



The Knightly News



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Recruitment Drive (March 22nd & 29th)

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

Receive \$50 cash & 50% off your 2020-2021 dues for recruiting a new member into Council 611 during the month of March. Applies to the first six (6) new members that that completes the Admissions Degree
(Council goal is 11, to date we have 5)

Please contact DGK Greg Maguire at (904)347-4460 or backupfilesmaguire@gmail.com

Public Rosary & Corporate Mass

The Council is hosting its 3rd Public Rosary and Corporate Mass of the fraternal year on **Sunday, March 29, 2020 beginning at 10:30am at the Cathedral Basilica. Please wear your Council Shirt** and sit with the Knights and their families in the front middle pews of the church.

For more information, please contact our Faith Director, Josh Currie, PGK at (904)540-9559 or jcurriekofc@gmail.com

Annual St. Patrick's Dinner & Trivia Night

Purchase your tickets for \$10 pp ages 7 & up. Delicious food, live music, trivia contest, raffle prizes, 50/50 raffle and more. All proceeds go to the KofC annual CPS & SJA Student Scholarship Fund.

March 14, 2020
Bishop Baker Center
(Doors open at 5:30PM)

Cash, Check & Credit Cards accepted, please call Sk AJ McCaffery, PGK, FDD at (904)599-1436 or mcaff93@gmail.com

THE NEXT GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD:

Parish Hall at the Cathedral Parish School at 7:00PM on Monday, March 2, 2020. Food & Fellowship begins at 6:00PM.

ALWAYS KEEP YOUR FORM 100 HANDY!



Message from the Grand Knight

Worthy Brothers,

February was a great month for First Florida Council 611! We brought in one new member; congratulations Br. Michael Mausteller and welcome to the Knights of Columbus and First Florida Council 611!

The Council's February Social saw our first new member admitted by the all new Exemplification on Charity, Unity and Fraternity, that was for the first time, open to the public and conducted by Council 611's Exemplification Team. After the Exemplification the Council hosted an insurance and benefits presentation conducted by our Field Agent, Stanley Hetrick, which was followed by a three course meal with music, fellowship and the Knight and Family of the Month presentations.

Council 611 has completed EVERYTHING necessary to achieve Star Council for the 2nd straight year except RECRUITEMENT! We have only recruited five new members out of eleven required by Supreme. Six more doesn't seem like very many, but with only four months left in the fraternal year and only two brothers that have recruited a new member to date, WE NEED EVERYONE TO RECRUIT A NEW MEMBER! The Membership Committee has created an incentive for the month of March. It's simple, ***the sponsor of the first six qualified new members will receive \$50 cash for each AND 50% off their next year's dues once that new members has completed their Admissions Degree.***

I would like to thank everyone that has worked so hard on the up and coming St. Paddy's Dinner on Saturday, March 14, 2020. This may perhaps prove to be our biggest fundraiser of the year. If you haven't purchased your tickets yet, please do before they are gone.

Finally, I would like to welcome and thank our new Ladies Auxiliary. They had their inaugural meeting this past February and First Florida Council 611 is glad you are here to help us.

Brothers don't forget, always remember to ask yourself "Am I who I Say I Am?"

Vivat Jesus,
S/K Robert Billoni, PFN
Worthy Grand Knight



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Insurance:

As we approach the end 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

COFFEE & DONUTS SERVICE

First Florida Council 611 will continue to serve coffee & donuts after the 9am and 11am masses each Sunday in February. Since September this program has already resulted in two new members, a couple of reactivations and more than a dozen brothers transferring into our Council from others. Just to recap, the Coffee & Donuts service is instrumental in:

- Raising needed funds for the parish through donations given by parishioners that the Knights collected each week.
- Engaging and exposing the Knights of Columbus to our parish community nearly each week for nine consecutive months from September through May.
- Generating leads for prospective new members by virtue of the exposure and meaningful interaction with our parishioners each week.
- The engagement itself with our fellow parishioners is a very rewarding and fun experience for each Knight that participates and volunteers.

We need volunteers for March and April services. If you have not yet volunteered, please contact our Community Director, S/K AJ McCaffery, PGK, FDD at (904)599-1436 or mccaff93@gmail.com and answer that question "Am I Who I Say I AM?"

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Our Council will hold an official and organized membership drive both March 22nd and March 29th after each mass at both the Cathedral Basilica and St. Benedict's.

For more information and/or volunteer, please contact DGK Greg Maguire at (904)347-4460 or backupfilesmaguire@gmail.com

Have you asked someone to become a Knight?
(This year's Council goal is 11, to date we only have 5)

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Receive \$50 cash & 50% off your 2020-2021 dues for recruiting a new member into Council 611 during the month of March. Applies to the first six (6) new members that completes their Admissions Degree.

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



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February Social

Monday, February 17, 2020



GK Robert Billoni presents and congratulates Bruce Dufresne on behalf of First Florida Council 611 on his award for Knight of the Month for January 2020.

