



The Knightly News

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KNIGHT AND FAMILY OF THE MONTH		Council 611 Officers	
Congratulations to:		Grand Knight	SK Frank Hill 812-249-0038
Br Al McConnell Knight of the Month	The McCaffery Family Family of the Month	Chaplain	Fr. Ignatius Yeruva 904-824-2806
Al was an instrumental volunteer for the Valentine's Dinner & Dance manning the drink station and collecting tickets. In addition, he is the Council's Coffee & Donuts Chairman, which occurs monthly during the cooler months, at the courtyard between the Church and the Rectory. Thank you Al for all you do for 611!	AJ is serving as our Financial Secretary. He and his wife, Rachel, have been behind-the-scenes workers that helped make every Council activities successful. They each took the day off from work so that they could help with set up and work the table at the entry door to collect money for the Valentines' Dinner Dance and sell tickets for beverages and stayed to help clean up after the event.	Dep. Grand Knight	SK Andrew Butts 571-246-6253
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Council St. Paddy's Dinner & Trivia Night (Saturday, March 16, 2024)

Benefiting local charities, join Council 611 for an evening of homemade corn beef dinner with all the trimmings at 6pm and trivia beginning at 7pm by Claude Fiori and the St. Augustine Ministry of Trivia. Single tickets are \$25 or \$45 per couple (Cash and credit card accepted)

For more information, contact SK Frank Hill at (812)249-0038 or rsvp@kofc611.org

Lenten Penance Service (Monday, March 18, 2024)

The Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine will have its Lenten penance service at 6pm.

For more information, contact the Cathedral Basilica office at (904)824-2806

Leprechaun Basket of Gold Raffle

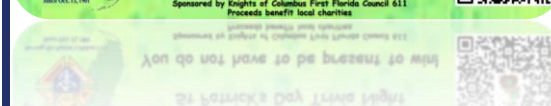


Leprechaun basket of gold is valued at over \$100! It includes a bottle of Baileys Irish Cream Liqueur, a bottle of Irish whiskey, Guinness beer and Irish goodies.

Tickets are \$5 each and the drawing will be on March 16th at the St. Patrick's Day Trivia Night

You do not have to be present to win!

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THE NEXT GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD:

7:00PM in the Bishop Baker Center on Monday, March 4, 2024. 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

As we draw closer to Christ during this Lenten Season, let's take to heart the purpose behind our call to prayer, thoughtful preparation for penance, fasting and alms-giving. Alms-giving includes monetary support for "the least of these" in our society, but it also calls us to give of our time and talents in meaningful ways to ministry and events. In February, Council 611 had several opportunities to do both. Early in the month, we received the St. Joseph Icon and made arrangements for its placement at the Cathedral of St. Augustine's altar. We strategically placed St. Joseph prayer cards near entrances and attended the Children's Mass. Our Council Chaplain, Father Ignatius, held a special 7 a.m. Mass in honor of St. Joseph. On February 10th, we hosted our first Valentines' Dinner Dance at the Bishop Baker Center. While this was a great social event, it was also a fundraiser for Florida State Special Olympics, and proceeds from the event ticket sales and the 50/50 were donated to that charity. Denise Breneman, Florida State Director of Special Olympics, was our special guest. On February 23rd, Council 611 supported the 39th Annual Cathedral Parish School's Festival by donating funds and all the manpower for their Friday night fish sandwich tent. Just two days later, on February 25th, Council 611 members purchased and served coffee and donuts after the 9 and 11 a.m. Masses. The day also included praying the Rosary prior to the 11 a.m. Mass. Council 611 has achieved it's first ever DOUBLE STAR COUNCIL status by recruiting 18 new members to our Council! During each of the last five years, we achieved Star Council Status. This achievement is not centered around one person's efforts; it was truly a council achievement. Every event, volunteer action, articles in the church bulletin, and a Knights of Columbus presence in support of our Parish and Faith has attracted new members to join our Christian organization. The increase of our Council membership ensures the good health of our Council. I have noticed an increase in attendance and participation at our Council meetings, socials, and events. An influencing factor also has been the Ladies' Auxiliary. Their numbers have also increased and they support the Knights' efforts.

