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Advent & Adventure Books Distribution

First Florida Council 611 will be distributing this year's books after each Saturday & Sunday masses at both the Cathedral Basilica and St. Benedicts the Moor on November 30th & December 1st, 2024. If you would like to volunteer, please wear your council shirt and help pass out some books after the mass you attend.

Monthly Council Social (Monday, December 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, December 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 Monday, December 2, 2024. Food will be served at 6:30pm. Located at The Bishop Baker Center, 267 St. George Street.

ALWAYS CARRY A FORM 100 HANDY!



Message from the Worthy Grand Knight

November has been another busy month for Council 611!

The Cathedral Parish School had two boys that qualified for the regional tourney in Jacksonville. The regional took place at St Paul's Catholic Church soccer field November 9th in Jacksonville and the two boys that qualified for the regionals also qualified for the State Championship in Melbourne, Florida. Congratulations to Croix Alford and Daniel Birkmeyer.

The CPS Thanksgiving Dinner Theater was held on November 15th. The musical was about relationships portrayed by cats and dogs, which was a metaphor for how people can improve their relationships and how they improved over time. Mrs. Liberatore and Mrs. Russell did a wonderful job of instructing and preparing the students for an excellent performance that was enjoyed by parents, grandparents and friends. Council 611 purchased and prepared the meal for 175 adults and children in attendance, including 40 free meals for performers as is our annual tradition for the School's Thanksgiving celebration. There were 19 members from the council that helped prepare and clean up after the event. The Ladies Auxiliary decorated the room, cut the pies and placed them on plates and helped with the cleanup.

Council 611 had a guest speaker at the council's social on November 18th. Jim Flood was our guest speaker, he is a Certified Financial Planner. Jim spoke about his Good Stewards Financial Ministry and finding financial peace. Jim passed "The 10 Laws for Good Financial Stewardship" to Council 611 members, Ladies Auxiliary and their guests.

Council 611 held a membership drive on Sunday November 24th along with the Ladies Auxiliary after each Mass at the Cathedral. We served coffee and donuts after the 9 and 11am Masses on the same day. The council's membership drive had two transfers one of which needs to finish his degree work, the Ladies Auxiliary passed out newly designed brochures created by member Debby Peters and spoke with several interested ladies and have invited them to the December 2nd meeting.

As we end November and start Advent on December 1st, let us not forget each week of Advent emphasizes themes of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love, helping prepare our hearts and minds for the celebration of Christmas.

Vivat Jesus,

Sk Frank Hill
Worthy Grand Knight



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Message from our Chaplain

The month of November is dedicated to praying for the souls in Purgatory. This time also reminds us to remember them with love and gratitude. Through our prayer, they and the person who visits the cemetery to pray for them, will receive the blessings of God. Praying for the dead reminds us of our own death and prepares one's own soul, so that our life is not ended here. Our life is in heaven, and we become citizens of heaven. Praying for the dead gives us the time and opportunity to look at each individual and how they and we can become saints. Each Christian is called to become a saint, and to go to heaven. Our citizenship is in heaven, not here. Therefore, in this month of November we prepare by looking into our soul, examining our conscience at how we are leading our life:

What kind of words am I speaking?

What is my attitude?

Do I take a stand for Jesus?

Do I stand to defend the Catholic Faith being a Knight of Columbus?

Do I defend the patriotism of the nation?

You play a great role because you have become a Knight of Columbus. For us, that means a great challenge that you need to bring Jesus Christ to the world and to other people through your life, and through your family. You belong to Jesus and you are the temple of the Holy Spirit. You are the body of Christ. You belong to Jesus. There is a difference between other associations and The Knights of Columbus. Our main responsibility is to defend Catholic faith, and then be loyal patriots. These are two pillars. We must stand for the nation. At this time, we pray for our nation. God bless our nation, and tomorrow the elections, that everything goes well for the good of the nation, and our almighty God bless all of us to grow in holiness, to become Saints, and to finally reach him in heaven. Amen.

Fr. Ignatius Yeruva



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Successful Membership Drive!

First Florida Council 611 and the Ladies Auxiliary had another successful membership drive and rewarding fellowship with delicious coffee and donuts after each mass on Sunday, November 24, 2024 in the west courtyard of the Cathedral Basilica.



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MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

The council exemplified eleven new members to date to kick off the new fraternal year. 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

Have you asked someone to become a Knight?

(This year's Council goal is 9, to date we have 11)

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!***

Knight of the Month

(November 2024)

Br. Donnie Taylor



Donnie Taylor is Council 611's November Knight of the month. Donnie was reinstated after a break in his membership, and he stepped up to volunteer for two of our biggest fundraisers. Donnie helped at our SOS Seminarian Dinner and later was the lead cook in the kitchen for our annual CPS Thanksgiving dinner. Donnie is also involved in the Cathedral's Youth group, and he is a leader in Emmaus which is a spiritual and ministerial process primarily for lay men and women and those in the permanent diaconate, as they prepare for ministry and leadership. Donnie's strong Catholic faith and works of volunteerism both through the church and our council made him the perfect candidate for our November Knight of the month.



