





The Knightly News

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Congratulations to:   Frosty Roberts Knight of the Month		Grand Knight: SK Gabe Oti 904-806-2711 Chaplain: Fr. Matthew Ibok 904-824-2806 Dep. Grand Knight: SK Frank Hill 812-249-0038 Chancellor: SK Josh Currie, PGK 904-540-9559 Recorder: Andrew Butts 571-246-6253 Financial Secretary: SK AJ McCaffery, PGK, FDD 904-599-1436 Treasurer: SK Tom Gehret 904-566-8932 Lecturer: (Vacant) Advocate: Bruce Dufresne, PGK 904-825-0000 Warden: Matthew Bell 913-439-9737 Outside Guard: SK Linwood Finley, PFN 904-827-1536 Inside Guard: Tom Kaczmarczyk 904-540-6749 1 Year Trustee: SK Frosty Roberts 2 Year Trustee: John Gillespie, PGK 904-347-9426 3 Year Trustee: SK Aaron Day 904-315-9984	
The Baransky Family Family of the Month			
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March for Life Spaghetti Dinner

(January 15th)

First Florida Council 611 will host and serve the annual spaghetti dinner benefitting the March for Life St. Augustine again this year on Saturday, January 15th from 12 – 2pm at the Bishop Baker Center.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Bruce Defresne, PGK at (904)825-0000

Monthly Social

(Third Monday of each month)

First Florida 611 will resume hosting the monthly socials this month on Monday, January 17, 2022 at the Bishop Baker Center at 7pm (doors open at 6:30pm).

All knights, their families, potential new members and the parish are invited to join us.

For more information, please contact our Worthy Grand Knight, Gabe Oti at (904)806-2711

Corporate Mass

(January 30th)

Join Council 611 and bring your family for the rosary and corporate mass at the Cathedral Basilica beginning at 10:30am.

Please wear your council shirt and reserve your seats by contacting our Worthy Chancellor, Josh Currie, PGK at (904)540-9559 or jcurriekofc@gmail.com

THE NEXT GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD:

7:00PM in the Bishop Baker Center on Monday, January 3, 2022. 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 Grand Knight

Worthy brothers, families and friends,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas holiday and a blessed New Year's. As always I would like to thank our Brothers and their families for their continued support and dedication to our council and parish. I would especially like to extend my appreciation to all of those who gave their time and effort to our events throughout the month.

On Saturday, December 11th we participated with Saint Joseph's homeless ministry and the Mandarin food bank to cook and serve from 80 to 100 meals for the Christmas holiday to those in need. We have participated in this event in the past years, specially during the holiday season in Thanksgiving and Christmas. We'll be participating again and we encourage and welcome all those who would like to volunteer. Our Council and the ladies auxiliary along with Catholic Charities sponsored two families in need for the Christmas holidays. We provided gifts for the children and a food basket along with a gift card from Publix for each family. It is good to know, even if it's in a small way we can make a difference in the lives of two families for the holidays. My appreciation to the ladies auxiliary who basically put everything together and made a difference. We decided that for the month of December not to have our social gathering since it would fall very close to the Christmas holidays when many of our brothers and their families were traveling to visit loved ones. We will resume our socials in January and we look forward to seeing everyone then. On December 18th and 19th we participated with our parish in the distribution of the Mathew Kelly books after each mass. The books were a gift from our council and our parish to the parishioners for the Christmas holidays. We would like to thank brother Matt Bell who coordinated this successful event and those brothers who volunteered, the parish expressed their appreciation. We have a very busy beginning to 2022 and the second half of our fraternal year. First on the agenda is the March for Life, as customary our council will be cooking and serving the spaghetti dinner for those participating in the March. I cannot express how important our support is towards preserving the sanctity of life and I encourage all those who can volunteer for this event to do so. There are other future events on the horizon and your participation will be greatly appreciated. We need to continue the wonderful contributions that many of our brothers and their families have made to our council, parish, and community. I look forward to seeing all of you in our future meetings, socials and events. May the new year bless you with good health, happiness and the love of family.

