



# The Knightly News



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KNIGHT AND FAMILY OF THE MONTH		Council 611 Officers	
<p><b>Congratulations to:</b></p> <p><b>Br. Mark Lynn</b>  <b>Knight of the Month</b></p> <p>Br. Mark rejoined Council 611 and immediately recruited two new members for our Council, which allowed us to reach our recruitment goal set by Supreme. Council 611 can't thank you enough!</p>		<p><b>Kaczmarceyk Family</b>  <b>Family of the Month</b></p> <p>Br. Tom volunteered to service as Outside Guard for the coming year and Beth Ann serves as Treasurer for the Ladies Auxiliary. They participated and help lead both of the Council's rosary prayer in May.</p>	
<p><b>Service Committee Directors &amp; Chairs</b></p> <p>Program Director: SK Aaron Day 904-315-9984                      Membership: SK Greg Maguire 904-347-4460                      Life Dir: Bruce Dufresne, PGK 904-825-0000                      Faith Dir: SK Josh Currie, PGK 904-540-9559                      Community Dir: SK AJ McCaffery, PGK, FDD 904-599-1436                      Family Dir: Mark Van Gemert 904-325-1843</p>		<p><b>Council 611 Officers</b></p> <p>Grand Knight: SK Robert Billoni, PFN 954-445-3008                      Chaplain: (temporarily vacant)                      Dep. Grand Knight: SK Greg Maguire 904-347-4460                      Chancellor: SK Josh Currie, PGK 904-540-9559                      Recorder: SK AJ McCaffery, PGK, FDD 904-599-1436                      Financial Secretary: SK Gabe Oti 904-806-2711                      Treasurer: Mark Van Gemert 904-325-1843                      Advocate: Bruce Dufresne, PGK 904-825-0000                      Warden: SK Aaron Day 904-315-9984                      Inside Guard: SK Linwood Finley 904-827-1536                      Outside Guard: Tom Gehret 904-566-8932                      1 Year Trustee: Pat Maguire 904-794-4460                      2 Year Trustee: SK Curt Baker, PGK 904-517-9252                      3 Year Trustee: John Gillespie, PGK 904-347-9426</p>	
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### Online Exemplifications

Did you know the number one reason catholic men do not join the Knights is simply because no one has ever asked them before?

**With social distancing due to the COVID-19 virus, Supreme is conducting Exemplifications online via videos and conferencing (Council goal is 7, to date we have 5)**

Now more than ever, catholic men and their families need the Knights of Columbus.

Please contact GK Robert Billoni at (954)445-3008 or rbilloni@gmail.com

### 2019 – 2020 Council Officers

A BIG THANK YOU to the officers that served this past 2019 – 2020 Fraternal Year.

First Florida Council 611 owes you a debt of gratitude for your all your hard work and dedication to its success over this past year fraternal year!

First Florida Council 611 would like to congratulations to all newly elected officers for the 2020 -2021 fraternal year!

### Council Gatherings

No word yet as to when all parish facilities will be open and available for the parish's ministries to use again for its meetings and planned events.

The council is in constant communication the Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine as to when they may safely allow gathers for events that are more than 10 people.

Up to date information will be communicated to the members of Council 611 as we receive them from the Cathedral Parish.

### THE NEXT GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD:

7:00PM (Location is To Be Announced) on Monday, July 6, 2020.

ALWAYS KEEP YOUR FORM 100 HANDY!



## Message from the Grand Knight

Worthy Brothers,

I pray that you and your families are doing well and staying healthy during this pandemic. Again, if you or a brother you know are in need of assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to Council 611. Times of crisis is when we need the Knights of Columbus and the principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity the most!

The month of May has proven to be a most productive one despite social distancing and stay at home orders. The council has conducted two online rosary prayers, transferred in one new member from another council, recruited one new member into our Order, and organized and facilitated a disaster preparedness program leading up to this year's hurricane season that begins on June 1, 2020.

The Ladies Auxiliary has been busy at work producing reusable masks for the St. John's County Council on Aging Meals on Wheels program. They have also created and made available for a limited time only, Knights of Columbus reusable masks for sale of a price of only \$8 per masks. All proceeds of the sale of KofC masks to members will go 100% towards the production of generic masks for the St. John's County Council on Aging Meals on Wheels program. Outstanding charity Ladies!

As we close out the 2019 -2020 fraternal year, I would like to thank each and every member that served as an officer this past year. Your hard work, devotion, dedication and leadership drove our Council to a successful year. Of the thirteen officers that served last year, twelve are returning for another term in 2020 - 2021. In addition, I would like to welcome three additional members, Brothers Frank Hill, Ken Brown and Tom Kaczmarceyk to our officers' team this coming year giving First Florida Council 611 fifteen officers for the coming fraternal year.