If you have or know of a potential candidate, please bring them to one of our council socials to socialize with knights and their families to see what we are about. I encourage each Knight to help continue our growth.

Vivat Jesus,

Sk Frank Hill
Worthy Grand Knight



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

St Patrick's Day Trivia Night!!!



March 16th (Saturday)
Dinner 6:00pm to 7:00pm
Awesome Trivia 7:00pm to 9:00pm

*Hosted by Claude Fiori and
St Augustine Ministry of Trivia*

\$\$\$ Prizes, 50/50, Leprechaun Pot of Gold Raffle \$\$\$

\$25 gets you Corned Beef/Cabbage Dinner
plus Trivia (\$45 for two)

Reserve team tables of 6 for only \$120!!

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



**Happy
St Patrick's Day!**

Use the QR code,
RSVP at
rsvp@kofc611.org or
contact Frank Hill at
812-249-0038



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WELCOME NEW BROTHER KNIGHTS!



Welcome new brother knights Dustin York and Stephan Hill who took the Exemplification on Charity, Unity and Fraternity on Thursday, February 15, 2024 at St. Benedict of Moore in front of Knights and their own families. Thank you those brother Knights that officiated the ceremony, AJ McCaffery, the Presenter, District Deputy Robert Billoni, Grand Knight, Frank Hill, Deputy Grand Knight Andy Butts and SK Rick Salerno and Br Richard Speidel.

Council 13337 at Corpus Christi also participated exemplifying a candidate and Grand Knight Robert Shilkunas represented to the council.



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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The council has not only reached, but has DOUBLED its annual goal for the fraternal year. This makes Council 611 eligible for its first Double Star Council Award ever! This is proof that now more than ever, the Knights of Columbus offers our catholic gentlemen what they are longing for: Strengthening their own Faith, Building up their Family in Christ, Providing Charity and giving back to their community and belonging to a fraternal brotherhood that promotes and reflects their values. 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, Br. Jacob Skinner at endlesspressure82@gmail.com or (904)325-1179**

Have you asked someone to become a Knight?

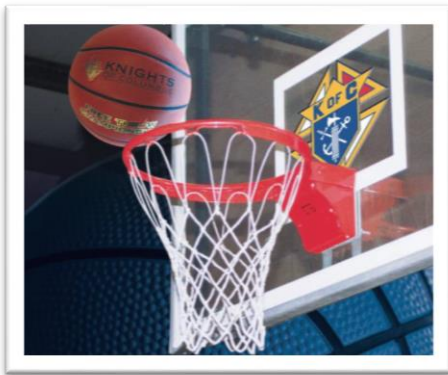
(This year's Council goal is 9, to date we have 18)

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!***

Basketball Free Throw Contest Regional Update

By Andrew Butts



Regional Basketball Champs!

The CPS Saints rocked the regional championship. All three boys were awesome and two won their groups and can compete in the state championship in Melbourne March 9th at Melbourne Central Catholic High School.

Florida State Council Region 2 2024 Free Throw Champions

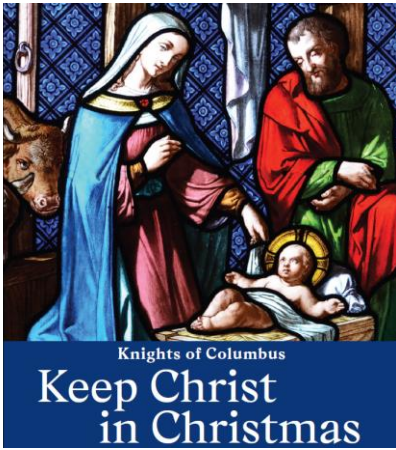
- Boys 11 - Edward Maroney - 1st place
- Boys 12 - Elijah Youngs - 2nd place
- Boys 13 - Layton Cacchio - 1st place

Congratulations! Now on to the state championship.
Go Saints!