Family of the Month

(November 2024)

The Poticny Family

The Poticny family has been selected for Council 611's November Family of the month for their dedication to Catholic Christian faith and values. The Poticny family is an asset to the Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine. We were honored to select them as our family of the month, and they follow through their many works within the parish and diocese. Al and Pat are both Eucharistic Ministers and both are Lectors. Al serves on the Bishop's Council as chair of the Diocesan Pastoral Council and a former member and Chair of the Cathedral's Parish Council. Pat is the Wellness Administrator for the Sisters of St. Joseph, Pat and Al are Co-Chairs of the ST. Joseph's Ministries also active with Dining with Dignity. Al and Pat have four children, Shannon, Erin, Christopher and Ryan (former Cathedral Parish youth Minister). Pat and Al have 12 grandchildren, 6 who live in town and attend the Cathedral Parish School. Two of their grandchildren, Gabe and Isla, are Cathedral Parish Altar Servers. Al and his daughter Erin have taken leadership roles in Evangelical Catholic's program REACH MORE for our parish. Their dedication and Christian values do not go unnoticed, their presence is an inspiration for the Cathedral congregation.

First Florida Council 611 earns **DOUBLE STAR COUNCIL!**

At the November Social, District Deputy, and council member, Robert Billoni, PGK, PFN proudly presented our most Worthy Grand Knight Frank Hill and First Florida Council 611 with its first *Double Star Council Award* from the Supreme Council.



The Council earned Double Star status for its excellence in recruitment by doubling its new membership goal set by Supreme, conducting at least two Fraternal Benefits Nights explaining the various insurance and financial vehicles offered by the Knights of Columbus to our members and parishioners and completing numerous Faith in Action fraternal activities such as Rosary Prayers, Family Prayer Nights, Supporting our Seminarians and St. Gerard Campus, food drives, monetary donations to various catholic charities and many, many more.



The evening was capped off with a classic beans and rice Cajun delight by Howard Naquin and a retirement strategy presentation by Jim Flood, a retired financial advisor, author and heads up the Cathedral's Lectors Ministry.

First Florida Council 611 Ladies' Auxiliary had a very busy November!



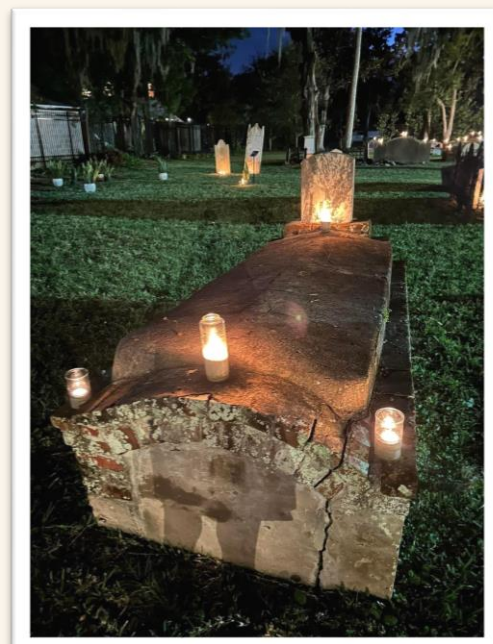
On November 2nd, members and a guest toured the Castillo de San Marcos National Park with a focus on learning more about the Catholic Chapel there. Historic re-enacts explained what it was like to be a Spanish soldier during the 1600s. After visiting the Castillo, we walked over to MOJO's BBQ for an early meal and were joined by Lisette Oti, another member, for dinner. Lisette recently returned from a pilgrimage with Fr. Martin to Medugorje, Bosnia and shared some of her experiences there. After dinner, we walked across Cordova Street to Tolomato Cemetery and participated in the All Souls Day Mass. The rosary prior to Mass was led by Fr. Ignatius and mass was celebrated by Fr. John. After

Mass, Fr. John blessed all in attendance and the tombs of the deceased with Holy Water.

On November 15th, we assisted the Council with their annual Thanksgiving Dinner during CPS's Thanksgiving program night.

On Monday November 18th, members brought food donations and food gift cards for a needy family in our area, selected by Catholic Charities' Administrative Manager, Will Bennett. Over \$200 worth of food was donated.

Members held a membership drive at after each mass the last weekend in November, and assisted in handing out Advent books and calendars at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine.



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 donates 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 distribute 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 social 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. Applicants 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 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

Ladies Auxiliary Officers

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



Annual CPS Dinner a HUDGE Success!

The CPS kids performed a wonderful musical for the entertainment of their parents and grandparents! All in all just a wonderful time was had by all! At least 175 adults and children attended tonight and we served very delicious meal of turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy and green beans plus pumpkin pie!



