





# The Knightly News

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## Council Social & District Exemplification (Monday, November 21, 2022)

Join First Florida Council 611 for our monthly social which is open to all Knights, family, friends, potential new member and the entire parish. The evening will begin at 7pm at the Bishop Baker Center and will include presentations of the Knight and Family of the Month as well as dinner and fellowship.

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

## Patriotic Exemplification (Saturday, November 26, 2022)

All 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree members are eligible to take the final degree of the Knights of Columbus and become a Sir Knight. The 4<sup>th</sup> Degree is the Patriotic Degree and is the visible arm of our Order. Take the next step and show your patriotism to the Knights and to your country.

For more information, please contact our Worthy Faithful Navigator Sir Knight AJ McCaffery at (904)599-1436 or mcaff93@gmail.com

## Night Fire (Friday, December 9, 2022)

Join Fr. Mac and the Cathedral Basilica for an evening of evangelism and prayer. Night Fire will begin immediately after the 5pm mass and end at 8pm. Volunteers are needed to help set up luminaries and clean up after the event as well as street evangelists to invite passer-bys to into the church to say a prayer and light a candle.

For more information, contact our DKG, Sir Knight Frank Hill at (812)249-0038 or hillf6466@gmail.com

## THE NEXT GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD:

**7:00PM in the Bishop Baker Center on Monday, November 7, 2022.** 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,

Our council participated in several events throughout the month of October. On October 10, the four St. Augustine District 16 councils hosted our annual Knights of Columbus charity golf tournament at March Creek golf and country club, one of the best private courses in the north Florida area. We had an excellent turnout and several sponsors, Five Star pizza and a AES Cybersecurity to name a few, we want to thank them for their contribution. We would also like to thank Corpus Christi for hosting the awards dinner afterwards. We look forward to everyone joining us on Columbus Day October 9, 2023 for our next annual charity golf tournament.

Later in the month our Deputy Grand Knight and Membership Director, Frank Hill, conducted a very successful membership drive on October 29th and 30th after the parish masses. Our September and October membership drives have been very fruitful, we've had several new members join and many transfers from other councils. From those successful drives we hosted a Districtwide exemplification on October 20 and will be hosting yet another on November 21 together with our monthly social. Also on October 30 we celebrated our corporate mass and rosary, I want to thank those brothers and their families who were present.

On Saturday, October 22 we hosted the first of our semiannual picnics at the World Golf Village pool pavilion. We had a great turnout at a wonderful venue with many things to do for the adults and kids alike. A special thanks to Knights on Bikes, led by brother Andy Butts, who made us part of their tour and joined us.

The Councils monthly social will be Monday, November 21, we encourage everyone to bring their family and friends and partake with your fellow Knights.

Father Mac and the Parish have once again asked us to participate in their next Night Fire event which will be celebrated on Friday, December 9. If you have not taken part before, you're missing out on a worthwhile and beautiful spiritual event. We encourage those who want to volunteer to please contact our Deputy Grand Knight Frank Hill or myself.

We need to continue the wonderful contributions that many of our brothers and their families have made to our council, parish, and community. I look forward to seeing all of you in our future meetings, socials and events. I'd like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and may you be blessed by the love of family and friends.

Vivat Jesus,  
Sk Gabe Oti, Grand Knight



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### Insurance:

As we head into the end of 2022, 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 MEMBERS

Join First Florida Council 611 in welcoming its newest members:

**New Members:** Eric M. Stanion, Jacob A. Skinner

**Transferred Members:** Msgr. Michael Morgan, J.C.L.,  
Fr. Ignatius Yeruva, Deacon Doug Nullet, Dan T. Terrell  
SK Allan Schwarb, SK David K. Wharton, SK Leonhard A.  
Gerling, SK Emil Chando, Howard P. Naquin

Congratulations to these new members and welcome to the First Council in Florida founded on October 13, 1901. We not only welcome you, but also your active participation in our council and its events. It only takes as little as 24 hours out an entire year of 8,766 hours in a 12 month calendar year to be an engaged member. Every council's greatest asset is its active members who volunteer to carry out the good works of our Order. Individually we can accomplish a little, but together we can accomplish so much more.

## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

We held a second membership drive after each mass on Saturday & Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and it resulted three new members, two great potential new members and two more transfers. These membership drives have become very successful for our council for two reasons. #1 partnership with the pulpit and #2 Knights active participation during these drives.

