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## Rosary & Corporate Mass (Sunday, May 29, 2022)

Join the Cathedral Parish for a prayer of the rosary at 10:30am immediately followed at 11am by our Council's final corporate mass of the fraternal year. All knights and their families are invited to attend. Please wear your blue council shirt and sit with your fellow knights with their families.

For more information, please contact our Faith Director, Sk Josh Currie, PGK at (904)540-9959 or [jcurriekofc@gmail.com](mailto:jcurriekofc@gmail.com)

## Annual Council Picnic (Sunday, May 29, 2022)

Join First Florida Council 611 for our annual family picnic from 1 – 6pm at the World Golf Village King & Bear Community Center Poolside Pavilion at 1175 Registry Blvd., Saint Augustine, FL 32092.

Lots of activities such as swimming and tennis, etc.

Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided, please bring a side dish or desert to share.

## Trivia Night (Saturday, June 4, 2022)

Join us for an evening of fun and entertainment at the Bishop Baker Center from 5 – 9pm. Trivia competition with lots of prizes! 50/50 raffle! Prize raffles! Food, beverages, and desserts for purchase! Tickets are \$12 per person, \$20 for two, or \$50 for a reserved table (seats 6). Tickets will be sold in the West Courtyard after all Masses on Sundays and after the 5pm Saturday Mass. There will be a limited tickets available at the door.

## THE NEXT GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD:

**7:00PM in the Bishop Baker Center on Monday, June 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 Grand Knight

Worthy brothers, families and friends,

I would like to thank our Brothers and their families for their continued support and dedication to our Council and Parish. I would especially like to extend my appreciation to all of those who gave their time and effort to our events throughout the month.

Our monthly social on Monday, April 18th was a special gathering. Our council hosted the exemplification. John Bower is a great addition to our council.

We want to extend our gratitude to those brothers who, at Father John's request, participated in reverence in the Adoration Chapel after Mass until midnight during Holy Week. Brothers Frosty Roberts, Monson Lane, Rick Salerno, Frank Hill and their families kept vigil in the Chapel. Father Mac also reached out to our Council to help the Cathedral Parish and the St. Augustine Catholic Young Adult Ministry on Saturday, April 30th after the 5pm Mass. The evening called Night Fire, It was a beautiful evening and our Council helped set up luminaries in the church and west courtyard and also provided light refreshments and snacks. Brother Tom and Nancy Gehret were instrumental in organizing and leading our council, brothers David Baird, Jesse Monic, Rick and Allie Salerno, Tom and Beth Kaczmaiczuk, Monson and Laura Lane and Frank, Linda and Heather Hill were invaluable to the success of the evening. We would like to express our appreciation for their dedication.

On Sunday, May 29 we're participating in our corporate communion at the Cathedral Basilica followed by our corporate mass. We welcome all brothers and family members to join us. Also on Sunday, May 29 our council will have our annual picnic. This year the venue will be a little different, it will be at World Golf Village the King and Bear activity center at the poolside pavilion. As always our picnic is open to everyone, we welcome all of our brothers, family members and their friends. The children's pool and playground are great for the smaller kids, so bring the kids and grandkids and I hope to see everyone then.

For our last event of our fraternal year and possibly our most important, we will be hosting a Trivia Night and dinner on Saturday June 4th. There will be teams competing, raffles and prizes. In past years this night has been a favorite of many. This important evening helps to raise funds for our donations to local charities and funds other events. Brothers Tim Constantine and Josh Currie are organizing Trivia Night, those who wish to volunteer please reach out to Tim or Josh and those interested in enjoying the evening with family and friends and would like tickets can also contact Tim or Josh. There are other future events on the horizon and your participation will be greatly appreciated. May you be blessed with good health, happiness and the love of family.



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Let's talk (412)779-3756 or [james.booritch@kofc.org](mailto:james.booritch@kofc.org)

## Message from the Chaplain Father Matthew Ibok

### Fraternity in Practice

During the social meeting on April 18, two brothers were inducted into the Knights of Columbus. I recalled vividly hearing some profound words that ornamented and animated the pieces of advice to the two brothers by the leadership of the Council. Two of those words were FRATERNITY AND UNITY; key concepts that express the bond among the Knights, and the people to whom they minister. It is one thing to mention those words or concepts but another thing to live them out in any practical way by individual Knight or the group.

I do know and witness, however, instances where the KofC expresses fraternity and unity in practical ways. One of them was during Holy Week when the Supreme Knight, Patrick Kelly visited Poland and Ukraine to deliver humanitarian supplies funded by the KofC to the suffering and vulnerable Ukrainians. Supreme Knight Kelly also demonstrated support for Poland for their Christ-like Samaritan outreach to Ukrainian refugees streaming into the country daily. Those gestures are FRATERNITY IN PRACTICE. To the KofC and Polish people, Pope Francis acknowledges their goodwill and blesses them with the salutation "BRAVO." You, in Council 611 (oldest in the State of Florida) are included in that blessing. Keep up your good works, brothers and sisters. Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney whose charitable outreach we follow is proud of you.