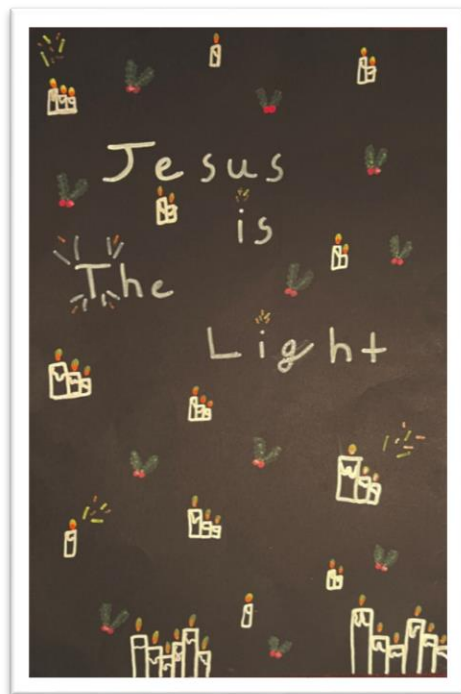


Keep Christ in Christmas Regional Update

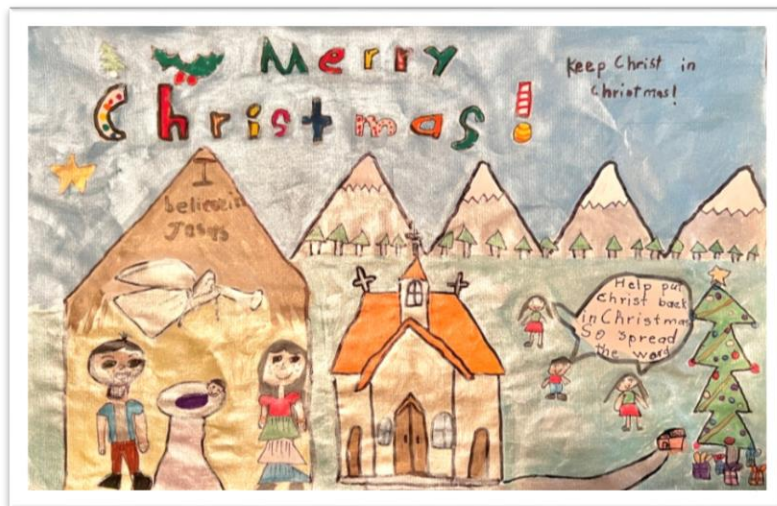
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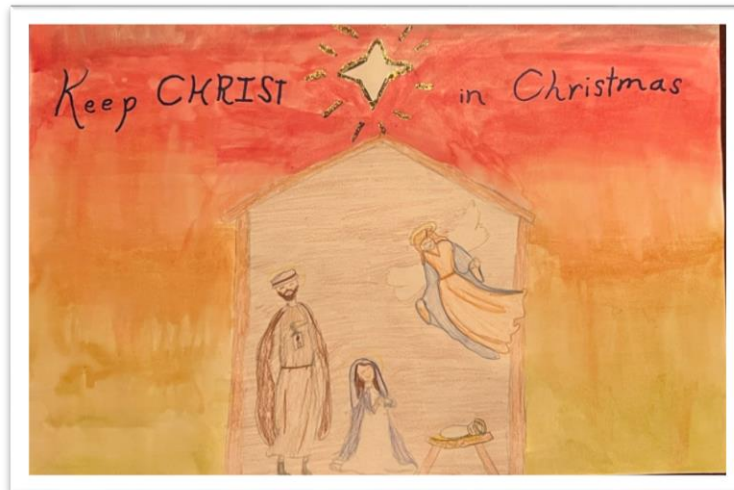
Congratulations to CPS students Nandini Tomasovitch, Tippi Reuther and Abigail Speidel whose posters competed in Florida Regional competition and are now advancing to Florida State Council for state level judging! Keep those prayers coming