A special thank you to Mrs. Libetore and Mrs. Russell for preparing the children for the excellent musical performance enjoyed by all.



Heartfelt appreciation for all the Knights that turned out to help make this dinner a successful event! Thank you to Carl, Todd, Bob, Don, Donnie, Tim, Massimo, Al, Rick, Rich, Howard, Ron, Mark, Scott and Tony. Thank you to the Ladies Auxiliary: Linda, Heather, Janet, Maria, Debby, Stella, Allie, Amie and Paul Nunchuck and his wife Monica, who set up, cut pies, and helped with cleanup.



THE 4th DEGREE ASSEMBLED



Next Assembly Meeting

The next Assembly Meeting will be held on the 4th 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

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

BIRTHDAYS

Name	Birthday
David C Griggs	11-02-1962
Mr Ryan J LaPorte	11-06-1970
Timothy J Constantine	11-12-1964
Jamie S Knox	11-15-1961
Frederick J Wiseman	11-19-1935
Frederick Catalano	11-20-1956
Kurt A Milasi	11-21-1948
Gerard T Remy	11-22-1957
Daniel M Scorza	11-26-1990
Jon A Smith	11-26-1990

SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

Name	First Degree Date/ Re-entry Date	Years of Service
Edward F Kazmierski	11-01-1971	53
George A Edwards	11-01-1974	50
Rev. Philip R Gagan	11-01-1979	45
Conrad P Karway	11-01-1983	41
Robert C Lappa	11-01-1998	26
Thomas F Andreu	11-05-2007	17
Mr. Timothy L Phillips	11-29-2015	9
Mr Michael A Scotti	11-04-2019	5
Michael Mausteller Jr	11-28-2019	5
Jesse S Monek	11-15-2021	3
Timothy R Miller	11-21-2022	2
Michael P Borzilleri	11-03-2023	1
Ronald T Roy	11-03-2023	1

WEDDING ANNISVERSARIES

Name	Date	Wife's Name
Allen J McCaffery III	11-12-2020	Rachel McCaffery



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:

- † Those injured or suffered loss in Hurricane Helene
- † The unborn, as we seek to defeat Amendment 4
- † New Baby, Antonio Lorenzo, son of Rich's friend
- † Bruce Dufresne—Gall Bladder
- † Gabe's brother Emilio—pending biopsy
- † Tom Gehret's Continued recovery
- † AJ's Mother—at home, now, but needs continued healing
- † Those responding to help others from Helene and other storms, particularly our First Responders and military personnel
- † Those suffering loss from Perry, Florida
- † Ryan LaPorte's Father: Having treatments for cancer
- † Tom Gehret, his brother, and his brother's daughter
- † Mike Borzilleri's Mother
- † Frank Hill's Brother
- † Allen McCaffery—
- † AJ's Aunt Audrey: Back surgery
- † AJ's Friend, Josh Brown, recovering from a car accident
- † Prayers for AJ and his move and renovation of his Aunt's house
- † 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***

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 First Sunday of Advent Advent Book Distribution all masses	2 Business Mtng. 7pm Bishop Baker Ctr	3	4	5	6	7
8 Second Sunday of Advent	9	10	11 St. Nicholas Food Pantry St. Benedict of Moor 8:30 – 10:30am	12 KofC Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest Submission Deadline	13	14
15 Third Sunday of Advent	16 Council Social 7pm Bishop Baker Ctr	17	18	19	20	21
22 Forth Sunday of Advent	23 4 th Degree Meeting & 7pm TBA	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas	26	27	28
29 Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Rosary & Corporate Communion 10:30am Cathedral Basilica	30	31 New Year's Eve	1 New Year's Day	2	3	4
5 Epiphany of the Lord	6 Business Mtng. 7pm Bishop Baker Ctr	7	8 St. Nicholas Food Pantry St. Benedict of Moor 8:30 – 10:30am	9	10	11

Red = Council events open to all members

Black = Council events open to specific council members

Green = Holy Day/Event or Holiday

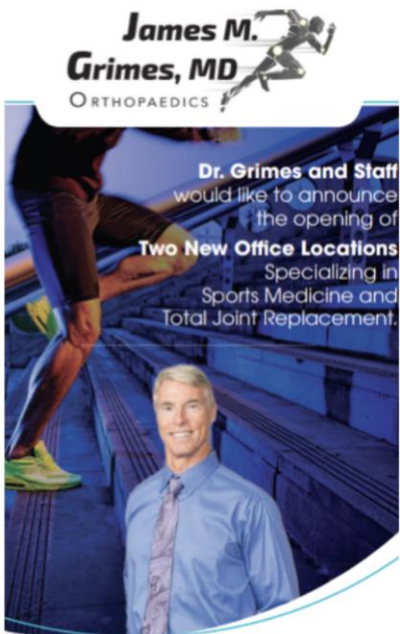
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