



The Knightly News



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Mark Van Gemert
 Knight of the Month

Br. Mark has gone above and beyond for our Council this month and indeed all year. He and his wife Keri have prepared and cooked for our socials each month. Mark was recently elected Council Treasurer and has accepted the position of Family Director. Thank you Brother Mark, 611 is proud to have you!

Council 611 Officers

Grand Knight	SK Robert Billoni, PFN	954-445-3008
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Council Officers take office

Please join us in congratulating to the new Officers elected for the 2019 – 2020 Fraternal Year at the June Council Meeting. These new officers and program directors officially took office on July 1, 2019.

A great thank you to last year's Council officers. 611 owes you great praise for your hard work and dedication over the past fraternal year.

Installation of Officers & Awards Banquet

Council 611 will host its Annual Installation of Officers and Awards Banquet on Monday, August 12th.

The Parish Hall at CPS is under renovation, therefore it will be held at San Sebastian Catholic Church at 6PM. This is our Council's biggest members' event of the year.

Business Attire is Required

Please R.S.V.P. by contacting our Grand Knight, S/K Robert Billoni at (954)445-3008 or rbillon@gmail.com.

Council Budget

The Officers and Directors of the Council are busy putting together the 2019 – 2020 fraternal year budget for presentation to the Council at the August 5, 2019 business session.

It is important for every Council member to be present at August business session so we may review and approve the Council's budget for the year.

If you have any questions, please contact our Worthy Grand Knight, S/K Robert Billoni at 954-445-3008 or rbilloni@gmail.com

THE NEXT GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD:

Parish Hall at the Cathedral Parish School at 7:00PM on Monday, August 5, 2019. **Budget approval for the coming 2019-2020 fraternal year.** Rosary begins at 6:15PM and Fellowship at 6:30PM

ALWAYS KEEP YOUR FORM 100 HANDY!



Message from the Grand Knight

Worthy Brothers,

I would like to congratulate the new officers and directors of First Florida Council 611! The Council thanks you for accepting this charge and has put their faith in your commitment to fulfil your roles. It's going to be a great year with your dedication and leadership. I am honored and humbled to serve this coming year with each and every one of you. I am confident we will learn a lot from each other as each of you has a great deal of experience to share with us. Together we will continue to strengthen and grow our Council.

This year's First Florida Council 611 Initiative is "Are We Who We Say We Are?". Each of our 157 members has to ask themselves "Am I who I say I am?" If you have not been to a meeting, volunteered, or even brought your family to one of our monthly socials in a while, don't just say you're a Knight, be a Knight. It only takes 24 hours out of an entire calendar year to be a productive and contributing Knight to the Council. We all have a few hours to spare each year and you're going to be proud to be a part of what our Council is doing. It takes the commitment of each member to make our Council and your individual experience in the Knights truly worthwhile and rewarding. If each individual member is truly doing their part, then as a Council, the answer to that question "Are We Who We Say We Are?" can easily be answered. You won't be disappointed, as a Council we have come so far; and as individual Knights we are having a lot of fun together, come join us!

Vivat Jesus,

S/K Robert Billoni, PFN
Worthy Grand Knight



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As we approach the mid-point of 2019, 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 (386)235-4064 or Stan.Hetrick@kofc.org

First Florida Council 611

Officers for the 2019 – 2020 Fraternal Year

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Congratulations Worthy Knights!

Have you asked someone to become a Knight?

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?

There is a call deep within each man to go deeper and reach higher to become the man God made him to be. In a world full of challenges, the Knights of Columbus equips men to answer the call to lead with faith, protect their families, serve others and defend their values.

Ask a catholic gentlemen you know that would make a great Knight to join today. ***Always having Form 100 handy makes it even easier!***

LOVING THE CHURCH

7/1/2019

Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori

AS WE PROFESS OUR FAITH IN, AND LOVE FOR, THE CHURCH, WE SHARE A RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEEP AND AUTHENTIC REFORM



IN THE NICENE CREED, we profess: “I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.” A friend of mine recently said, “I used to say those words without giving them much thought. Now, I say to myself, ‘I believe in the Lord. But do I believe in the Church?’”

