





The Knightly News

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Congratulations to: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  Br. Howard Naquin Knight of the Month </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  The Griggs Family Family of the Month </div> </div>		Grand Knight Chaplain Dep. Grand Knight Chancellor Recorder Financial Secretary Treasurer Lecturer Advocate Warden Outside Guard Inside Guard 1 Year Trustee 2 Year Trustee 3 Year Trustee	SK Gabe Oti Fr. Ignatius Yeruva SK Frank Hill SK Josh Currie, PGK SK Andrew Butts SK AJ McCaffery, FDD, PGK SK Tom Gehret <i>(Vacant)</i> Bruce Dufresne, PGK SK Matthew Bell Jesse Monek Tom Kaczmarczyk John Gillespie, PGK SK Aaron Day Rick Salerno	904-806-2711 904-824-2806 812-249-0038 904-540-9559 571-246-6253 904-599-1436 904-566-8932 904-825-0000 913-439-9737 908-868-2960 904-540-6749 904-347-9426 904-315-9984 513-614-3266
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Night Fire (Saturday, April 1, 2023)

Join Fr. Mac and the Cathedral Basilica for an evening of evangelism and prayer. Night Fire will begin immediately after the 5pm mass and end at 8pm. Volunteers are needed to help set up luminaries and clean up after the event as well as street evangelists to invite passer-bys to into the church to say a prayer and light a candle.

For more information, contact our DGK, Sir Knight Frank Hill at (812)249-0038 or hillf6466@gmail.com

Council Social & Fraternal Benefits Night (Monday, April 17, 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

Rosary & Corporate Mass (Sunday, April 30, 2023)

Bring your family and join First Florida Council 611 in prayer and celebration of the Holy Eucharist beginning at 10:30pm at the Cathedral Basilica. Reserved seating is available and please wear your council polo shirt.

To reserve seating, contact our Chancellor Josh Currie, PGK at (904)540-9559 or jcurriekofc@gmail.com

THE NEXT GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD:

7:00PM in the Bishop Baker Center on Monday, April 3, 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,

On Saturday, March 18, we had one of our biggest events of the year. Our council hosted a St. Patrick's Day corned beef and cabbage dinner, along with an evening of trivia. Most dinners are just that, dinner, but this evening was a fun filled and were able to share it with family and friends. Our trivia hosts, Claude and Jane Fiori were sensational. We would like to express our appreciation for the mission they do that brings a joyous time to parishioners and families. We want to express our gratitude and appreciation to all those who volunteered, and to the ladies auxiliary. There are many who made the evening possible, too many to mention individually, but we would be remiss if we didn't mention those who lead us in our efforts. We would like to give a shout out to Frank and Andy for their planning and preparation that made the night a success. Linda and Heather for their part, specifically for the set-up, decorations and price give-a-ways that were so well planned. A.J. for leading us in the massive undertaking that was the preparation and cooking for the event and many other aspects he was involved in. Also, Tom and Joyce for the pre-cleaning of the hall that had us ready to set up for the evening. Again, thanks to all and we hope to see more of you at our next trivia night, coming soon.

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

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.



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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 NEW MEMBERS

First Florida 611 would like to welcome **Br. Scott Martin**. Brother Scott is a transfer from NC and Farmington, NM. He is a civil engineer working for a local contractor with a family of six and one on the way. Welcome Brother Scott!

GOOD FRIDAY PROMOTION

All First Florida Council 611 Knights are asked to join the Cathedral Basilica this Good Friday for services on Friday, April 7, 2023. Beginning at 3pm will be the Celebration of the Lord's Passion and the Stations of the Cross at 6pm, both at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine.

We ask all Knights to wear their council shirts to show our participation and solidarity in our parish community on this Good Friday.

For more information on up and coming Faith Programs, please contact our Faith Programs Director, Sk Josh Currie, PGK at jcuriekofc@gmail.com or (904)540-9559

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 the weekend of April 15th & 16th 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 hillf6466@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!***

Election of Council Officers 2023 - 2024 Fraternal Year

First Florida Council 611 is now accepting nominations for its slate of elected Officers for the coming 2023-2024 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, 2023 and ends on June 30, 2024. 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 or our nomination committee chairman, SK AJ McCaffery III, FDD, PGK at (904)599-1436 or mcaff93@gmail.com.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner & Trivia Night

(Saturday, March 18, 2023)

Submitted by SK Andy Butts

Our heartfelt thanks to those who attended a very successful and fun night! We had an evening of scrumptious corned beef and cabbage and scholarly trivia. Thanks to Claude Fiori and the St Augustine Ministry of Trivia for hosting! Here, here to our Chef, Brother AJ!!! At the Cathedral masses the next day, we received more thanks from those who attended! "Great food and wonderful trivia!"

