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#### KNIGHT AND FAMILY OF THE MONTH

#### **Congratulations to:**

The AJ McCaffery Family

Family of the Month

AJ suggested and led the S.O.S.

fundraiser to financially support our

Diocese seminarians this year.

AJ's mother made the lasagna.

AJ's wife, Rachel came and

helped set up the hall before the

event, served meals and then

helped clean up afterwards.

This was truly a family effort and

successfully raised funds to fulfill

our S.O.S. goal.

John Gillespie **Knight of the Month** 

John always helps and assist in any need of the Council. He's first in line to support our efforts to fundraise. He generously donated the spaghetti sauce and meatballs for our S.O.S. tournament get sponsors and is sponsoring a team again this year. He help led the fish fry at the Cathedral Festival. John is a valuable Knight that truly deserves to be "Knight of the Month."

#### **Service Committee Directors & Chairs**

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#### Adoration (Friday, October 6, 2023)

Please join the Diocesan **Rosary Congress and Council** 611 at the chapel at the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche from 11pm – 1am for Adoration.

For more information, contact Grand Knight SK Frank Hill at (812)249-0038 or hill6466@qmail.com

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

7:00PM in the Bishop Baker Center on Monday, October 2, 2023 (Labor Day). 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!** 

#### **Council Fall Picnic** (Saturday, October 14, 2023)

Join First Florida Council 611 for our annual family picnic from 1 -4pm 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

#### **Rosary & Corporate** Communion

(Sunday, October 29, 2023) Please join Council 611 for the second of five Blessed Rosary and Corporate Communions at the Cathedral Basilica beginning at 10:30am followed by mass at 11:00am. Please wear your council polo. All family members are welcome to attend.

To reserve your seat please contact our Faith Director SK Josh Currie. PGK at (904)540-9559 or jcurriekofc@gmail.com



## Message from the Worthy Grand Knight

As I look back on the month of August, it has been another busy month for Council 611!

When I look back at the first three months since I was elected as your Grand Knight, I couldn't be prouder of the accomplishments Council 611 and the Ladies Auxiliary has achieved. Seminarian fundraiser, collecting bags for Epic Cure, volunteer at St. Nicholas food pantry, support Night Fire, volunteer, and support St. Gerard's, passed out donuts from the Religious Education Ministry, these are among the many things as a council we are doing.

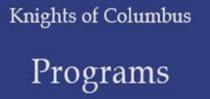
The following quote is fitting for our council.

"WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A KNIGHT, we are Catholic men who lead, serve, protect, and defend. We share a desire to be better husbands, fathers, sons, neighbors, and role models and put charity and community first. FAITH, our goal is to strengthen men and their families in the Catholic faith. Formation in our faith goes beyond mere facts or religious practice to an authentic connection with a loving God and his son Jesus Christ. FAMILY, our founder, Father McGivney, sought to strengthen the bonds of families in his parish and the Knights of Columbus. These programs, created for families by families, help us to live this call. COMMUNITY, Knights are called to serve others. Our first principle is Charity, at home with our families and in our communities. When Knights of Columbus vigorously defends the dignity of each being at every stage of life."

Thank you, Council 611 Knights and Ladies Auxiliary, and am looking forward to more success in the future.







## Faith <sup>in</sup> Action

Vivat Jesus,

Sk Frank Hill Worthy Grand Knight

## The Knights of Columbus Since 1882



## Protecting Families for Generations

#### Insurance:

As we are mid-way through 2023, 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

## KNIGHT OF THE MONTH PRESENTATION



SK Howard Naquin was presented his certificate for Knight of the Month for August 2023 at the September Council Social. Chosen for his outstanding volunteerism, Howard volunteers at every council event, Epic Cure Food Bank at St. Benedicts and St. Gerard campus when they need assistance with maintenance items. Howard also assists in selling fundraiser tickets at each mass on Sundays.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please join us in welcoming two new transfers into our council

- Don Marek just moved into World Golf Village. A Southwest airlines retiree with eight years in the Order
- Timothy Phillips retired USN CAPT from Triangle, Virginia.

Welcome Brothers! We are happy you have transferred to our council and look forward getting to know you.

## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The council has reached its annual goal in record time! This is proof that now more than ever, the Knights of Columbus offers our catholic gentlemen what they are longing for: Strengthening their own Faith, Building up their Family in Christ, Providing Charity and giving back to their community and belonging to a fraternal brotherhood that promotes and reflects their values. Have you asked a catholic gentlemen you know to join? EVERY Knight is a member of the Membership Committee. *Next Membership Drive is after each mass at the Cathedral Basilica & St. Benedict of Moor on Sunday, October 29, 2023.* 

For more information, please contact our Membership Director, Br. Jacob Skinner at endlesspressure82@gmail.com or (904)325-1179

Have you asked someone to become a Knight? (This year's Council goal is 9, 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 to join!* 





Programs

Faith in Action

## S.O.S. Fundraising Dinner for Seminarians (Saturday, September 9, 2023)

Council 611 held its first annual "Support our Seminarians" fundraising dinner at the Bishop Baker Center to raise money to sponsor one or more of our local St. Augustine seminarians with their school costs The dinner was held from 6 – 9pm and tickets were \$15pp and \$5 for children under 12. Guests were served all you can eat homemade Italian favorites like bake ziti, lasagna, and spaghetti. Drinks were also made available for purchase. The fundraiser was successful and the council reached its fundraising goal for the fraternal year. Thank you to AJ and the McCaffery family that led this fundraiser, as well as, all those that volunteered to make this dinner successful.



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## St. Gerard Campus Work Day

#### Article Submitted by Andrew Butts

A bunch of Brothers got together and provided their skills with a few improvement projects at the St Gerard Campus. For those unfamiliar with the campus, it's a place where they support, educate and care for young mothers and their families. The campus provides free pregnancy testing and sonograms (sonogram donated by Knights of Columbus), has an accredited interfaith Christian high school, a residential program, distributes food and baby needs through their community outreach, has a licensed daycare, and provides adoption assistance.

In just a couple of hours, the Knights replaced an office blind and ceiling fan, changed out the two US flags, and installed a much needed sunshade over their back patio. The Executive Director of the Campus, Ms Brittany Glisson, was most appreciative of our help. She explained the girls love sitting outside to eat and relax. Having the sunshade allows them to have a little more comfort during our sunny Florida days.



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## September Social and Presentation (Monday, September 18, 2023)

At this month's social, Council 611 presented a special presentation by Deacon Jim White on Faith and Marriage. After this excellent presentation, the council served a delicious roaster of kielbasa with green beans and potatoes. Members and their families brought a varity of sides and deserts to share.





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## Council 611 Youth Soccer Challege

(Friday, September 29, 2023)

Article Submitted by Andrew Butts

Local Knights of Columbus councils have sponsored the Soccer Challenge all across the country for boys and girls from the ages of 9 to 14 to provide an athletic outlet and encourage the values of sportsmanship and healthy competition. Kids compete within their own gender and age and demonstrate the most important skill in soccer - shooting accuracy on the penalty kick. We reinstated the championship this year with the Cathedral Parish School and had 25 players! We also had a great turnout from Brother Knights. Thanks to Brothers Frank Hill, Rick Salerno, Howard Naquin and Andrew Butts. A special thanks the Cathedral Parish School's Principal, Deacon Bryan Ott, Athletic Director, Coach Josh Stewart and Coach Chris Rutherford who helped with planning, talking it up within CPS, setting up and breaking down the goal, collecting registration forms, organizing the students during play and ball chasing! A very special thanks to the staff at St Joseph Academy and Coach Patrick Casey who coordinated the borrowing of their kickback goal. We had a very successful challenge and lots of fun because of CPS and SJA. God bless you!

Congratulations to our local champs!

#### 2023 Soccer Challenge Champions - Council 611 and District 16

Natalie Schoonover - 9yr Girls Shea Poole - 11yr Girls Finley Moyer - 12yr Girls - doesn't play soccer and scored a 145! Hope Coach was watching! Audrey Altizer - 13yr Girls John Carres - 9yr Boys Joey Zinn - 10yr Boys James Morgan - 11yr Boys Bryce Rutherford - 12yr Boys Edward Morgan - 13yr Boys









Now it's on to the Regional Championship Saturday, November 11th at 10:00am at Annunciation Catholic School's new soccer field adjacent to St Luke's, Middleburg, FL. Good luck Saints!!

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# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT Warsh Creek





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- 18-hole Greens Fee
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- Driving Range & Balls
- Breakfast
- Awards Lunch
- Pin Prizes & Awards
- Sponsor Recognition

## Format:

Columbus

4 Person Scramble

## **Schedule of Events:**

8:30 a.m. Registration 10:00 a.m. Shotgun start Awards lunch at conclusion of play at Saint Anastasia Saint Jude Celebration Hall **ENTRY FEE:** \$125 / Player

\$500 / 4 Foursome

## Location:

Marsh Creek Country Club 169 Marshside Drive, Saint Augustine, Florida 32080

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## First Florida Council 611 Ladies Auxiliary

#### DONATIONS REQUESTED

The Ladies Auxiliary is asking everyone to donate and fill baby bottles with money. All donations go directly to St. Gerard Campus. The Ladies Auxiliary is also requesting of plastic grocery bags to donate to a local food bank, Epic Cure that donates food to those in need here in St. Augustine every other Wednesday at St. Benedict of Moor.

