


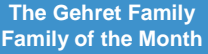




# The Knightly News

A MONTHLY PUBLICATION BY FIRST FLORIDA COUNCIL 611  
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KNIGHT AND FAMILY OF THE MONTH		Council 611 Officers	
Congratulations to:  		Grand Knight	SK Gabe Oti 904-806-2711
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		Dep. Grand Knight	SK Frank Hill 812-249-0038
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		Recorder	SK Andrew Butts 571-246-6253
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		Lecturer	(Vacant)
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Faith Dir:	SK Josh Currie, PGK 904-540-9559	Color Corp Commander:	SK AJ McCaffery, FDD, PGK 904-599-1436
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Family Dir:	Sk Frank Hill 812-249-0038	Insurance Rep:	Jim Booritch 412-779-3756

### Council Picnic (Sunday, June 11, 2023)

Please join First Florida Council 611 for its semi-annual family picnic at World Golf Village the King & Bear Activity Center at the Pool Pavilion from 1 – 6pm. A full day of lots of food, games, fellowship and fun.

For more information, contact our Grand Knight, SK Gabe Oti at (904)806-2711 or gjoti3@gmail.com

### Past Faith Navigators Banquet (Saturday, June 17, 2023)

Assembly 0166 cordially invites all 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Members and their families to join them for mass and dinner at Corpus Christi Catholic Church located at 6175 Datil Pepper Road, St. Augustine, FL 32086 from 4:30 - 8pm.

To R.S.V.P., contact our Faithful Navigator, SK AJ McCaffery III at (904)599-1436 or mcaff93@gmail.com

### Exemplification & Council Social (Monday, June 19, 2023)

Join First Florida Council 611 for the Exemplification on Charity, Unity and Fraternity as we celebrate two new members to our order beginning at 6:30pm. This is a solemn occasion, we ask that everyone dress appropriately for this dignified ceremony. Dinner will immediately follow.

For more information, contact our Membership Director, 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, June 5, 2023.** 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

Worthy Brothers, Families and Friends,

Brothers, on May 15th we celebrated our monthly social along with a family prayer night. It was truly a special evening of prayer and reflection. I want to thank all those who shared the evening with us.

On Saturday May 27th, Memorial Day, many of our council members and ladies from the auxiliary placed flags for all branches of our military in front of the Lightner Museum in honor of our veterans. Thank you to all those who were present to show their appreciation to our fallen heroes.

Please pencil in Sunday, June 11 in your calendars when we will celebrate our council's second annual picnic. It will begin at 1 PM at the world golf village the King and Bear activity center at the poolside pavilion. The venue will be the same as our first picnic of the year, since everyone enjoyed the variety of amenities available for the kids and adults.

This will be my last message as Grand Knight, since our fraternal year is coming to an end. I've been honored to serve as your Grand Knight for the past two years. I want to offer my sincerest gratitude to everyone for their hard work and commitment. Your efforts were key to help achieve our goals as a council. Thank you for sharing your valuable insights and feedback. We appreciate everyone's contributions, and hope that you found your participation with the council to be rewarding. Your support means a lot to us, our Parish and community. Again, I want to extend a heartfelt thanks to all.

I know that our incoming officers and our new Grand Knight Frank Hill, and Deputy Grand Knight Andy Butts will provide great leadership. Please continue to support them and our council as you have done so graciously in the past. We appreciate your continued contributions and look forward to another great year.

Vivat Jesus,

Sk Gabe Oti  
Grand Knight

P. S.

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



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### Insurance:

As we are mid-way through 2023, 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](mailto:james.booritch@kofc.org)

## WELCOME NEW BROTHERS

Please join us in welcoming our two newest Brothers in Christ, Massimo Peters and Thomas Pyle!



First Florida Council 611 would also like to welcome to Brother Dennis McCarthy, a new transfer into the Council.

## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

First Florida Council 611 is doing a great job of recruiting new members in this fraternal year. To date, we have added nine new members and more than a dozen transfer members to our council.

