



The Knightly News

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<p>Congratulations to:</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>Br William Bennett Knight of the Month</p> <p>William, the Administrative Manager at St. Augustine Catholic Charities, leads their effort to help the needy. "Catholic Charities puts faith into action to serve the most vulnerable in our community, advocating for justice, human dignity and quality of life, while reflecting the compassion of God in Christ." He oversees helping with rent and utilities, hunger backpack program and Senior citizen food delivery of just a sample of what he oversees.</p> </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>The Speidel Family Family of the Month</p> <p>Rich has been a Knight for over 20 years and has served in various capacities within the Knights organization. Rich transferred into Council 611 and immediately took over the Recorder's position when it became vacant. Rich and his family faithfully attend mass, his school age children attend Cathedral Parish School, his wife Krista teaches school there.</p> </div> </div>		<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Grand Knight</td> <td>SK Frank Hill</td> <td>812-249-0038</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chaplain</td> <td>Fr. Ignatius Yeruva</td> <td>904-824-2806</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dep. Grand Knight</td> <td>SK Andrew Butts</td> <td>571-246-6253</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chancellor</td> <td>SK Josh Currie, PGK</td> <td>904-540-9559</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Recorder</td> <td>Richard Speidel</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Financial Secretary</td> <td>SK AJ McCaffery, FDD, PGK, PFN</td> <td>904-599-1436</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Treasurer</td> <td>SK Tom Gehret</td> <td>904-566-8932</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lecturer</td> <td>(Vacant)</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Advocate</td> <td>Bruce Dufresne, PGK</td> <td>904-825-0000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Warden</td> <td>Shane O'Hara</td> <td>386-227-4557</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Inside Guard</td> <td>Tom Kaczmarczyk</td> <td>904-540-67491</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Outside Guard</td> <td>Howard Naquin</td> <td>512-568-4406</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1 Year Trustee</td> <td>SK Aaron Day</td> <td>904-315-9984</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2 Year Trustee</td> <td>SK Rick Salerno</td> <td>513-614-3266</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3 Year Trustee</td> <td>SK Gabe Oti, PGK</td> <td>904-806-2711</td> </tr> </table>		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	SK Josh Currie, PGK	904-540-9559	Recorder	Richard Speidel		Financial Secretary	SK AJ McCaffery, FDD, PGK, PFN	904-599-1436	Treasurer	SK Tom Gehret	904-566-8932	Lecturer	(Vacant)		Advocate	Bruce Dufresne, PGK	904-825-0000	Warden	Shane O'Hara	386-227-4557	Inside Guard	Tom Kaczmarczyk	904-540-67491	Outside Guard	Howard Naquin	512-568-4406	1 Year Trustee	SK Aaron Day	904-315-9984	2 Year Trustee	SK Rick Salerno	513-614-3266	3 Year Trustee	SK Gabe Oti, PGK	904-806-2711
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Council Valentine's Dinner & Dance

(Saturday, February 10, 2024)

Benefiting Special Olympics, join Council 611 for an evening of dinner catered by Carrabba's at 6pm and dancing beginning at 7pm. Live music by Southern Style Vocal Band. Single tickets are \$30 or \$55 per couple (Cash and credit card accepted)

For more information, contact SK Frank Hill at (812)249-0038 or rsvp@kofc611.org

Exemplification

(Thursday, February 15, 2024)

The Exemplification on Charity, Unity and Fraternity is open to all candidates, Knights and guests.

Candidates are to arrive by 6:30pm for formation. Ceremony begins at 7pm at St. Benedict of Moore Catholica Church

For more information, contact SK Frank Hill at (812)249-0038 or hill6466@gmail.com

Council Social

(Monday, February 19, 2024)

Join First Florida Council 611 for our monthly social with food and fellowship at the Bishop Baker Center located at 267 St. George Street, St. Augustine, FL 32085 from 7 – 9pm. This event is open to all parishioners.