My friend speaks for quite a few people. Recent studies show that 37% of Catholics in the United States are seriously thinking about leaving the Church as the result of the sexual abuse crisis. This percentage is not confined to the 75% of Catholics who do not regularly attend Sunday Mass; it includes church-going Catholics. Many pastors confirm that Mass attendance has declined since the summer of 2018, along with financial support.

At a time when parishioners are rightfully angry, what does it mean to believe in the Church and to love it? Can we love the Church and at the same time insist on genuine reform? Thankfully, the answer is “yes” — but a “yes” that requires us to do some thinking and praying, because there are false ways of loving and reforming the Church.

One false way of loving the Church is to say, “I love the Church all right, but not that old corrupt institutional Church.” From its earliest days, there have been people who professed love only for some invisible, spiritual Church, not the actual flesh and blood Church that came from the side of the crucified Savior. This perspective is understandable enough, yet it remains a cop out.

The Church is made up of “a divine and a human element” that coalesce to “form one complex reality” (Vatican II, *Lumen Gentium*, no. 8). It is the “human element” of the Church, made up of sinful human beings, which continually needs to be reformed and purified — but not discarded or made into something other than what the Lord intended. Not surprisingly, some proposed reforms have nothing to do with the sexual abuse crisis but rather attempt to impose on the Church various ideological agendas, in none of which salvation can be found.

Please don’t think this is an attempt to sanitize the depth and enormity of the sexual abuse crisis, for we need deep purification and far-reaching reform.

Good policies and procedures are a start. For example, the so-called “Dallas Charter” enacted by the U.S. bishops in 2002 has been effective. Since then, very few new cases of clergy sexual abuse have been reported. In dioceses, parishes, Catholic schools and other ministries, many safeguards are now in place to prevent abuse and/or to ensure that it is reported to civil authorities the minute it is discovered. Thanks to the Holy Father’s new directive, the U.S. bishops are also putting in place new procedures by which we will be held accountable for abuse, harassment or failure to handle allegations of sexual misconduct in accord with the highest standards. Procedural reform is indeed one of the ways to love the Church and to reform and purify its visible structures.

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But there is a much deeper reform that is more necessary than ever. A profound conversion on the part of the Church's shepherds is essential, but for this reform to take hold it must include all of God's people. Purifying the Church is something we do together. We have to reject moral relativism and the compromises with evil that follow in its wake. We have to turn to the Lord in prayer as never before, both as individuals and as parish communities. And with the help of the Holy Spirit by whom Jesus lives and acts in us, we should strive to change not only programs and certain structures but indeed the culture of our dioceses, parishes, homes and ministries such that they are places of encounter with the risen Lord and one another, places filled with hope and missionary zeal.

As Knights of Columbus, we speak of ourselves as "the strong right arm of the Church." Let us resolve, then, to believe in the Church and to love the Church so much that we contribute to its ongoing purification and reform.

A TRUE KNIGHT FOR TODAY

7/1/2019

by Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson

THE HEROIC WITNESS OF KENDRICK CASTILLO DEMONSTRATES THE FULLNESS OF A LIFE LIVED FOR OTHERS



THERE ARE THOSE who say we don't have heroes anymore.

Kendrick Castillo proves them wrong.

One day last May, Kendrick woke up as if it were any other day. An 18-year old young man, he went through his normal morning routine, packing his backpack and heading to school in a suburb of Denver. It was an exciting time for him. As a high school senior, he looked forward to his graduation only days away and the promising life that lay before him.

But on that Tuesday afternoon, everything changed. After lunch, as Kendrick sat at his desk, a troubled student entered his classroom and pulled out a gun. In that instant, Kendrick made his decision he charged the assailant.