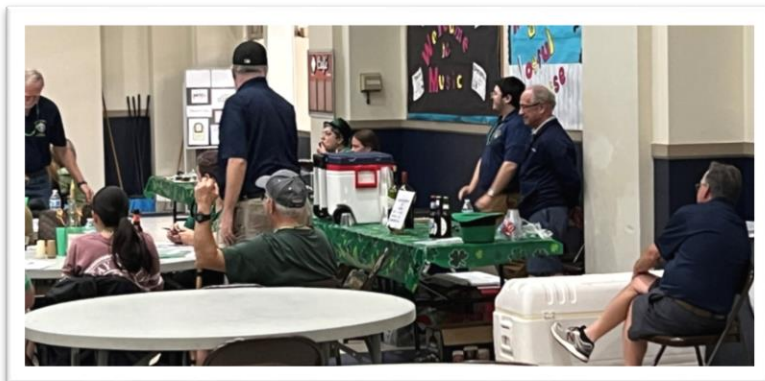
What a successful night for the corned beef and cabbage plus trivia night. We had a great crowd and can't thank our Knights enough for all the hard work the night before and the trivia night. A very special thanks to our Ladies Auxiliary! Without your support we couldn't have done it without you!

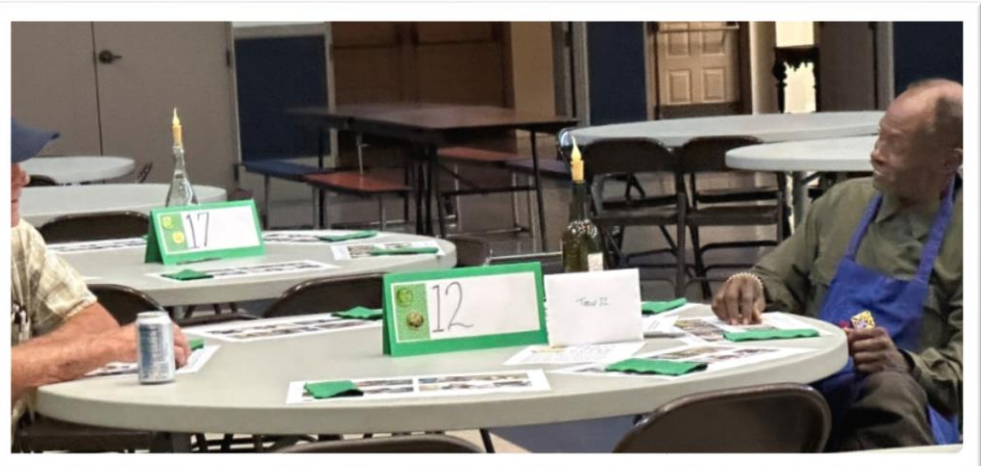
Thanks to all the Brothers who donated gifts for the auctions, bought tables, and spent their time cooking, setting up, conducting the evening's activities and cleaning up. Your support is extremely welcomed. From a monetary perspective, with Brother Frank's ticket selling, we were able to purchase the right amount of food. Preliminary profit estimate exceeds \$1,500.

Father John preached a wonderful retreat on the beatitudes the morning of the trivia night. Thank you Father for accommodating our cooking and setup schedule. Both events went off without a hitch.

So what's in the future? With the success of trivia night, we still have areas we can improve upon. For example, the dinner was exceptional. However, we're thinking about a simpler, for-purchase food choice next time. Ticket sales are critical and we're open to new ideas on getting the word out to those who like playing trivia. Interest from our Council was fantastic with over 20 Brothers and Ladies helping! We may have found us an event we can accomplish on a frequent basis and raise funds for our charities. Thank you Brothers! Vivat Jesus!









First Florida Council 611 Ladies Auxiliary

DONATIONS REQUESTED

The Ladies Auxiliary is asking everyone to donate and fill baby bottles with money. All donations go directly to St. Gerard Campus.

For donations, please contact ladies auxiliary president Beth K or bring donations to meetings and/or social events.

ABOUT THE 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:

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

This Past Month

Assembly 0166 successful supported Bishop Pohlmeier's mass celebration at Corpus Christi Church. The Assembly had over a dozen Sir Knights representing the Color Corps. Well done, Sir Knights!

