





The Knightly News

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Night Fire (Friday, December 9, 2022)

Join Fr. Mac and the Cathedral Basilica for an evening of evangelism and prayer. Night Fire will begin immediately after the 5pm mass and end at 8pm. Volunteers are needed to help set up luminaries and clean up after the event as well as street evangelists to invite passer-bys into the church to say a prayer and light a candle.

For more information, contact our DGK, Sir Knight Frank Hill at (812)249-0038 or hillf6466@gmail.com

Christmas Book Distribution (December 17th & 18th, 2022)

First Florida Council 611 will distribute Christmas books to each family attending mass the weekend of December 17 & 18, 2022. This year's book is "Holy Moments" by Matthew Kelly.

To volunteer, please contact Sir Knight Matthew Bell at (913)439-9737 or matt.t.bell.1@gmail.com

Council Monthly Social (Monday, December 19, 2022)

Join First Florida Council 611 for its 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 our Grand Knight Gabe Oti at (904)806-2711 or gjoti3@gmail.com

THE NEXT GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD:

7:00PM in the Bishop Baker Center on Monday, December 5, 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 Worthy Grand Knight

Worthy Brothers, Families and Friends,

Our council hosted yet another Districtwide exemplification on November 21, we combined it with our monthly social. I'm glad to say it was a very special evening for everyone and we welcomed two new members to the council.

At the beginning of advent, on November 26 and 27th we donated and distributed the advent books to our parishioners after every mass. We will be doing the same on December 17th and 18th when we will distribute the Matthew Kelly book, Holy Moments as a gift from the council, and our parish to our parishioners. We are looking for volunteers, so please if you'd like to join us contact our Deputy Grand Knight Frank Hill, or myself.

Father Mac and the Parish have once again asked us to participate in their next Night Fire event which will be celebrated on Friday, December 9. The mass will begin at 6:30 PM. If you have not taken part before, you're missing out on a worthwhile and beautiful spiritual event. We encourage those who want to volunteer to please contact us. Even if you don't volunteer, you should come out and take part.

Join us for our monthly social on Monday December 19, this is a great opportunity for all of us to get together with family and friends and celebrate the Christmas holiday.

Also, keep in your calendar January 14, which is the March for life. As customary our council will be hosting the spaghetti dinner. We would need volunteers for cooking and cleanup, so please reach out if you wish to join us.

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.

I'd like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and may you be blessed by the love of family and friends.

Vivat Jesus,

Sk Gabe Oti
Grand Knight



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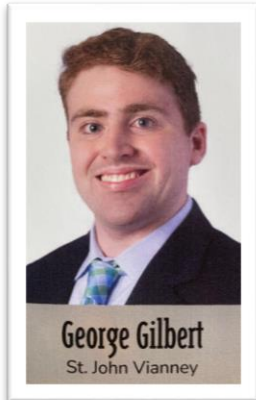
As we head into the end of 2022, the Knights of Columbus has more than \$100 billion of life insurance in force, covering the lives of hundreds of thousands of our members and their families.

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

MEET OUR SEMINARIANS

First Florida Council 611 participates in Knights of Columbus Refund Support Vocations Program or R.S.V.P. each year by sponsoring seminarians from the St. Augustine area and donating \$500 to towards their studies. This year our council is proud to sponsor two seminarians.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

New Members: Timothy Miller, Howard Naquin, Jacob Skinner

Transferred Members: Msgr. Michael Morgan, Fr. Ignatius Yeruva, Deacon Doug Nullet, Scott Walters, Alexander Toro, Dan Terrell, Fredrick Schward, David Wharton, Leonhard Gerling and Emil Chando

Congratulations to these new members and welcome to the First Council in Florida founded on October 13, 1901. We not only welcome you, but also your active participation in our council and its events. It only takes as little as 24 hours an entire year to be an engaged member and every council's greatest asset is its active members who volunteer to carry out the good works of our Order. Individually we can accomplish a little, together we can accomplish a lot.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

First Florida Council 611 has done a great job with new membership in the first half of the fraternal year. To date, we have added five new members and ten transfer members to our council. Let's keep this momentum going and ask a catholic gentlemen you know to join!

For more information, please contact our Membership Director, Sir Knight Frank Hill at hillf6466@gmail.com or (812)249-0038

Have you asked someone to become a Knight?

