





The Knightly News

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Sunsational Trivia Night (Saturday, August 19, 2023)

Please join Council 611 for this fundraiser at the Bishop Baker Center with Claude Fiori and the St. Augustine Ministry of Trivia from 7 – 9pm.

Tickets are \$12pp or \$60 per table of six. Food and drinks available for purchase. All proceeds go directly to local charities.

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

Family Prayer Night & Social (Monday, August 21, 2023)

Join First Florida Council 611 for its first Family Prayer Night of the new fraternal year and 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 SK Frank Hill at (812)249-0038 or hill6466@gmail.com

Night Fire (Friday, August 26, 2023)

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 into the church to say a prayer and light a candle.

For more information, contact our Grand Knight, 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, August 7, 2023. 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

First Florida Council 611 has a rich history. Founded on October 13, 1901, ours was the first council south of Richmond, VA and the first council in Florida. I am very humbled and honored to have been selected to be our Grand Knight, and I hope to shepherd us in the continuation of good works and to increase our support of the cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine. As the right hand of the Church, we will look for opportunities to help where needed. The month of July has proven to be a busy one. Commencing with our first business meeting discussing and passing the 2023-2024 fiscal year budget, followed by the installation of officers at our social, we had several additional activities during the month. Brothers continued to volunteer at Epic-Cure's food distribution to food-insecure individuals at St. Benedict the Moor every other Wednesday. On July 25th, our council played a meaningful role in the solemn procession of the statue of St. James during the Feast of St. James. We, along with others, escorted the statue from the Castillo de San Marco to the Cathedral Basilica, where a celebration of mass was held in honor of the Basilica becoming the beginning of the Camino del Mestizaje in North America. On July 27th, we celebrated the 83rd Anniversary of the Silver Rose when the Silver Rose was in St. Augustine. Started in 1960 in Monterrey, Mexico to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe, it has grown to include 8 silver roses that run along different routes in North America, including Canada, all 50 States of the U.S.A., Puerto Rico, and Mexico. On July 30th, we celebrated our Corporate Communion and Rosary at St. Benedict the Moor, our first time holding this celebration at that location. In closing, I would like to sincerely thank the Brother Knights who answered the call to serve as officers for our council, as well as those who volunteered at our several events. I would also like to recognize the continuing good works of our Ladies' Auxilliary.

Vivat Jesus,

Sk Frank Hill
Grand Knight



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

WELCOME NEW BROTHERS

We would like to welcome two new transfers to our council, Rich Spiedel and Armando Pineda, welcome brothers!

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

First Florida Council 611 has already welcomed eight new members by the end of the first month (July) of the new fraternal year! This is proof that the men of our parish are longing to be a part of what the Knights of Columbus has to offer!

The council will be hosting membership drives throughout the fraternal year in the fall and spring, which not only attracting new members, but also dozens current members that transfer their membership to our council. These membership drives are opportunities for the council to invite the men of the parish to join our order and are vital to our council's growth. 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 or (812)249-0038



Have you asked someone to become a Knight?

(This year's Council goal is 9, to date we have 8)

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!***

Escorting the Silver Rose Honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe

Article Submitted by Andrew Butts

Demonstrating unity between Knights of Columbus in Canada, the United States and Mexico, the Silver Rose pilgrimage, through a series of prayer services, promotes the dignity of all human life and honors Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Each year, from early March through the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe in mid-December, Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners and community members to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This year, there are eight routes traveling throughout North America and culminating at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey on 12 December, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

In our area, the Silver Rose was transferred to the Knights on Bikes (Dioceses of St Augustine) from the District Deputy at St John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Valdosta, GA. The rose was then escorted to Florida's first stop at St Mary's Catholic Church in Macclenny. A few days later the rose was transferred from St Joseph Historic Church in Jacksonville and into Council 611's hands. We traveled to St Benedict the Moor and held a prayer service in the midst of the church's renovation. The next day, we rode to Mission Nombre de Dios and held a beautiful prayer service at the Our Lady of Guadalupe shrine near the Great Cross. Afterwards, we hit the road and escorted the rose to Santa Maria del Mar in Flagler Beach and handed off the rose to the Grand Knight.

Carl Anderson, Past Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus, reaffirmed the Silver Rose purpose: "It is to the Blessed Mother that we turn in prayer as we work to end the Culture of Death that grips our society. As we think in terms of 'One Life, One Rose,' it is most appropriate we turn to Our Lady of Guadalupe who made known her will through Juan Diego and the miracle of the roses."

