





# The Knightly News

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<p><b>Congratulations to:</b></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p><b>Br. Mark Wright</b> Knight of the Month</p>  </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p><b>The Salerno Family</b> Family of the Month</p>  </div> </div>		<p>Grand Knight: SK Frank Hill 812-249-0038                      Chaplain: Fr. Ignatius Yeruva 904-824-2806                      Dep. Grand Knight: SK Andrew Butts 571-246-6253                      Chancellor: Richard W. Speidel                      Recorder: SK Carl R. Jacquet                      Financial Secretary: SK AJ McCaffery, FDD, PGK, PFN 904-599-1436                      Treasurer: SK Tom Gehret 904-566-8932                      Lecturer: SK Josh Currie, PGK 904-540-9559                      Advocate: Bruce Dufresne, PGK 904-825-0000                      Warden: Shane O'Hara 386-227-4557                      Inside Guard: Tom Kaczmarczyk 904-540-67491                      Outside Guard: Scott V. Walters                      1 Year Trustee: SK Rick Salerno 513-614-3266                      2 Year Trustee: SK Gabe Oti, PGK 904-806-2711                      3 Year Trustee: Howard P. Naquin, II 512-568-4406</p>	
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## Support Our Seminarians (Saturday, October 5, 2024)

Join Council 611, their guests and parishioners in supporting our seminarians at 6pm in the Bishop Baker Center. All proceeds benefits our local St. Augustine seminarians.



Cash, Check or QR Code  
 rsvp@kofc611.org

## KofC Golf Tournament (Monday, October 14, 2024)

All proceeds of this event are donated to local area St. Augustine charities. This is our district's largest and most successful fundraisers of the year and will be held at the beautiful Marsh Creek Country Club. This event is a collaborative effort between all the councils in the in St. Augustine

**For more information, contact SK Brian Foy at (304)871-0888 or bfoy11@gmail.com**

## Council Fall Picnic (Saturday, October 19, 2024)

Join First Florida Council 611 for our annual family picnic from 1 – 4pm at the World Golf Village King & Bear Community Center Poolside Pavilion at 1175 Registry Blvd., Saint Augustine, FL 32092.

Lots of activities such as swimming and tennis, etc.

## THE NEXT GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD:

**7:00PM in the Bishop Baker Center on Monday, October 7, 2024.** Food will be served at 6:30pm.

Located at The Bishop Baker Center, 267 St. George Street.

ALWAYS CARRY A FORM 100 HANDY!



## Message from the Worthy Grand Knight

Council 611 held an Exemplification on September 11th at St. Benedict the Moor Church and invited the San Sebastian Council to join us. They brought two candidates to be exemplified. At that time, we exemplified four new members: Joel Beason, Dr. Eric Colon, Mark Lilly, Mark Wright and reinstated Knight Don Taylor-who had been inactive for 20 years. This brings the total exemplified for our new fiscal year to 8 new members our goal every year is to exemplify at least 9 new members. We have focused on activism and volunteerism throughout our parish and community, which has increased parish awareness of the Knights of Columbus faith in action. This not only enables us to grow in our faith, it beckons to others who feel the call to become Knights.

September was a busy month, both in actual events and planning for upcoming events in October. On September 11th, Brothers Todd Miller, Andy Butts and I assembled much-needed heavy duty shelving, which was funded by our Council, for the St. Nicholas Food Pantry. Brothers continue to help with food distribution at the pantry. We held an informal fellowship night at Leaf & Bean on September 12th.

Our September Social was held on the 16th at Bishop Baker Center. Deputy GK Andy Butts and his wife Mindy provided a delicious pork butt meal, with members and Ladies' Auxiliary providing the sides. Our guest speaker that night was Dorothy Hesson, wife of Brother Bob Hesson. Dorothy retired recently from The Florida School for the Deaf and Blind, where she served as the Internet Website Specialist. She raised awareness for the need of American Sign Language interpreters in society, and at our Masses in particular, so that those who cannot hear can see The Word being signed during Mass. Both at the Social and at our September 3rd. meeting, Ladies' Auxiliary members donated food for Catholic Charities' Weekend Hunger Backpack Program, which provides food to schoolchildren in our community who would go without food on weekends. They also continue to collect plastic grocery bags for Epic-Cure.

Council 611 brothers and Ladies Auxiliary participated in Night Fire Evangelization on Saturday the 21st after Mass. Brother Knights helped set up for the event, supplied the water for the hundreds of participants and Evangelizers. If you have not participated in this event, you are missing a very moving experience!

On Saturday, Sept. 28th, I was honored to be invited to represent our Council at a private Mass celebrated by retired Bishop Robert Baker, and to attend a reception he hosted celebrating his 54 years as a priest and 25 years as a Bishop.