(This year's Council goal is 9, to date we have 5)

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!***



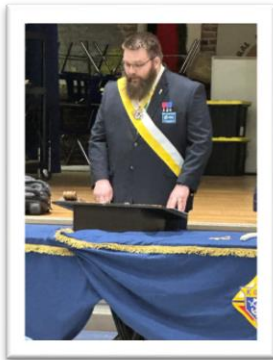
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District Exemplification & Social (Monday, November 21, 2022)



SK AJ McCaffery of Co. 611 administering the Exemplification



DD Robert Billoni on Charity



SK Allen McCaffery of Co. 11046 on Unity



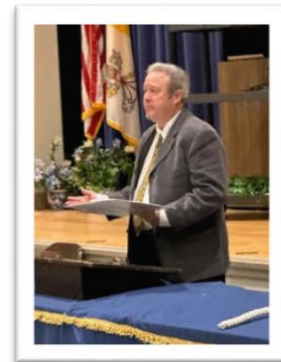
SK Josh Currie of Co. 611 on Fraternity



GK Gabriel Oti & DGK Frank Hill of Co. 611 presenting the rosary and KofC pin to the candidates



SK Frank Hill as Warden during Exemplification of Unity



GK Gabriel Oti of Co. 611 giving final remarks



District Exemplification Team with the new members

First Florida Council 611 Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary is current collecting donations for the St. Gerard Campus. They are specifically looking for diapers (**Sizes 4 – 6**), 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

President	Cynthia Day
Vice President	Keri Van Gemert
Secretary	Brittney Van Gemert
Treasurer	Beth Ann Kaczmarczyk
Trustee	Lissette Oti
Trustee	Heather Hill
Trustee	Linda Hill





THE 4th DEGREE CORNER



Merry Christmas

The Bishop Verot Assembly 0166
would like to wish
you and your families
a very Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!

Bishop Verot Assembly 0166
San Sebastian Catholic Church – Knights Hall - 1112 FL-16, St. Augustine, FL
Faithful Navigator SK AJ McCaffery III, PGK, FDD
(904)599-1436 - mccaff93@gmail.com
Meetings every 4th Monday of the Month at 7pm

BIRTHDAYS

Frederick		Catalano	
Timothy	J	Constantine	
David	C	Griggs	
Jamie	S	Knox	
Ryan	J	LaPorte	
Randal	John	Larson	
Kurt	A	Milasi	
Jon	A	Smith	
Timothy	J	Valley	
Frederick	J	Wiseman	

SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

				Years of Service
Edward	F	Kazmierski		50
Philip	R	Gagan	Rev	42
Victor	B	Galeone		20
Russell	F	Oldenburg	Sr	18
Thomas	F	Andreu		14
George	A	Edwards		11
Michael		Mausteller	Jr	2
Dennis	N	Malzacher	Jr	2
Jesse	S	Monek		0



Intentions for the Sick or in Distress



Council Prayers for:

- † Prayers for Genevare, whose mother passed away a few days ago.
- † Prayers for our Cathedral priests, deacons and lay ministers.
- † Prayers for Pope Francis and Bishop Pohlmeier.
- † 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 Gabriel Oti at:
(904)806-2711 or gjoti3@gmail.com***

December

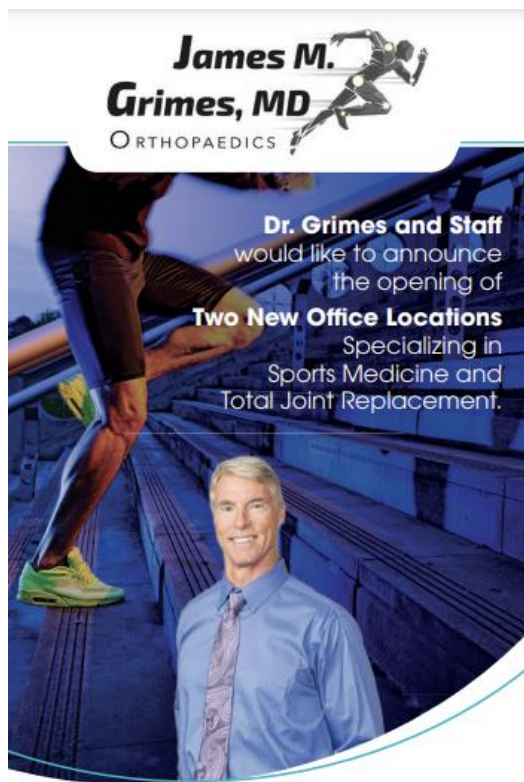
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28 4 th Degree Meeting 7pm San Sebastian	29 Officers & Directors Meeting TBA	30	1	2	3 Christmas Parade 9 -10am Mission Nombre de Dios
4	5 Business Mtng. 7pm Bishop Baker Ctr	6	7	8	9 Night Fire 6 - 8pm Cathedral Basilica	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Christmas Book Distribution All Masses Cathedral Basilica & St. Benedict's
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25 Christmas Day	26	27 Officers & Directors Meeting TBA	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve
1 New Year's Day	2 Business Mtng. 7pm Bishop Baker Ctr	3	4	5	6	7

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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