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Fraternal Benefits Webinar (Thursday, March 4, 2023)

Take advantage of your membership in the Knights of Columbus and the benefits that are exclusively offered to Knights and their families.

(See page 4 for full details)

Council Trivia Night (Saturday, March 18, 2023)

Back by popular demand! Join Council 611 for its annual fundraiser from 6:00 – 9pm at the Bishop Baker Center. Homemade corn beef and cabbage dinner from 6 – 7pm with trivia from 7 – 9pm.

Please volunteer to assist with our Trivia Night. To volunteer, please contact our Worthy Deputy Grand Knight, SK Frank Hill at (812)249-0038 or hillf6466@gmail.com

Council Monthly Social (Monday, March 20, 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

THE NEXT GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD:

7:00PM in the Bishop Baker Center on Monday, March 6, 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,

The month of February started with our continued participation in Parish events. On Saturday, February 4th our council hosted the first Parish social of the year. Parishioners met and connected with one another. Everyone had an opportunity to interact with our Pastor Fr John, Fr Mac and Fr Ignatius, who were all present. It was great to see many of our brothers and their families there.

On Friday, February 24th our council manned the Fish Fry concession at the Cathedral Parish School festival. The annual festival weekend is very important for the Cathedral Parish School, as it is their biggest fundraising event of the year. Our council was able to help out in force. I would like to thank all of the many Knights who volunteered.

On Monday, February 20th we held our monthly social and we all enjoyed a fabulous Italian meal prepared by Linda, Heather and Frank Hill. We really appreciate all they do for our council.

Coming up on Saturday, March 18th we have one of our biggest events of the year. Our council is hosting a St. Patrick's Day corned beef and cabbage dinner, along with an evening of trivia. Most St. Patrick's Day dinners are just that, a dinner and nothing else. Along with our dinner we're also offering a night of trivia. This will be a fun filled evening to share with your family and friends. So please tell your neighbors, bring your loved ones, and don't miss out.

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

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST



2023 KofC Florida State winning poster by CPS 5th grader Christian Chasse' pictured with SK Andy Butts, Co. 611 Program Director

Congratulations to CPS's own Mr. Christian Chasse', Council 611/District 16, who in January won the Knights of Columbus Statewide 8 -10 year old category poster contest. Christian will now advance to compete at the national level. Good Luck Christian!

FREE THROW CONTEST

Last Saturday three CPS students competed in the Region 2 competition and have advanced to state competition in the Free Throw Championship!

Edward Maroney	Council 611/District 16 - 1 st Place	Boys 10 Yrs Old
Lola Cardelli	Council 611/District 16 - 1 st Place	Girls 11 Yrs Old
Daniel Birkmeyer	Council 611/District 16 - 2 nd Place	Boys 11 Yrs Old

Congratulations to all our winners and champions!

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

First Florida Council 611 is doing a great job of recruiting new members in this fraternal year. To date, we have added six new members and more than ten transfer members to our council. The council will host a membership drive in April one weekend after each mass, it will be another great 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 hilff6466@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 6)

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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Ed Slott, CPA

is a nationally recognized speaker, television personality & best-selling author known for his unparalleled ability to turn advanced tax strategies into understandable, actionable and entertaining advice. Ed combines current research, in-depth expertise, and humor to teach viewers about the ins and outs of their retirements and distribution planning information.



You are invited to join our free virtual webinar featuring Ed Slott. Ed specializes in the latest retirement planning strategies and opportunities for 2023. Register today to reserve your spot.

March 2, 2023

Date

6:30 PM CT

Time/Time Zone

<https://tinyurl.com/KofCSlottMarch2>

RSVP



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St Patrick's Day Trivia Night!!!



March 18th (Saturday)

Dinner 6:00pm to 7:00pm

Awesome Trivia 7:00pm to 9:00pm

*Hosted by Claude Fiori and
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\$\$\$ Prizes, 50/50, bids on special items \$\$\$

\$20 Admission for Trivia

\$15 for Corned Beef/Cabbage Dinner

Reserve team tables of 6 for only \$80!!

