



The Knightly News



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Congratulations to:		Grand Knight	SK Robert Billoni, PFN 954-445-3008
Sk. Allen J McCaffery III Knight of the Month Sk AJ has worked tirelessly this past month with the Grand Knight and the Trustees on the Council budget, semi-annual audit and processing membership dues. Thank you Sk AJ for all that you do for our Council	Van Gemert Family Family of the Month The Van Gemert family has been busy leading the Ladies Auxiliary's efforts to produce reusable masks for the St. John's County Council of Aging. Thank you to the Van Gerner family for all that you for our community!	Chaplain	(temporarily vacant)
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Online Exemplifications

Did you know the number one reason catholic men do not join the Knights is simply because no one has ever asked them before?

With social distancing due to the COVID-19 virus, Supreme is conducting Exemplifications online via videos and conferencing (Council goal is 7, to date we have 7)

Now more than ever, catholic men and their families need the Knights of Columbus.

Please contact GK Robert Billoni at (954)445-3008 or rbilloni@gmail.com

Rosary Prayer/Corporate Mass

(Sunday, August 30, 2020)

Join First Florida Council 611 for its first program of the new fraternal year as we gather at 10:30am at the Cathedral Basilica to celebrate the rosary and mass together with our fellow Knights, family and friends.

All Knights, please wear your blue Council shirt. Also, we will be observing social distancing practices and face coverings.

Council Meetings

First Florida Council 611 will begin in-person meetings once again starting in August in the Knights Hall at San Sebastian Catholic Church.

For those that cannot attend in person, we will have the meeting live streaming via Zoom. Please check your email for details.

Out of an abundance of caution, we will not have the usual food and fellowship beforehand, face masks will be required and social distancing observed.

THE NEXT GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD:

7:00PM (Location is To Be Announced) on Monday, September 7, 2020.

ALWAYS KEEP YOUR FORM 100 HANDY!



Message from the Grand Knight

Worthy Brothers,

I pray that you and your families are doing well and staying healthy during this pandemic. Again, if you or a brother you know are in need of assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to Council 611. Times of crisis is when we need the Knights of Columbus and the principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity the most!

First Florida Council 611 is kicking the new 2020 – 2021 fraternal year off right. We recruited two new members in the first month of July and are at 25% of our recruitment goal for the year. Welcome Brothers Roger Day and Lorenzo Judkins, it is an honor that you have joined us!

Our Council meeting on August 3rd will be held in-person for the first time since March at San Sebastian Catholic Church while simultaneously live streaming the meeting on Zoom for those that cannot attend in person. At this meeting we will be voting on the Council's annual budget. I cannot wait to see everyone in person for the first time in nearly five months!

On August 30, 2020 at 10:30am, First Florida Council 611 will be holding its first fraternal program of the new year with the rosary prayer and corporate mass at the Cathedral Basilica. I cannot wait to pray with my brothers and our families.

First Florida Council 611 Ladies Auxiliary been very busy all summer producing and donating reusable masks for the St. John's County Council on Aging Meals on Wheels program during the COVID-19 pandemic.

With a new year brings new commitments, new goals and new opportunities to serve. With that we must continue to ask ourselves "Are We Who We Say We Are? Thank God I am a Knight and thank God you are Knights.

Vivat Jesus,

S/K Robert Billoni, PFN
Worthy Grand Knight



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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 (386)235-4064 or Stan.Hetrick@kofc.org

COUNCIL PROGRAMING

First Florida Council 611 invites its members and their families to participate in following individual Faith in Action programs this 2020-2021 fraternal year.

These programs included:

- Spiritual Reflection Program
- Refund Support Vocations Program
- Rosary Program
- Helping Hands
- Habitat for Humanity
- Disaster Preparedness Program
- Consecration to the Holy Family
- Family Prayer Nights
- Good Friday Family Promotion Program
- Family of the Month/Year
- Novena for Life Program
- March for Life
- Pregnancy Center Support Program

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Our Council is off to a great start with two new members this past July. Please join us in welcoming new brothers Roger Day and Lorenzo Judkins.