For more information, contact SK Frank Hill at (812)249-0038 or hill6466@gmail.com

THE NEXT GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD:

7:00PM in the Bishop Baker Center on Monday, February 5, 2024. 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 Worthy Grand Knight

As we turn the page on the calendar, we enter a new year of good deeds-acts of kindness or generosity that benefit others without expecting anything in return. This is what Council 611 strives to do. I pray that 2024 will be full of God's graces, not only to Council 611 members but their families also! We had so many things to be thankful for in 2023-our events were successful and we supported many causes that exemplify our founding principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. There were many opportunities to volunteer, and our Knights stepped up in so many ways to meet the challenges. As your Grand Knight I feel so blessed to be able to be a small part of your successes.

As we look forward to the next five months of the fraternal year, we are reviving and reinventing some old initiatives and trying new ways to support our charities. Last month we restarted Coffee & Donuts on a different schedule and at a new location. With increased participation by our Knights, this has become an important time for Parish fellowship after Sunday morning Masses, the last Sunday of the month. Moving the location from the west courtyard to Cathedral Basilica's Rectory courtyard provided a more intimate space and allowed for triple participation. Also on that last Sunday, we will include praying the Rosary prior to the 11 o'clock Mass and then have Corporate Communion. In January, several Knights volunteered time and manpower during the first CPS Chowder Fest at the Mission Grounds. Others pitched in for a workday at St. Gerard's. In February, we are hosting a Valentines' Dinner Dance and profits will be donated to Special Olympics. We are also looking forward to once again volunteering on February 23rd, by frying fish for fish sandwiches for the 39th Annual Cathedral Parish School Festival. On March 17th, we will host our Second Annual St. Patrick's Day Trivia Night and Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner featuring AJ's famous corned beef and cabbage recipe.

Many of our Council's Knights are exemplifying what a Knight of Columbus should embody. Their active presence in the life of our Church and willingness to volunteer has been remarkable in drawing new members to our Council. With five months left in our Fraternal Year, we are only TWO added members away from achieving Double-Star Council! Keep up the good work, Brothers!

Vivat Jesus,

Sk Frank Hill
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 (412)779-3756 or james.booritch@kofc.org

Valentine Dance!

February 10th (Saturday)
Dinner 6:00pm Dance 7:00pm

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Single tickets for \$30 and
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Bishop Baker Center: 267 St George St., St Augustine, FL

RSVP at rsvp@kofc611.org
or contact Frank Hill at
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Cathedral Parish School Clam Fest

By Richard Speidel



Five Brother Knights from First Florida Council 611, including our Grand Knight, braved the cold and wind Sunday, January 21, 2024 to volunteer at Cathedral Parish School's First Annual Chowder Fest at Nombre De Dios Mission Grounds. They helped keep the grounds tidy by emptying trash cans throughout the event, then stayed afterwards to break-down tables, chairs and clean up litter on the ground.

CPS parent and Brother Knight Richard Speidel, who also volunteered, said "As a CPS parent of three students (my fourth will be attending CPS next year), I am always ready to help make these events a success. When I saw that volunteer sign-ups were not where they needed to be, I reached out to Grand Knight Frank Hill who was happy to ask the council members for assistance. It was a fantastic event and attendance was much higher than anyone could have hoped for, so I know First Florida Council's participation was vital to its success. Thank you Knights of Columbus!"

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The council has not only reached, but far exceeded its annual goal in just the first half of the fraternal year. Three more new members and Council 611 will be right on track for its first Double Star Council Award ever! This is proof that now more than ever, the Knights of Columbus offers our catholic gentlemen what they are longing for: Strengthening their own Faith, Building up their Family in Christ, Providing Charity and 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. Jacob Skinner at endlesspressure82@gmail.com or (904)325-1179

Have you asked someone to become a Knight?

(This year's Council goal is 9, to date we have 15)

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!***



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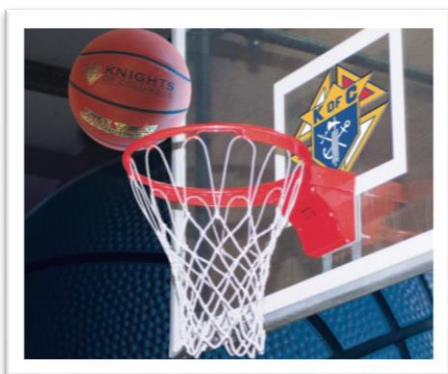
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Council 611 Basketball Free Throw Contest