The membership committee would like to thank the following members for volunteering and their active participation during this last event, **S/K Frank Hill, S/K Andy Butts, S/K Josh Currie, S/K Matt Bell, S/K Tony Edwards, S/K Al McConnell, Howard Naquin, S/K Robert Billoni and John Hollman.**

**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 4)*

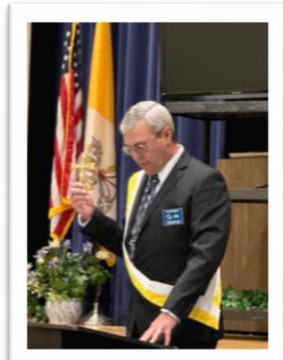
Did you know the number one reason catholic men do not join the Knights of Columbus is just simply because no one has ever asked them before?

Ask a catholic gentlemen you know that would make a great Knight to join today. ***It never has been easier!***

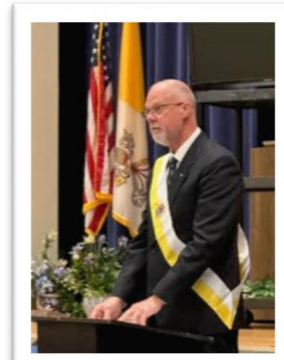
# District Exemplification & Fraternal Benefits Night (Thursday, October 20, 2022)



DD Robert Billoni administering the Exemplification



GK Charles Riley of Co. 11046 on Charity



Andrew Butts of Co. 611 on Unity



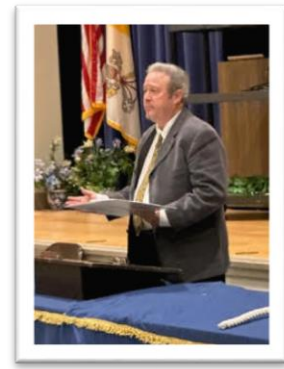
Andrew Butts of Co. 11046 on Fraternity



GK Gabriel Oti & DGK Frank Hill of Co. 611 presenting the rosary and KofC pin to the candidates



DD Robert Billoni administering the oath of membership



GK Gabriel Oti of Co. 611 giving final remarks



District Exemplification Team with the new members

# (Saturday, October 22, 2022) Council Fall Picnic (Saturday, October 22, 2022)

The council spent a beautiful picture perfect day at the King and Bear Recreational Park at World Golf Village with family and friends and enjoyed games, food, fun and the Star Council Award presentation for the 2021-2022 Fraternal Year!





Knights on Bikes Diocese of St Augustine braved a crisp Saturday morning and held their third annual ride for prison ministry. As a whole, the diocese serves more than 38 major prisons and 17 county jails. Their mission is to serve the men on death row and confinement as well as those who the criminal justice system has determined belong in prison without judging their guilt or innocence, but who wish to practice their faith. These rides support our incarcerated Christian brothers and sisters that are sometime ignored and shunned by the community.



St Ambrose Church

The bikers started the morning at St Ambrose church in Elkton.

Pastor Father

Steve Zehler welcomed us and provided a historical perspective of the church's



Knights on Bikes with Father Steve at the St Ambrose Grotto



Mr. John Chick, Prison Ministry Director for Diocese of St Augustine and Knights on Bikes Diocese of St Augustine Chairman Gregg Bell

establishment. He then led us in praying the rosary at the grotto dedicated to Our Lady of Lourdes. After prayer and paying our respects to the church, we rode to the Florida State Prison in Raiford. This is where all 302 Florida inmates on death row are incarcerated. In total, there are about 2,000 inmates at the prison. We were greeted by Mr John Chick, who is the Director of Prison Ministries for the Diocese of St Augustine. He explained the ministry he and others provide to the inmates. He also mentioned they can always use volunteers, including priests, to help serve. Many of the death row inmates are very spiritual and are converted Christians and practicing Catholics. John mentioned these men and women are worshipping and spiritual

reflections similar to a monastic life. We prayed three decades of the rosary for not only the inmates, but all the officers and people supporting the prison. We departed the prison and just a few minutes away arrived at the Union Correctional Institution also in Raiford. Here, we finished praying the rosary and then saddled up and headed for Council 611's picnic at World Golf Village. A wonderful morning riding, praying and having fellowship with my Brothers.



Knights on Bikes at Florida State Prison



Father Steve and Knights on Bikes at St Ambrose Church



Knights on Bikes at Union Correctional Institute



## First Florida Council 611 Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary is current collecting donations for the St. Gerard Campus. They are specifically looking for diapers (**Sizes 2 – 6**), 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](mailto: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





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



### Patriotic Exemplification

The Florida Fourth Degree will continue a cherished Thanksgiving Weekend tradition by holding an Exemplification in Orlando, at the Florida Hotel located in the Florida Mall. The ceremony will begin at noon on Saturday, Nov. 26. The event also includes a banquet following the ceremony; Vigil Mass; Ladies Luncheon; and Patriotic Rosary.