The council hosted a 3<sup>rd</sup> membership drive the weekend of April 16th after each mass and we recruited three new members and a member who transferred and reactivated his membership after many years. It was another successful opportunity for the council to invite the men of the parish to join our order. 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, Sir Knight Frank Hill at [hillf6466@gmail.com](mailto:hillf6466@gmail.com) or (812)249-0038**

### Have you asked someone to become a Knight?

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

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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# Election of Council Officers 2023 - 2024 Fraternal Year

First Florida Council 611 is now accepting floor nominations for Officers for the coming 2023-2024 Fraternal Year...Will You Answer the Call?

## Grand Knight

- Presides over all council meetings
- Appoints program and membership directors
- Appoints committees as needed
- Countersigns orders for payment and checks
- Ensures the submission of all paperwork required by the Supreme and State Councils
- Maintains working relationships with the council's chaplain, district deputy, field agent and general agent, as well as with other local service organizations (e.g. Habitat for Humanity, food pantries/soup kitchens)
- Has a working knowledge of the kofc.org website, Officers Online and Member Management
- Responsible for his council's First Degree Team and the scheduling of frequent First Degree Ceremonials

## Deputy Grand Knight

- Assists the grand knight with operation of the council
- Presides at council meetings in the absence of the grand knight
- Is recommended to serve on the council's retention committee
- Has a working knowledge of the Knights of Columbus website, Officers Online and Member Management
- Performs other such duties as the grand knight may direct

## Chancellor

- Assists the grand knight and deputy grand knight with their duties, as assigned
- Is entrusted with strengthening the members' interest in council activities
- Is recommended to serve as the chairman of the Admission Committee
- Performs other such duties as the grand knight may direct

## Recorder

- Responsible for keeping and maintaining a true and permanent record of all actions of the council, using a Recorder's Minute Book (#1403)
- Maintains all correspondence of the council
- Reads the bills entered into the minutes for discussion
- Performs such other duties as the grand knight may direct

## Treasurer

- Handles council funds
- Receives money from the financial secretary and deposits it in the proper council accounts
- Maintains all of the council's checking and savings accounts
- Is responsible for paying all council expenses, including assessments from the Supreme Council
- Performs other such duties as the grand knight may direct

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## Advocate

- Acts as parliamentarian for the council
- Has a working knowledge of Method of Conducting Council Meetings (#10318)
- Knows the council's bylaws and the Order's Charter, Constitution and Laws (#30)
- Has access to Officers Online and Officers Desk Reference 12
- Seeks legal assistance from the state advocate as needed
- Performs other such duties as the grand knight may direct

## Warden

- Supervises and maintains all council property
- Arranges the council chambers for meetings and degree exemplifications
- Oversees inside and outside guards
- Performs other such duties as the grand knight may direct

## Inside/Outside Guards

- Attend the doors of the council chamber, checking for current membership cards and allowing entrance
- Perform other such duties as the grand knight may direct

## Board of Trustees

- Consists of the grand knight and three other members, who are elected by the council's membership for terms of three years, two years and one year
- At each regular election, the position of each trustee will be voted upon, with the current three- and two-year trustee potentially moving on to become the two- and one-year trustee, respectively
- Supervises all financial procedures of the council and conducts the semiannual audits
- Ensures that proper protocol and procedures are followed by the council for the payment of monies — however, cannot override the vote of the council's membership

**The fraternal year begins on July 1, 2023 and ends on June 30, 2024. If you would like to nominate a fellow brother or to nominate yourself for this coming fraternal year's slate, submit your nominations to any member of the Council Board of Trustees or our nomination committee chairman, SK AJ McCaffery III, FDD, PGK at (904)599-1436 or mcaff93@gmail.com.**

**All nominations will close after the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of the official slate at the May 1<sup>st</sup> Council Business Meeting. Elections will be held during the Council's monthly business meeting on June 5, 2023.**

## 2023 - 2024 First Florida Council 611 Slate of Officers

(First Reading at the April 3<sup>rd</sup> Business Meeting)

