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Rosary & Corporate Mass

(Sunday, August 29, 2021 @ 10:30am)

The Council held its first rosary prayer and corporate mass of the fraternal year at the Cathedral Basilica. We had pews reserved for our members and families in the front center of the church.

Brothers wore their blue council shirts so the parish could see that the Knights are active in the cathedral parish.

Monthly Social

(Monday, September 20, 2021)

First Florida 611 invites you, your family and prospective new members to join us for our monthly social.

Our monthly socials have begun again will be held on the 3rd Monday of each month at the Bishop Baker Center from 7:00pm – 9:00pm.

For more information, please contact GK Gabriel Oti at (904)806-2711 or gjoti3@gmail.com

Council Fundraisers

First Florida Council 611 has some a few Five Star Gift Cards left (\$25 Gift Card for \$20 each), as well as, Council Polo's (\$35) and T-Shirts (\$15) available for sale. Finally, KofC State Raffle Tickets are available for \$1.00 each (\$10 per book of 10 tickets). Council receives \$0.50 for every ticket sold. Check and credit cards are accepted. All proceeds go towards the new St. Gerard Campus Sonogram.

For more information, please contact Sk AJ McCaffery III, PGK, FDD at mcaff93@gmail.com or (904)599-1436.

THE NEXT GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD:

7:00PM in the Bishop Baker Center on Monday, September 13, 2021. Due to the Labor Day Holiday, our meeting has been moved! Join us for the rosary at 6:45pm. Located at 259 St. George Street. This is an In-person meeting. ALWAYS KEEP YOUR FORM 100 HANDY!



Message from the Grand Knight

Worthy Brothers,

As always I would like to thank our Brothers and their families for your continued support and dedication to our council and parish. I would especially like to extend my appreciation to all of those brothers and family members who attended our officers Installation/social this month. The Ladies Auxiliary graced us with a wonderful dinner and beautiful hall preparations. Thanks to their hard work the event came out without a hitch and it was a wonderful experience for all. I would like to once more express on behalf of the council a heartfelt "thank you". I would also like to express our appreciation to Father Mathew who conducted our mass and participated in our ceremony and has graciously agreed to be our Chaplain. We are looking forward to his spiritual guidance.

This month on August 14 we also began our monthly service for the homeless ministry. We cooked and served about 60 and 70 meals for those in need. On Sunday, August 29 we held our first rosary and corporate communion at the Cathedral Basilica. We had a good turn out and Deacon Chuck expressed his appreciation. Thanks to Sk Josh Currie, PGK for putting it together and for his dedication to our council's spiritual events and ensuring a healthy turn out.

We all need to continue the great example set by the brothers who have volunteered and I look forward to seeing all of you in our future meetings, socials and events. May God bless you and your families.

Vivat Jesus,

S/K Gabriel Oti
Worthy Grand Knight
First Florida Council 611

P. S.

Our doors are always open to anyone, so please feel free to contact myself or any other officers if you have any concerns or questions that we can help with.



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Insurance:

As we head mid-way into 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 (386)235-4064 or Stan.Hetrick@kofc.org

Meet our Chaplain Father Matthew Ibok

Father Mathew Ibok is a priest from the diocese of Ikot Ekpene, Nigeria. Ordained in 1996, he served at his alma mater, Queen of Apostles Seminary High School in different capacities before coming to the United States for further studies. He studied at various universities including Nova Southeastern in South Florida, where he obtained a PhD in Conflict Analysis and Resolution. He is a passionate clergyman, educator and trainer with a lifelong interest in conflict prevention and transformation. In the diocese of Saint Augustine, he served at Holy Family Parish as Parochial Vicar before joining the clergy staff at San Juan Del Rio Catholic Church.

Now Fr. Matthew has come to our parish, the Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine, to provide care and guidance to our congregation and to serve as Parochial Vicar.

We feel extremely fortunate to have him, and very proud to announce that he is the new Chaplain for Frist Florida Council 611. Please join us in welcoming him to our council and the cathedral parish.

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



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COUNCIL PROGRAMING

First Florida Council 611 invites its members and their families to participate in following individual Faith in Action programs this 2021-2022 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 achieved 166% of its recruitment goal of new members this past fraternal year. This is proof that 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 to become a full 3rd Degree Knight, making it easier than ever before to join the Knights of Columbus.

Let's keep this momentum going into the new fraternal year.

For more information, please contact our Membership Director, Sk Frank Hill at fhill@ma.rr.com or (812) 249-0038



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Have you asked someone to become a Knight?