The Florida Mall is located at 1500 Sand Lake Road in Orlando. The Mall includes many stores and restaurants, with free parking. In addition, many of the popular Orlando attractions are only a short drive away.

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m., with the Exemplification beginning at noon. There will be the recitation of the Patriotic Rosary in the anteroom to get candidates into the proper frame of mind for the Patriotic Degree. The Degree will begin at noon.

The event honoree is Robert J. Higgins of Haines City, the State Logistics Coordinator and a member of the Florida Exemplification Team.

There will also be a Ladies Tea at noon.

The Exemplification will be followed by a Vigil Mass at 4 p.m., followed by a banquet at 6 p.m.

The candidate fee is \$70. The fee for a Priest is \$45. The deadline is Wednesday, November 16. Assembly checks are to be made out to: John J. O'Toole, and sent to Master John J. O'Toole, 9686 SW 92 Place Road, Ocala 34481.

Assemblies will be required to send in a downloaded copy of the registration form (please do not write on the original, degree certificate, signed dress code letter, signed Form 4 (all four copies for each candidate) and check by Wednesday, November 16. Forms are available on the Florida State website.

Please note the dress code for the exemplification. While tuxedos are no longer mandatory, candidates must wear a dark suit (not brown!) and black dress shoes. Candidates are encouraged to write the number of their new assembly on the back of their KofC membership card.

### 2022 St. Augustine Christmas Parade

Assembly 0166's Color Corps will participate in this year's 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Parade. The color corps will muster at 7:30am on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Shrine of Our Lady de La Leche at Mission Nombre de Dios. The parade is from 9am – 10am and begins at the Mission. For more information, please contact our Worthy Faithful Navigator, SK AJ McCaffery, PGK, FDD at (904)599-1439 or [mccaff93@gmail.com](mailto:mccaff93@gmail.com)

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Meetings every 4th Monday of the Month at 7pm



**BIRTHDAYS**

Kenneth		Brown	
Stephen	L	Butler	
Shawn		Clark	
Alex		Dufresne	
John		Fernandez	
Lorenzo		Judkins	
Craig	A	Maguire	
Frank	E	Marut	III
George	E	McCrea	
Gabriel	J.	Oti	
Craig	S	Pehr	
Darrell	R	Poli	
Edwin	O	Sia	
Kenneth	R	Trengrove	
Dennis	E	Wissel	

**SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES**

				Years of Service
Edward	V	Acebal		55
Patrick	E	Shiple		39
Ronald	D	Mickler		34
Al	J	McConnell		20
Edward	W	Tolson	III	15
Gregory	E	Loya		10
Zachary	J	Santorelli		10
Matthew	T	Bell		9
Patrick	J	Maguire		7
Matthew		Sills		6
John		Fernandez		6
James		Raz		5
Mark	Wayne	Lynn		3
Edward	C	Ludwig	IV	1
Andrew	L	Butts		1
David	C	Griggs		1
Donald	S	Moulton		1
Timothy	J	Constantine		0



## Intentions for the Sick or in Distress



### Council Prayers for:

- † Prayers for Brother Frank's cousin in Ft Myers, Ms Dianne Brown as she deals with the aftermath of hurricane Ian.
- † Prayers for Brother Rick's mother Nancy who is grieving the loss of her husband, Vincent.
- † Prayers for Jay Smith...
- † Prayers for a healthy recovery and safe return of Brother AJ's father and fellow Brother, SK Allen McCaffery. He's currently in New York with Covid.
- † Prayers for Brother Josh, Laura and his family as they struggle through their hardship.
- † Repose for the soul of Ms. Carol Wolff at the St. Gerard Campus.
- † Prayers for our Cathedral priests and deacons.
- † Prayers for Pope Francis.
- † 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.

# November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Rosary Prayer & Corporate Mass 10:30pm Cathedral Basilica  Membership Drive After each mass Cathedral Basilica	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Business Mtng. 7pm Bishop Baker Ctr	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Council Social 7pm Bishop Baker Center	22	23	24 Thanksgiving Day	25	26 Patriotic Exemplification Florida Mall Orlando
27 4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting 7pm San Sebastian	28	29 Officers & Directors Meeting TBA	30	1	2	3
4	5 Business Mtng. 7pm Bishop Baker Ctr	6	7	8	9 Night Fire Cathedral Basilica	10

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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