





The Knightly News

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First Florida Council 611's 120th Anniversary Celebration

(Saturday, October 16, 2021)

First Florida 611 invites you, your family and prospective new members to join us for the celebration of the 120th anniversary of the first Knights of Columbus council in the state of Florida, which was chartered on October 13, 1901.

There will be guest speakers, historical presentations, food, drinks, give-a-ways and raffles at the Bishop Baker Center from 3:00pm – 7:00pm.

Please R.S.V.P. to our Worthy Grand Knight Gabriel Oti at (904)806-2711 or gjoti3@gmail.com

THE NEXT GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD:

7:00PM in the Bishop Baker Center on Monday, October 4, 2021. Join us for food and fellowship at 6:30pm. 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 first official social of the year which took place on September 20th. We served delicious roasted pork tenderloins with gravy and it was accompanied by some wonderful side dishes brought by our members and their families. Personal touches like these make our socials even more special. On the same night we were led, by our Worthy Chancellor Joshua Currie, our first prayer night of the year which brings spiritual fortification to our members and families.

On October 16th we will be celebrating an important milestone in our council's history, the 120th anniversary of the founding of Council 611. Being the very first council in the state of Florida, this is an important event and we have invited local leaders from our parishes and community. A lot of planning and effort has been put forth in making this celebration a success, I strongly urge all of the brothers and their families to partake and attend.

We all need to continue the great example set by our brothers and their families who have attended and/or volunteered at our events. 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 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 (386)235-4064 or Stan.Hetrick@kofc.org

Message from the Chaplain Father Matthew Ibok

In this maiden message, I wish to express my gratitude to God and Bishop Estevez for the privilege to serve in the diocese that is home to many things FIRST or OLDEST in the country: First parish and city. I thank, our pastor, Fr. Tetlow who asked me to serve as the Chaplain of the First Florida Council 611. I acknowledge your warm welcome when I attended your first meeting and commissioning of the current officers last August at St. Benedict Moore Church and the socials that followed afterward.

The contributions of the Knights of Columbus (KofC) to the church across the globe are phenomenal, and not debatable. Those contributions do not surprise me because you follow the footsteps of your Founder, Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney who according to the prayer for his canonization was called “. . . to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor.” Your services within and outside the Church are answers to the request that Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney should inspire us to “continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast.” That is not only a noble, but also a rewarding mission that takes you to those at the periphery of the society. Wishing all of you the best in October.

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



Knights of Columbus

Programs



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



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



Family Prayer Night & Monthly Social (Monday, September 20, 2021)



Grand Knight Gabriel Oti presenting
the Hill Family with Family of the
Month Award for August 2021



Grand Knight Gabriel Oti presenting Sk Joshua
Currie, PGK with the
Knight of the Month Award for August 2021

Join First Florida Council 611 every 3rd Monday of each month at the Bishop Baker Center at 7pm for our monthly Social.

(Excluding the month of October due to the 120th Anniversary Celebration being held on October 16, 2021 from 3-7pm at the Bishop Baker Center)

BIRTHDAYS

GABRIEL	J.	OTI		10-03-1958
LINDWOOD	ANTHONY	FINDLEY	SR	10-04-1946
CRAIG	S	PEHR		10-06-1969
STEPHEN	L	BUTLER		10-06-1988
LORENZO		JUDKINS		10-08-1992
DARRELL	R	POLI		10-09-1948
CRAIG	A	MAGUIRE		10-10-1947
JOE		ZITO	SR	10-10-1947
KENNETH	R	TRENGROVE		10-10-1949
FRANK	E	MARUT	III	10-10-1968
DENNIS	E	WISSEL		10-14-1943
KENNETH		BROWN		10-15-1953
EDWIN	O	SIA		10-16-1948
ALEX		DUFRESNE		10-18-1985
JOHN		FERNANDEZ		10-20-1951
GEORGE	E	MC CREA		10-25-1935
EDWARD	J	REICHERT		10-29-1954

SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

EDWARD	V	ACEBAL		67 Years
EDWARD	C	LUDWIG	IV	47
MARK	WAYNE	LYNN		41
STEPHEN	A	JOHNSTON		39
PATRICK	E	SHIPLEY		39
DAVID	C	GRIGGS		38
ZACHARY	J	SANTORELLI		37
MATTHEW	T	BELL		25
MATTHEW		SILLS		17
JOHN		FERNANDEZ		10
GREGORY	E	LOYA		8
EDWARD	W	TOLSON	III	6
ANDREW	L	BUTTS		6
AL	J	MC CONNELL		6
JAMES		RAZ		5
EUGENE	J	MASON		3



For the Good of the Order



Council Prayers for:

- ❖ Prayers for Worthy Past Grand Knight John Dattoma
- ❖ Prayers for Chris Skalvo
- ❖ Worthy Outside Guard Sk Linwood Finley, PFN who is on kidney dialysis
- ❖ All those afflicted with the COVID-19 virus
- ❖ All first responders and medical personnel
- ❖ All our service men & women
- ❖ For the innocent casualties of the armed hostilities in the middle east

***If you know of a brother who is sick or in need of prayers, please contact our Worthy Grand Knight, Sk Gabriel Oti at:
(904)806-2711 or gjoti3@gmail.com***

October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28 Officers & Directors Meeting TBA	29 120 th Anniversary Committee	30	1	2
3	4 Business Mtng. 7pm Bishop Baker Ctr	5	6 120 th Anniversary Committee	7	8	9
10 Canonical Coronation of the image of Our Lady of La Leche 2pm Cathedral Basilica (Live Stream)	11	12	13 120 th Anniversary Committee	14	15	16 120 th Anniversary Celebration 3pm - 7pm Bishop Baker Center
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 4 th Degree Meeting 7pm San Sebastian	26 Officers & Directors Meeting TBA	27	28	29	30
31 Rosary & Corporate Communion 10:30am Cathedral Basilica	1 Business Mtng. 7pm Bishop Baker Ctr	2	3	4	5	6

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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