




The Knightly News



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KNIGHT AND FAMILY OF THE MONTH		Council 611 Officers	
<p>Congratulations to:</p>  <p>Sk Frank Hill Knight of the Month</p> <p>The Garofolo Family Family of the Month</p>		<p>Grand Knight: SK Robert Billoni, PFN 954-445-3008 Chaplain: (temporarily vacant) Dep. Grand Knight: SK Gabe Oti 904-806-2711 Chancellor: SK Josh Currie, PGK 904-540-9559 Recorder: SK Frank Hill 812-249-0038 Financial Secretary: SK AJ McCaffery, PGK, FDD 904-599-1436 Treasurer: Mark Van Gemert 904-325-1843 Lecturer: SK Ken Brown 315-729-4211 Advocate: Bruce Dufresne, PGK 904-825-0000 Warden: SK Aaron Day 904-315-9984 Inside Guard: SK Linwood Finley, PFN 904-827-1536 Outside Guard: Tom Kaczmarczyk 904-540-6749 1 Year Trustee: SK Pat Maguire 904-794-4460 2 Year Trustee: SK Tom Gehret 904-566-8932 3 Year Trustee: John Gillespie, PGK 904-347-9426</p>	
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Rosary & Corporate Mass

(Sunday, May 30, 2021 @ 10:30am)

Join us for the Council's fifth and final rosary prayer and corporate mass of the fraternal year at the Cathedral Basilica. We have pews reserved for our members and families in the front center of the church.

Brothers are asked to please wear their blue council shirts so the parish may see that the Knights are active in the parish.

Disaster Preparedness Night

(Wednesday, May 26, 2021)

Join us for a 20 minute presentation on hurricane preparedness. This will take place online via Zoom at 7pm so you and your family can join us from the comfort of your home. Watch for an email with a link to the online event.

For more information, please contact our Worthy Community Director, Sk Sk AJ McCaffery III, PGK, FDD at mccaff93@gmail.com or (904)599-1436

Council Fundraisers

First Florida Council 611 has some a few Five Star Gift Cards left (\$25 Gift Card for \$20 each), as well as, Council Polo's (\$35) and T-Shirts (\$15) available for sale. Finally, KofC State Raffle Tickets are available for \$1.00 each (\$10 per book of 10 tickets). Council receives \$0.50 for every ticket sold. Check and credit cards are accepted. All proceeds go towards the new St. Gerard Campus Sonogram.

For more information, please contact Sk AJ McCaffery III, PGK, FDD at mccaff93@gmail.com or (904)599-1436.

THE NEXT GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD:

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

June 7, 2021. Join us for the rosary at 6:45pm.

Located at 267 St. George Street. This is an In-person meeting. Facial covering and social distancing will be required. ALWAYS KEEP YOUR FORM 100 HANDY!



Message from the Grand Knight

Worthy Brothers,

Thank you for all your hard work thus far as we wrap up the current fraternal year. We have exceeded our goal for recruitment for the Fr. McGivney Award, met our requirements for the Founder's Award by participating in two Fraternal Benefits Nights and have completed 13 of our 16 required Faith, Family, Life and Community programs toward the Columbia Award. For the month of May, we have our presentation on Disaster Preparedness, as hurricane season is about to begin on June 1st, as well as, our fifth and final Rosary Prayer & Corporate Mass of the Fraternal Year on May 30th. First Florida Council 611 is certainly on track to receive the Star Council Award for the third year in a row!

As a reminder, our election of Council Officers for the 2021 – 2022 Fraternal Year is being held at our Council Meeting on Monday, June 7th. If you would like to be an officer or would like to nominate someone, please contact Sk AJ McCaffery III, PGK, FDD or any of the Council Trustees to submit your name or nomination. There are still a few important open positions available that need to be filled and a complete list of all Council Officers, along with their duties, begin on page 5 of this newsletter.

Keep the momentum going! First Florida Council 611's service to our faith and community is truly stronger than ever before and is being recognized by Supreme, State, District and our Parish. If you haven't been involved in sometime, get involved now and you will see all the good that this Council and our great brothers are doing every day. Now is the time to ask yourself "Am I who I say I am?" "Am I truly a Knight?" If you are not, become active in the Council again as you once pledged to do. You're not going to be disappointed, because here at First Florida Council 611, there is something for everyone!

