



The Knightly News

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KNIGHT AND FAMILY OF THE MONTH		Council 611 Officers	
<p>Congratulations to:</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>Br. Dennis McCarthy Knight of the Month</p> <p>Br Dennis is our very own bagpiper. He pipes with the Jacksonville Fire & Rescue Pipes & Drum, as well as, the Coastal Florida Police & Fire Pipes & Drum groups performing at memorials for law enforcement, first responders and parades. Br Dennis performed at our annual Knights District 16 golf tournament and for our St Patrick's Day Dinner and trivia fundraiser. In any given year, he performs over 30 events. God bless!</p> </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>The Kaczmarczyk Family Family of the Month</p> <p>Brother Tom is a Council officer and our director of faith formation and evangelization keeping close ties to the parish. Beth is engaged in the Ladies Auxiliary and bakes scrumptious cakes and cookies for our events. Both are involved in the Cathedral young adult group and active committee members of the Night Fire evangelization events. They're very dedicated to our Council and parish. God bless you!</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: SK Josh Currie, PGK 904-540-9559</p> <p>Recorder: Richard Speidel</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: (Vacant)</p> <p>Advocate: Bruce Dufresne, PGK 904-825-0000</p> <p>Warden: Shane O'Hara 386-227-4557</p> <p>Inside Guard: Tom Kaczmarczyk 904-540-67491</p> <p>Outside Guard: Howard Naquin 512-568-4406</p> <p>1 Year Trustee: SK Aaron Day 904-315-9984</p> <p>2 Year Trustee: SK Rick Salerno 513-614-3266</p> <p>3 Year Trustee: SK Gabe Oti, PGK 904-806-2711</p>	
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Night Fire (Saturday, June 8, 2024)

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

Monthly Council Social (Monday, May 17, 2024)

Join First Florida Council 611 for our monthly social with food and fellowship featuring guest speaker Mark Lynn, Florida State Council Vocations Director, 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 hillf6466@gmail.com

2023 – 2024 Council Officers

Thank you so much to the 2023 – 2024 officers that lead the council to meeting the requirements for its first ever Double Starr Council Award! Your leadership and guidance have continued to build upon the rock that was established in 2018!

For a list of the returning & incoming officers for the 2024 – 2025 Fraternal Year see page 3.

THE NEXT GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD:

7:00PM in the Bishop Baker Center on Monday, June 3, 2024. *2024-2025 Council Officers Elections***** Food and fellowship will be served at 6:30pm. Located at 267 St. George Street, St. Augustine, FL 32084.



Message from the Worthy Grand Knight

The month of May was another busy month for Council 611, which is getting to be a typical month. Council 611 had a guest speaker at our business meeting before our business meeting on May 6th. Jim Flood, who is co-chair for the Rectory Renovation Committee, outlined the need for the renovation and answered questions from both Brother Knights and members of the Ladies' Auxiliary.

Council 611 members who are also 4th Degree Color Corp members took part in two funeral processions in May, one at Our Lady of Good Council and one at Corpus Christi.

Our Council Picnic was held on Saturday, May 18th at the King & Bear Pavilion in World Golf Village. The Council provided hamburgers & hotdogs, condiments, drinks and table service. Despite the brief rain, members and their families enjoyed the fellowship, swam in the pools, played on the playground, and played ping-pong. A good time was had by all!

We served parishioners and guests coffee & donuts after 9 and 11 a.m. Masses on Sunday, May 19th. We prayed the Rosary before the 11 a.m. Mass as well.

Our Worthy Grand Knight Frank Hill and Financial Secretary A.J. McCaffrey attended the Knights of Columbus Florida State Convention May 23-26 in Orlando, Florida. We assisted our District Deputy with whatever tasks were needed. After the Opening Mass and the Eucharistic Procession to the Adoration Chapel, Council 611 once again led the Parade of Banners. We held this honor because we are the first council established in the state of Florida! During the open session, attendees were inspired by the video message from our Supreme Knight. Jerry Lewis's son spoke about the Wheelchair charity. Our council was recognized before the assembly for our great success in recruiting new members-we received the Third-Place Trophy for increasing our membership by 200% of our goal. The keynote speakers at the Saturday Night Banquet were the Very Rev. Alfredo Hernandez, Rector and President of St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary, and Ronald Schwartz, Supreme Treasurer.

Also on that Saturday, Council 611 Brother Knights and members of the Ladies' Auxiliary assisted the Pilots' Club in placing American flags in the formal gardens in front of the Lightner Museum in preparation for Memorial Day on Monday, May 27th.