First Florida Council 611 **has** answered the question "Are We Who We Say We Are? Thank God I am a Knight and thank God you are Knights.

Vivat Jesus,

S/K Robert Billoni, PFN  
Worthy Grand Knight



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### Insurance:

As we approach the middle of 2020, 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](mailto:Stan.Hetrick@kofc.org)

## COUNCIL ROSARY PRAYERS

First Florida Council 611 members and their families gathered online for two rosary prayers on May 1<sup>st</sup> and May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

The two online Council rosary prayers were organized by our Program Director, Sk Aaron Day and our Faith Director, Sk Josh Currie, PGK. Decades of the rosary were led by both brothers and family members alike and proved that even during a time of social distancing amidst a worldwide pandemic cannot keep our beloved organization, its members and family from putting faith in to action. Regardless of how far apart we are physically, we are still closely bonded spiritually

Thank you to all that participated. Praying together helped social distancing feel much less isolating.

**For more information on all First Florida Council 611's Faith Programs, please contact our Faith Director, Sk Josh Currie, PGK at (904)599-1436 or [jcurriekofc@gmail.com](mailto:jcurriekofc@gmail.com)**

## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Councils and the Knights of Columbus are still actively recruiting new members (**over 3,000 in the last two months**). Our Council goal, set by Supreme, is now 7 new members (reduced due to the COVID-19 Virus) and to date we have recruited 6. Now more than ever, catholic men and their families need the Knights of Columbus. We can fill out and submit Form 100's and preform the Exemplifications totally online. It only takes 30 minutes, making it easier than ever before to join the Knights of Columbus.

**For more information, please contact our Worthy Grand Knight, Sk Robert Billoni at (954)445-3008 or [rbilloni@gmail.com](mailto:rbilloni@gmail.com)**



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### Have you asked someone to become a Knight?

*(This year's Council goal is 7, to date we have 7)*

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! A new member can register and participate in their Exemplification on Charity, Unity and Fraternity ceremony all online without even leaving their home. It only takes 30 minutes!***

## Congratulations to Council 611's elected officers for the 2020-2021 Fraternal Year

<i>Grand Knight:</i>	<i>SK Robert Billoni, PFN</i>
<i>Deputy Grand Knight:</i>	<i>SK Gabe Oti</i>
<i>Chancellor:</i>	<i>SK Joshua Currie, PGK</i>
<i>Recorder:</i>	<i>Frank Hill</i>
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<i>Treasurer:</i>	<i>Mark VanGemert</i>
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<i>Inside Guard:</i>	<i>SK Linwood Finley</i>
<i>Outside Guard:</i>	<i>Tom Gehret</i> <i>Tom Kaczmarceyk</i>
<i>1-year Trustee:</i>	<i>Pat Maguire</i>
<i>2-year Trustee:</i>	<i>Curt Baker, PGK</i>
<i>3-year Trustee:</i>	<i>SK John Gillespie, PGK</i>



Elections were held at the Regular Council Meeting on Monday, June 1, 2020.  
Officers' term for 2020-2021 fraternal year will begin on July 1, 2020.

**A BIG THANK YOU** to those officers that served this past 2019 – 2020 Fraternal Year. You did a fantastic job and First Florida Council 611 owes you a debt of gratitude for its success this past year!



## First Florida Council 611 Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary of First Florida Council 611 have been busy manufacturing reusable masks this past month of May for the St. John's County Council on Aging, Meals on Wheels program. The Council on Aging, which normally serves over 3000 meals each week to seniors, but has had to scale back the number of meals served due to a lack of supply in disposable protection masks for their volunteers.

The Ladies Auxiliary upon learning of this, reached out to the Director of the Council on Aging, and to their delight, offered to produce 100 reusable masks that are hand washable. To date, the Ladies have produced 30 reusable masks and are in need of the materials used to produce the rest of these masks, therefore, the Ladies are producing reusable masks for the Knights at \$8 per mask. The \$8 will not only cover the cost of the Knights mask, but also the cost of producing and donating two generic masks for the St. John's County Council on Aging. Each mask has three layers of material, two layers of 100% cotton material and one layer of polypropylene material.



Two outer layers of 100% cotton material for comfort and one inner layer of polypropylene material.



Comes in three sizes: S, M, L  
Adjustable ear straps  
Hand washable

To purchase your own Knights of Columbus reusable mask, please contact Keri Van Gemert at (904)325-1903 or [aautoinsurance@outlook.com](mailto:aautoinsurance@outlook.com)

If you know any ladies that would like to join the Ladies Auxiliary (they need not be a spouse of a Knight) or for more information, please contact:

Cynthia Day  
Cell: (360)628-0007



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### Ladies Auxiliary Officers

President: Cynthia Day

V. President: Keri Van Gemert

Secretary: Brittney Van Gemert

Treasurer: Beth Ann Kaczmarczyk

Trustee: Lissette Oti

Trustee: Heather Hill

Trustee: Linda Hill

## Disaster Preparedness

It only takes one storm to change your life and community. Tropical cyclones are among nature's most powerful and destructive phenomena. If you live in an area prone to tropical cyclones, you need to be prepared. The threats from hurricanes to you and your family can vary widely depending on where you live. It's not just those along the coast that can experience significant, life-threatening impacts. Evaluate what you need to do to protect your home and family NOW, before the first storm of the season even forms.