By Andrew Butts



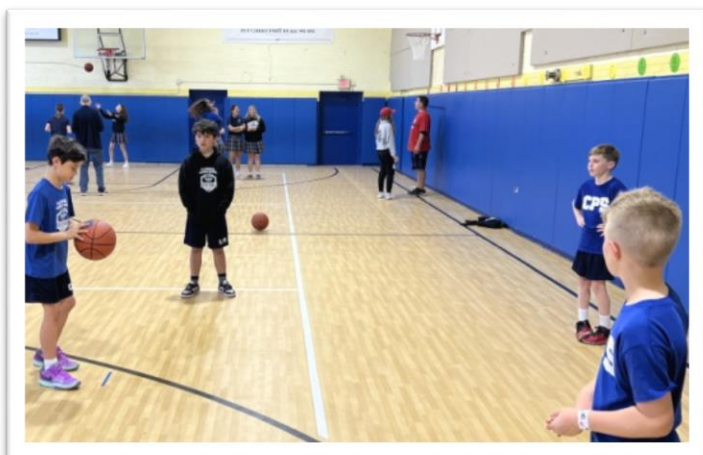
Since 1972, local Knights of Columbus councils have sponsored the Free Throw Championship all across the country for girls and boys from the ages of 9 to 14 to provide an athletic outlet and encourage the values of sportsmanship and healthy competition. Kids compete within their own gender and age and progress from the local level to district, regional and state competitions.

Twenty players from the Cathedral Parish School competed this year! A special thanks the CPS's Athletic Director, Coach Josh Stewart and Coach Chris Rutherford who helped publicize, organize the students and ensured every registered player got a chance to shoot.

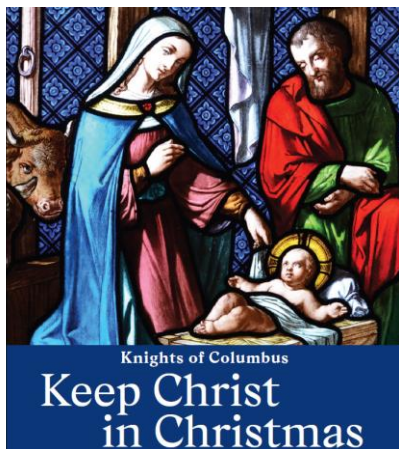
We had a great representation of Saints shooting baskets with one sinking 13 out of 15 shots - fantastic! Congratulations to our local champs!

First Florida Council 611 2024 Free Throw Champions

Girls 12 - Lola Scardelli
Girls 13 - Emma Gangemi
Boys 9 - Jacob Greiner
Boys 10 - Cooper Osborne
Boys 11 - Edward Maroney
Boys 12 - Elijah Youngs
Boys 13 - Layton Cacchio
Boys 14 - Tristan Sowards



Now it's on to the regional championship to be held on Saturday, Feb 03, 2024 at Annunciation Catholic School in Middleburg. Good luck Saints!



Keep Christ in Christmas

By Andrew Butts

The Knights of Columbus offers a wonderful program bringing back the true spirit of Christmas and reminding families in our community the season is about more than Santa Claus and presents. The *Keep Christ in Christmas* poster contest provides a foundation of faith for our children and parish community by reinforcing the idea Christmas is the ultimate celebration of the Holy Family.

Of all the wonderful submissions, the Council is able to select three posters to forward on for regional competition. Congratulations to first grader Nandini Tomasovitch who won the Kindergarten-2nd grade group; fourth grader Tippi Reuther who won in the 3rd to 5th grade group; and sixth grader Abigail Speidel who won in the 6th to 8th grade group. All three attend the Cathedral Parish School and created beautiful posters.

At the CPS Christmas gala, Brothers Frank Hill and Andrew Butts presented certificates to all contestants. The Bishop Baker Center was packed with standing room only with students, teachers and all sorts of parents. Father John Tetlow was also present.

The winners also received cash awards and now compete in the North Florida region and God willing competition at the state, national and international levels. Good luck! Thank you again to principal Deacon Bryan Ott and art teacher, Ms Dani Sowards for their enduring support.

