



The Knightly News



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S/K Aaron Day
Knight of the Month

S/K Aaron puts Faith into Action every month as our Council's Warden and Program Director. In addition to serving on each of the Council's four Program Committees, Aaron has volunteered for Coffee & Donuts Service on two different Sundays this past September; and has attended the Council meeting, Council Social and Officers Meeting. S/K Aaron answers the call "Are we who we say we are". Thank you Aaron, Council 611 appreciates your devotion!

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Family Prayer Night *(Star Council Event)*

The Council is hosting a Family Prayer Night at this month's social on Monday, November 18th beginning at 7PM at the Bishop Baker Center located at 259 St. George Street, St. Augustine, FL 32084

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

2nd Degree Exemplification

If you are a 1st Degree Knight and would like to advance to the 2nd Degree of our Order, there will be a 2nd Degree Exemplification on Thursday, November 7, 2019 at 7:00PM hosted by St. John River Council 10850 at 4152 Loretto Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32223

Contact our Membership Director, S/K Greg Maguire at 904-347-4460 or backupfilesgmaguire@gmail.com

Coats for Kids

The Council will distribute light weight coats to all children in need in the St. Augustine area on Sunday, November 17, 2019 from 12-2pm at the Bishop Baker Center.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact our Chairman, S/K Josh Currie at (904)540-9959 or jcurriekofc@gmail.com

THE NEXT GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD:

Parish Hall at the Cathedral Parish School at 7:00PM on Monday, November 4, 2019. Rosary begins at 6:00PM and Fellowship at 6:15PM

ALWAYS KEEP YOUR FORM 100 HANDY!



Message from the Grand Knight

Worthy Brothers,

As we kick off the holiday season, First Florida Council 611 is moving at full steam ahead. With the dedication and hard work off many in the Council, we have nearly completed five of our thirteen Star Council events for the 2019-2020 fraternal year!

I would like to thank each and every brother that has volunteered and attended our events the past few months. You really live up to the question "Are We Who We Say We Are" and I am deeply humbled, inspired and appreciative of your hard work and dedication.

As we enter November, our Coffee & Donut service continues and we look forward to an Admissions Degree, the Emmaus Men's Spiritual Reflection Retreat, the Coats for Kids distribution, Family Prayer Night at our Social November 18th and Thanksgiving with our family and loved ones.

Have you volunteered any of your committed 24 hours yet this year? Volunteering one Sunday a month for the Coffee & Donuts Service or to help organize one of our many Faith, Family, Life and Community program events is a great place to start.

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

RSVP Program (*Star Council Activity*)

As the strong right arm of the church, the Knights of Columbus are committed to providing moral, financial and spiritual support to future priests and religious at all stages of their formation. Through a program called Refund Support Vocations (PSVP), councils and parish families raise funds to support seminarians in their area. Councils also provide their “adopted” seminarian or religious aspirant with moral support and prayers for their success.

This year First Florida Council 611 has chosen seminarian Filippo Schiavo to sponsor.



Filippo Schiavo is a 2nd year seminarian at St. John Vianney College Seminary in Miami, Florida. He entered the Seminary straight from high school and is a member of the Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine along with his family.

In addition to the Council’s \$500 in financial support, the Council collected and sent letters of prayers, support and encouragement during the month of October to Filippo. First Florida Council 611’s financial donation will aid Filippo with his costs to attend St. John Vianney College Seminary. Congratulations Filippo and continue on your heavenly path that God has chosen you for and spreading his gospel as you move forward in his teachings.

COFFEE & DONUTS SERVICE

First Florida Council 611 will continue to serve coffee & donuts after the 9am and 11am masses each Sunday in November *except Sunday, December 1st (Thanksgiving holiday weekend)*. This program has already resulted in one new member and a couple of transfers into our Council. 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 the Knights of Columbus with our parish community nearly each week for nine consecutive months from September through May.
- Generating many 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 December and January services. If you have not yet volunteered, please contact our Program Director, S/K Aaron Day at (904)315-9984 or acd2012@gmail.com and answer that question "Am I Who I Say I AM?"

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Our Council held an official and organized membership drive both October 12th & 13th and October 19th & 20th weekends after each mass at both the Cathedral Basilica and St. Benedict's followed by a social/open house for prospective new members on Monday, October 21st at the Bishop Baker Center.

This drive resulted in three new members, two prospective new members and three transfer memberships into our Council. **Great job to the Knights that participated! This is only the beginning.**

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!***



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TURBULENT TIMES

9/1/2019

Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori

IN THE FACE OF TRIALS, CHRIST CALLS THE CHURCH TO DEEPER FAITH IN HIS POWER TO SAVE US

WHEN I BOARD an airplane, I hope the flight will be smooth. No matter how much I've flown, I'm nervous when the plane bounces around and the flight attendants are instructed to take a seat for the rest of the flight. Some passengers take the turbulence in stride; others are openly frightened. Still others are equally frightened but try not to show it. I'm in this last category. It wouldn't do for a man wearing a Roman collar to get frantic. Instead, I discreetly pull out my rosary and ask the Blessed Virgin Mary to intercede for the pilot, the crew and the passengers (including myself). When the plane lands safely, I offer a prayer of thanksgiving.