Hurricane season has now begun. Make sure you have a hurricane evacuation plan. The first thing you need to do is find out if you live in a storm surge hurricane evacuation zone or if you're in a home that would be unsafe during a hurricane. If you are, figure out where you'd go and how you'd get there if told to evacuate. You do not need to travel hundreds of miles. Identify someone, perhaps a friend or relative who doesn't live in an evacuation zone or unsafe home, and coordinate with them to use their home as your evacuation destination. Be sure to account for your pets, as most local shelters do not permit them. Put the plan in writing for you and those you care about.

As hurricane season approaches, listen to local officials on questions related to how you may need to adjust any evacuation plans based on the latest health and safety guidelines from the CDC and your local officials. For more information, and additional resources, please go to [www.ready.gov/hurricanes](http://www.ready.gov/hurricanes) and <https://www.weather.gov/wrn/hurricane-preparedness>.

As part of our Council's Disaster Preparedness Program, we have highlighted some action step to take before Hurricane Season begins on June 1, 2020 from FEMA and [Ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov). Here in the Nation's Oldest City, we are no stranger to Hurricanes, and we want to help you make sure you're doing all you can to be prepared! [#HurricanePrep](https://twitter.com/HurricanePrep)

- **Determine Your Risk**
  - Are you in a flood or storm surge area
- **Develop an Evacuation Plan**
  - Keep your important documents together for quick access, take photos of valuables and remember not all shelters allow pets
- **Assemble Disaster Supplies**
  - Don't forget things like cash and medications
- **Get an Insurance Checkup on Your Property**
  - Flood Insurance must be obtained separately
- **Strengthen Your Home**
  - Trim trees on your property, get approved window coverings
- **Help Your Neighbor**
  - Help those that need assistance to prepare
- **Complete a Written Plan**
  - Share and review it with everyone in your household

**The 2020 Florida Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday begins Friday, May 29 and runs through Thursday, June 4, 2020. Qualifying items such as flashlights, generators and batteries are exempt from sales tax. For a complete list and details on qualifying items, please visit [https://revenue.law.floridarevenue.com/LawLibraryDocuments/2020/05/TIP-123007\\_TIP\\_20A01-02\\_FINAL\\_RLL.pdf](https://revenue.law.floridarevenue.com/LawLibraryDocuments/2020/05/TIP-123007_TIP_20A01-02_FINAL_RLL.pdf)**

**BIRTHDAYS**

DAVID	J	MARIOTTI		06-02
THEODORE	B	BURKHARDT		06-06
JOSEPH	D	THOMASON		06-15
KEVIN		PARTEL		06-16
JOHN	P	WALSH		06-18
RICHARD	A	BAKER		06-19
EDWARD	G	MUSSALLEM		06-21
CHARLES	B	THOMAS	JR	06-27
PETER	B	BOTTINI		06-29

**SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES**

EDWARD	G	MUSSALLEM		73 Years
ROBERT	H	CZOPEK		28
CHARLES	P	BROGLIO		25
EDWIN	O	SIA		24
FRANK	E	MARUT	III	24
DENNIS		KASTEN		16
JAMIE	S	KNOX		12
ARTHUR	E	MARONEY	III	10
JOHN	A	DATTOMA		10
TODD		OJALA		1
JOSEPH	M	GALL		1



## For the Good of the Order



### Council Prayers for:

- ❖ Sk Thomas Currie, the father of Sk Josh Currie, who suffered a stroke this past week
- ❖ Repose of the soul of Br. Chuck Stover
- ❖ All those afflicted with the COVID-19 virus
- ❖ All first responders and medical personnel
- ❖ All our service men & women
- ❖ Victims of the riots

***If you know of a brother who is sick or in need of prayers, please contact our Worthy Grand Knight, Sk Robert Billoni, PFN at: (954)445-3008 or [rbilloni@gmail.com](mailto:rbilloni@gmail.com)***



# JUNE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 Business Mtng. 7pm <b>**ONLINE**</b>	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 Officers & Directors Meeting <b>TBA</b>	1	2	3	4
5	6 Business Mtng 7pm <b>TBA</b>	7	8	9	10	11

### Knight of the Year 2018 -2019



**Sk Greg Maguire**

### Family of the Year 2018 -2019



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