



# The Knightly News



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 <p>S/K Gabriel Oti Knight of the Month</p>		<p>S/K Gabe has served faithfully as the Council's Financial Secretary for many years. He out Faith into Action this past October by attending our Council Meeting, Monthly Social, the Officer's Meeting and volunteered for Coffee &amp; Donuts service three straight Sundays in a row. S/K Gabriel answers the call "Are we who we say we are". Thank you Gabe, Council 611 is proud and appreciates your continued devotion to the Knights and Council 611!</p>		<h3>Council 611 Officers</h3>	
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### Christmas Parade

Council 611 is participating in St. Augustine's annual Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 7, 2019. All Knights are meeting at the Old Jail on San Marco Ave at 8:30am for line up and the parade begins at 9:00am. **We ask all members to wear their Council shirts while marching in the parade.**

For more information, please contact S/K AJ McCaffery, PGK, FDD at (904)599-1436 or [mccaff93@gmail.com](mailto:mccaff93@gmail.com)

### Special December Social (Star Council Event)

The Council is hosting a special night dedicated to the Consecration to the Holy Family at this month's social on Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30PM at the Bishop Baker Center located at 267 St. George Street, St. Augustine, FL 32084. Guest speaker will be Fr. Martin Ibeh.

For more information, please contact our Family Director, Mark Van Gemert at (904)-325-1843 or [aautoinsurance@outlook.com](mailto:aautoinsurance@outlook.com)

### Consecration to the Holy Family (Star Council Event)

Council 611, in partnership with the Cathedral Parish, is celebrating a very special mass dedicated to the Consecration to the Holy Family on Sunday, December 29, 2019 at 9am. Our Council will be providing special prayer cards to every family attending and the celebrant will be our pastor, Fr. Tom Willis

The Council will also lead the parish in its 2nd public rosary and will be celebrating its 2<sup>nd</sup> corporate mass together as a Council of the fraternal year.

### THE NEXT GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD:

Parish Hall at the Cathedral Parish School at 7:00PM on Monday, December 2, 2019. Rosary begins at 6:00PM and Fellowship at 6:15PM

ALWAYS KEEP YOUR FORM 100 HANDY!



## Message from the Grand Knight

Worthy Brothers,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday with their family and loved ones. As a Council this past month, we had a lot to be thankful for.

We initiated one new member on November 4, 2019. Welcome Worthy Brother Dennis Malzacher, we are honored and thank you for joining the Knights of Columbus and First Florida Council 611!

On Monday, November, 18, 2019 our monthly social was dedicated to Family Prayer Night. It was such a great and special feeling praying together with the Council, their families and other families of our parish. It brought us together like no other event I have been to before in this Council. After prayers, we were treated to fellowship and a wonderful three course fish dinner prepared by the VanGemert family. They did a fantastic job and we thank you!

Council 611 reached out to the community and distributed forty coats for kids, ages 8-13, to the Mission to End Student Homelessness (MESH) and the St. Paul's Development, both 501(c)3 non-profit charitable organizations serving St. John's County, on Sunday, November 17, 2019. We are thankful to our Coats for Kids Chair, S/K Josh Currie, PGK and committee for their time and dedication towards this worthy event.

We are thankful to all the brothers this past month that volunteered and served for our multiple events, including our ongoing community outreach, the Coffee & Donuts Ministry. Each one has put Faith into Action!

Have you volunteered any of your committed 24 hours yet this year?

Remember to always ask the question "*Am I who I say I am?*" and volunteer for one Sunday a month for the Coffee & Donuts Service or help organize and participate in one of our many Faith, Family, Life and Community programs that we do every month.

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](mailto:Stan.Hetrick@kofc.org)

## Pregnancy Center Support (Star Council Activity)

Changing hearts and minds about abortion by showing that the Knights of Columbus loves both mother and child before and after birth, Councils provide material, financial, labor and other support to pro-life pregnancy centers that help women during pregnancy and following the birth of their newborn children. More than 3000 pro-life pregnancy centers now operate throughout territories of the Knights of Columbus. By the very nature of its founding, the Knights of Columbus is called to care for the widow and orphan. Abortion-vulnerable unborn children and mothers experiencing unexpected pregnancies certainly fall within that mandate. With aid from the Knights, pregnancy centers can offer support to help women choose life.

This year First Florida Council 611 donated \$500 to the St. Gerard Pregnancy Campus on US 1 in St. Augustine.



The St. Gerard Campus is an independent, non-political, non-sectarian facility designed to assist pregnant teenagers and unwed mothers. They are prepared to provide assistance and referrals for medical care, educational needs, or job services to all women, regardless of age, marital status, race or religion. The statistics show that most unplanned pregnancies occur in the 20-29 year old age group. All of their services are provided free of charge. They provide free pregnancy testing in their Pregnancy Center, personal counseling, group counseling with parents, husband or significant other. Free sonograms are also available.