Turbulence is an unwelcome experience, which causes heart palpitations and can endanger life and limb. But it also serves a purpose. It reminds us that we really are flying 35,000 feet above the earth, and that's not without risk. Better to keep those seat belts buckled! As noted, turbulence is also good for one's prayer life. As a passenger, I'm in the pilot's hands, but I'm ultimately in God's hands: "Jesus, I trust in you!"

The unnerving ups and downs of turbulence also serve as a good metaphor for life itself. As we begin each day, we hope it will be productive and tranquil. We often pray for lives that are calm and undisturbed. Yet, as we utter such prayers, Scripture rings in our ears. For example, in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus speaks of wars, famines and earthquakes, and he warns of persecution and even death because of his name (cf. 24:6-9). In John's Gospel, the Lord says, "In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world" (16:33).

We experience turbulence in many ways, both in everyday life and in our life of faith. Sometimes, it's the result of our own folly, as when we betray the trust of others or engage in selfdestructive behaviors. At other times, such turbulence is not of our own making. Life's journey can be rough due to illness, financial problems, unemployment, marital discord and controversy of all sorts.

In my life as a priest and bishop, I certainly experience spiritual turbulence. It's not that God's consolations and graces aren't abundant; it's not that the signs of his goodness are lacking. But many of the problems I encounter, especially in this particularly turbulent time for the Church, are deeply distressing.

The Church is in the grip of a global crisis of trust because of clergy sexual abuse and the failures of some bishops. This crisis has shaken the faith of many. Some have stopped going to Sunday Mass; others have left the Church altogether. Corrective measures once deemed effective don't seem to have lessened scandals in the Church.

In the midst of this, what are we to do? Are we simply to grip the nearest pew and hold on tightly? Rather, we need to pray for all we're worth. Sometimes, all I can do is to repeat over and over again: "Jesus, I trust in you!" Both clergy and laity also need to speak their mind about the scandals and do whatever they can to help the Church restore trust and continue its mission of faith, worship and service.

Just as airline passengers see turbulence as a bad thing, we usually recognize life's problems as bad. But turbulence in our Church and in our personal lives also serves a purpose. It reminds us that we are not fully in charge. It reminds us that we need to pray and express in faith our dependence upon God. It builds up perseverance.

And it also confirms the need to change course, to take corrective actions — not looking for the smooth air of untroubled comfort but for a pathway of truth and courage through present trials. Ultimately, the air, or wind, we must seek is divine — the Holy Spirit, who carries us to everlasting life.

BIRTHDAYS

TIMOTHY	J	VALLEY		11-03
RYAN	J	LAPORTE		11-06
EUGENE	J	MASON		11-12
JAMIE	S	KNOX		11-15
RANDAL	JOHN	LARSON		11-17
JASON	M	CRAIG		11-18
CHARLES	J	KLEVENCE		11-19
FREDERICK	J	WISEMAN		11-19
THOMAS	S	WILLIS		11-19
FREDERICK		CATALANO		11-20
DAVID	A	LAUBACKER		11-20
KURT	A	MILASI		11-21
GERARD	T	REMY		11-22
JAIME	T	KOPKE		11-24
JON	A	SMITH		11-26
JOHN	H	DANAHY		11-29

SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

ROBERT	H	DOOLEY		54 Years
EDWARD	F	KAZMIERSKI		48
GEORGE	A	EDWARDS		45
PHILIP	R	GAGAN		40
JOHN		SNYDER		39
VICTOR	B	GALEONE		18
DAVID	A	LAUBACKER		18
ALBERT	G	VOLK	MD	17
RUSSELL	F	OLDENBURG	SR	16
THOMAS	F	ANDREU		12
AARON	R	KLEIST		12



For the Good of the Order



Council Prayers for:

- ❖ Wife of Frank Hill
- ❖ Gloria Maguire, wife of Greg
- ❖ Janet Baker, sister of Curt
- ❖ Greg Maguire's cousin Ken
- ❖ Frank Perry
- ❖ Jim Spinelli's son
- ❖ John Gillespie & Family
- ❖ Bruce Defresne Family
- ❖ For the souls of S/K Charles Klevence, S/K Eugene Loya and prayers for their families
- ❖ 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

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3 Coffee & Donuts 9 – 11am Masses Cathedral	4 Business Mtng. 7pm Bishop Baker Center	5	6	7 2nd Degree Exemplification 6:15pm Prince of Peace Council 8791	8	9
10 Coffee & Donuts 9 – 11am Masses Cathedral	11 Veteran's Day	12	13	14	15	16
17 Coffee & Donuts 9 – 11am Masses Cathedral Coats for Kids 12-2pm Bishop Baker Ctr	18 Monthly Social 7pm Parish Hall	19	20	21	22	23
24 Coffee & Donuts 9 – 11am Masses Cathedral	25 4 th Degree Meeting 7PM San Sebastian	26 Officer's Meeting 7pm TBA	27	28 Thanksgiving	29	30
1	2 Business Mtng. 7pm Parish Hall	3	4	5	6	7

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S/K Greg Maguire

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