car, and suffering through many surgeries.
- † Tom Gehret—leg injury
- † Prayers for Pope Francis and Bishop Pohlmeier.
- † Prayers for our Cathedral priests, deacons, and lay ministers.
- † Prayer for the unrest in Israel
- † 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***

# September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Business Mtng. 7pm Bishop Baker Ctr	4 St. Nicholas Food Pantry St. Benedict of Moor 8:30 – 10:30am	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Exemplification 7pm St. Benedict the Moor	12	13	14
15	16 Council Social 7pm Bishop Baker Ctr	17	18 St. Nicholas Food Pantry St. Benedict of Moor 8:30 – 10:30am	19	20	21
22	23 4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting & 7pm TBA	24	25	26	27	28
29 Rosary Prayer & Corporate Mass 10:30am Cathedral Basilica	30	1 Officers Meeting TBA	2 St. Nicholas Food Pantry St. Benedict of Moor 8:30 – 10:30am	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

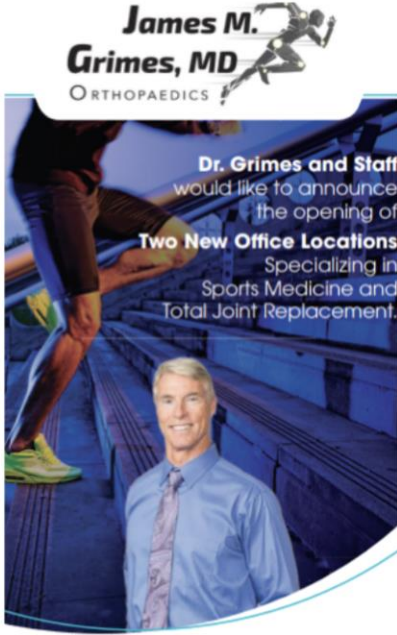
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