



The Knightly News

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KNIGHT AND FAMILY OF THE MONTH		Council 611 Officers																																														
<p>Congratulations to:</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>SK Andrew Butts Knight of the Month</p> <p>Andy is Council 611's Deputy Grand Knight and Program Director. He leads the Star Council Committee, writes the Council's weekly articles for the Cathedral bulletin, contributes articles to the Council's monthly newsletter, coordinated the Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge, Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest and the Basketball Free Throw Contest with CPS for the Council 611. Thank you Brother!</p> </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>The Roy Family Family of the Month</p> <p>Both Ron and Stella Roy are Eucharistic ministers. Stella is a member of the Walking with Purpose Ministry. Both have made a difference since joining the Knights and the Ladies' Auxiliary. Ron joined other Co. 611 members at the National Shrine to cook for the Lifest event. Both were a tremendous help at the CPS Thanksgiving school play and dinner. Thank you for all you do!</p> </div> </div>		<table border="0"> <tr> <td>Grand Knight</td> <td>SK Frank Hill</td> <td>812-249-0038</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chaplain</td> <td>Fr. Ignatius Yeruva</td> <td>904-824-2806</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dep. Grand Knight</td> <td>SK Andrew Butts</td> <td>571-246-6253</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chancellor</td> <td>SK Josh Currie, PGK</td> <td>904-540-9559</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Recorder</td> <td>Richard Speidel</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Financial Secretary</td> <td>SK AJ McCaffery, FDD, PGK, PFN</td> <td>904-599-1436</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Treasurer</td> <td>SK Tom Gehret</td> <td>904-566-8932</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lecturer</td> <td>(Vacant)</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Advocate</td> <td>Bruce Dufresne, PGK</td> <td>904-825-0000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Warden</td> <td>Shane O'Hara</td> <td>386-227-4557</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Inside Guard</td> <td>Tom Kaczmarczyk</td> <td>904-540-6749</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Outside Guard</td> <td>Howard Naquin</td> <td>512-568-4406</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1 Year Trustee</td> <td>SK Aaron Day</td> <td>904-315-9984</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2 Year Trustee</td> <td>SK Rick Salerno</td> <td>513-614-3266</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3 Year Trustee</td> <td>SK Gabe Oti, PGK</td> <td>904-806-2711</td> </tr> </table>		Grand Knight	SK Frank Hill	812-249-0038	Chaplain	Fr. Ignatius Yeruva	904-824-2806	Dep. Grand Knight	SK Andrew Butts	571-246-6253	Chancellor	SK Josh Currie, PGK	904-540-9559	Recorder	Richard Speidel		Financial Secretary	SK AJ McCaffery, FDD, PGK, PFN	904-599-1436	Treasurer	SK Tom Gehret	904-566-8932	Lecturer	(Vacant)		Advocate	Bruce Dufresne, PGK	904-825-0000	Warden	Shane O'Hara	386-227-4557	Inside Guard	Tom Kaczmarczyk	904-540-6749	Outside Guard	Howard Naquin	512-568-4406	1 Year Trustee	SK Aaron Day	904-315-9984	2 Year Trustee	SK Rick Salerno	513-614-3266	3 Year Trustee	SK Gabe Oti, PGK	904-806-2711
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Council Social

(Special Date: Monday, January 29, 2023)

Join First Florida Council 611 for our monthly social with food and fellowship at the Bishop Baker Center located at 267 St. George Street, St. Augustine, FL 32085 from 7 – 9pm. This event is open to all parishioners.

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

THE NEXT GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD:

7:00PM in the Bishop Baker Center on Monday, January 15, 2024. DUE TO THE NEW YEARS HOLIDAY, THE MEETING DATE HAS CHANGED.

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

December was another busy month starting with helping Council 611's Program Director Andy Butts Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest. There were several posters submitted this year with 3 age group CPS students selected to move on to the Regional State contest; last year's poster won the Local, Regional and the State. There were two new council members exemplified on December 14th at Saint Benedict the Moor church. The new members are Afred Hernandez and Armand Roserogross; and our team was made up Chaplain- Father Ignasuis, Presiding Officer- AJ McCaffery, Charity- Frank Hill, Unity- Rick Salerno, Fraternity- Andy Butts and Warden- Howard Naquin.

December 16th and 17th Council 611 members and the Ladies Auxiliary passed out Advent books at all of the masses. December 18th Council 611 had their monthly social, Howard Naquin made his famous Louisiana Gumbo and it was a big hit, members brought a side dish and dessert that complimented the Gumbo. There were 50 council, Ladies auxiliary members and spouses attended. Games were played after the meal and several members won gift card prizes with the grand prize of a large Poinsettia won by Tom and Joyce DeLux.

December 24th and 25th, council 611 members and Ladies Auxiliary passed out a book titled a Beautiful Eucharist. December 31st Council 611 attended the corporate communion and rosary plus served coffee and donuts after the 9 and 11 am masses.

As we end the month of December and start the New Year I want to take a moment to express my gratitude to each council member and Ladies Auxiliary that helped make Council 611 a success that it is with your dedication and hard work. May the New Year bring continued success and growth. Together, let's embark on another year of achievements and shared accomplishments. Happy New Year!

Vivat Jesus,

Sk Frank Hill
Worthy Grand Knight



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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We welcomed two new members into Council 611 on Thursday, December 14, 2023 at an Exemplification on Charity, Unity and Fraternity at St. Benedict the Moor Church. The two new brothers are **Alpizar Fernandez** and **Armando Roserdgross**. Thank you to the great job by our evenings Exemplification Team, who did a fantastic job! Our evening's team consisted of Father Ignatius, AJ McCaffery, Andy Butts, Howard Naquin, Rick Salerno and Tony Edwards.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS BOOK DISTRIBUTION

This year's distribution of the Advent Books after each mass at both the Cathedral and St. Benedicts on December 16th & 17th, as well as, the Christmas Books after each mass both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, at both the Cathedral and St. Benedicts, had full complements of volunteer Knights (and their families) to help give out books to Mass attendees. Thank you to all for your service in spreading our faith with this year's books!