<u>Position</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
<b>Grand Knight</b>	Gabe Oti	Retire	Frank Hill
<b>Deputy Grand Knight</b>	Frank Hill	Advance	Andrew Butts
<b>Chancellor</b>	Josh Currie	Remain	Josh Currie
<b>Treasurer</b>	Tom Gehret	Remain	Tom Gehret
<b>Recorder</b>	Andy Butts	Advance	
<b>Warden</b>	Matt Bell	Remain	Matt Bell
<b>Advocate</b>	Bruce Dufresne		
<b>Inside Guard</b>	Tom Kaczmarcyk	Remain	Tom Kaczmarcyk
<b>Outside Guard</b>	Jesse Monek	Leave of Abs	Shane O'Hara
<b>Trustee 3 Year</b>	Rick Salerno	Advance	Gabe Oti
<b>Trustee 2 Year</b>	Aaron Day	Advance	Rick Salerno
<b>Trustee 1 Year</b>	John Gillespie	End of Term	Aaron Day
<b><u>Appointed</u></b>			
<b>Chaplain</b>	Fr. Ignatius	Remain	Fr. Ignatius
<b>Financial Secretary</b>	A.J. McCaffery	Remain	A.J. McCaffery
<b>Lecturer</b>	Vacant		
<b><u>Directors/Chairman</u></b>			
<b>Membership Director</b>	Frank Hill	Retire	Jacob Skinner
<b>Program Director</b>	Andy Butts	Remain	Andy Butts
<b>Faith Chairman</b>	Joshua Currie		
<b>Family Chairman</b>	Frank Hill		
<b>Community Chairman</b>	A.J. McCaffery		
<b>Life Chairman</b>	Bruce Dufresne		

# Annual Memorial Flag Placement

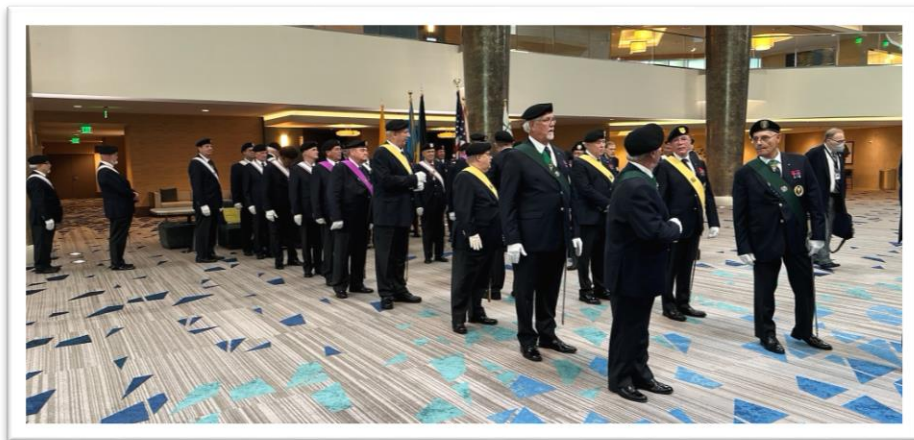
(May 27, 2023)



Council members and family placing flags at the Lightner Museum

# Florida State Convention

(May 26 - 28, 2023)



Council members participate in the color corps precession during the opening mass

As tradition, Council 611, being the first council in Florida, has the honor of leading the March of the Banners during the opening ceremonies of the 119<sup>th</sup> State Convention of the Florida State Council at the Hyatt Regency Orlando



## 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 of plastic grocery bags to donate to a local food bank.

For donations, please contact ladies auxiliary president Beth K or bring donations to meetings and/or social events.

### 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:

Beth Ann Kaczmarczyk

Cell: (904)392-7675

Email: [elizebetheretto@gmail.com](mailto:elizebetheretto@gmail.com)

## Ladies Auxiliary Officers

President	Beth Ann Kaczmarczyk
Vice President	Cynthia Day
Trustee	Lissette Oti
Trustee	Heather Hill
Trustee	Linda Hill







## THE 4<sup>th</sup> DEGREE ASSEMBLED



Submitted by SK AJ McCaffery III, FDD, PGK

### This Past Month

The Assembly Color Corps lead the procession for Memorial Mass of Deacon Kidwell at the San Sebastian Catholic Church on May 11, 2023



The Funeral honoring our Past Faithful Navigator and beloved Color Corps Commander, SK Ed Mulvey



### Looking Ahead

The assembly will host a Past Faithful Navigator Mass & Banquet at Corpus Christi Catholic Church on Saturday, June 17, 2023 beginning with mass at 4:30pm inside the church and immediately followed by the banquet at Marion Hall.

