



The Knightly News



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S/K AJ McCaffery, PGK, FDD
Knight of the Month

AJ put Faith into Action and leadership for our Council by volunteering to be our Retention Director, working with the Financial Secretary and Grand Knight in ordering needed materials, completing/submitting reports to Supreme; and organizing the location for the Annual Officers Installation and Awards Banquet. AJ has answered the call "Are we who we say we are". Thank you AJ, Council 611 is proud of the example you have set for the rest of us!

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Coffee & Donuts Ministry Begins!

The Council will host again this year at the 9am and 11am mass every Sunday from September 8, 2019 - May 24, 2020. *This was our most successful program last year in recruiting new members* in addition to raising funds for the Parish.

We need EVERY brother to volunteer for at least one Sunday. Please contact our Program Director, Aaron Day at (904)-315-9984 or acd2012@gmail.com to sign-up to volunteer.

2nd Degree Exemplification

If you are a 1st Degree Knight and would like to advance to the 2nd Degree of our Order, there will be a 2nd Degree Exemplification on Thursday, September 5, 2019 at 6:30PM hosted by St. Johns River Council 10850 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church on the 2nd floor of the Cody Family Enrichment Center.

Contact our Membership Director, S/K Greg Maguire at 904-347-4460 or backupfilesgmaguire@gmail.com

Rosary Prayer & Corporate Mass (Star Council Event)

Knights and their families are asked to pray the rosary together at the Cathedral on Sunday, September 29th at 10:15am followed by our corporate mass 11:00am.

Please wear your Council Shirt and sit with the Knights and their families.

For more information please contact our Faith Director, S/K Josh Currie, PGK at (904)540-9559 or jcurriekofc@gmail.com

THE NEXT GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SPECIAL NIGHT: CANCELLED DUE TO STORM

Parish Hall at the Cathedral Parish School at 7:00PM on Tuesday, September 3, 2019. Rosary begins at 6:00PM and Fellowship at 6:15PM

ALWAYS KEEP YOUR FORM 100 HANDY!



Message from the Grand Knight

Worthy Brothers,

The Council is off and running this new fraternal year without missing a step. To date, we have all our Officers and Directors in place, approved our annual budget, are current with all reports to Supreme and State and submitted two Form 100's for new members. In the month of September we will complete two of our thirteen Star Council activities required by Supreme for this fraternal year, The RSVP and Habitat for Humanity Programs and we will also begin the Coffee & Donuts Ministry for the Parish. This ministry engages our Council with the parish community every Sunday, raises need funds for the parish and provides the most opportunity to meet prospective new members.

This year's Officers Installation and Awards Banquet was held on Monday, August 12, 2019 at San Sebastian Catholic Church and was a great success. Thank you to District Deputy Bob Girmaldi, District Warden Allen McCaffery, San Sebastian Parish, Council 11046 and Fr. Martin for their help on such a wonderful Officers Installation Ceremony! The décor and food for the banquet was first class! The Council would also like to offer a very special thank you to Keri and Brittney Van Gemert for their hard work to make our banquet such a great success.

Thank you to S/K AJ McCaffery for a well-deserved Knight of the Month. You've really exemplifying the true meaning of "Are we who we say we are?" by putting your Faith into Action this past month.

Congratulations to this year's First Florida Council 611 St. Joseph's Academy \$1,500 Scholarship winner Jordon Henley awarded at this year's Annual Officers Installation and Awards Banquet

One final thought, have you volunteered any of your committed 24 hours yet this year? Volunteering one Sunday a month for the Coffee & Donuts Ministry is a great place to start.

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

Annual Installation Ceremony & Awards Banquet August 12, 2019



Your 2019-2020 Fraternal Year
Council Officers



Past Grand Knight S/K Joshua Currie
welcoming the Knights and their guests



S/K Greg Maguire presented the 2018-2019
Knight of the Year

Have you asked someone to become a Knight?

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!***



Incoming Grand Knight S/K Robert Billoni recognizing Past Grand Knight S/K Joshua Currie



Each year Council 611 awards an individual \$1,500.00 scholarship to one deserving student at St. Joseph's Academy and another to one deserving student at the Cathedral Parish School.