2024 Region 2 winning poster by CPS fourth grader Tippi Ruether



2024 Region 2 winning poster by CPS 1st grader, Nandini Tomasovitch



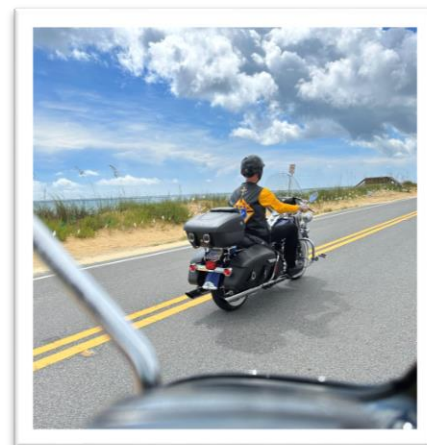
2024 Region 2 winning poster by CPS 6th grader, Abigail Speidel

Knights on Bikes

By Andrew Butts

Knights on Bikes Florida is a Catholic motorcycle group dedicated to sharing our faith and love of motorcycles. Our members are all Catholic Knights of Columbus with a motorcycle, and we strive to evangelize communities in Florida and beyond. We believe riding motorcycles is not just a hobby, but a way to connect with fellow brothers and sisters and to spread God's message of love and compassion. Join us on our mission to make a difference in the world, one ride at a time.

Brother Andy Butts is a member of the Knights on Bikes and part of the Diocese of St. Augustine - 17 Northeastern Florida counties: Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Clay, Columbia, Dixie, Duval, Flagler, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Nassau, Putnam, St. Johns, Suwannee, and Union.



Upcoming activities include sharing comradery with our KonB Brothers down south during the Daytona Beach Bike week 1-10 March. We're also planning to pray the rosary at the abortion clinic in Jacksonville on the morning of 16 March.

In April, tentatively scheduled for 13 April, we're organizing our annual Diocese Shrine to Shrine ride. We ride from the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche at Mission Nombre de Dios to the Santa Fe Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche in High Springs, FL. We're coordinating stops along the way at parishes and including their KofC Councils. More praying and fellowship with our Brothers.

We've also started planning logistics and escorting duties of this year's Silver Rose program. We're expecting to receive the Silver Rose from our Georgia Brothers on 21 July and have the rose in our St Augustine diocese for about a week. Once we get closer, service plans will be provided.

Daytona Beach Bike Week 01-10 March

Prayer at Abortion Clinic 16 March

Shrine to Shrine Ride 13 April

Silver Rose 21-29 July

If you have a bike and would like to join the Knights on Bikes, please see Brother Andy! God bless you!



Go Fish!



Another tasty serving of fish to folks at the Cathedral Festival! Brothers had a blast slicing veggies, breading fillets, cooking and serving scrumptious flounder sandwiches at this year's Cathedral Festival. Held at the beautiful Mission Nombre de Dios, the festival had something for everyone and proceeds benefit The Cathedral Parish School. Thanks to Brothers Steve Hill and Cory Mara for they're excellent photography!



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.

The Ladies Auxiliary is also requesting plastic grocery bags to donate to the St. Nicolas food bank. Epic Cure donates the food to the food bank for those in need here in St. Augustine every other Wednesday at St. Benedict of Moore and are in continuous need of donated grocery bags to package the donated food to distribute to individuals.

For donations, please contact ladies auxiliary president Linda Hill or bring donations to any Council meeting and/or social event.

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:

Linda Hill
Cell: (812)249-0165
Email: Lhill1949@gmail.com

Ladies Auxiliary Officers

President	Linda Hill
Vice President	Amy Munson
Secretary	Cynthia Day
Treasurer	Beth Ann Kaczmarczyk
Chaplain	Allie Salerno
Greeter	Heather Hill





THE 4th DEGREE ASSEMBLED



NEXT ASSEMBLY MEETING

The next Assembly Meeting will be held on the 4th Monday of March at 7pm. This fraternal year, the Assembly has elected to rotate its meeting location every month between each of the four parishes of our district in order to make the meetings more accessible to its members. March's meeting location is to be announced. Please watch for an email from our Worthy Faithful Navigator for the meeting location.