Brother Bruce was chairman for the annual Spaghetti Dinner that follows the March for Life of St. Augustine rally, mass and march for the unborn events. Br. Bruce led a team of Council 611 and March for Life volunteers that prepared and served over 300 people!! This record breaking attendance for the annual without a hitch at Bishop Baker Center Cathedral Parish on Saturday, January 18, 2020.



First Florida Council 611 extends a heartfelt congratulations to this month's Family of the Month Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel Oti. Gabe and his wife Lisette, purchase, prepare and deliver up to 100 meals to a local homeless ministry in Jacksonville each month. Thank you both for your tireless dedication to feeding God's children and making a loving impact on each one of their lives each and every month!



Father Jonathan D. Kalisch, O.P.

The victory of stepping into the breach

by Father Jonathan D. Kalisch, O.P. Director of Chaplains and Spiritual Development

“Sometimes it’s a victory if I just eat a salad,” I was recently told by a Catholic father who is also a successful medical professional. We were talking about how fasting and making small sacrifices can be great victories for men.

It truly is a victory to respond to the needs of the Body of Christ with prayer and fasting regimens. The new rollout of the *Into the Breach* video series at the start of Lent, presents an opportunity for pastors and council chaplains to guide our brother Knights in the spiritual battles they face within their everyday responsibilities as husbands, fathers, brothers and sons.

Let’s look at how *Into the Breach* came about. Shortly after he was elected, Pope Francis informally called together leading Catholic women and other experts to study how to proceed in the authentic development of St. John Paul II’s teachings on the dignity of women in the Church. They found that what was needed was for Catholic men to better know, understand and live out their vocations. That’s when Bishop Thomas Olmstead of Phoenix called together the panel of experts on masculine identity and spirituality that influenced the pastoral letter *Into the Breach*.

Now, after several years of promoting *Into the Breach*, the Knights of Columbus has developed a series of short videos engaging the most important issues discussed in the document. Chaplains are encouraged to work with their councils to show the videos in small group settings, before parish gatherings of men and their families or as part of a day of reflection or Lenten retreat. I have found them to be effective tools to help men overcome spiritual mediocrity, to help them recognize their Christian identity, and to help strengthen them in overcoming spiritual resistance. I hope that this next phase of *Into the Breach* becomes a useful tool to assist your council to engage with their own vocation and stand in the breach with their brothers. *Vivat Jesus!*

BIRTHDAYS

JOE		ZITO	JR	03-03
MATTHEW		SILLS		03-03
FRANCIS	P	DUPONT		03-09
WILLIAM		MURPHY	JR	03-11
ANDREW	J	DUFRESNE		03-14
BRENDON	M	VANGEMERT		03-17
JAMES	J	MAGUIRE		03-23

SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

CHARLES	E	PELLICER		57 Years
ROBERT	E	QUINN		56
DONALD	T	POMAR		50
PETER	B	BOTTINI		44
JAMES	J	MAGUIRE		41
MICHAEL	J	HESSON		32
KEVIN	B	LYONS		32
ROBERT	SANTO	BILLONI		30
JAMES	J	WHELAN		26
ANDREW	J	DUFRESNE		25
CHRISTOPHER	D	WILLIAMS		25
JOSHUA	R	CURRIE		22
CRAIG	S	PEHR		18
RYAN	D	OLSCHEWSKE		13
JOE		ZITO	SR	13
KEVIN		PARTEL		12
ERICK	A	HUECK		11
GERARD	P	OHARE		4
CHRIS		KALLENBERGER		4
FREDERICK		CATALANO		4
GEORGE	EVAN	GILBERT		2



For the Good of the Order



Council Prayers for:

- ❖ For the repose of the souls of Br. James King and David Arnold
- ❖ GK Jim Waggoner
- ❖ All of our service men & women
- ❖ First Responders

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

March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Coffee & Donuts 9 – 11am Masses Cathedral	2 Business Mtng. 7pm Bishop Baker Center	3	4	5	6	7
8 Coffee & Donuts 9 – 11am Masses Cathedral	9	10	11	12	13	14 St. Paddy's Dinner 5:30PM Bishop Baker Center
15 Coffee & Donuts 9 – 11am Masses Cathedral	16 No Monthly Social this month	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20	21
22 Coffee & Donuts 9 – 11am Masses Cathedral Membership Drive	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Coffee & Donuts 9 – 11am Masses Cathedral Membership Drive Corporate Mass	30 4 th Degree Meeting 7PM San Sebastian	31 Officers & Directors Meeting TBA	1	2	3 Lentin Fish Fry 5:30PM Bishop Baker Center	4
5 Coffee & Donuts 9 – 11am Masses Cathedral	6 Business Mtng. 7pm Bishop Baker Center	7	8	9	10	11

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S/K Greg Maguire

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