Council 611 and Ladies Auxiliary members participated in Corporate Communion and praying the Rosary Sunday September 29th before the 11am mass. We also provided donuts, coffee, juice and chocolate milk after the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Mass that day.

"There will be obstacles, there will be doubters, there will be mistakes, but with prayer and hard work, there are no limits". Quote from Olympic swimming champion Michael Phelps with my addition of prayer.

Vivat Jesus,

Sk Frank Hill  
Worthy Grand Knight



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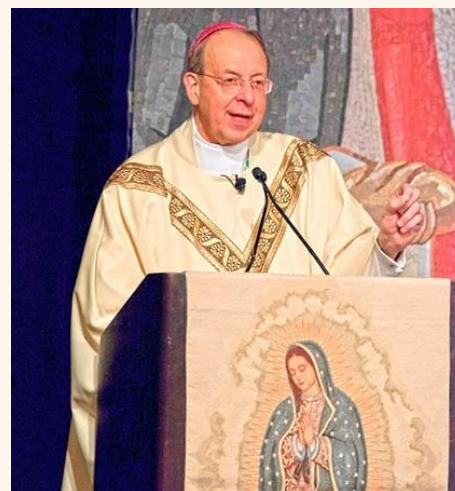
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# Message from our Supreme Chaplain

“Jesus said to him in reply, ‘What do you want me to do for you?’ The blind man replied to him, ‘Master, I want to see.’” (Mk 10:51) The blind man asked for healing, but this story is about something greater than physical sight. Once he receives his sight from Jesus, the man “followed him on his way.” When someone encounters Christ and sees the truth of who he is, the only proper response is to follow that truth - to follow Christ on his way. This month’s challenge is to find one way you can help a family member, friend or coworker to more clearly see the truth of Christ and to follow him. Do you watch for opportunities to lead confused individuals to Christ? Do you have the courage to share the truth of Christ with others? Do you speak the truth gently and clearly, so others are better able to see and understand your point?

**Arch Bishop Lori**



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## WELCOME NEW BROTHER KNIGHTS

Please welcome fellow Knights of Columbus Joel Beason, Eric Colon, Mark Lilly, Alex Nunchuck, Carlos Sanchez, and Mark Wright. We hosted an exemplification on Wednesday, September 11, 2024 and a reverent evening of prayer at St Benedict the Moor including our First Florida Council 611 and Fr Rene Robert Council 11046 from San Sebastian Catholic Church. God bless you, Brothers!



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## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The council exemplified eight new members to date to kick off the new fraternal year. This is proof that now more than ever, the Knights of Columbus offers our fellow catholic gentlemen what they are longing for: Strengthening their own Faith, Building up their Family in Christ, Providing Charity, giving back to their community and belonging to a fraternal brotherhood that promotes and reflects their values.

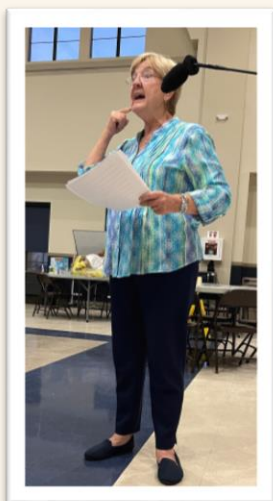
Have you asked a catholic gentlemen you know to join? **EVERY Knight is a member of the Membership Committee.** For more information, please contact our Membership Director, Br. Richard W. Speidel at [rspeidel@wcatech.com](mailto:rspeidel@wcatech.com)

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

*(This year's Council goal is 9, to date we have 8)*

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!***



## September Social

Dorothy Hesson inspired us on the extreme need to bring the deaf community back to the church. At this month's social, Dorothy, who retired a few years ago after 36+ yrs at the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind provided us an excellent talk and description of the heart of a very important ministry. A year ago, following a meeting of persons interested in reigniting a vibrant Catholic Deaf community, Dorothy heard the call to become more involved in helping to grow a wide-reaching Catholic Deaf Ministry. Join the Facebook page San Sebastian Catholic Church Deaf Ministry to learn more. God bless you, Dorothy!

## Ladies Auxiliary Charitable Donations

Catholic Charities received donated meals and snacks from the Ladies Auxiliary to support their weekend hunger backpack program addressing food insecurity among children in a unique way inside the classroom. God bless you, Ladies!



## Respect Life

Get smart on Amendment 4 misconceptions; pray for its defeat.