Bishop Verot Assembly 0166
San Sebastian Catholic Church – Knights Hall - 1112 FL-16, St. Augustine, FL
Faithful Navigator SK Chris Gallo
(908)798-0243 – cgallo1011@gmail.com

Meetings every 4th Monday of the Month at 7pm, location TBA each month

BIRTHDAYS

Name	Birthday	Name	First Degree Date/ Re-entry Date	Years of Service
Jordan P Henley	02-13-████	Kurt A Milasi	02-01-1967	57
Joshua R Currie	02-14-████	Burdette R Fox	02-01-1970	54
Timothy R Miller	02-15-████	Charles L Sanders Jr	02-01-1975	49
Burdette R Fox	02-17-████	David J Mariotti	02-01-1977	47
Al J Mc Connell	02-18-████	Peter Cramer	02-01-1982	42
Deacon Charles B Kanaszka	02-19-████	Gabriel T Oti	02-09-2016	8
Rick Salerno	02-23-████	Nicholas R Oti	02-09-2016	8
Xavier L Pellicer Jr	02-25-████	Garrick R Butler	02-23-2016	8
Edward F Kazmierski	02-27-████			
Garrick R Butler	02-28-████			

SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

Name	Date	Wife's Name
Robert Santo Billoni	02-07-1998	Cathy Billoni
Carl R Jacquet	02-26-2000	Lisa Jacquet



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:

- † Fr. Conrad Cowert, In Jacksonville, with pancreatic cancer.
- † Fr. Jeff, who is experiencing challenges with his health.
- † Br. Ryan LaPorte, who is experiencing health issues.
- † Faithful Navigator, Chris Gallo, who is experiencing cardiac health issues.
- † Prayers for Pope Francis and Bishop Pohlmeier.
- † Prayers for our Cathedral priests, deacons, and lay ministers.
- † Prayer for the unrest in Isreal
- † 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 Frank Hill at:
(812)249-0038 or hillf6466@gmail.com***

March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28 Officers Meeting TBA	29 Leap Year	1	1	2
3	4 Business Mtng. 7pm Bishop Baker Ctr	6	6 St. Nicholas Food Pantry St. Benedict of Moor 8:30 – 10:30am	7	8	9
10 Council serving Coffee & Donuts after each mass Cathedral Basilica	11	12	13	14	15	16 St. Paddy's Dinner & Trivia 6pm Bishop Baker Ctr
17	18 Lentel Penance Service 6pm Cathedral Basilica	19	20 St. Nicholas Food Pantry St. Benedict of Moor 8:30 – 10:30am	21	22	23
24 Palm Sunday Blessing of the Fleet by Bishop Pohlmeier after 11am mass	25 Cathedral Mass 7am 4th Degree Meeting 7pm TBA	26 Cathedral Mass 7am Officers Meeting TBA	27 Cathedral Mass 7am	28 Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper 6pm Cathedral Basilica by Bishop Pohlmeier	29 Good Friday Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 3pm Stations of the Cross 6pm Cathedral Basilica	30 Holy Saturday Confession 8-9:30am Blessing of Easter Food – 2pm Easter Vigil by Bishop Pohlmeier 8:30pm
31 Easter Sunday	1 Business Mtng. 7pm Bishop Baker Ctr	2	3 St. Nicholas Food Pantry St. Benedict of Moor 8:30 – 10:30am	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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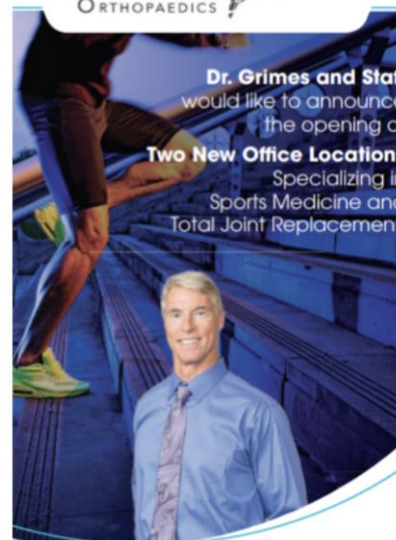
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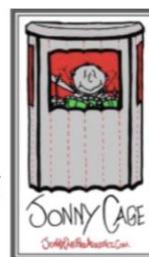
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