Kendrick gave his fellow classmates the precious seconds they needed to hide or escape, before he was shot. But while he courageously saved lives, he selflessly gave up his own. In Kendrick Castillo, a life was tragically lost but a true hero was born.

As a nation, we mourn Kendrick's death, even as we celebrate his courage. As an organization, the Knights of Columbus is especially moved by his example of selfless sacrifice. His father, a member of the Knights, has said that his son "wanted to be a Knight of Columbus because he wanted to help not only people, but his community."

Kendrick Castillo did exactly that. A faithful Catholic to the end, he lived and died according to the teaching of Jesus Christ: "Greater love has no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends" (Jn 15:13).

In a better world, Kendrick Castillo would still be with us. That Tuesday would have gone like any other no shooting, no grief, no resulting search for answers. Sadly, that is not the world we live in. Ours is marred with sin and strife and suffering. But that doesn't mean we have no hope. Heroes give us hope.

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There have always been and there will always be those who inspire us with their selfless actions. Some, like Kendrick Castillo, have given up their lives for the sake of others. Others are still among us, living their lives for others, in ways big and small.

To find them, we must know where to look. Some think of heroes as having supernatural powers, only to be found in comic books or movies, and in the mythic tales of ancient Greece and Rome. Others associate heroes with celebrities great athletes, talented artists, the beautiful, the wealthy, the powerful, and so on. Yet true heroism has a different face.

Heroism lives in ordinary people who do extraordinary things. They practice the timeless principles of courage, truthfulness, humility and self-sacrifice. Like Kendrick Castillo, they put the interests of others ahead of themselves, even if it costs them everything.

If we look around, we'll see that plenty of people still embody these characteristics in their daily lives. They are often unknown or unacknowledged because they don't seek publicity. They also come from unexpected places and their heroism emerges at unforeseen times.

One of the most inspiring aspects of serving as supreme knight has been meeting so many brother Knights who are true everyday heroes — heroes who sacrifice to advance our principles of charity, unity and fraternity.

A famous 14th-century treatise on knighthood advises Christian knights to be men of integrity and devotion, for as the writer observes, "they are in danger every day, and at the moment when they think themselves to be the most secure, it is then that they may suddenly have to undertake demanding and dangerous adventures."

The integrity of the knight included the commitment to defend those in danger who could not defend themselves and the courage not to recoil in the face of danger.

We are told that Kendrick Castillo wanted to join the Knights of Columbus and so to be more like us. My sincere hope is that because of his example, our brother Knights will want to be more like him.

Vivat Jesus!



For the Good of the Order



Council Prayers for:

- ❖ Gene Loya
- ❖ Gloria Maguire
- ❖ Janet Baker, sister of Curt
- ❖ Greg Maquire's cousin Ken
- ❖ Keri Van Gemert
- ❖ Frank Perry
- ❖ Jim Spinelli's son
- ❖ John Gillespie & Family
- ❖ Bruce Defresne Family
- ❖ Soul of Andrew Camarari
- ❖ All of our service men & women

If you know of a brother who is sick or in need of prayers, please contact our Worthy Grand Knight, S/K Robert Billoni at: 954-445-3008 or rbilloni@gmail.com

August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30 Officer's Meeting 7pm TBA	31	1	2	3
4	5 Business Mtng. 7pm Parish Hall Annual Budget Approval	6	7	8	9	10
10	12 <i>Annual Officers Installation & Awards Banquet</i> <i>San Sebastian Church</i> 6PM	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 4 th Degree Exemplification 12PM Assumption Church
25	26 4 th Degree Meeting 7PM San Sebastian	27 Officer's Meeting 7pm TBA	28	29	30	31
1	2 Business Mtng. 7pm Parish Hall	3	4	5	6	7

Knight of the Year 2018 -2019



S/K Greg Maguire

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