Now more than ever, catholic men and their families need the Knights of Columbus. We can fill out and submit Form 100's and preform the Exemplifications totally online. It only takes 30 minutes, making it easier than ever before to join the Knights of Columbus.

For more information, please contact our Worthy Grand Knight, Sk Robert Billoni at (954)445-3008 or rbilloni@gmail.com



Have you asked someone to become a Knight?

(This year's Council goal is 8, to date we have 2)

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! A new member can register and participate in their Exemplification on Charity, Unity and Fraternity ceremony all online without even leaving their home. It only takes 30 minutes!***

First Florida Council 611 Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary of First Florida Council 611 have continued to stay busy manufacturing reusable masks for the St. John's County Council on Aging, Meals on Wheels program. The Council on Aging, which normally serves over 3000 meals each week to seniors, but has had to scale back the number of meals served due to a lack of supply in disposable protection masks for their volunteers.

The Ladies Auxiliary to date have produced and delivered 200 reusable masks that are hand washable. The Ladies are continuing to produce reusable masks for the Knights at \$8 per mask. The \$8 will not only cover the cost of the Knights mask, but also the cost of producing and donating two generic masks for the St. John's County Council on Aging. Each mask has three layers of material, two layers of 100% cotton material and one layer of polypropylene material.



Two outer layers of 100% cotton material for comfort and one inner layer of polypropylene material.



Comes in three sizes: S, M, L
Adjustable ear straps
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To purchase your own Knights of Columbus reusable mask, please contact Keri Van Gemert at (904)325-1903 or aautoinsurance@outlook.com

If you know any ladies that would like to join the Ladies Auxiliary (they need not be a spouse of a Knight) or for more information, please contact:

Cynthia Day
Cell: (360)628-0007
Email: cvioletm94@hotmail.com



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BIRTHDAYS

EDWARD	G	MUSSALLEM		08-01
ROBERT	H	CZOPEK		08-01
JAMIE	S	KNOX		08-04
EDWIN	O	SIA		08-04
TODD		OJALA		08-06
STEPHEN	L	BUTLER		08-06
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JOHN	A	DATTOMA		08-10
FRANK	E	MARUT	III	08-11
CHARLES	P	BROGLIO		08-11
JOSEPH	M	GALL		08-15
DENNIS		KASTEN		08-15
JOHN	H	DANAHY		08-18
MICHAEL	A	SCOTTI		08-26
THOMAS	J	JACKSON		08-29
NICHOLAS	E	ALBANESE		08-29
JOSEPH	D	THOMASON		08-29

SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

XAVIER	L	PELLICER	JR	66 Years
ALLEN	F	POWERS		43
FREDERICK	J	WISEMAN		42
TERENCE	A	SMITH		29
MICHAEL	A	COFFARO		29
DOUGLAS	A	LOWE		25
CORY		MARA		23
LARRY	J	GLINES		17
TIMOTHY	J	VALLEY		11
RYAN	J	LAPORTE		8
PETER		LAGATTA		7



For the Good of the Order



Council Prayers for:

- ❖ Br. Roger Day that he recovers quickly from his surgery
- ❖ Cathy, wife of GK Robert Billoni
- ❖ All those afflicted with the COVID-19 virus
- ❖ All first responders and medical personnel
- ❖ All our service men & women

If you know of a brother who is sick or in need of prayers, please contact our Worthy Grand Knight, Sk Robert Billoni, PFN at: (954)445-3008 or rbilloni@gmail.com

AUGUST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3 Business Mtng. 7pm San Sebastian	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Rosary Prayer & Corporate Mass 10:30am Cathedral Basilica	31	1 Officers & Directors Meeting TBA	2	3	4	5

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