The Fourth Degree has a new Supreme Master. SK Michael McCusker, the past state deputy of the Tennessee Knights of Columbus has been elected to serve as Supreme Master, leading the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus. The Fourth Degree is dedicated to patriotic activity and best known for its honor guards at civic and religious ceremonies.

Coming up in April

The Color Corps is requested to be present for the Blessing of the Fleet and preceding Palm Sunday mass at the Cathedral-Basilica of St. Augustine on Sunday, April 2nd, 2023. Public parking is free on Sundays with the exception of the Parking Garage and privately owned lots. Parking is also available at the Bishop Baker Center (next to Cathedral Parish School).

Please arrive to the Cathedral, East Courtyard, no later than 10:30 for preparation and to attend the 11am Mass. Following directly after mass, a processing will commence from the Cathedral to the City Marina and onto the docks for the Blessing of the Fleet.

Looking Ahead

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

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

Andrew	J	Dufresne	
Francis	P	Dupont	
Stone	R	Duro	
Leonhard	A	Gerling	
James	J	Maguire	
Michael	N	Menicola	
Todd	A	Miller	
Michael	P	Morgan	Msg
William		Murphy	Jr
Howard	P	Naquin	II
Frederick	A	Schwarb	
Matthew		Sills	
Brendon	M	VanGemert	

SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

				Years of Service
Leonhard	A	Gerling		57
Peter	B	Bottini		47
James	J	Maguire		44
Michael	J	Hesson		35
Kevin	B	Lyons		35
Andrew	J	Dufresne		28
Christopher	D	Williams		28
Ryan	D	Olschewske		16
Kevin		Partel		15
Erick	A	Hueck		14
Robert	Santo	Billoni		13
Joshua	R	Currie		8
Gerard	P	O'Hare		7
Frederick		Catalano		7
Robert	E	Quinn		1
Donald	T	Pomar		1
James	J	Whelan		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 Brother Rick Salerno and his speedy and healthy recovery from surgery.
- † Prayers for Father William Mooney and him being rewarded with peace and love as he struggles with dementia. Fr Mooney is the founding pastor of Corpus Christi parish.
- † Prayers for Brother AJ's mother who has lung cancer.
- † Prayers for Brother AJ's wife's grandmother Selma who may have to be placed in a nursing facility.
- † Prayers for Brother AJ for healing of his medical issues.
- † Prayers for Brother Frank for clear diagnosis and recovery of his health issues.
- † 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***

April

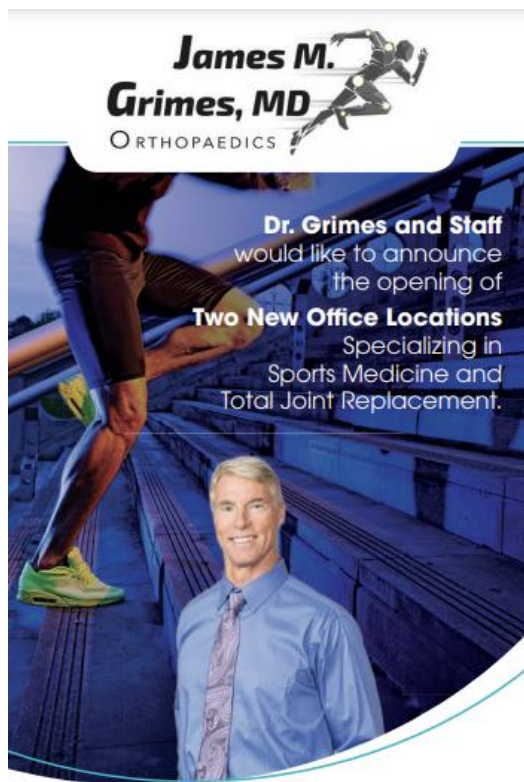
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27 4th Degree Meeting 7pm San Sebastian	28 Officers & Directors Meeting TBA	29	30	31	1 Night Fire 6:30pm Cathedral Basilica
2 Palm Sunday	3 Business Mtng. 7pm Bishop Baker Ctr	4	5	6 Holy Thursday	7 Good Friday	8 Holy Saturday
9 Easter	10	11	12	13	14	15 Membership Drive After All Masses Cathedral Basilica & St. Benedicts
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23	24 4th Degree Meeting 7pm San Sebastian	25 Officers & Directors Meeting TBA	26	27	28	29
30 Rosary Prayer & Corporate Mass 10:30am Cathedral Basilica	1 Business Mtng. 7pm Bishop Baker Ctr	2	3	4	5	6

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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