- Night of Education and Prayer for Amendment 4 defeat - Thursday, Sep 26 at 6:30pm in Bishop Baker Center
- Eucharistic Rosary Congress - Oct 4-11 <https://dosaf1.com/human-life-and-dignity/rosary-congress/>
- Amendment 4 informational handouts after Oct 5/6 Masses
- Council 611 social - guest speaker Maureen Shilkunas - Monday, Oct 21 at 7:00pm in Bishop Baker Center

# St Joseph Academy Scholarship Awarded

Congratulations to Mr. Shane Lynn for winning this year's St Joseph Academy \$1,000 scholarship! Shane is an SJA junior and has been serving his parish and community since 3rd grade. He's the middle child of a family of seven children and not only humbly receives guidance from his older siblings, but shares that guidance to his three younger siblings. A model of Christian youth full of charity. God bless you!



# CPS Scholarship Awarded

On behalf of families in need with children attending the Cathedral Parish School, Deacon Bryan Ott accepted a \$1,000 check from the Cathedral Knights. The scholarship subsidizes families' tuition, special circumstances such as unexpected medical expenses, or aftercare for working parents. We're so grateful to help in our small way. St John Baptist de la Salle pray for us!



# **Knight of the Month**

## **(September 2024)**

### **Br. Mark Wright**

Mark Wright is Council 611's September Knight of the Month. He is one of our newly-exemplified Knights. Mark volunteers every other Wednesday at the St. Nicholas Food Pantry at St. Benedict the Moor Church. Helping distribute food to the neediest, Mark has been a faithful volunteer since the inception of the Food Pantry two years ago. He quietly rolls up his sleeves and carries and loads food for those who need assistance. He truly takes to heart Christ's words "As you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it for me." Mark is a very strong supporter of Catholic education. Congratulations to Mark Wright!

# **Family of the Month**

## **(September 2024)**

### **The Salerno Family**

The Rick Salerno family is Council 611's September Family of the Month. Rick is Council 611's Trustee, faithfully keeping an eye on the financial health of our council. He attends our monthly officers' meetings and has volunteered to bring the meal as well as hosted on occasion. Rick plays an integral part in the planning of District 16's Annual Columbus Day Golf Tournament. This Tournament provides the financial contributions to councils for our charities. Rick is always willing to volunteer his time and talent to further our mission as a Council. Rick, his wife Allie, two of their daughters-Kelly and Kim faithfully attend Mass together. Their third daughter lives in Cincinnati. They also pray the Rosary with the Council the last Sunday of the month. Allie teaches at St. Gerard High School. Allie is a member of Council 611 Ladies Auxiliary and has collected items for Catholic Charities' Weekend Hunger Backpack Program, Port in The Storm, St. Francis House, St. Gerards campus among others. The Salerno family has been an asset to our Parish and our Council since moving to St. Augustine. We are blessed to have them!



# First Florida Council 611 Ladies Auxiliary

## DONATIONS REQUESTED

The Ladies Auxiliary is requesting that you donate your used plastic grocery bags for 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 Moor, however, St. Nicolas Food Bank must provide the shopping bags to bag up and distribute the food to individuals the cost to purchase new bags is very costly.

For donations, please contact the Ladies Auxiliary President, Linda Hill or bring your 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 0166.

Any practicing women, 18 years and older, who are 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 the 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](mailto: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





# S.O.S.

## ***SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS*** **ITALIAN FAVORITES NIGHT**

**October 5th at 6pm**  
**in the Bishop Baker Center**  
**(267 St. George St., St. Augustine, FL 32084)**

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**Serving Baked Ziti, Spaghetti, Salad and Bread**  
**Water & Tea Included**  
**Soft Drinks and Cash Bar Separate**

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**Cost: \$15 per person, \$5 for kids under 12**

**All Proceeds to Benefit Local Seminarians**

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**RSVP or questions to [rsvp@kofc611.org](mailto:rsvp@kofc611.org)**  
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**Winner chosen at dinner**





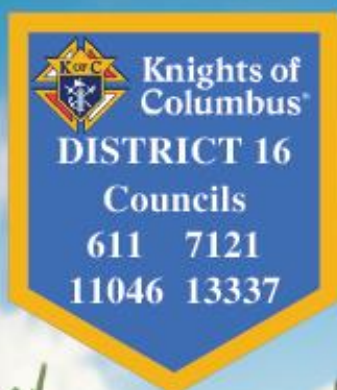


# Knights of Columbus® 3rd Annual Golf Tournament



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### Columbus Day Monday October 14, 2024



#### INCLUDES:

- 18-hole Greens Fee
- Cart Rental
- Driving Range & Balls
- Breakfast
- Awards Lunch
- Pin Prizes & Awards
- Sponsor Recognition