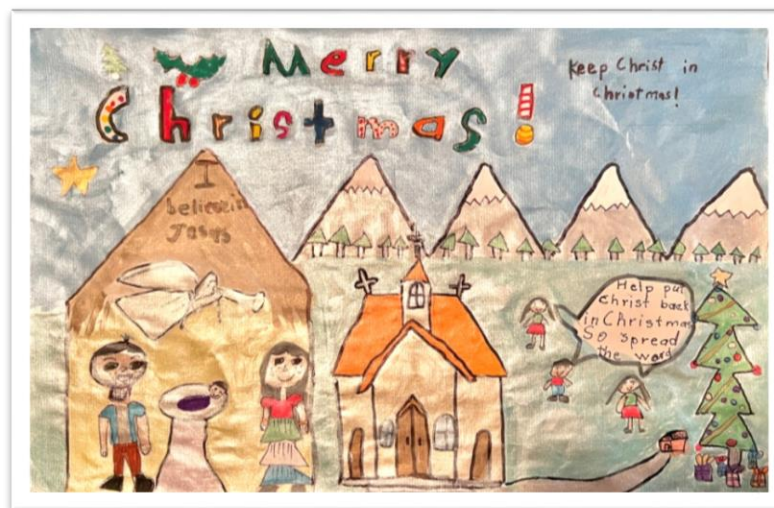


Figure 1 2023 winning poster by CPS 1st grader, Nandini Tomasovitch

(Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest Continued)

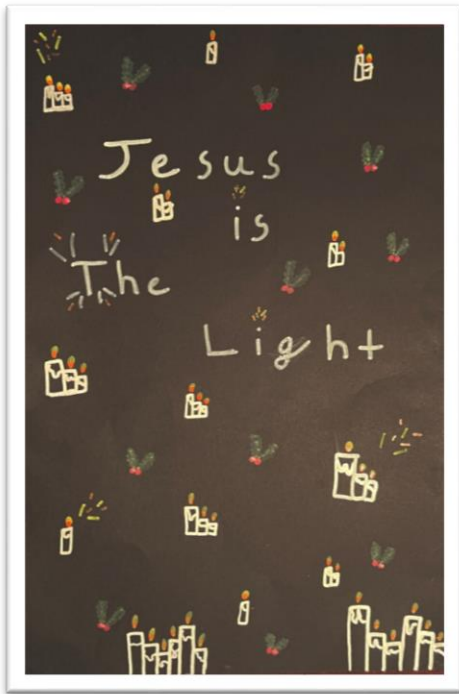


Figure 2 Figure 1 2023 winning poster by CPS fourth grader Tippi Ruether

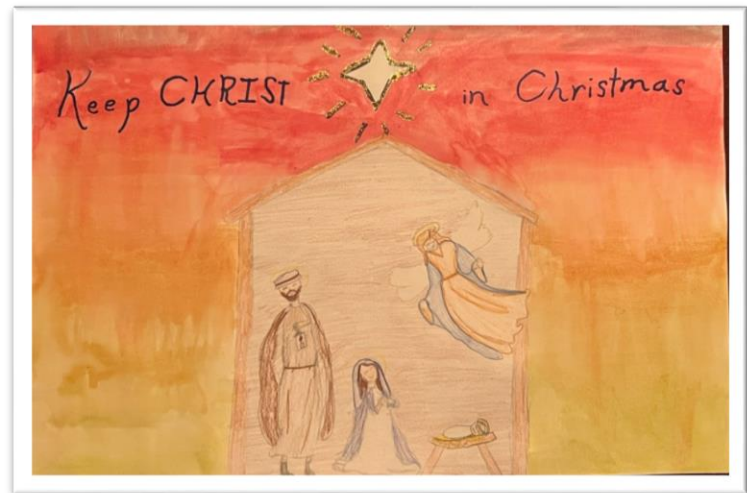


Figure 3 2023 winning poster by CPS 6th grader, Abigail Speidel



Figure 4 Brothers Frank and Andrew present certificates to contestants



Figure 5 Blessed Mary and Joseph with baby Jesus at Christmas Gala

First Florida Council 611 Ladies Auxiliary

DONATIONS REQUESTED

The Ladies Auxiliary is asking everyone to donate and fill baby bottles with money. All donations go directly to St. Gerard Campus.

