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# The Knightly News

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#### KNIGHT AND FAMILY OF THE MONTH

#### **Congratulations to:**



Sk Andrew Butts Knight of the Month



The Day Family Family of the Month

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## St. Gerard Campus' Golf (Saturday, September 17, 2022)

This year's golf outing will be held at St. Augustine Shores Golf Club, located at 707 Shores Blvd, St. Augustine.

To purchase tickets or to volunteer, please contact the St. Gerard Campus at (904) 829-5516

## Night Fire (Saturday, September 17, 2022)

The Cathedral Basilica is running another evening of evangelization led by Fr. Mac immediately following the 5pm mass. Night Fire is an evening of prayer for the community and visitors. Drinks and cookies will be served in the west courtyard. Please attend or even volunteer for what will be a beautiful evening and support the parish community.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Fr. Mac Hill at frmachillstaug@gmail.com

#### KofC Charity Golf

(Monday, October 10, 2022)

Tickets are on sale now for the BIGGEST KofC Golf Scramble in St. Augustine of the year! This year's golf scramble will be hosted by all four Councils of District 16: (611, 7121, 11046 and 13337) More information can be found on page 7.

To purchase tickets, please contact Grand Knight of 13337, Sk Robert Shilkunas at (804)702-3417 or kofc13337carshow@gmail.com

# THE NEXT GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD:

7:00PM in the Bishop Baker Center on Tuesday, September 6, 2022. (Due to the Labor Day Holiday) 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,

As always I would like to thank our Brothers and their families for their continued support and dedication to our Council and Parish. I would especially like to extend my appreciation to all of those who gave their time and effort to our events throughout the month.

Our officers installation was on Monday, August 15, the ceremony was held at the Bishop Baker Center, Followed by a special dinner before the event. We want to express our gratitude to the Hill family, Linda, Heather and Frank who prepared the dinner for our council.

Our council will be participating in several events throughout the month. On September 11<sup>th</sup>, we will take part in the parish youth ministry kickoff event. Later in the month, on September 17 our council will once again give out food and drinks at Father Mac's Night Fire event at the parish. We encourage everyone to attend, it is a beautiful and spiritual event put together by the youth ministry. Earlier on the same day, we will also be participating in St. Gerard's Campus charity golf event.

The councils of St. Augustine, District 16 are planning a charity golf at Marsh Creek Country Club on Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup> Columbus Day. It will raise funds for worthy causes and you can socialize with your fellow knights throughout the district. For golfers, this is a unique opportunity for yourself and friends to play one of the premier private courses in North Florida. Please see the section for special events for details and we look forward to your participation.

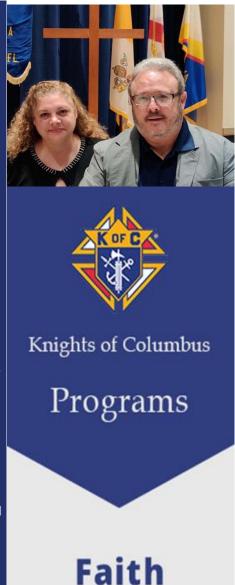
Our council members will be holding a membership drive on Sunday, September 25th after each Mass. It would be great to have our members out in force, we welcome volunteers to help out.

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. May you be blessed with good health, happiness and the love of family.

Vivat Jesus, Sk Gabe Oti Grand Knight

P. S.

Our doors are always open to anyone, so please feel free to contact myself or any other officers if you have any needs, questions or concerns.



Action

# The Knights of Columbus Since 1882



# Protecting Families for Generations

#### Insurance:

As we head into the end of 2022, 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

# Welcome to 611's new Chaplain FATHER IGNATIUS YERUVA

First Florida Council 611 is excited to announce and welcome our new Worthy Chaplain for the 2022 – 2023 Fraternal Year.

Fr. Ignatius Yeruva was assigned as parochial vicar at Cathedral Parish, effective August 13th!

Fr. Ignatius comes to us from the Diocese of Venice (Florida), where he served for seven years.

Originally from India, Fr. Ignatius is a priest of the Missionaries of Compassion Religious Order, and was ordained to the priesthood in the year 2000.

Fr. Ignatius' greatest joy is celebrating Holy Mass and administering the sacraments! He has served in many different roles and ministries in the Church over the past 21 years of his priesthood. Most recently, he has served full-time as a pastoral assistant in Catholic Charities for the Guadalupe Parish and Social Services in the Diocese of Venice.

Fr. Ignatius' personal motto is: "To do everything for the greater glory of God."

You may contact Fr. Ignatius at (904)-824-2806 or ignatiusyeruva@gmail.com





Knights of Columbus

Programs





# ST. AUGUSTINE FOUNDERS DAY ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2022

The Assembly will be participating in the day's festivities with the Color Corp leading the procession from the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche - Mission Nombre de Dios at 12pm immediately following mass at the Rustic Alter to the Fountain of Youth for reenactments of the 1st Thanksgiving and weapons demonstrations.

