





The Knightly News

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KNIGHT AND FAMILY OF THE MONTH		Council 611 Officers		
Congratulations to: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  Br. Al McConnell Knight of the Month </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  The McCaffery Family Family of the Month </div> </div>		Grand Knight Chaplain Dep. Grand Knight Chancellor Recorder Financial Secretary Treasurer Lecturer Advocate Warden Outside Guard Inside Guard 1 Year Trustee 2 Year Trustee 3 Year Trustee	SK Gabe Oti Fr. Ignatius Yeruva SK Frank Hill SK Josh Currie, PGK SK Andrew Butts SK AJ McCaffery, FDD, PGK SK Tom Gehret <i>(Vacant)</i> Bruce Dufresne, PGK SK Matthew Bell Jesse Monek Tom Kaczmarczyk John Gillespie, PGK SK Aaron Day Rick Salerno	904-806-2711 904-824-2806 812-249-0038 904-540-9559 571-246-6253 904-599-1436 904-566-8932 904-825-0000 913-439-9737 908-868-2960 904-540-6749 904-347-9426 904-315-9984 513-614-3266
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Rosary & Corporate Mass
 (Sunday, April 30, 2023)

Bring your family and join First Florida Council 611 in prayer and celebration of the Holy Eucharist beginning at 10:30pm at the Cathedral Basilica. Reserved seating is available and please wear your council polo shirt.

To reserve seating, contact our Chancellor Josh Currie, PGK at (904)540-9559 or jcurriekofc@gmail.com

Council Social & Family Prayer Night
 (Monday, May 15, 2023)

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

Florida State Council Annual Meeting
 (May 26 - 28, 2023)

First Florida Council 611 will be represented at this year's annual state council meeting in Kissimmee, FL by DGK Frank Hill and FS AJ McCaffery III, FDD, PGK, PFN

Florida State Council Meeting will be held at the Hyatt Regency Orlando and is open to all Knights

THE NEXT GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD:

7:00PM in the Bishop Baker Center on Monday, May 1, 2023. 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,

We had several fruitful events this month. On Sunday, April 16th we held a Membership Drive at the Cathedral and at St. Benedict's after each mass. This was an excellent opportunity to let the parishioners know that there are Knights among them and invite all to join us! I want to thank the Brothers that were able to come out and help with recruitment. It was a very successful day with 3 new recruits and one reactivation! Again, my heartfelt thanks to those Brothers that came out, we couldn't have done it without you.

The following day, Monday, April 17th we had a Fraternal Benefits Night as part of our Social. Our Field Agent, Jim Booritch was with us in person to educate and answered questions about our benefits! It was very well attended and we had close to 40 people present.

Sunday, April 30th was our Corporate Communion. We gathered at 10:30am in the Basilica and joined our congregation in the recitation of the Most Holy Rosary, followed by the 11am mass. Again we had a well-attended Corporate Communion which sends a powerful message to our parish that their Knights are present and active! I want to thank all those brother Knights and their families who joined us on Sunday.

Brothers please keep May 15 in your calendars. We will be celebrating our monthly social along with a family prayer night making the evening truly special. I hope to see you all then.

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.

Vivat Jesus,

Sk Gabe Oti
Grand Knight



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Insurance:

As we begin 2023, 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

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST



DGK Frank Hill of First Florida Council 611 Knights presented Christian Chasse' with the Florida State Council 1st Place Winner plaque and award check of \$100. Christian is a 5th grader at CPS and won our council's contest, District 16 contest, Region 2 contest and the Florida State contest. Christian is now entered in the national poster contest held by Supreme. Congratulations Christian and good luck at nationals! Thank you to SK Andy Butts for spearheading 611's poster contest program and bringing it back to our parish.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

First Florida Council 611 is doing a great job of recruiting new members in this fraternal year. To date, we have added nine new members and more than a dozen transfer members to our council.

The council hosted a 3rd membership drive the weekend of April 16th after each mass and we recruited three new members and a member who transferred and reactivated his membership after many years. It was another successful opportunity for the council to invite the men of the parish to join our order. 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, 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 9)

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!***



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Election of Council Officers 2023 - 2024 Fraternal Year

First Florida Council 611 is now accepting floor nominations for Officers for the coming 2023-2024 Fraternal Year...Will You Answer the Call?