This year's St. Joseph's Academy \$1,500 Scholarship winner was Jordon Henley. Jordon is currently 17 years old and entering his fourth year at St. Joseph's Academy as a senior. Last year he served as Junior Class President and continues to play for the Academy's Music Ministry. Jordon is also a member of the Cathedral Parish Youth Ministry. Before attending St. Joseph's Academy, Jordon attended Kindergarten through 8th grade at the Cathedral Parish School in St. Augustine.

A TRUE KNIGHT FOR TODAY

By Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson

THE HEROIC WITNESS OF KENDRICK CASTILLO DEMONSTRATES THE FULLNESS OF A LIFE LIVED FOR OTHERS

THERE ARE THOSE who say we don't have heroes anymore.

Kendrick Castillo proves them wrong.

One day last May, Kendrick woke up as if it were any other day. An 18-yearold young man, he went through his normal morning routine, packing his backpack and heading to school in a suburb of Denver. It was an exciting time for him. As a high school senior, he looked forward to his graduation ' only days away ' and the promising life that lay before him.

But on that Tuesday afternoon, everything changed. After lunch, as Kendrick sat at his desk, a troubled student entered his classroom and pulled out a gun. In that instant, Kendrick made his decision ' he charged the assailant.

Kendrick gave his fellow classmates the precious seconds they needed to hide or escape, before he was shot. But while he courageously saved lives, he selflessly gave up his own. In Kendrick Castillo, a life was tragically lost ' but a true hero was born.

As a nation, we mourn Kendrick's death, even as we celebrate his courage. As an organization, the Knights of Columbus is especially moved by his example of selfless sacrifice. His father, a member of the Knights, has said that his son "wanted to be a Knight of Columbus because he wanted to help not only people, but his community."

Kendrick Castillo did exactly that. A faithful Catholic to the end, he lived and died according to the teaching of Jesus Christ: "Greater love has no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends" (Jn 15:13).

In a better world, Kendrick Castillo would still be with us. That Tuesday would have gone like any other ' no shooting, no grief, no resulting search for answers. Sadly, that is not the world we live in. Ours is marred with sin and strife and suffering. But that doesn't mean we have no hope. Heroes give us hope.

There have always been ' and there will always be ' those who inspire us with their selfless actions. Some, like Kendrick Castillo, have given up their lives for the sake of others. Others are still among us, living their lives for others, in ways big and small.

To find them, we must know where to look. Some think of heroes as having supernatural powers, only to be found in comic books or movies, and in the mythic tales of ancient Greece and Rome. Others associate heroes with celebrities ' great athletes, talented artists, the beautiful, the wealthy, the powerful, and so on. Yet true heroism has a different face.

Heroism lives in ordinary people who do extraordinary things. They practice the timeless principles of courage, truthfulness, humility and self-sacrifice. Like Kendrick Castillo, they put the interests of others ahead of themselves, even if it costs them everything.

If we look around, we'll see that plenty of people still embody these characteristics in their daily lives. They are often unknown or unacknowledged because they don't seek publicity. They also come from unexpected places and their heroism emerges at unforeseen times.



One of the most inspiring aspects of serving as supreme knight has been meeting so many brother Knights who are true everyday heroes — heroes who sacrifice to advance our principles of charity, unity and fraternity.

A famous 14th-century treatise on knighthood advises Christian knights to be men of integrity and devotion, for as the writer observes, “they are in danger every day, and at the moment when they think themselves to be the most secure, it is then that they may suddenly have to undertake demanding and dangerous adventures.”

The integrity of the knight included the commitment to defend those in danger who could not defend themselves and the courage not to recoil in the face of danger.

We are told that Kendrick Castillo wanted to join the Knights of Columbus and so to be more like us. My sincere hope is that because of his example, our brother Knights will want to be more like him.

Vivat Jesus!

COFFEE & DONUTS, ROSARY PRAYER, AND CORPORATE MASS

September is a very special month for First Florida Council 611. We are not only hosting the annual Coffee & Donuts Ministry each Sunday after the 9am & 11am masses, but we will also participate in a parish wide Rosary Prayer at 10:15am and a Corporate Mass for the Council at 11:00am on Sunday, September 29, 2019 at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine.