Vivat Jesus,

Sk Gabriel Oti, Grand Knight



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Insurance:

As we head into the end of 2021, 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 (412)779-3756 or james.booritch@kofc.org

Message from the Chaplain Father Matthew Ibok

Happy New Year to all!

In his New Year's address in 2019, the immediate past Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson stated: "There have been times in our country's past when uninformed or prejudiced people questioned whether Catholics could be good citizens or honest public servants. . . . In fact, from our founding in 1882, until the election of Brother Knight John F. Kennedy in 1960, many still held that Catholics were unfit for public office. Throughout that time, the Knights of Columbus worked to counter such prejudice." In line with the observation by for Supreme Knight, the Knights of Columbus have a mission to counter few other things in 2022, and they are quite capable of doing it. One of the things to be countered is the misinformation in many areas of life in the United States including politics, security, healthcare, economy to mention a few. The misinformation in those areas of life creates and enhances polarization not only among our elected officials but also our religious leaders, as well as the citizens. It also has a tremendous impact on the global society. The former Supreme Knight also reminded us that "from our beginning, the Knights of Columbus has been an organization adhering to the teachings of the Catholic Church. As with the Church, our primary motivation in everything is Christ's great commandment, that we love God completely and our neighbor as ourselves." Hence, some of the tasks for us in 2022 is setting the records straight, standing up for the truth, and leading by example. Fulfilling those tasks will certainly disabuse people's hearts, minds, and spirits. This we help us to experience more peaceful and harmonious existence in spite of the challenges 2022 may bring.

Wishing you all the best in 2022.

Fr. Matthew Ibok

You may contact Fr. Matthew at (904) 824-2806 ext. 303 or by email at frmatthewstaug@gmail.com



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DISTRICT EXEMPLIFICATION, SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL BENEFITS NIGHT

District 16 will have a district wide Exemplification on Charity, Unity and Fraternity, a social dinner, as well as, a Fraternal Benefits Night, presented by Council 11046 and the Knights of Columbus Spinelli Agency. This is the perfect opportunity to have your candidates and their families experience a live and in-person Exemplification, socialize at a large Knights of Columbus event and to learn what the Knights of Columbus benefits can offer every Knight and their family.

It will take place at San Sebastian Catholic Church, located at 1112 FL-16, St. Augustine, FL 32084 on Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at 6pm

For more information, please contact our Worthy District Deputy, Robert Billoni, PGK, PFN at (954)445-3008 or rbilloni@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS FAMILY SPONERSHIP

This December Council 611 and the Ladies Auxiliary along with Catholic Charities sponsored two families in need for the Christmas holidays. We provided gifts for the children and a food basket along with a gift card from Publix for each family.

It is good to know, even if it's in a small way, we can make a difference in the lives of two families for the holidays. Our appreciation to the Ladies Auxiliary who basically put everything together and made a difference in these two families lives this Christmas season.



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Have you asked someone to become a Knight?

(This year's Council goal is 8, to date we have 7)

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 is current collecting donations for the St. Gerard Campus. They are specifically looking for diapers, baby formula, baby food, bottles, baby clothes, etc. You can drop off your donations at our Council Meetings and Monthly Socials or you can contact Cynthia Day at (360)628-0007 directly.