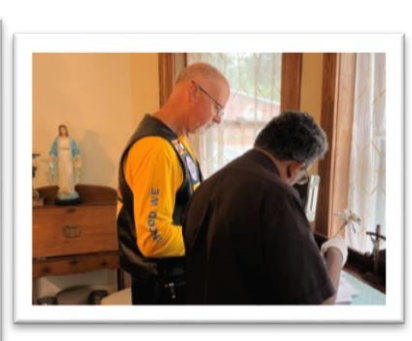
We hope to have the Silver Rose grace our historic town next year and are already making plans. Read more about the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe and promoting respect for life at <https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/life/silver-rose.html>



Valdosta, GA
Receiving Silver Rose
from Georgia District
Deputy



Jacksonville, FL
Receiving Silver Rose from Grand Knight Steve Roadruck at St
Joseph Historic Church



St. Augustine, FL
Prayer service at St
Benedict the Moor;
blessing by Father Ignatius

Processing St James to the Cathedral Basilica

The Cathedral Basilica of St Augustine was selected to become the starting point for peregrinos (pilgrims) departing for the Camino de Santiago de Compostela (The Way of St James in Spain), as well as an ending for the Camino del Mestizaje of the Americas (North and South America). The statue of St James was installed in a temporary position next to the pulpit on July 25, 2022 (Feast of St James the Greater, Apostle). The statue was specially carved from cedar and painted to strongly resemble the statue of St James sitting on top of the Tree of Jesse in the Portico de la Gloria in the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela. There are plans sometime next year to begin the construction of a special shrine to St James in the West Courtyard of the Cathedral Basilica.

The procession was a typical Spanish-style procession where the statue of the saint is brought out in a festive parade, with local and church authorities, military (the Historic Florida Militia), musicians and the public. The statue of Santiago was processed in a special, flower-overed cart from the lawn of the Castillo along St George St to the Cathedral.

First Florida Council 611 led the procession behind the banner carrier. What a wonderful time and historical event for the oldest council in Florida to take part in. Thanks to Brother Wil Bennett for taking the pictures!

This will be an annual event celebrating the historical connection of St Augustine with Spacin and its Patron Saint, Santiago, and the beginning of a new Camino route to Spain, to be known in Spanish as the Camino del Mestizaje, referring to the blending of the European and the native populations. St Augustine will officially be a starting point for pilgrims to Santiago. St James, pray for us!

Thanks to those Knights who took part in the procession and mass. It was an historical and memorable event to be a part of! Also nice to see Brothers Tom Jackson and Curt Baker! Thank you brothers!

-- GK Frank Hill



Praying for the Repose of the Souls of Our Brothers

Article Submitted by Andrew Butts

For the first time, we prayed the Blessed Mother's rosary and celebrated a Corporate Communion at St Benedict the Moor church. Such a rewarding experience to pray and celebrate mass in the newly renovated church. Corporate Communion is a powerful sign to our parish community that their Knights are present and active in the faith community. This was a special mass for the repose of the souls of our fallen Brothers and for our Council members to gather as one body with families and friends to share the Eucharist in the spirit of both fraternity and unity.

Brother Knights I am so proud of all of you that came and participated in the Rosary this morning! I had so many parishioners come up to me after mass and expressed their appreciation and wanted to know when we are going to do it again! A heartfelt thanks, Brothers. God bless you all!

Brother in Christ,

SK Frank Hill
Grand Knight



Council 611 Fundraising for Local Charities

Support for Hawaii

Brother Massimo and his wife Debby Peters have family and friends in Hawaii that are victims of the tragic fire that devastated the island of Maui. Massimo and Debby's family's property survived but their friends lost everything. Also the phone towers are down and very little communication gets out of the island. The one thing they are in desperate need of and requesting is hygiene products (toothpaste, tooth brush, deodorant, hand sanitizer, bar soap, diapers, toilet paper, baby wipes and paper towels). If you can bring your donations to Trivia Night or the Monday Social. Let's support this Brother Knight and his wife in their effort to aid those in need. Massimo's company will cover the cost of shipping.

Sunsational Trivia Night!!!

August 19th (Saturday)
7:00pm to 9:00pm

*Hosted by Claude Fiori and
 St Augustine Ministry of Trivia*

\$\$\$ Prizes, 50/50, bids on special items \$\$\$

Tickets \$12

Reserve team tables of 6 for only \$60!!

Food and drinks available for purchase

Bishop Baker Center: 267 St George St., St Augustine, FL



Use the QR code,  **RSVP at rsvp@kofc611.org,**
 or contact Frank Hill at
812-249-0038



100% of profits go to local charities

Thank those Brothers for showing up helping the past two Sundays selling tickets for Trivia Night, thank you, thank you!