Festivities begin at 10am at the mission grounds. Please wear your council blue shirt to make our council's presence known to the community.



#### Faith in— Action

#### MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Our Council has achieved 113% of its recruitment goal of new members last fraternal year. This is proof that 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 to become a full 3rd Degree Knight, making it easier than ever before to join the Knights of Columbus.

We will be holding a membership drive after each mass on Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022. There will be manned information tables in each courtyard at the Cathedral Basilica.

Let's keep this momentum going. Just wear your council shirt to mass and let us know who you think would make a great Knight.

For more information, please contact our Membership Director, Sk Frank Hill at <a href="https://hill.com">hillf6466@gmail.com</a> or (812)249-0038

Have you asked someone to become a Knight? (This year's Council goal is 9, to date we have 1)

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!* 

### St. Augustine Knights volunteer to help St. Gerard Campus

The task for the day on Monday, August 29th was empty a storage pod, build 4 new shelving units and organize the baby diaper/wipes room. All projects were completed and needless to say the entire staff was very grateful to have new shelves, diaper room organized and the storage pod empty so they don't have to pay rent any more on the pod!



Left to right: GK Chuck Riley with Council 11046, Heather Hill, Andy Butts and Frank Hill with Council 611, not pictured Fred Diemidio with Council 13337

#### **SILVER ROSE**

Faith in Action - Life Programs



Demonstrating unity between Knights of Columbus in Canada, the United States and Mexico, the Silver Rose program, through a series of prayer services, promotes the dignity of all human life and honors Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Each year, from early March through the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe in mid-December, Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners and community members to pray for



respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

The St Augustine district of the Knights on Bikes accepted a Silver Rose from our Brothers in Georgia and escorted the rose to various churches in the Jacksonville area. On 30 July, they escorted and transferred the rose to the Orlando district of the Knights on Bikes. Our very own Brother Andrew Butts from Council 611 participated in the transfer.



From left to right - Brothers Dennis, Hector, Stephen, Bob, Gregg, Mark and Andy transferring the Silver Rose from the St Augustine district to the Orlando district.



Brother Andy fixing his bike at the transfer location.



From left to right - Brothers Andy, Mark, Myles, Dennis, Gregg, Bob, Stephen and Hector enjoying a great BBQ meal and fellowship.

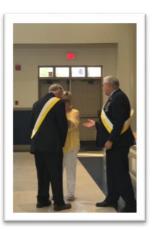
This year, there are eight routes traveling throughout North America and culminating at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey on 12 December, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Carl Anderson, Past Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus, reaffirmed the Silver Rose purpose: "It is to the Blessed Mother that we turn in prayer as we work to end the Culture of Death that grips our society. As we think in terms of 'One Life, One Rose,' it is most appropriate that we turn to Our Lady of Guadalupe who made known her will through Juan Diego and the miracle of the roses."

# 2022 – 2023 Council Officers Installation (Monday, August 15, 2022)



District Deputy Robert Billoni presides over the Installation of Officers



Deputy Grand Knight Frank Hill receiving his jewel of office from his wife



Financial Secretary AJ McCaffery receiving his jewel of office from his father



Treasurer Tom Gehret receiving his jewel of office from District Warden Allen McCaffery



Advocate Bruce Dufresne receiving his jewel of office from District Warden Allen McCaffery



Recorder Andrew Butts receiving his jewel of office from his wife



Warden Matthew Butts receiving his jewel of office from his daughter



Inside Guard Tom Kaczmarczyk receiving his jewel of office from his wife



3 Year Trustee Rick Salerno receives his jewel of office from his wife



Council officers sitting in the formation of the cross



Grand Knight Gabriel Oti giving his address to the council and guests

# Family and Knight of the Year (2021 – 2022)



The Partel family was selected as the **Family of the Year** for the many things they do for the Cathedral Parish and the Knights of Columbus. The Partel Family has been in charge of the Cathedral Festival since it's inception. Kevin's father led the first festivals. After his passing, Kevin, his wife, three sons and daughter stepped up and are still leading the way for every festival. This year's festival broke the profit record with a total of \$215,000 and all proceeds go to CPS. The family is also involved in the Blues Fest held at St. Benedict the Moor's back lawn. A few years ago they saw the need for a new stage for the Blues Fest, so they stepped up and built the stage for the performances. In addition, Kevin serves on the Parish Council.

### Sk Frosty Roberts

(not pictured)

Sk Frosty Roberts was selected as the **Knight of the Year** for attending and/or volunteering at just about every single event the council did this past 2021 – 2022 fraternal year, even when sick or recovering from surgery. No other council member attended and/or volunteered for as many events as Frosty did.