The Knights of Columbus Rosary Program is a Star Council activity that encourages councils to promote devotion to the rosary in families and parishes by scheduling regular rosary prayer services. This and the corporate mass is open to all Knights, their families and friends.

Last year our Council led the Coffee & Donuts Ministry each Sunday at after the 9am & 11am masses and it proved to be very successful in many areas.

- It raised needed funds for the parish through donations given by parishioners that the Knights collected each week
- It engaged the Knights of Columbus with our parish community nearly each week for nine consecutive months from September through May
- It generated the many 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 was a very rewarding and fun experience for each Knight that participated and volunteered.

We are asking each Knight to volunteer for at least one Sunday to assist with the Coffee & Donuts Ministry, please contact our Program Director, Aaron Day at (904)315-9984 or acd2012@gmail.com

For more information or to volunteer to assist with the Rosary Program, please contact our Faith Director, S/K Josh Currie, PGK at (904)540-9559 or jcurriekofc@gmail.com.

**Please wear your Council shirt to these activities so we may not only show our devotion to the Knights, but to also let our fellow parishioners know that the Knights of Columbus continue to put Faith in Action!*

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BIRTHDAYS

JOHN	A	DATTOMA		09-04
JAMES	J	WHELAN		09-06
CHARLES	D	BINNINGER		09-08
PETER		LAGATTA		09-11
ANDREW	J	CAMMARERI		09-13
VICTOR	B	GALEONE		09-13
JAMES		RAZ		09-13
CHRISTOPHER	S	LYNN		09-13
DOUGLAS	A	LOWE		09-15
LARRY	J	GLINES		09-15
TOM	N	GEHRET		09-16
DANIEL	A	NOLAN		09-20
GEORGE	R	HESSON		09-21
DANIEL	J	TAYLOR		09-26
THOMAS	J	MC NAMARA		09-26
JOHN	P	HOLMAN		09-27
JOHN	B	GILLESPIE		09-28
NICHOLAS	R	OTI		09-29

SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

BRANDON	M	VANGEMERT		09-03	1
BRENDON	M	VANGEMERT		09-30	1
GUY	A	MALTESE		09-12	3
STEPHAN	A	KRIENES		09-22	9
WILLIAM	CURTIS	BAKER		09-15	11
TERRANCE	E	AUTEN		09-14	20
PAUL	V	NUNCHUCK		09-21	21
WILLIAM		MURPHY	JR	09-01	27
THEODORE	B	BURKHARDT		09-01	36



For the Good of the Order



Council Prayers for:

- ❖ Gene Loya
- ❖ Gloria Maguire
- ❖ Janet Baker, sister of Curt
- ❖ Greg Maquire's cousin Ken
- ❖ Keri Van Gemert
- ❖ Frank Perry
- ❖ Jim Spinelli's son
- ❖ John Gillespie & Family
- ❖ Bruce Defresne Family
- ❖ Soul of Andrew Camarari
- ❖ 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

September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 <i>Labor Day</i>	3 <i>Business Mtng. 7pm Parish Hall Cancelled due to storm</i>	4	5 <i>2nd Degree Exemplification 6:30pm St. Joseph's Church</i>	6	7 <i>Founder's Day Celebration 10am Mission Nombre (Star Council Activity)</i>
8 Coffee & Donuts 9 – 11am Masses Cathedral	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Coffee & Donuts 9 – 11am Masses Cathedral	16 Monthly Social 7pm Parish Hall	17	18	19	20	21
22 Coffee & Donuts 9 – 11am Masses Cathedral	23 4 th Degree Meeting 7PM San Sebastian	24 Officer's Meeting 7pm TBA	25	26	27	28
29 <i>Rosary Prayer 10:15am Corporate Mass 11am (Star Council Activity)</i> Coffee & Donuts 9 – 11am Masses Cathedral	30	1	2	3	4	5
6 Coffee & Donuts 9 – 11am Masses Cathedral	7 <i>Business Mtng. 7pm Parish Hall</i>	8	9	10	11	12

Knight of the Year 2018 -2019



S/K Greg Maguire

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