For donations, please contact ladies auxiliary president Linda Hill or bring donations to meetings and/or social events.

#### ABOUT THE LADIES AUXILIARY

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:

Linda Hill Cell: (812)249-0165 Email: <u>Lhill1949@gmail.com</u>

## Ladies Auxiliary Officers

President Vice President Secretary Treasurer Chaplain Greeter Linda Hill Amy Munson Cynthia Day Beth Ann Kaczmarczyk Ally Salerno Heather Hill







The Bishop Verot Assembly 0166 provided the color corp for the annual St. Augustine Founders Day Mass and Celebration with celebrant Bishop Pohlmeier on Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at the Rustic Alter at the National Shirne of Our Lady of La Leche at Mission Nombre De Dios.



Congratulations to the 2023 – 2024 Assembly Officers pictured here after their annual Installation of Officers in August and presided by District Marshal SK Dan McIntyre

Bishop Verot Assembly 0166 San Sebastian Catholic Church – Knights Hall - 1112 FL-16, St. Augustine, FL Faithful Navigator SK Chris Gallo (908)798-0243 – cgallo1011@gmail.com Meetings every 4th Monday of the Month at 7pm

David		Baird
Charles	D	Binninger
Tom	Ν	Gehret
John	В	Gillespie
George	R	Hesson
John	Р	Holman
Douglas	А	Lowe
Christopher	S	Lynn
Dennis	М	McCarthy
Nicholas	R	Oti
William	F	Roberts
Andrew	F	Shotwell
Jacob	А	Skinner
James	J	Whelan

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

#### SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

				Years
				of
				Service
Paul	V	Nunchuck		25
Msg Michael	Р	Morgan		22
William		Murphy	Jr	19
Deacon Doug	J	Nullet		18
William	Curtis	Baker		15
Terrance	Е	Auten		8
David		Baird		6
Scott	А	Martin		5
Brendon	М	Vangemert		5
Father Martin	L	Ibeh		3
Shawn		Clark		2
Deacon James	J	White	IV	break



#### 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 fallow 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 Father Jeff and Deacon Chuck that they receive peace and strength as they battle with their ailments.
- † Prayers for Brother Frank's niece who is battling breast cancer.
- Prayers for Brother Shane's cousin, Fr Conrad Cowart from the Basilica of Immaculate Conception in Jacksonville.
- † Prayers for Brother AJ's friend who is terminally ill.
- Fr Ignatius Prayers for church bishops and religious men and women who are preparing for the Synod of Bishops on Synodality gathering in October at the Vatican. Pray the Holy Spirit enriches their discussions on marriage and family values.
- † Prayers for Father William Mooney and him being rewarded with peace and love as he struggles with dementia. Fr Mooney is the founding pastor of Corpus Christi parish.
- † Prayers for Pope Francis and Bishop Pohlmeier.
- † Prayers for our Cathedral priests, deacons and lay ministers.
- 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 Frank Hill at: (812)249-0038 or hillf6466@gmail.com

## October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Business Mtng. 7pm Bishop Baker Ctr	3	4 Epic Cure Food Bank St. Benedict of Moor 8:30 – 10:30am	5	6 Adoration 11pm- 1am Chapel Nat'l Shrine Our Lady of La Leche	7
8	9 KofC Golf Tournament Marsh Creek CC Columbus Day	10	11	12	13 Council 611 Founders Day	14 Council Fall Picnic 1pm World Golf Village King & Bear Pavilion
15	16 Council Social 7:00pm Bishop Baker Ctr	17	18 Epic Cure Food Bank St. Benedict of Moor 8:30 – 10:30am	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Rosary & Corporate Communion 10:30am Cathedral Basilica Recruitment Drive After each Mass	30 4th Degree Meeting 7pm San Sebastian	31 Officers Meeting TBA Halloween	1 Epic Cure Food Bank St. Benedict of Moor 8:30 – 10:30am	2	3	4 Life Fest 9:30am Nat'l Shrine Our Lady of La Leche
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

## We would like to thank our sponsors whose owners are active members of First Florida Council 611



If you would like to sponsor your company or service on First Florida Council 611's website and newsletter, please contact Sk AJ McCaffery, PGK, FDD at (904)599-1436 or mccaff93@gmail.com

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