Grand Knight

- Presides over all council meetings
- Appoints program and membership directors
- Appoints committees as needed
- Countersigns orders for payment and checks
- Ensures the submission of all paperwork required by the Supreme and State Councils
- Maintains working relationships with the council's chaplain, district deputy, field agent and general agent, as well as with other local service organizations (e.g. Habitat for Humanity, food pantries/soup kitchens)
- Has a working knowledge of the kofc.org website, Officers Online and Member Management
- Responsible for his council's First Degree Team and the scheduling of frequent First Degree Ceremonials

Deputy Grand Knight

- Assists the grand knight with operation of the council
- Presides at council meetings in the absence of the grand knight
- Is recommended to serve on the council's retention committee
- Has a working knowledge of the Knights of Columbus website, Officers Online and Member Management
- Performs other such duties as the grand knight may direct

Chancellor

- Assists the grand knight and deputy grand knight with their duties, as assigned
- Is entrusted with strengthening the members' interest in council activities
- Is recommended to serve as the chairman of the Admission Committee
- Performs other such duties as the grand knight may direct

Recorder

- Responsible for keeping and maintaining a true and permanent record of all actions of the council, using a Recorder's Minute Book (#1403)
- Maintains all correspondence of the council
- Reads the bills entered into the minutes for discussion
- Performs such other duties as the grand knight may direct

Treasurer

- Handles council funds
- Receives money from the financial secretary and deposits it in the proper council accounts
- Maintains all of the council's checking and savings accounts
- Is responsible for paying all council expenses, including assessments from the Supreme Council
- Performs other such duties as the grand knight may direct

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Advocate

- Acts as parliamentarian for the council
- Has a working knowledge of Method of Conducting Council Meetings (#10318)
- Knows the council's bylaws and the Order's Charter, Constitution and Laws (#30)
- Has access to Officers Online and Officers Desk Reference 12
- Seeks legal assistance from the state advocate as needed
- Performs other such duties as the grand knight may direct

Warden

- Supervises and maintains all council property
- Arranges the council chambers for meetings and degree exemplifications
- Oversees inside and outside guards
- Performs other such duties as the grand knight may direct

Inside/Outside Guards

- Attend the doors of the council chamber, checking for current membership cards and allowing entrance
- Perform other such duties as the grand knight may direct

Board of Trustees

- Consists of the grand knight and three other members, who are elected by the council's membership for terms of three years, two years and one year
- At each regular election, the position of each trustee will be voted upon, with the current three- and two-year trustee potentially moving on to become the two- and one-year trustee, respectively
- Supervises all financial procedures of the council and conducts the semiannual audits
- Ensures that proper protocol and procedures are followed by the council for the payment of monies — however, cannot override the vote of the council's membership

The fraternal year begins on July 1, 2023 and ends on June 30, 2024. If you would like to nominate a fellow brother or to nominate yourself for this coming fraternal year's slate, submit your nominations to any member of the Council Board of Trustees or our nomination committee chairman, SK AJ McCaffery III, FDD, PGK at (904)599-1436 or mcaff93@gmail.com.

All nominations will close after the 2nd Reading of the official slate at the May 1st Council Business Meeting. Elections will be held during the Council's monthly business meeting on June 5, 2023.

2023 - 2024 First Florida Council 611 Slate of Officers

(First Reading at the April 3rd Business Meeting)

<u>Position</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Grand Knight	Gabe Oti	Retire	Frank Hill
Deputy Grand Knight	Frank Hill	Advance	Andrew Butts
Chancellor	Josh Currie	Remain	Josh Currie
Treasurer	Tom Gehret	Remain	Tom Gehret
Recorder	Andy Butts	Advance	
Warden	Matt Bell	Remain	Matt Bell
Advocate	Bruce Dufresne		
Inside Guard	Tom Kaczmarcyk	Remain	Tom Kaczmarcyk
Outside Guard	Jesse Monek	Leave of Abs	Shane O'Hara
Trustee 3 Year	Rick Salerno	Advance	Gabe Oti
Trustee 2 Year	Aaron Day	Advance	Rick Salerno
Trustee 1 Year	John Gillespie	End of Term	Aaron Day
<u>Appointed</u>			
Chaplain	Fr. Ignatius	Remain	Fr. Ignatius
Financial Secretary	A.J. McCaffery	Remain	A.J. McCaffery
Lecturer	Vacant		
<u>Directors/Chairman</u>			
Membership Director	Frank Hill	Retire	Jacob Skinner
Program Director	Andy Butts	Remain	Andy Butts
Faith Chairman	Joshua Currie		
Family Chairman	Frank Hill		
Community Chairman	A.J. McCaffery		
Life Chairman	Bruce Dufresne		

Council Social & Fraternal Benefits Night

(April 17, 2023)



Council members and guests enjoying good food and great fellowship



KofC Insurance Field Agent Jim Booritch educating and answering questions on the many benefits offered exclusively to our members and their families from Life Insurance to Long Term Care Benefits to financial benefits such as annuities, and more.