Bishop Baker Center: 267 St George St., St Augustine, FL

**RSVP and contact Frank Hill
at rsvp@kofc611.org or
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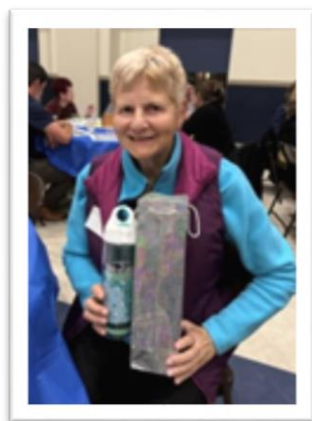
Parish Social Hosted by Council 611

(Saturday, February 4, 2023)

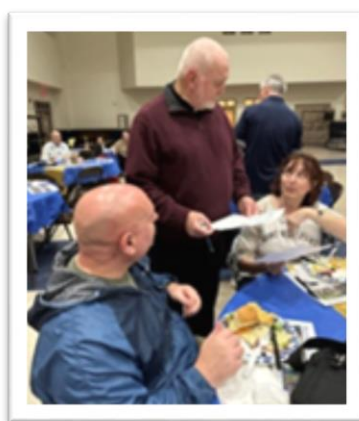
Submitted by SK Andy Butts

Council 611 hosted the first Cathedral Parish social of 2023 and reinforced its relationship with our parishioners. It was a huge success! We setup the Bishop Baker Center, provided the food and enjoyed fellowship with our priests, spouses, fellow Knights and parishioners.

Checking folks in, giving them drawing tickets for a door prize, and manning a KofC information table was very valuable. Of course one of the highlights of the evening was playing butterfly bingo. Linda Hill provided the bingo sheets at the sign in table and the activity influenced everyone to interact and learn a little more about one another. This was probably the most critical part of the fellowship that took place that evening. We may in the future work in some sort of spiritual thing, but a simple gathering of parishioners to share a meal was the best service to the parish.



Congratulations to the door prize winner!



Fr John discussing his bingo sheet with parishioners



Rachel McCaffrey getting bingo sign-offs from Knights



SK Tom Gehret explaining the bingo sheet rules



Rachel McCaffrey won the bingo contest!



Council members and their families mingling with other parishioners

The social was a perfect venue to introduce our Council 611's charities poster. If there's a charity missing, please let our Worthy Grand Knight Gabe Oti know and we'll get it included.



Quite the variety food spread



Lining up for excellent sustenance



Future Knight, Silas Skinner quenching his thirst after filling up his bingo card

Many thanks to those attending the Cathedral Parish Social! There were over 80 attendees and all had fun learning a little more about the parish, Knights and Exodus90. A special thanks to Linda Hill who created the bingo entertainment and influenced our interactions. Thanks to those Knights and Ladies Auxillary that volunteered! Vivat Jesus!

Lentin Fish Fry at the Cathedral Festival

(Friday, February 24, 2023)



John and Frank frying fish while other Knights prepping buns and condiments.

Fr. John receiving his fish sandwich after the blessing



Festival attendees line up to get their fish sandwiches.

Tom and Andy taking orders.



Council 611 would like to thank the following Knights who made the Carnival fish fry successful and run so smoothly: John Gillespie, John's Father-in-law Leonhard, Frank Hill, Tom Delux, Andy Butts, Howard Naquim, Rick Salerno, Robert Billoni, Todd Miller, Matt Bell, Tyler Bell, Liberty Bell, Jacob Skinner, Gabe Oti, Tony Edwards and John Holman.

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:

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

Unofficially, our Assembly 0166, is slated to host the 4th Degree Exemplification this coming fall. We'll need a lot of help organizing and preparing the Bishop Baker Center.

The Assembly established SK Allen McCaffrey (Brother AJ's father) as Color Corps Commander.