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The council has not only reached, but far exceeded its annual goal in just the first half of the fraternal year. Three more new members and Council 611 will be right on track for its first Double Star Council Award ever! 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.**

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 15)

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!***



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Congratulations to the Currie Family

SK Joshua Currie, PGK and wife Laura would like to share their family's joy of their daughter, Francesca's recent baptism earlier this month at the Cathedral Basilica with his brothers of his beloved Council 611. SK Aaron Day stood in for Josh's brother-in-law, Francesca's God Father who was unable to attend. Congratulations Worthy Past Grand Knight Josh and Laura on this wonderful blessing!



Corporate Mass and Coffee & Donuts (Sunday, December 31, 2023)

Members of Council 611 and the Ladies Auxiliary attended a rosary prayer followed by a corporate mass at 10:30am. In addition, they volunteered and served coffee and donuts to all parishioners after both the 9am and 11am masses at the Cathedral Basilica. Thank you to all the came to worship together and volunteered to spread some fellowship with our parish.



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 plastic grocery bags to donate to the St. Nicolas food bank. Epic Cure donates the food to the food bank for those in need here in St. Augustine every other Wednesday at St. Benedict of Moor and are in continuous need of grocery bags to package the donated food.

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: Lhill1949@gmail.com

Ladies Auxiliary Officers

President	Linda Hill
Vice President	Amy Munson
Secretary	Cynthia Day
Treasurer	Beth Ann Kaczmarczyk





THE 4th DEGREE ASSEMBLED



HOLIDAY PARTY

In lieu of the December business meeting, Assembly 0166 and their guests attended a special holiday party hosted by Council 7121 on Friday, December 15th, 2023 from 5:00pm – 7pm at Celebration Hall located at St. Anastasia Catholic Church.

NEXT ASSEMBLY MEETING

The next Assembly Meeting will be held on the 4th Monday of January at 7pm. This fraternal year, the Assembly has elected to rotate its meeting location every month between each of the four parishes of our district in order to make the meetings more accessible to its members. January's meeting location is to be announced. Please watch for an email from our Worthy Faithful Navigator for the meeting location.

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, location TBA each month

BIRTHDAYS**SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES**

December	
Name	Birthday
Edward V Acebal	12-01-1939
Armando F Pineda	12-11-1947
Thomas J Jackson	12-14-1951
Mark Wayne Lynn	12-14-1965
Bruce W Dufresne	12-21-1947
Robert Santo Biloni	12-22-1970
Frank A Hill	12-22-1946
Evan R McDow	12-22-1994
Aaron C Day	12-23-1993
Gabriel T Oti	12-23-1994
Gerardo V Coello Jr	12-28-1994
Peter Cramer	12-31-1939

December		
Name	First Degree Date/ Re-entry Date	Years of Service
Francis P Dupont	12-01-1971	52
Deacon Charles B Kanaszka	12-01-1974	49
Charles B Thomas Jr	12-01-1974	49
George R Hesson	12-01-1976	47
Dennis E Wissel	12-01-1978	45
Bruce W Dufresne	12-01-1985	38
Craig A Maguire	12-01-1985	38
Emil Chando	12-01-1991	32
Mr Andrew F Shotwell Jr	12-11-2004	19
Don L Marek	12-11-2010	13
Mr Dennis M Mc Carthy	12-15-2010	13
Aaron C Day	12-28-2015	8

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES

December		
Name	Clergy Title	Ordination Date
Rev. Inna Reddy Yeruva	Father	12-28-2000



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:

- † Bruce Dufresne for his knee replacement
- † AL McConnel
- † Tom DeLux, suffering from back problems
- † Tom's mom, who is going through tough times
- † Repose of the soul of SK Paul Lockner
- † Lots of call outs for the 4th degree.
- † Prayers for Father Jeff and Deacon Chuck that they receive peace and strength as they battle with their ailments.
- † 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***

January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Officers Meeting TBA	10 St. Nicholas Food Pantry St. Benedict of Moor 8:30 – 10:30am	11	12	13
14	15 Business Mtng. 7pm Bishop Baker Ctr	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 4th Degree Meeting 7pm TBA	23	24 St. Nicholas Food Pantry St. Benedict of Moor 8:30 – 10:30am	25	26	27
28	29 Monthly Social 6:30pm Bishop Baker Ctr	30 Officers Meeting TBA	31	1	2	3
4	5 Business Mtng. 7pm Bishop Baker Ctr	6	7 St. Nicholas Food Pantry St. Benedict of Moor 8:30 – 10:30am	8	9	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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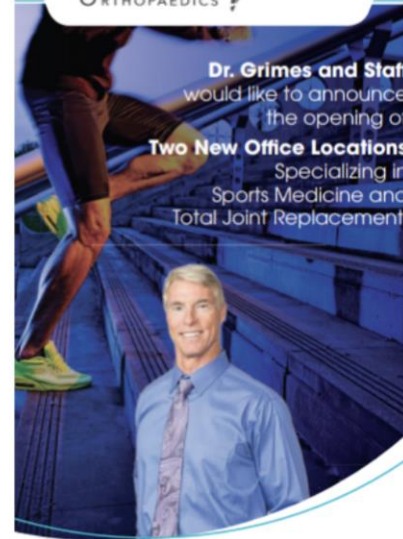
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