Unofficially, Assembly 0166 is slated to host the Fourth Degree exemplification this coming fall. We'll need a lot of help organizing and preparing the Bishop Baker Center.

Bishop Verot Assembly 0166  
 San Sebastian Catholic Church – Knights Hall - 1112 FL-16, St. Augustine, FL  
 Faithful Navigator SK AJ McCaffery III, FDD, PGK  
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**Meetings every 4th Monday of the Month at 7pm**

**BIRTHDAYS**

Nicholas	E	Albanese	
William	Curtis	Baker	
Emil		Chando	
Thomas	R	De Lux	
Philip	R	Gagan	Fr
Leopoldo	B	Gonzalez	MD
David	G	Howard	
Erick	A	Hueck	
Gregory	E	Loya	
Patrick	J	Maguire	
Cory		Mara	
Robert	E	Quinn	
Mark		Van Gemert	
Christopher	D	Williams	

**SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES**

				Years of Service
Charles	H	Peterson		41
Conrad	P	Karway		39
Donald	A	Crichlow		32
Richard	F	Maffei		22
Carl	J	Savoia		19
Alex		Dufresne		19
William		Dufresne		18
Gabriel	J.	Oti		13
Richard		Lynn		9
Christopher	S	Lynn		9
Mark		Van Gemert		8
Evan	R	McDow		8
William	F	Roberts		8
Richard	A	Baker		7
Michael	N	Menicola		3



## 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:

- † Prayers for Deacon Chuck as he endures a serious ailment.
- † Prayers for Brother Robert's request.
- † 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 Brother AJ's wife's grandmother Selma.
- † Prayers for repose of the soul of Fr Patrick "Paddy" Carroll. Fr Carroll went home to the Lord on 24 April, at the retirement community of the Holy Ghost Fathers (Spiritans) in Dublin, Ireland. Fr Carroll served as an associate pastor at St Patrick Parish in Jacksonville, Epiphany Parish in Lake City, St John the Baptist Parish in Atlantic Beach and pastor of St Ambrose Parish in Elkton from 1988 to 2006. Fr Carroll remained active in retirement as a chaplain to Retrouvaille, a ministry for couples who are struggling in their marriage. He will be missed by all but especially the many couples he touched over the years in Retrouvaille.
- † Prayers for our Cathedral priests, deacons and lay ministers.
- † Prayers for Pope Francis and Bishop Pohlmeier.
- † 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.

# June

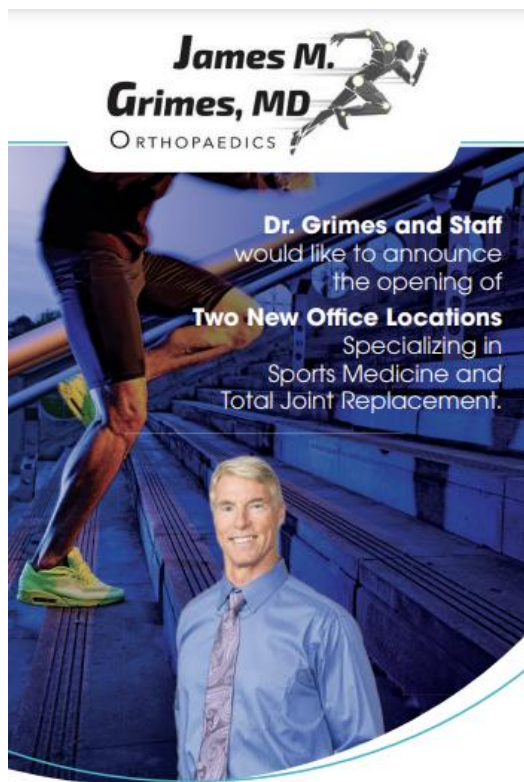
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5 Business Mtng. 7pm Bishop Baker Ctr	6	7	8	9	10
11 Semi-Annual Council Picnic 1pm World Golf Village	12	13	14	15	16	17 Past Faithful Navigators Banquet 4:30pm Corpus Christi
18	19 Council Social & Exemplification 6:30pm Bishop Baker Ctr	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 4th Degree Meeting 7pm San Sebastian	27 Officers & Directors Meeting TBA	28	29	30	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8

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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