Sk Frosty exemplifies what it means to be a knight and serves as a shining example of our four great principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. Thank you Sir Knight for all that you do for First Florida Council 611!

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- · Driving Range & Balls
- · Box Lunch
- · Awards Dinner
- · Pin Prizes & Awards
- Sponsor Recognition

#### Schedule of Events:

10:30 a.m. Registration 11:00 Box Lunch 12:00 pm.m. Shotgun start

Awards dinner at conclusion of play

at Corpus Christi Parish

\$500 / 4 Foursome

#### Location:

Marsh Creek Country Club 169 Marshside Drive, Saint Augustine, Florida 32080

Contact: Bob Shilkunas 804-702-3417 kofc13337carshow@gmail.com

## 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 2 – 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:

Cynthia Day

Cell: (360)628-0007

Email: <a href="mailto:cvioletm94@hotmail.com">cvioletm94@hotmail.com</a>

## **Ladies Auxiliary Officers**

President Cynthia Day Vice President Keri Van Gemert

Secretary Brittney Van Gemert Treasurer Beth Ann Kaczmarczyk

Trustee Lissette Oti Trustee Heather Hill

Trustee Linda Hill





#### THE 4th DEGREE CORNER



Bishop Verot Assembly 0166 installed our 2022 – 2023 Officers at San Sebastian Church on Monday, August 22, 2022 with members, family and friends. A wonderful dinner with fellowship immediately followed.

#### Congratulations to the Assembly Officers!



From left to right: Faithful Captain SK Bob Shilkunas (13337), Faithful Navigator SK A.J. McCaffery (611), Presiding Officer District Deputy SK Robert Billoni (611), SK John Mangold, Faithful Friar Rev. SK William Mooney (11046), SK Dennis Gaetano, SK Bob Orsino, Faithful Comptroller SK Allen McCaffery (11046), SK Charles Vincent, SK Leigh Gillette, SK Dennis McNary, SK Jim Hughes (13337)

Bishop Verot Assembly 0166
San Sebastian Catholic Church – Knights Hall - 1112 FL-16, St. Augustine, FL
Faithful Navigator SK AJ McCaffery III, PGK, FDD
(904)599-1436 - mccaff93@gmail.com
Meetings every 4th Monday of the Month at 7pm

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

Donald	Т	Pomar	
Richard	G	Orsini	
Edmundo	Ervas	Don	
Nestor	R	Lopez	
Arthur	Е	Maroney	III
Richard	J	Petrocine	
Zachary	J	Santorelli	
Ernest	S	Trotta	
Robert	Н	Czopek	
James	M	Grimes	
Carlos	M	Sosa-Ortiz	
Thomas	F	Andreu	
Roger	L	Day	
Martin	L	Ibeh	
Charles	Е	Pellicer	
Ivan		Carrillo	Fr

#### **SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES**

				Years
				of
				Service
Xavier	L	Pellicer	Jr	68
Frederick	J	Wiseman		44
Terence	A	Smith	Fr	31
Cory		Mara		25
Timothy	J	Valley		13
Ryan	J	Laporte		10
Larry	J	Glines		9
Michael	A	Coffaro		3
Douglas	A	Lowe		0



#### Intentions for the Sick or in Distress



#### **Council Prayers for:**

- † Prayers for SK Pat MacGuire who is having exploratory surgery this week and is in ill health.
- † Thankful prayers for SK AJ's nana-in-law who is back home thanks for the prayers.
- † Prayers for SK AJ's health and specifically for his doctors who are figuring out his medical issues and developing a proper prognosis.
- † Prayers for our Cathedral priests and deacons.
- † Prayers for Pope Francis.
- † 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

## September

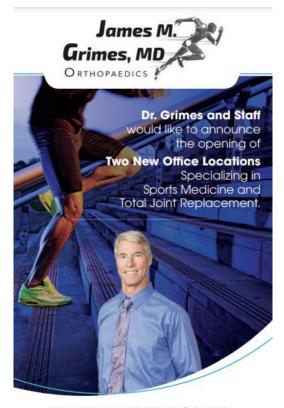
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2	3 St. Aug. Founders Day Celebrations 10am Mission Grounds
4	5 Labor Day	6 Business Mtng. 7pm Bishop Baker Ctr	7	8	9	10
11 Cathedral Parish Youth Ministry Kickoff Event	12	13	14	15	16	St. Gerard Campus Charity Golf Outing 8am St. Aug Shores Golf Club Night Fire 6pm Cathedral Basilica
18	19 Monthly Social 7pm Bishop Baker Ctr	20	21	22	23	24
25 Membership Drive After each mass Cathedral Basilica	26 4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting 7pm San Sebastian	27 Officers & Directors Meeting TBA	28	29	30	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

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



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