



# The Knightly News



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### Admissions Degree

Council 611 is hosting an Admissions Degree for new candidates on Monday, January 6, 2020 at 6:30pm just before our monthly business meeting at the Bishop Baker Center located at 267 St. George Street, St. Augustine, FL 32084. **Since it is an Admissions Degree, we ask all members to wear at coat and tie.**

For more information, please contact GK Robert Billoni, PFN at (954)445-3008 or rbilloni@gmail.com

### January Social

The Council is hosting a special night with a special presentation of the Star Council Award by our District Deputy, S/K Bob Grimaldi, PGK at this month's social on Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30PM at the Bishop Baker Center located at 267 St. George Street, St. Augustine, FL 32084. We will also be presenting Knight and Family of the Month.

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

### March for Life (Star Council Events)

Council 611, in partnership with March for Life St. Augustine, is participating in the 9 Days for Life Novena from January 12<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> and the March for Life walk starting at 10:30AM on Saturday, January 18, 2020 at the Our Lady of La Leche Church. The Council will also host a Spaghetti Dinner from 12 – 4PM at the Bishop Baker Center located at 267 St. George Street.

**(Complete list of events are located in our calendar on page 8).**

For more information or to volunteer, please call Br. Bruce Dufresne, PGK at (904)825-0000 or bruducars@hotmail.com

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

Parish Hall at the Cathedral Parish School at 7:00PM on Monday, December 2, 2019. Food & Fellowship begins at 6:00PM and Admissions Degree at 6:30PM

ALWAYS KEEP YOUR FORM 100 HANDY!



## Message from the Grand Knight

Worthy Brothers,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year holiday with their family and loved ones. As a Council the first six months of the 2019-2020 fraternal year have been very busy and productive.

We have brought in three new members and had over a dozen more transfer into our Council from others. Welcome all new brothers of First Florida Council 611!

For Star Council activities, we scheduled thirteen for the 2019-2020 fraternal year and to date have completed seven of them! These activities include: the ***Spiritual Reflection Program***, the ***Refund Support Vacations Program (RSVP)***, the ***Helping Hands Program***, ***Habitat for Humanity***, ***Consecration of the Holy Family***, ***Family Prayer Night*** and the ***Pregnancy Center Support Program***. Through these activities, our Council has grown closer together and we have seen a dramatic increase in brother participation this year. Fantastic job everyone and we thank you!

As we look ahead to the next six months of the 2019 -2020 fraternal year, we have an Admissions Degree scheduled for the first Monday of January, and will work on the following programs: the ***Novena for Life Program*** (January), ***March for Life Walk and Spaghetti Dinner*** (January 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>), the ongoing ***Rosary Program***, the ongoing ***Family of the Month***, the ***Good Friday Family Promotion Program*** (March), the ***Disaster Preparedness Program*** (April)

There is plenty of opportunity for each one of us to volunteer our committed 24 hours as brothers in the Knights of Columbus this fraternal year. Remember to always ask yourself 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.

Happy New Year and thank you for all that you do!

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.

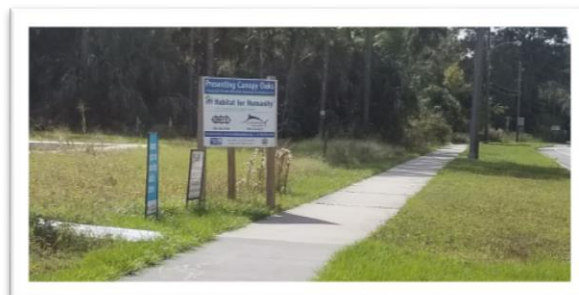
Knights across North America continue to trust their Order to protect them and see to it that their loved ones are well taken care of once they're gone. More and more members are preparing to leave behind legacies of protection for their loved ones.

Let's talk (386)235-4064 or [Stan.Hetrick@kofc.org](mailto:Stan.Hetrick@kofc.org)

## Habitat for Humanity (Star Council Activity)

Knights of Columbus councils work closely with Habitat for Humanity, a nonprofit Christian organization, to build homes for families in need at substantially reduced costs. Each year, councils throughout the world donate a considerable number of volunteer hours and dollars to this worthy cause for Habitat for Humanity projects in their community.

This past November, First Florida Council 611 donated \$1,000 to Habitat for Humanity St. Augustine. This donation goes towards new communities right here in St. Augustine like the one pictured below, Canopy Oaks, off of Broach Street.



## COFFEE & DONUTS SERVICE

First Florida Council 611 will continue to serve coffee & donuts after the 9am and 11am masses each Sunday in January. Since September this program has already resulted in two new members and more than a dozen 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?

*(This year's Council goal is 11, to date we have 3)*

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!***



## Consecration to the Holy Family Pre-Event (Star Council Activity)



Monday, December 16, 2019 Council 611 held a Consecration to the Holy Family Preparation Night at the Bishop Baker Center. The event was open to all parishioners of the Cathedral Basilica and Fr. Martin Ibeth lead the evening with an explanation of what the consecration is, why it is undertaken and how to properly prepare for the

Consecration that took place at 9am mass at the Cathedral Basilica on Sunday, December 29, 2019. Afterwards the Council and guests were treated to a wonderfully prepared three course dinner prepared by the VanGemert Family.

## Helping Hands (Star Council Activity)



First Florida Council 611 volunteers and prepared meals for 80 - 120 homeless for the Mandarin Food Bank at on Saturday, December 14, 2019. St. Joseph Catholic Church runs this ministry through the food bank every second Saturday of each month.

**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
TERENCE	A	SMITH		01-11
CHARLES	H	PETERSON		01-14
CHARLES	P	BROGLIO		01-23
CONRAD	P	KARWAY		01-25
GRADY	M	HEISS		01-26
JASON	S	MULLINS		01-30

**SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES**

GEORGE	E	MC CREA		61 Years
RONALD		FARRELL		46
FRANK	A	HILL		42
THOMAS	S	WILLIS		35
GERARD	T	REMY		34
STEPHEN	P	DOWDIE		26
JOHN	P	HOLMAN		20
GRADY	M	HEISS		12
JOHN	P	WALSH		11
KENNETH		BROWN		8
GREGORY	PATRICK	MAGUIRE		5
TOM	N	GEHRET		4
JOSEPH	L	IMLER		3



**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)***

# January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1 New Year's Day	2	3	4
5 Coffee & Donuts 9 – 11am Masses Cathedral	6 Admissions Degree 6:30pm Business Mtng. 7pm Bishop Baker Center	7	8	9	10	11
12 Coffee & Donuts Prayer Card Handouts 9 – 11am Masses Cathedral	13	14	15	16	17 Rosary 5:30pm Mass 6pm Video Presentation 7pm Adoration 8:30pm Our Lady de La Leche Church	18 Mass 9am Walk for Life 10:30am Our Lady de La Leche Church Spaghetti Dinner 12-4pm Bishop Baker Center
Novena for Life						
19 Coffee & Donuts Prayer Cards Handouts 9 – 11am Masses Cathedral	20 Special Monthly Social 6:30pm Bishop Baker Ctr	21	22	23	24	25
Novena for Life						
26 Coffee & Donuts 9 – 11am Masses Cathedral	27 4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting 7PM San Sebastian	28 Officers & Directors Meeting TBA	29	30	31	1
2 Coffee & Donuts 9 – 11am Masses Cathedral	3 Business Mtng. 7pm Bishop Baker Center	4	5	6	7	8

## Knight of the Year 2018 -2019



**S/K Greg Maguire**

## Family of the Year 2018 -2019



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