Br. Howard Naquin being presented Knight of the Month for March



The Griggs family presented with Family of the Month for March

Welcome New Brothers

First Florida Council 611 would like to welcome new brothers **Thomas Pyle** and **Massimo Peters** who took their Degree at the District Exemplification this past April 21, 2023 at Corpus Christi Catholic Church. We would also like to welcome **Br.'s Dennis McCarthy** and **Joseph Regan** who transferred their membership to our council this past month. Welcome Brothers!



New brothers from Councils 611, 11046 and 13337 taking a group photo with celebrant Fr. Mooney after the Exemplification



Host Council 13337 GK Robert Shilkunas inviting new brothers and all who attended to a dinner reception immediately that followed after the Exemplification ceremony



Group photo of all brothers from Councils 611, 11046 and 13337 that attended the Exemplification prior to the dinner reception with members and their families

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 of plastic grocery bags to donate to a local food bank.

For donations, please contact ladies auxiliary president Beth K or bring donations to meetings and/or social events.

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:

Beth Ann Kaczmarczyk

Cell: (904)392-7675

Email: elizebetheretto@gmail.com

Ladies Auxiliary Officers

President	Beth Ann Kaczmarczyk
Vice President	Cynthia Day
Trustee	Lissette Oti
Trustee	Heather Hill
Trustee	Linda Hill





THE 4th DEGREE REPORT



Submitted by SK AJ McCaffery III, FDD, PGK

This Past Month

Assembly 0166 Color Corps lead the procession for both the Palm Sunday Mass at the Cathedral Basilica and the march to the marina in downtown St. Augustine for the annual Blessing of the Fleet with Bishop Pohlmeier on April 2, 2023.



In addition the Color Corps honored our brother Deacon Ron Gagne during his funeral at St. Anastasia Catholic Church on April 15, 2023



Coming up in May

- **May 7th:** Color Corps Training (San Sebastian)
- **May 10th:** Funeral for SK Ed Mulvey, PGK, PFN (St. Anastasia)
- **May 11th:** Memorial Mass for Dcn. Earl Kidwell (San Sebastian)

Looking Ahead

Unofficially, Assembly 0166 is slated to host the Fourth Degree exemplification this coming fall. We'll need a lot of help organizing and preparing the Bishop Baker Center.

Bishop Verot Assembly 0166
 San Sebastian Catholic Church – Knights Hall - 1112 FL-16, St. Augustine, FL
 Faithful Navigator SK AJ McCaffery III, FDD, PGK
 (904)599-1436 - mccaff93@gmail.com

Meetings every 4th Monday of the Month at 7pm

BIRTHDAYS

John	F	Bradshaw	III
Donald	A	Crichlow	
William		Dufresne	
George	A	Edwards	
Joseph	M	Gall	
Michael	J	Hesson	
Allen	J	McCaffery	III
Ronald	D	Mickler	
Gerard	P	O'Hare	
Zavien	P	Van Gemert	

SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

				Years of Service
Darrell	R	Poli		43
Leopoldo	B	Gonzalez	MD	27
Charles	D	Binninger		26
John	B	Gillespie		19
Edmundo	Ervas	Don		16
Kenneth	R	Trengrove		16
Allen	J	McCaffery	III	12
Nestor	R	Lopez		8
Ivan		Carrillo		8
Jon	A	Smith		8
Carlos	M	Sosa-Ortiz	Fr	8
Mackenzie	J	Hill	Fr	5
James	M	Grimes		4
Randal	John	Larson		4
Tom	M	Kaczmarceyk		4
John	M	Bowyer		1



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:

- † Prayers for Deacon Chuck as he endures a serious ailment.
- † Prayers for DGK Frank's wife, Linda, who is undergoing surgery soon.
- † Prayers for Ron Gagnon.
- † Prayers for Brother Tom DeLux and healing of his ailments.
- † Prayers for St Ambrose church who is trying to start up another Council.
- † 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

May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23	24 4th Degree Meeting 7pm San Sebastian	25 Officers & Directors Meeting TBA	26	27	28	29
30 Rosary Prayer & Corporate Mass 10:30am Cathedral Basilica	1 Business Mtng. 7pm Bishop Baker Ctr	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Council Social & Family Prayer Night 7pm Bishop Baker Ctr	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Florida State Council Annual Meeting Kissimmee, FL	26 Florida State Council Annual Meeting Kissimmee, FL	27 Florida State Council Annual Meeting Kissimmee, FL
28	29 4th Degree Meeting 7pm San Sebastian	30 Officers & Directors Meeting TBA	31	1	2	3

Red = Council events open to all members

Black = Council events open to specific council members

Green = Holy Day/Event or Holiday

We would like to thank our sponsors whose owners are active members of First Florida Council 611

James M. Grimes, MD
ORTHOPAEDICS

Dr. Grimes and Staff would like to announce the opening of **Two New Office Locations** Specializing in Sports Medicine and Total Joint Replacement.

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