#### Format:

4 Person Scramble

#### Schedule of Events:

8:30 a.m. Registration  
 10:00 a.m. Shotgun start  
 Awards lunch at conclusion of play at  
 Saint Anastasia Catholic Church  
 5205 A1A South St. Augustine FL

#### ENTRY FEE:

\$150 / Player  
 \$600 / Foursome



#### Location:

Marsh Creek Country Club  
 169 Marshside Drive,  
 Saint Augustine, Florida 32080

Brian O. Foy, DW 16 304-871-0888 bfoy11@yahoo.com



## THE 4<sup>th</sup> DEGREE ASSEMBLED



### Next Assembly Meeting

The next Assembly Meeting will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday 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. This month's meeting location is to be announced. Please watch for an email from our Worthy Faithful Navigator, Sir Knight Chris Gallo, 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](mailto:cgallo1011@gmail.com)  
**Meetings every 4th Monday of the Month at 7pm, location TBA each month**



**BIRTHDAYS**

Name	Birthday
Fernando Alvarez	09-04-1964
Mr Dennis M Mc Carthy	09-06-1960
Dr Michel S Pawlowski	09-06-1944
Charles D Binninger	09-08-1956
Christopher S Lynn	09-13-1988
Robert C Lappa	09-14-1963
Jacob A Skinner	09-15-1982
Thomas N Gehret	09-16-1959
George R Hesson	09-21-1942
William F Roberts	09-21-1937
Alfred Fernandez Alpizar	09-22-1952
John P Holman	09-27-1948
John B Gillespie	09-28-1964
Nicholas R Oti	09-29-1997

**SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES**

Name	First Degree Date/ Re-entry Date	Years of Service
Charles E Pellicer	09-01-1982	42
Paul V Nunchuck	09-21-1998	26
Msgr. Michael P Morgan	09-27-2001	23
Deacon Douglas J Nullet	09-22-2005	19
William Curtis Baker	09-15-2008	16
Patrick J Maguire	09-22-2015	9
Scott A Martin	09-23-2018	6
Rev. Martin L Ibeh	09-17-2020	4
Mr Daniel J Gilio	09-25-2020	4

**WEDDING ANNISVERSARIES**

Name	Date	Wife's Name
William F Roberts	09-22-2004	SueEllen Roberts



## 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:

- † Ryan LaPorte's Father: Having treatments for cancer
- † Tom Gehret, his brother, and his brother's daughter
- † Mike Borzilleri's Mother
- † Frank Hill's Brother
- † Allen McCaffery
- † AJ's Aunt Audrey: Back surgery
- † Prayers for AJ and his move and renovation of his Aunt's house
- † Prayers for Pope Francis and Bishop Pohlmeier.
- † Prayers for our Cathedral priests, deacons, and lay ministers.
- † Prayer for the unrest in Israel
- † 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***

# October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1	2 St. Nicholas Food Pantry St. Benedict of Moor 8:30 – 10:30am	3	4	5 SOS Dinner 6pm Bishop Baker Ctr
6	7 Business Mtng. 7pm Bishop Baker Ctr	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Columbus Day KofC Golf Tournament 8:30am Marsh Creek CC	15	16 St. Nicholas Food Pantry St. Benedict of Moor 8:30 – 10:30am	17	18	19 Council Fall Picnic 12pm King & Bear Community Center
20	21 Council Social 7pm Bishop Baker Ctr	22	23	24	25	26
27 Rosary Prayer & Corporate Mass 10:30am Cathedral Basilica	28 4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting & 7pm TBA	29 Officers Meeting TBA	30 St. Nicholas Food Pantry St. Benedict of Moor 8:30 – 10:30am	31	1	2
3	4 Business Mtng. 7pm Bishop Baker Ctr	5	6	7	8	9

Red = Council events open to all members

Black = Council events open to specific council members

Green = Holy Day/Event or Holiday



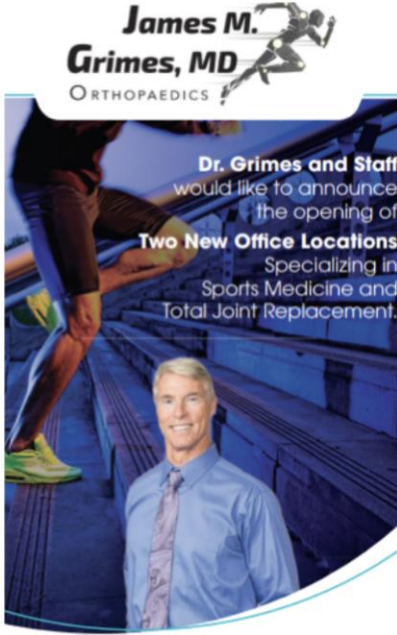
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