





# The Knightly News

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### KofC Parish Social (Saturday, February 4, 2023)

First Florida Council 611 cordially invite you to the First Parish Social of the year Saturday, February 4, 2023 after the 5pm Mass to be held at the Bishop Baker Center – 267 Saint George Street, St. Augustine 32084. Please join us for this informal style event to meet and connect with one another and your parish community!

\*RSVP to: [rsvp@kofc611.org](mailto:rsvp@kofc611.org)

\*PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR NAME AND NUMBER OF GUESTS ATTENDING

### Council Monthly Social (Monday, February 20, 2023)

Join First Florida Council 611 for its monthly social with food and fellowship at the Bishop Baker Center located at 267 St. George Street, St. Augustine, FL 32085 from 7 – 9pm.

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

### Cathedral Festival Fish Fry (Friday, February 24, 2023)

First Florida Council 611 will again prepare and serve a fish dinner at this year's Cathedral Festival from 5 – 8pm at the Mission Grounds.

Please volunteer to assist with our Council's Annual Fish Fry. To volunteer, please click on the following link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E044AA9AB2DA20-fish1>

### THE NEXT GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD:

**7:00PM in the Bishop Baker Center on Monday, February 6, 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,

The month of January started with one of our biggest events of the year. On Saturday, January 14th was the March for Life. It was the last one held in Saint Augustine. Future events will be moved to our state capital in Tallahassee. As we've done every year, our council had an important part preparing and serving over 240 meals during the spaghetti dinner to participants and volunteers. Through our efforts, we provided them with nourishment, a place to rest, and where to congregate with one another. As it has been for the last four decades, our council was led by Brother Bruce Dufrense. Br. Bruce along with Br. John Gillespie have taken this cause under their wing and lead our participation in this event year after year. They are an invaluable part of our council success. Br. Bruce lead a team of volunteers that are to numerous to name individually, but we want to thank them collectively. Their participation and effort for such a worthy cause is appreciated. Later on in the month, Sk Andrew Butts, in conjunction with the Cathedral Parish school and they're athletic Director, organized the involvement of the students in our council sponsored basketball free throw contest. The contest was a resounding success. Our parishes own Father Mac was in attendance shooting hoops with the kids. Our council held our monthly social on Monday January 16th. All of us would like to thank Mindy and Br. Andy who cooked a complete meal of high-quality venison. From the appetizers to the soup, main course and desserts. They really outdid themselves, and we were the beneficiaries of a spectacular and delicious meal. The evening was made doubly special when Sk Aaron Day lead us in a family prayer night. Finally, in the month of January, lead by Sk, Josh Currie, our council had our corporate communion on January 29th. Between the brothers and their family members in attendance made up at least two dozen of our Council family. That turnout was much appreciated, since the purpose of our Corporate Communion is to pray for the repose of the souls of our deceased brothers. Our participation in Parish events continues on Saturday February 4, when our council will host the first Parish social of the year. We welcome all parishioners to meet and connect with one another and their parish community. Please refer to the emails sent about this event and RSVP if you wish to attend. We are all parishioners, and this is a great opportunity interact with our Pastor and parish priests on a personal level. I hope to see many of our brothers and their families there. 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.

Vivat Jesus,

Sk Gabe Oti  
Grand Knight



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## KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST UPDATE



2023 Region 2 winning poster by CPS 5th grader Christian Chasse'

Congratulations to Mr Christian Chasse' who won the District 8 -10 year old category poster contest in December has since won the Regional 8-10 year old category Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest this past month in January. Mr. Chasse's poster will now advance to the Knights of Columbus State Round.

## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

First Florida Council 611 is doing a great job of recruiting new members in the first this fraternal year. To date, we have added five new members and ten transfer members to our council. With the Parish Social coming up on Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, it will be another great 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 5)*

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!***

# Family Prayer Night & Social with Family of the Month Presentations

(Monday, January 16, 2023)



# Corporate Mass & Rosary

(Sunday, January 29, 2023)



## Annual March for Life Spaghetti Dinner

First Florida Council 611 has hosted this annual spaghetti dinner for over 40 years and this year was no different. With the committee chaired by Br. Bruce Dufresne, PFK again this year, the council served over 230 hungry marchers from 12 – 3pm at the Bishop Baker Center immediately following the March for Life St. Augustine.



Thank you to all our volunteers that made this year's spaghetti dinner such a great success!

## 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 4 – 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
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Treasurer	Beth Ann Kaczmarczyk
Trustee	Lissette Oti
Trustee	Heather Hill
Trustee	Linda Hill





## BIRTHDAYS

Charles	P	Broglia	
Terrence	A	Gorman	
Andrew	D	Graham	
Conrad	P	Karway	
Edward	C	Ludwig	IV
Ryan	D	Olschewske	
Charles	H	Peterson	
Carl	J	Savoia	
Patrick	E	Shiple	
Terence	A	Smith	Rev
Scott	V	Walters	

## SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

				Years of Service
Frank	A	Hill		46
George	E	McCrea		32
Stephen	P	Dowdie		30
John	P	Holman		24
Kenneth		Brown		12
Gregory	Patrick	Maguire		9
Tom	N	Gehret		8
Todd	A	Miller		5



## 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 repose of the soul of Pope Benedict XVI.
- † Prayers for Brother AJ's wife's' grandmother Selma who may have to placed in a nursing facility.
- † Prayers for Brother AJ's mother who's ill.
- † Prayers for the repose of the soul of Charles Hunt.
- † Prayers for the repose of the soul of Justin Ryan - he was a member of Council 11046, a dad, and former GK.
- † Prayers for Lissette Oti for her surgery recovery and on an upcoming biopsy.
- † Brother Josh thanks all of us for the last couple of months as his family endured struggles. He is now fully employed and appreciated those Brothers who went beyond the call of duty providing his family Christmas dinner and gift cards.
- † 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.

***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***



# February

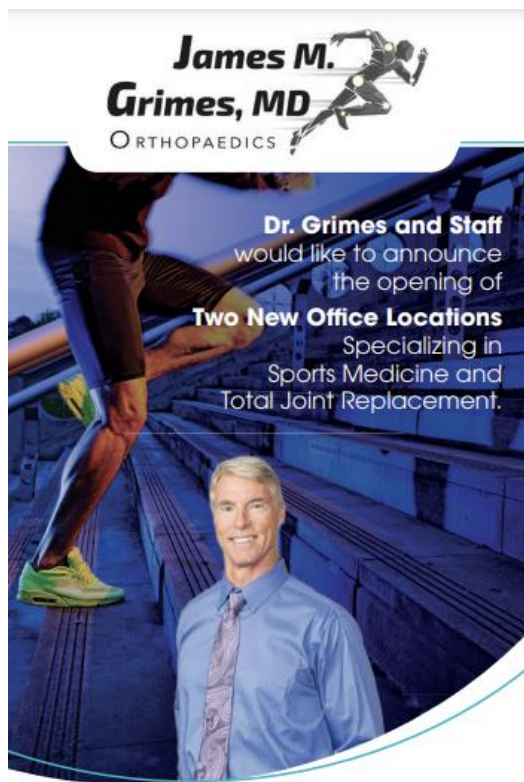
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31 Officers & Directors Meeting TBA	1	2	3	4 KofC Parish Social 6:30pm – 8:30pm Bishop Baker Ctr
5	6 Business Mtng. 7pm Bishop Baker Ctr	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18
19	20 President's Day Council Social 7pm Bishop Baker Ctr	21	22	23	24 Fish Fry Cathedral Festival 5 -8pm Mission Grounds	25
26	27 4th Degree Meeting 7pm San Sebastian	28 Officers & Directors Meeting TBA	1	2	3	4
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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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