The Ladies Auxiliary is also requesting plastic grocery bags to donate to 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 Moore and are in continuous need of donated grocery bags to package the donated food to distribute to individuals.

For donations, please contact ladies auxiliary president Linda Hill or bring 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 #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:

Linda Hill
Cell: (812)249-0165
Email: 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





THE 4th DEGREE ASSEMBLED



NEXT ASSEMBLY MEETING

The next Assembly Meeting will be held on the 4th Monday of January 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. February's meeting location is to be announced. Please watch for an email from our Worthy Faithful Navigator 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

Meetings every 4th Monday of the Month at 7pm, location TBA each month

BIRTHDAYS

Name	Birthday
Ryan D Olschewske	01-08-████
Andrew D Graham	01-09-████
Patrick E Shipley	01-09-████
Edward C Ludwig Iv	01-10-████
Rev Terence A Smith	01-11-████
Terrence A Gorman	01-12-████
Charles H Peterson	01-14-████
Scott V Walters	01-19-████
Charles P Broglio	01-23-████
Conrad P Karway	01-25-████
Mr. Timothy L Phillips	01-27-████
Carl J Savoia	01-28-████
Carl R Jacquet	01-31-████

SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

Name	First Degree Date/ Re-entry Date	Years of Service
Frank A Hill	01-01-1977	47
Gerard T Remy	01-01-1985	39
John P Holman	01-18-1999	25
William Murphy Jr	01-26-2005	19
George A Edwards	01-20-2011	13
Gregory Patrick Maguire	01-15-2014	10
Thomas N Gehret	01-18-2015	9
Todd A Miller	01-25-2018	6
Timothy J Constantine	01-10-2022	2
Shane M O'Hara	01-04-2023	1

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Name	Date	Wife's Name
Frank A Hill	01-08-1977	Linda Hill



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:

- † AJ's wife's Nana, in the ER
- † Frank Hill's niece, Jennifer
- † Frank Hill's brother, Jim Hill
- † Prayers for Father Tom and Deacon Chuck that they receive peace and strength as they battle with their ailments.
- † Prayers for Father William Mooney and him being rewarded with peace and love as he struggles with dementia. Fr Mooney is the founding pastor of Corpus Christi parish.
- † Prayers for Pope Francis and Bishop Pohlmeier.
- † Prayers for our Cathedral priests, deacons, and lay ministers.
- † Prayer for the unrest in Isreal
- † 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***

February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30 Officers Meeting TBA	31	1	2	3
4	5 Business Mtng. 7pm Bishop Baker Ctr	6	7 St. Nicholas Food Pantry St. Benedict of Moor 8:30 – 10:30am	8	9	10 Valentine's Dinner Dance 6:00pm Bishop Baker Center
11	12	13	14	15 Exemplification 7pm St. Benedict's	16	17
18	19 Monthly Social 6:30pm Bishop Baker Ctr	20	21 St. Nicholas Food Pantry St. Benedict of Moor 8:30 – 10:30am	22	23	24
25	26 4th Degree Meeting 7pm TBA	27 Officers Meeting TBA	28	29 Leap Year	1	2
3	4 Business Mtng. 7pm Bishop Baker Ctr	5	6 St. Nicholas Food Pantry St. Benedict of Moor 8:30 – 10:30am	7	8	9

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Black = Council events open to specific council members

Green = Holy Day/Event or Holiday

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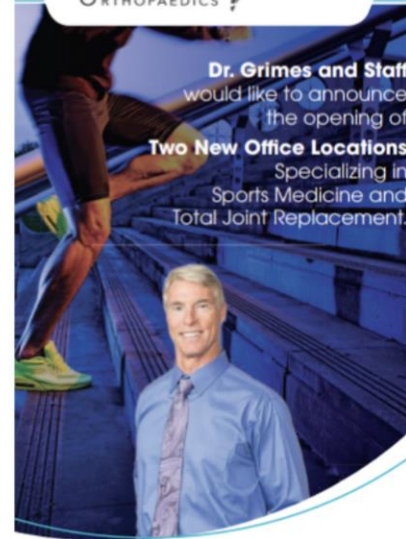
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