These are the volunteers so far for the Trivia Night: Brothers Howard Naquin, Andy Butts, AJ McCaffery, Jacob Skinner's two children, Bruce Hornick's two children, Tom Pyle's 3 children and Amy Munson's granddaughter (the children will pick up the answer sheets from each table).

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT




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Location:

Marsh Creek Country Club
 169 Marshside Drive,
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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 Beth K 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:

Beth Ann Kaczmarczyk
Cell: (904)392-7675
Email: elizabethetto@gmail.com

Ladies Auxiliary Officers

President	Beth Ann Kaczmarczyk
Vice President	Cynthia Day
Trustee	Lissette Oti
Trustee	Heather Hill
Trustee	Linda Hill





THE 4th DEGREE ASSEMBLED



Haven't yet advanced to the 4th and final Degree of the Knights of Columbus?

Now is the time, because it could not be easier!

There will be a **Exemplification on Patriotism** right here in Jacksonville on **August 26, 2023** at Assumption Catholic Church located at 2403 Atlantic Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32207

- 8:30am: Car Pool to leave from San Sebastian on SR16
- 9:30am: Registration
- 10:00am: Mass
- 11:00am: Registration Continues
- Noon: Exemplification of the Fourth Degree
- 12:15pm: Ladies Luncheon (Tickets should be bought in advance through Assembly)
- 3:00pm: Banquet
- **DRESS CODE:** Candidates should a Dark Suit (Black, Blue, or Brown) and Tie. Current Sir Knights should wear the same or the official uniform (Color Corps will be needed for the Exemplification).
- **COST:** \$70 for Candidates and \$45 for Candidate Priests (Includes Social Baldric, 4th Degree Pin, and Banquet Ticket). \$45 for Extra Banquet Tickets (SK Attendees or Ladies). \$15 for Ladies Luncheon.

**For more information, please contact SK Chris Gallo at
(908)798-0243 or cgallo1011@gmail.com**

Bishop Verot Assembly 0166
San Sebastian Catholic Church – Knights Hall - 1112 FL-16, St. Augustine, FL
Faithful Navigator SK AJ McCaffery III, FDD, PGK
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Meetings every 4th Monday of the Month at 7pm

BIRTHDAYS

Edmundo	Ervas	Don	8/14/79
Rev. Inna	Reddy	Yeruva	8/4/72
Nestor	R.	Lopez	8/6/69
Arthur	E.	Marony III	8/6/72
David	K.	Wharton	8/9/67
John	M.	Bowyer	8/10/89
Richard	J.	Petrocine	8/10/65
Zachary	J.	Santorelli	8/10/83
Robert	H.	Czopek	8/11/59
Deacon Douglas	J.	Nullet	8/12/59
Rev. Mackenzie	J.	Hill	8/14/92
Dr. James	M.	Grimes	8/15/61
Rev. Carlos	M.	Sosa-Ortiz	8/15/82
Thomas	F.	Andreu	8/18/60
Roger	L.	Day	8/18/60
Rev. Martin	L.	Ibeh	8/23/76
Charles	E.	Pellicer	8/26/42

SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

			Years of Service
Xavier	L.	Pellicer Jr.	69
Frederick	J.	Wiseman	45
Rev. Terence	A.	Smith	32
Cory		Mara	26
Deacon Charles	B.	Kanaszka	22
Dan	T.	Terrell	21
Ryan	J.	Laporte	11
Alexander		Toro	8
David	K.	Wharton	7



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 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 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 the people of Hawaii that have been effected by the devastating fire.
- † Prayers for our own trials and tribulations because we may never know what is 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***

August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Business Mtng. 7pm Bishop Baker Ctr	8	9 Epic Cure Food Bank St. Benedict of Moor 8:30 – 10:30am	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Sunsational Trivia Night Fundraiser 7pm Bishop Baker Ctr
20	21 Family Prayer Night & Council Social 7:00pm Bishop Baker Ctr	22	23 Epic Cure Food Bank St. Benedict of Moor 8:30 – 10:30am	24	25	26 4 th Degree Exemplification 9:30am Assumption Catholic Church Night Fire 5:30pm Cathedral Basilica
27 Feast of St. Augustine Mass 11am Cathedral Basilica w/Bishop Pohlmeier	28 4th Degree Meeting 7pm San Sebastian	29 Youth Soccer Challenge TBA Officers Meeting TBA	30	31	1	2
3	4 Labor Day Business Mtng. 7pm Bishop Baker Ctr	5	6 Epic Cure Food Bank St. Benedict of Moor 8:30 – 10:30am	7	8	9 St. Gerard A.S.A.P. Event S.O.S. Dinner TBA Bishop Baker Ctr

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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