SK Mark Lynn, FL State Council Charities Director, joined our meeting and gave a short presentation. Brother Mark first pointed out GK Gabe's good job by sending emails out to the Council. It's a good way to keep everybody informed. Brother Mark is receiving about 300 envelopes a day in reference to KofC FL Charities. All Brothers should've received a letter from him. He emphasized the 12 apostles program where a Knight contributes \$12/yr or with his spouse, \$24/yr. He also explained individual donors or local Councils making a contribution to the St Michael the Archangel Fund can claim this as part of their awards program requirements for Vocations. This program supports the Knights of Columbus military chaplain scholarship programs. There are 14 seminarians in FL interested in military service. They stay in their diocese for 2-3yrs and then enter active duty for about six years. He also mentioned every Thursday Florida State Council has a virtual exemplification. Regarding Council dynamics, 12% participation is successful. So if you have 150 Knights in a Council, 18 Knights participating on a regular basis is good. Lastly, he mentioned his past recruiting success by finding recruits at children sporting events. Just bring some coffee and have conversation.

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

BIRTHDAYS

Garrick	R	Butler	
Joshua	R	Currie	
Stephen	P	Dowdie	
Burdette	R	Fox	
Jordan	P	Henley	
Charles	B	Kanaszka	
Dennis		Kasten	
Edward	F	Kazmierski	
Monson	S	Lane	
Richard	F	Maffei	
Dennis	N	Malzacher	Jr
Al	J	McConnell	
Timothy	R	Miller	
Russell	F	Oldenburg	Sr
Xavier	L	Pellicer	Jr
Rick		Salerno	
Russell	L	Smith	Jr

SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

				Years of Service
Kurt	A	Milasi		56
Burdette	R	Fox		53
Charles	L	Sanders	Jr	48
David	J	Mariotti		46
Richard	G	Orsini		46
Jeremiah	F	Lambe	Rev	44
Peter		Cramer		41
John	F	Bradshaw	III	24
Nicholas	R	Oti		7
Gabriel	T	Oti		7
Garrick	R	Butler		7
Russell	L	Smith	Jr	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 repose of the soul of Pope Benedict XVI.
- † Prayers for Brother AJ's wife's grandmother Selma who may have to placed in a nursing facility.
- † Prayers for Brother Bruce as he recovers from his fall.
- † Prayers for Brother AJ for healing of his medical issues.
- † Prayers for the repose of the soul of Brother Jason Mullins who was shot to death on Anastasia Island.
- † Prayers for GK Gabe's wife, Lissette, for her upcoming biopsy.
- † Brother Shane's cousin, Fr Conrad Cowart from the Basilica of Immaculate Conception in Jacksonville.
- † 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

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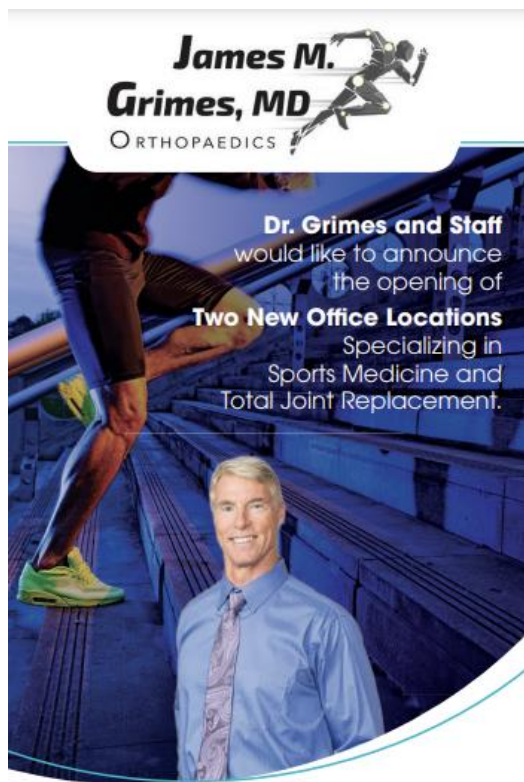
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28 Officers & Directors Meeting TBA	1	2 Fraternal Benefits Night 6:30pm Online webinar	3	4
5	6 Business Mtng. 7pm Bishop Baker Ctr	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18 Council Trivia Night 6:30 – 9pm Bishop Baker Center
19	20 Council Social 7pm Bishop Baker Ctr	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 4th Degree Meeting 7pm San Sebastian	28 Officers & Directors Meeting TBA	29	30	31	1
2	3 Business Mtng. 7pm Bishop Baker Ctr	4	5	6	7	8

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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