Fr. Matthew Ibok

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



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## FRATERNAL BENEFITS NIGHTS

You are invited to join KofC's free virtual webinar featuring Ed Slott. Ed, America's IRA Expert, specializes in the latest retirement planning strategies and opportunities for 2022, presents **"Retirement Planning in a Changing Landscape"**. Register today to reserve your spot:

June 3: 7:30 PM EDT:

<https://tinyurl.com/SlottJune3>

June 15: 7:30 PM EDT:

<https://tinyurl.com/SlottJune15>

## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Our Council has achieved 113% of its recruitment goal of new members this 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. Just wear your council shirt to mass and let us know who you think would make a great Knight.

**For more information, please contact our Membership Director, Sk Frank Hill at [hilf6466@gmail.com](mailto:hilf6466@gmail.com) or (812)249-0038**



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

*(This year's Council goal is 8, 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! The next scheduled Exemplification on Charity, Unity and Fraternity will be held June 2, 2022 at Corpus Christi Marian Hall at 6pm. All candidates and their families are welcome to attend and dinner will be served immediately after the ceremony.***

## Corpus Christi Procession (Sunday, June 19, 2022)

The Parish is planning the return of the Corpus Christi Procession this year on Corpus Christi Sunday, June 19, following the 11 am mass. It's been absent for several years with COVID and the year before it was rained out. In the past, the Knights have always participated and we will do the same this year. The Parish has asked for our council's help to set up the altars. They are in the Baker Center off the stage. Tentatively the others will be, one going in the West Courtyard and one going in the SSJ courtyard. They would be set up that Sunday morning. It would help if any Knights have access to pick-up trucks or trailers.

The procession would leave the Cathedral, go up St George St toward the convent and turn into their courtyard. We have typically set the altar at the back in the shade. We would have a gospel, prayers and Benediction. The procession would then go up Bridge St. to Avila, across the park to the west courtyard (used to be stop at the Gazebo in the park), again, a Gospel, prayers and Benediction, and finally from the courtyard back into the Cathedral for the final stop, gospel, prayers and Benediction followed by repose of the Blessed Sacrament.

The second thing we are asking of our fellow Knights are volunteers to carry the canopy which is over the Eucharist/Priest/Deacon. This takes 4 men at a time. They can be switched out at each stop or continue on. I'm not sure who will carry the Eucharist in the Monstrance. It will probably be a rotation of the priests and possibly the deacons.

As a Parish Council we've made a commitment to our parish and our clergy, what better way to participate in your Faith. Let me know if you can help us with this year's procession and if you need any other information.

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SK Gabriel J. Oti  
Grand Knight  
(904) 806-2711

## 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](mailto:cvioletm94@hotmail.com)

### Ladies Auxiliary Officers

President	Cynthia Day
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Trustee	Heather Hill
Trustee	Linda Hill



# Exemplification & Social (Monday, April 18, 2022)







**BIRTHDAYS**

THOMAS	R	DE LUX		05-01
CHRISTOPHER	D	WILLIAMS		05-02
ROBERT	E	QUINN		05-03
NICHOLAS	E	ALBANESE		05-04
ERICK	A	HUECK		05-07
PHILIP	R	GAGAN		05-11
LEOPOLDO	B	GONZALEZ	MD	05-18
CORY		MARA		05-18
MARK		VAN GEMERT		05-21
PATRICK	J	MAGUIRE		05-24
GREGORY	E	LOYA		05-26

**SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES**

ALEX		DUFRESNE		47 Years
RICHARD		LYNN		46
CHARLES	H	PETERSON		45
CARL	J	SAVOIA		39
MICHAEL	N	MENICOLA		34
GABRIEL	J.	OTI		14
RICHARD	F	MAFFEI		11
WILLIAM	F	ROBERTS		10
CONRAD	P	KARWAY		7
EVAN	R	MCDOW		6
WILLIAM		DUFRESNE		3
MARK		VAN GEMERT		2
CHRISTOPHER	S	LYNN		2



## Intentions for the Sick or in Distress



### Council Prayers for:

- † Prayers for Brother Tom DeLux.
- † Prayers for Brother AJ's wife's nana who is 97yrs young.
- † 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***

# May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Business Mtng. 7pm Bishop Baker Ctr	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Rosary & Corporate Mass 10:30am Cathedral Basilica	30 4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting 7pm San Sebastian	31 Officers & Directors Meeting TBA	1	2 Exemplification & Dinner 6pm Corpus Christi Marian Hall	3 Fraternal Benefits Night 7:30pm <a href="https://tinyurl.com/SlotJune3">https://tinyurl.com/SlotJune3</a>	4 Council Trivia Night 5 – 9pm Bishop Baker Ctr
5	6 Business Mtng. 7pm Bishop Baker Ctr	7	8	9	10	11

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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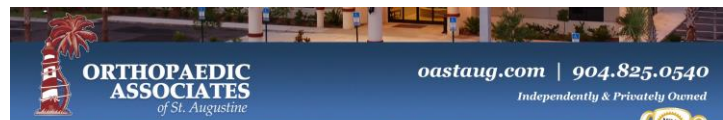
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