Vivat Jesus,

S/K Robert Billoni, PFN
Worthy Grand Knight
First Florida Council 611



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Insurance:

As we head mid-way into 2021, 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

COUNCIL PROGRAMING

First Florida Council 611 invites its members and their families to participate in following individual Faith in Action programs this 2020-2021 fraternal year.

These programs included:

- Spiritual Reflection Program
- Refund Support Vocations Program
- Rosary Program
- Helping Hands
- Habitat for Humanity
- Disaster Preparedness Program
- Consecration to the Holy Family
- Family Prayer Nights
- Good Friday Family Promotion Program
- Family of the Month/Year
- Novena for Life Program
- March for Life
- Pregnancy Center Support Program

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Our Council is doing an amazing job this fraternal year of recruitment. We have exceeded our goal for Star Council and are on our way to ***Double Star Council!***

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.

For more information, please contact our Membership Director, Sk Frank Hill at fhill@ma.rr.com or (812) 249-0038



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Have you asked someone to become a Knight?

(This year's Council goal is 8, 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! 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!***

First Florida Council 611 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:

Cynthia Day
Cell: (360)628-0007
Email: cvioletm94@hotmail.com

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



First Florida Council 611 is now accepting nominations for its slate of elected Officers for the coming 2021-2022 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, 2021 and ends on June 30, 2022. 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.

Elections for First Florida Council 611 will be held at the beginning of the Council's Monthly Business Meeting on June 7, 2021 at 7pm in the Bishop Baker Center.

BIRTHDAYS

CHRISTOPHER	D	WILLIAMS		05-02
ROBERT	E	QUINN		05-03
NICHOLAS	E	ALBANESE		05-04
ERICK	A	HUECK		05-07
PHILIP	R	GAGAN		05-11
LEOPOLDO	B	GONZALEZ	MD	05-18
CORY		MARA		05-18
GUY	A	MALTESE		05-20
MARK		VAN GEMERT		05-21
GREG		DIVICO		05-23
PATRICK	J	MAGUIRE		05-24
CHRIS		KALLENBERGER		05-25
GREGORY	E	LOYA		05-26

SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

CHARLES	H	PETERSON	39 Years
CONRAD	P	KARWAY	37
DONALD	A	CRICHLow	30
RICHARD	F	MAFFEI	20
CARL	J	SAVOIA	17
ALEX		DUFRESNE	17
WILLIAM		DUFRESNE	16
DANIEL	J	TAYLOR	15
GABRIEL	J.	OTI	11
GREG		DIVICO	10
RICHARD		LYNN	7
CHRISTOPHER	S	LYNN	7
MARK		VAN GEMERT	6
EVAN	R	MCDOW	6
WILLIAM	F	ROBERTS	6
RICHARD	A	BAKER	5
THOMAS	J	MC NAMARA	2
MICHAEL	N	MENICOLA	1



For the Good of the Order



Council Prayers for:

- ❖ Continued prayers for our Worthy District Deputy, Sk Bob Grimaldi, PGK, PFN
- ❖ Worthy Financial Secretary Sk AJ McCaffery III, PGK, FDD who was recently diagnosed with fiber myalgia
- ❖ Worthy Financial Secretary Sk AJ McCaffery's Aunt Audrey and Uncle Joe with dementia
- ❖ Fr. William Mooney with dementia
- ❖ Worthy Deputy Grand Knight Sk Gabe Oti as he continues to recover from COVID-19
- ❖ Sk Ryan LaPorte's sister-in-law with abdominal cancer, as well as, his uncle who has COVID-19
- ❖ Worthy Warden Sk Aaron Day's Uncle Alfred
- ❖ Worthy Inside Guard Sk Linwood Finley, PFN who is on kidney dialysis
- ❖ All those afflicted with the COVID-19 virus
- ❖ All first responders and medical personnel
- ❖ All our service men & women
- ❖ For the innocent casualties of the armed hostilities in the middle east

May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27 Officers & Directors Meeting TBA	28	29	30	1
2	3 Business Mtng. 7pm Bishop Baker Ctr	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 4 th Degree Meeting 7pm San Sebastian	25	26 Disaster Preparedness Presentation 7pm Zoom.com	27 State Convention Hyatt Regency, Orlando	28 State Convention Hyatt Regency, Orlando	29 State Convention Hyatt Regency, Orlando
30 Rosary Prayer & Corporate Mass 10:30am Cathedral Basilica State Convention Hyatt Regency, Orlando	31	1 Officers & Directors Meeting TBA	2	3	4	5

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