In addition, they assist with adoption and with adoption counseling, as well as, their Community Outreach Program assists with food, clothing, furniture and counseling.

They are a fully-accredited interfaith Christian High School with on-site Daycare for their students. Their Residency Program allows pregnant teenagers and their babies to live at St. Gerard Campus while attending school.

## COFFEE & DONUTS SERVICE

First Florida Council 611 will continue to serve coffee & donuts after the 9am and 11am masses each Sunday in December *except Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> (Christmas & New Year's holiday weekends)*. Since September this program has already resulted in one new member and more than five 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 January and February services. If you have not yet volunteered, please contact our Program Director, S/K Aaron Day at (904)315-9984 or [acd2012@gmail.com](mailto:acd2012@gmail.com) and answer that question "Am I Who I Say I AM?"***



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### Have you asked someone to become a Knight?

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?

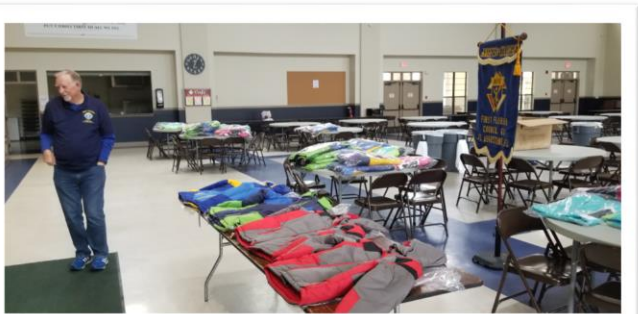
There is a call deep within each man to go deeper and reach higher to become the man God made him to be. In a world full of challenges, the Knights of Columbus equips men to answer the call to lead with faith, protect their families, serve others and defend their values.

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

## Family Prayer Night (Star Council Activity)



## Coats for Kids (Star Council Activity)



**BIRTHDAYS**

EDWARD	V	ACEBAL	12-01
JEREMIAH	F	LAMBE	12-02
RONALD		FARRELL	12-03
ALLEN	F	POWERS	12-04
TERRANCE	E	AUTEN	12-13
THOMAS	J	JACKSON	12-14
BRUCE	W	DUFRESNE	12-21
FRANK	A	HILL	12-22
ROBERT	SANTO	BILLONI	12-22
EVAN	R	MCDOW	12-22
AARON	C	DAY	12-23
GABRIEL	T	OTI	12-23
GERARDO	V	COELLO	12-28
PETER		CRAMER	12-31

**SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES**

JOSEPH	E	STANLEY	63 Years
FRANCIS	P	DUPONT	48
CHARLES	B	KANASZKA	45
CHARLES	B	THOMAS	45
ERNEST	S	TROTTA	43
GEORGE	R	HESSON	43
DENNIS	E	WISSEL	41
CRAIG	A	MAGUIRE	34
BRUCE	W	DUFRESNE	34
TODD	HENRY	LEDUC	23
JASON	S	MULLINS	6
EDWARD	J	REICHERT	6
MARK		RAWDON	5
AARON	C	DAY	4



**For the Good of the Order**



**Council Prayers for:**

- ❖ Wife of Br. Frank Hill
- ❖ Gloria Maguire, wife of S/K Greg
- ❖ Janet Baker, sister of S/K Curt
- ❖ S/K Greg Maguire's cousin Ken
- ❖ Jim Spinelli's son
- ❖ Br. John Gillespie & Family
- ❖ Br. Bruce Dufresne Family
- ❖ For the souls of Br. Frank Perry and prayers for his family
- ❖ All of our service men & women

***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](mailto:rbilloni@gmail.com)***

# December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
24	25	26	27	28 Thanksgiving	29	30
1	2 Business Mtng. 7pm Bishop Baker Center	3	4	5	6	7 Christmas Parade 10am St. Gerard Fashion Show 12-3:30pm
8 Coffee & Donuts 9 – 11am Masses Cathedral	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Coffee & Donuts 9 – 11am Masses Cathedral	16 <i>Special Monthly Social dedicated to the Consecration to the Holy Family 7pm Parish Hall</i>	17	18	19	20	21
22 4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting 7PM San Sebastian	23	24	25 Christmas	26	27	28
29 <i>Consecration to the Holy Family, Rosary Prayer, Corporate Mass 9am Mass Cathedral Basilica</i>	30	31	1 New Year's Day	2	3	4

## Knight of the Year 2018 -2019



**S/K Greg Maguire**

## Family of the Year 2018 -2019



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