An Officers' Meeting was held on Tuesday, May 28th. We spent the evening planning the Council fiscal year activities and budget for 2024-2025.

Vivat Jesus,

Sk Frank Hill
Worthy Grand Knight



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Let's talk (412)779-3756 or james.booritch@kofc.org

2024 - 2025 Council Officers

Congratulations to the returning and new officers for the 2024 – 2025 Fraternal Year

Grand Knight:	Frank Hill
Deputy Grand Knight:	Andy Butts
Chancellor:	Rich Speidel
Warden:	Shane O'Hara
Treasurer:	Tom Gehret
Recorder:	Carl Jacquet
Advocate:	Bruce Dufresne, PGK
Inside Guard:	Tom Kaczmarczyk
Outside Guard:	Scott Walters
Trustee 3 Year:	Howard Naquin

Trustee 2-Year & 1-Year will be Rick Salerno and Gabe Oti, PGK who are continuing their respective 3 and 2 year terms.

Lecturer is appointed by the Grand Knight and Financial Secretary is appointed by the Supreme Knight.

Thank you to all those that served last year that helped lead and contributed to the council to meeting the requirements to earn Double Star Council!!

COUNCIL'S ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY FLAG POSTING



Knights and their families honor and remember those that served and made the ultimate sacrifice for our country by posting flags in front of City Hall at the Lightner Museum as they do each year.



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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The council achieved 211% of its annual membership goal, was recognized at the State Convention for 3rd Place in Division 3 and made Council 611 eligible for its first Double Star Council Award ever! 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 by 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. Jacob Skinner at endlesspressure82@gmail.com or (904)325-1179

Have you asked someone to become a Knight?

(This year's Council goal is 9, to date we have 19)

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!***

Council 611 Represents with Distinction at the Annual Florida State Convention

(Memorial Day Weekend, Hyatt Regency, Orlando, Florida)

Council 611 was recognized for its membership drive efforts for the 2023 – 2024 Fraternal Year with a 3rd Place Award for Membership Growth in Division 3.



Grand Knight Frank Hill (center), pictured with Rick Hughes, State Deputy (left) and fellow council member, Robert Billoni, District Deputy (right) receiving the 3rd Place Membership Award for Division 3



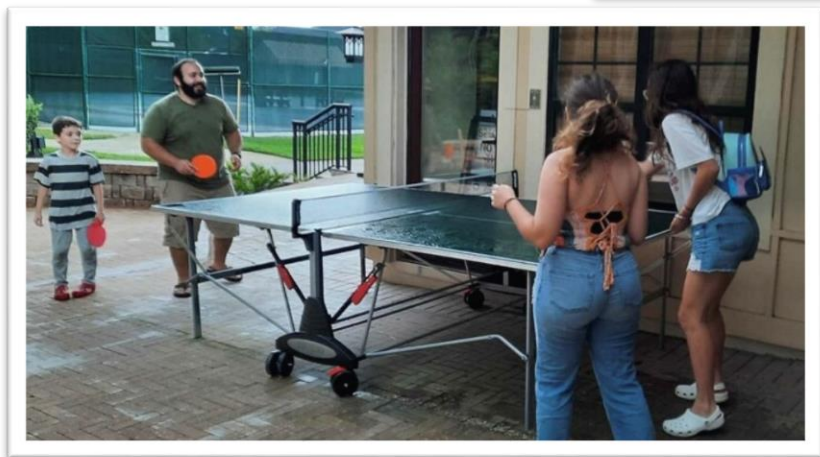
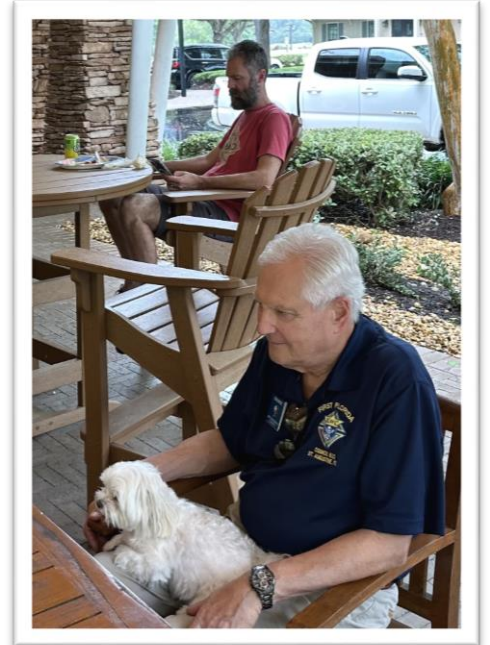
Council 611 being the first council in the state of Florida when founded in 1901, leads the procession of the parade of council banners during opening ceremonies of the Florida State Convention. Pictured here is Grand Knight Frank Hill marching with the Council banner during the procession.