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:

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

Ladies Auxiliary Officers

President	Cynthia Day
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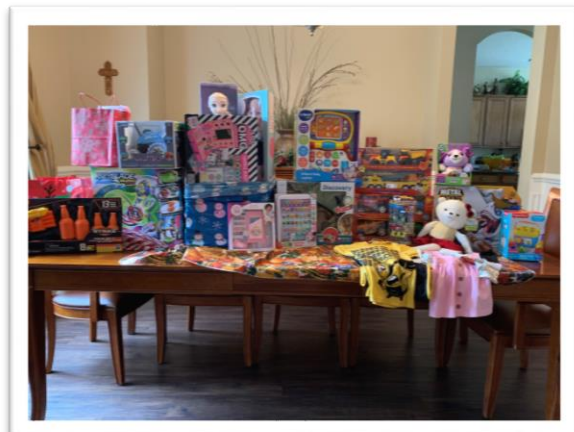
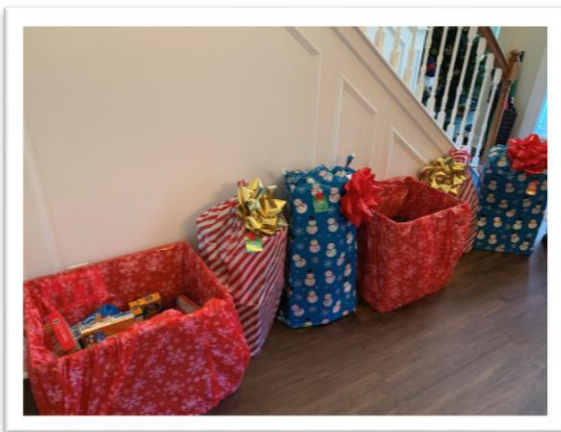
Ladies Auxiliary Food for Families Drive



Homeless Ministry for Christmas



Gifts for Sponsored Families



BIRTHDAYS

RYAN	D	OLSCHEWSKE		01-06
STEPHEN	A	JOHNSTON		01-07
PATRICK	E	SHIPLEY		01-09
ALBERT	G	VOLK	MD	01-09
ANDREW	D	GRAHAM		01-09
EDWARD	C	LUDWIG	IV	01-10
TERENCE	A	SMITH		01-11
JAMES	J	WOODRUFF	II	01-13
CHARLES	H	PETERSON		01-14
CHARLES	P	BROGLIO		01-23
CONRAD	P	KARWAY		01-25
GRADY	M	HEISS		01-26
CARL	J	SAVOIA		01-28
JASON	S	MULLINS		01-30

SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

FRANK	A	HILL		45 Years
GERARD	T	REMY		37
GEORGE	E	MC CREA		31
STEPHEN	P	DOWDIE		29
JOHN	P	HOLMAN		23
GRADY	M	HEISS		15
JOHN	P	WALSH		14
KENNETH		BROWN		11
RONALD		FARRELL		11
GREGORY	PATRICK	MAGUIRE		8
TOM	N	GEHRET		7
TODD	A	MILLER		4



Intentions for the Sick or in Distress



Council Prayers for:

- ❖ Prayers for Brothers Linwood, Pat Maguire, Frosty Roberts and Tom DeLux.
- ❖ Prayers for Brother Matt's coworker who is having neck surgery.
- ❖ Thank you prayers for Brother AJ's father who is doing fine.
- ❖ Prayers for the Oshefsky family whose second son died of sudden infant death syndrome.
- ❖ Blessing for Brother Andy's niece and fiancée who are getting married this Saturday.
- ❖ Prayers for GK Gabe's wife's grandmother. She's 88yrs young and fighting cancer. She got out of the hospital after successful treatments and then fell. Prayers for a safe and quick recovery.
- ❖ Continued prayers for Brother Ryan LaPorte's sister-in-law as she combats her illness.
- ❖ Continued prayers for our current and former first responders, medical professionals and those serving in the military. All are protecting our great country.

January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3 Business Mtng. 7pm Bishop Baker Ctr	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 March for Life Spaghetti Dinner 12-2pm Bishop Baker Ctr
16	17 Monthly Social 6pm Bishop Baker Ctr	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 4 th Degree Meeting 7pm San Sebastian	25 District Exemplification, Social & Fraternal Benefits Night 6pm San Sebastian Church	26	27	28	29
30 Rosary & Corporate Mass 10:30am Cathedral Basilica	31	1 Officers & Directors Meeting TBA	2	3	4	5

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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