(This year's Council goal is 8, to date we have 0)

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 school supplies. 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
Vice President	Keri Van Gemert
Secretary	Brittney Van Gemert
Treasurer	Beth Ann Kaczmarczyk
Trustee	Lissette Oti
Trustee	Heather Hill
Trustee	Linda Hill



Homeless Ministry (Saturday, August 14, 2021)

Saint Joseph's Catholic Church's Homeless Outreach through the Mandarin Food Bank works with volunteers from different parishes, organizations and church groups to feed the less fortunate in our community.

Every year First Florida Council 611 participates in this homeless ministry in conjunction with Father Jacob of Saint Justin the Martyr Orthodox Church and other volunteers. This month on August 14th, our Worthy Grand Knight Gabriel Oti, representing the council, and Lissette Oti of our Ladies Auxiliary, cooked and provided around 70 meals to be served to the homeless in the parking lot of first United Methodist Church, in downtown Jacksonville. This is a concerted effort of volunteers inspired by the Spirit of God's love and encouragement.



If you would like to volunteer, please contact our Worthy Grand Knight, Gabriel Oti at (904)806-2711 or gjoti3@gmail.com

Officers Installation & Banquet (Monday, August 16, 2021)



Incoming Grand Knight Gabriel Oti addressing the Council after being installed



Outgoing Grand Knight Robert Billoni, PFN presenting Sk Frank Hill with the Knight of the Year Award for 2020 - 2021



Council members and guests enjoying themselves to a formal dinner in a decorated Bishop Baker Center prepared by 611's Ladies Auxiliary



Outgoing Grand Knight Robert Billoni, PFN receiving thanks and recognition from 611 for his two years of dedicated and successful service.



BIRTHDAYS

JOHN	A	DATTOMA		09-04-1956
JAMES	J	WHELAN		09-06-1953
CHARLES	D	BINNINGER		09-08-1956
PETER		LAGATTA		09-11-1963
DONALD	S	MOULTON		09-12-1963
VICTOR	B	GALEONE		09-13-1935
JAMES		RAZ		09-13-1959
CHRISTOPHER	S	LYNN		09-13-1988
DOUGLAS	A	LOWE		09-15-1954
LARRY	J	GLINES		09-15-1970
TOM	N	GEHRET		09-16-1959
DANIEL	A	NOLAN		09-20-1944
WILLIAM	F	ROBERTS		09-21-1937
GEORGE	R	HESSON		09-21-1942
ESTILL	D	MITTS	JR	09-22-1944
DANIEL	J	TAYLOR		09-26-1945
JOHN	P	HOLMAN		09-27-1948
JOHN	B	GILLESPIE		09-28-1964
NICHOLAS	R	OTI		09-29-1997

SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

KEVIN		KRIENES		45 Years
GABRIEL	J.	IBEH		20
NICHOLAS	R	NUNCHUCK		18
RICHARD	G	AUTEN		15
CRAIG	S	VANGEMERT		14
RYAN	D	MALTESE		11
GERARD	P	BURKHARDT		6
GABRIEL	T	MITTS	JR	6
RUSSELL	F	WOODRUFF	II	6
TODD		MURPHY	JR	2



For the Good of the Order



Council Prayers for:

- ❖ Worthy Financial Secretary AJ's mother-in-law is in and out of rehab and the hospital and needs prayers for diagnosis and healthy recovery.
- ❖ Worthy Financial Secretary AJ's cousin-in-law, Timothy Obi, is missing off the coast of St Augustine.
- ❖ Worthy Outside Guard Sk Linwood Finley, PFN who is on kidney dialysis
- ❖ Community member Elizabeth Campbell who is recovering from a house fire.
- ❖ All those afflicted with the COVID-19 virus
- ❖ All those affected by Hurricane Ida
- ❖ All first responders and medical personnel
- ❖ All our service men & women
- ❖ For the innocent casualties of the armed hostilities in the middle east

September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1 District Meeting 6pm Bishop Baker Ctr	2	3	4
5	6 Labor Day	7 Officers & Directors Meeting TBA	8	9	10	11
12	13 Business Mtng. 7pm Bishop Baker Ctr	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 Monthly Social 7pm Bishop Baker Ctr	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 4 th Degree Meeting 7pm San Sebastian	28 Officers & Directors Meeting TBA	29	30	1	2
3	4 Business Mtng. 7pm Bishop Baker Ctr	5	6	7	8	9

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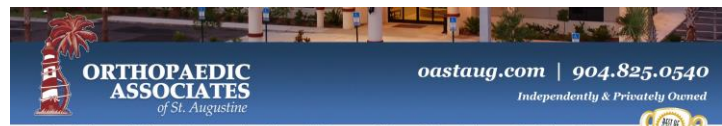
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