Council 611 represented by delegates Frank Hill, Grand Knight (center) and AJ McCaffery III, Financial Secretary (right), pictured with council member Robert Billoni, District Deputy

Annual Council Spring Picnic

Knights and their families enjoyed a day of food, fellowship, games and activities. It was a little bit rainy that day, but that didn't stop anyone from being able to participate in some outside activities like table tennis, corn hole and swimming. Everyone relished in the tastes for fresh grilled hamburgers and hotdogs along with homemade sides and all the fixin's.



First Florida Council 611 Ladies Auxiliary

DONATIONS REQUESTED

The Ladies Auxiliary is asking everyone to donate and fill baby bottles with money. All donations go directly to St. Gerard Campus.

The Ladies Auxiliary is also requesting plastic grocery bags to donate to the St. Nicolas food bank. Epic Cure donates the food to the food bank for those in need here in St. Augustine every other Wednesday at St. Benedict of Moore and are in continuous need of donated grocery bags to package the donated food to distribute to individuals.

For donations, please contact ladies auxiliary president Linda Hill or bring 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 #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:

Linda Hill
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Ladies Auxiliary Officers

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





THE 4th DEGREE ASSEMBLED



NEXT ASSEMBLY MEETING

The next Assembly Meeting will be held on the 4th Monday of June 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. March's meeting location is to be announced. Please watch for an email from our Worthy Faithful Navigator 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
Thomas R De Lux	05-01-
William H Williford	05-01-
Christopher D Williams	05-02-
Erick A Hueck	05-07-
Rev. Philip R Gagan	05-11-
William Curtis Baker	05-14-
Don L Marek	05-14-
Dr Leopoldo B Gonzalez Md	05-18-
Cory Mara	05-18-
Ronald T Roy	05-18-
Manuel B Aquino	05-24-
Emil Chando	05-24-
Patrick J Maguire	05-24-
Gregory E Loya	05-28-
Timothy J Freeman	05-28-
Scott A Martin	05-30-

SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

Name	First Degree Date/ Re-entry Date	Years of Service
Charles H Peterson	05-01-1982	42
Patrick E Shipley	05-01-1983	41
Donald A Crichlow	05-01-1991	33
Carl J Savoia	05-06-2004	20
Gabriel J. Oti	05-13-2010	14
Christopher S Lynn	05-20-2014	10
Richard Lynn	05-20-2014	10
Evan R McDow	05-13-2015	9
William F Roberts	05-17-2015	9
Richard A Baker	05-09-2016	8

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES

Name	Clergy Title	Ordination Date
Rev. Martin L Ibeh	Father	05-12-2018
Rev. Mackenzie J Hill	Father	05-15-2021
Msgr. Michael P Morgan	Monsignor	05-19-2001



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:

- † Frank Hill requested prayers for a good friend's son who was hit by a car while riding his bike.
- † AJ McCaffery asked for prayers for friend Chris Shephard, who died of pancreatic cancer.
- † Andrew Butts requested prayers for Timothy Ray.
- † Gabriel Oti requested prayers for Enrique.
- † Frank Hill requested prayers for his best friend's wife.
- † Prayers for Pope Francis and Bishop Pohlmeier.
- † Prayers for our Cathedral priests, deacons, and lay ministers.
- † Prayer for the unrest in Isreal
- † 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

June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28 Officers Meeting TBA	29	30	31	1
2	3 Business Mtng. 7pm Bishop Baker Ctr	4	5 St. Nicholas Food Pantry St. Benedict of Moor 8:30 – 10:30am	6	7	8 Night Fire 6pm Cathedral Basilica
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 Council Social 7pm Bishop Baker Ctr Guest Speaker Mark Lynn FSC Vocations Director	18	19 St. Nicholas Food Pantry St. Benedict of Moor 8:30 – 10:30am	20	21	22
23	24 4 th Degree Meeting 7pm TBA	25 Officers Meeting TBA	26	27	28	29
30	1 Business Mtng. 7pm Bishop Baker Ctr	2	3 St. Nicholas Food Pantry St. Benedict of Moor 8:30 – 10:30am	4	5	6

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Black = Council events open to specific council members

Green = Holy Day/Event or Holiday


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