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Advent Book Distribution (Weekend of Dec. 2nd & 3rd, 2023)

Council 611 will be distributing this year's Advent Books after each mass Saturday, December 2nd and Sunday, December 3rd at both the Cathedral Basilica and St. Benedict the Moor.

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

Council Social (Monday, December 18, 2023)

Join First Florida Council 611 for Fraternal Benefit Night 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

January Council Meeting (To Be Announced)

Due to the Holiday, Council 611's January Business Meeting will be rescheduled. Reschedule date will be determined at December 4th Council Meeting.

For more information, contact 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, December 4, 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

Jesus said He came not to be served, but to serve—even though He is the King of the world! And all of us are made in His image. Every one of us was created to selflessly serve others with the talents, time, and other resources that God has entrusted to us. During the month of November, Council 611 members stepped forward and volunteered in service to others in a big way.

On November 1st, 15th and 29th, Knights provided manpower for Epic-Cure's St. Francis Foodbank at St. Benedict the Moor Church. Food-insecure individuals and families can get free groceries at this bi-weekly distribution. On the 29th, we also went to Epic-Cure's warehouse and picked up all the food and brought it to the food pantry. On November 3rd, two new members participated in a joint exemplification ceremony with Corpus Christi Council. On November 4th, Knights helped with Bishop Pohlmeier's Life Fest at the National Shrine of our Lady of La Leche. We cooked hamburgers and hot dogs for the attendees. On November 6th, a few Knights and members of the Ladies' Auxiliary met at the Rectory to place bookmarks in 1200 Advent booklets. The bookmarks feature last year's winner of the local regional Knights "Keep Christ in Christmas" art contest, who is a CPS student. On November 7th, Knights assisted Bishop Baker during his book signing and prayer service, both in set up/clean up and in attendance. On November 11th, a few Knights drove to Jacksonville to assist with the K of C Soccer Challenge at St. Paul's Catholic Church. On November 12th, Knights and Ladies' Auxiliary members served coffee and donuts after the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. masses. On November 17th, Knights and the Ladies' Auxiliary partnered with the Cathedral Parish School for a Thanksgiving Program and Dinner Fundraiser for CPS. Our Council planned and cooked a delicious traditional Thanksgiving meal; CPS drama and music students performed the play "Stone Soup" for family and friends. Our Council also covered the cost of the performers' meals for the evening. Several trays of food were taken to St. Francis House for the homeless to enjoy and extra pies given to the CPS PTO for their Nights of Lights fundraiser the next evening. On November 20th, at our Souper Supper Social, Knights and Ladies' Auxiliary members heard an informative presentation about Estate Planning, given by William Edwards and arranged by Jim Booritch, our K of C Insurance Agent. This was part of our effort to include interesting programs at our monthly socials. At this social, Ladies' Auxiliary members brought crockpots full of soup, salads and bread for the meal. This was the first time we've done a meal like this and it was a huge hit! I couldn't be more proud of our Brother Knights in Council 611 that have stepped up and served!

Vivat Jesus,

Sk Frank Hill
Worthy Grand Knight



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

YOUTH SOCCER CHALLENGE

Congratulations to Florida State Council - Region 2 - 1st Place Winner of the Girls 11 year old age group Shea Poole and 2nd Place Winner of the Boys 9 year old age group John Mark Carres. Both are students at the Cathedral Parish School and were winners of the Council 611's Soccer Challenge. Special thank you to Deputy Grand Knight Andrew Butts and Grand Knight Frank Hil who spearheaded and volunteered at both the council soccer challenge and Region 2 soccer challenge, as well as Howard Naquin and Rick Salerno for volunteering.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

This past month Br. John Warden and Br. Tim Philips transferred their membership to Council 611. We are fortunate to have you in our council and look forward to many years of brotherhood and fellowship with you.

SPECIAL EVENING WITH BISHOP BAKER

Members of Council 611 attended a special book signing by Bishop Baker himself, the namesake of our council home, the Bishop Baker Center.



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.**

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 13)

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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LifeFest

(Saturday, November 4, 2023)

Members of Council 611 volunteered, prepared, cooked, sold and served hamburgers and hot dogs Saturday, November 4, 2023 from 10am to 2pm at the Mission grounds of the National Shrine of our Lady of La Leche. Special thank you to John Gillespie, Massimo Peters and Frank Hill for heading up the fundraiser and to all members that came out to volunteer.



Coffee & Donuts

(Sunday, November 12, 2023)

Members of Council 611 and the Ladies Auxiliary volunteered and served coffee and donuts, as well as, sold tickets to the Annual CPS Thanksgiving Dinner and Keep Christ in Christmas Magnets after the 9am and 11am masses at the Cathedral Basilica. Thank you to all the came out and volunteered.



Annual CPS & KofC Thanksgiving Dinner Fundraiser

(Friday, November 17, 2023)

First Florida Council 611 prepared and served a delicious traditional thanksgiving dinner to a packed Bishop Baker Center with over 170 in attendance. Everyone commented how much they enjoyed to dinner and CPS student performances. A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU to all those brother Knights and the Ladies Auxiliary that came out and worked so hard to make this a very successful event! This evening would not have been a success without your time and dedication!



Dinner guests were treated to a heartfelt performance of “Stone Soup” by the CPS drama students and angelic singing by the CPS choir. Special thanks to CPS teachers Mrs. Liberatore and Mrs. Russell, all the students and Deacon Bryan Ott!



The winner of the Nativity Set raffle
 Brother Bruce Hornick
 Congratulations!

Finally, GK Frank Hill and his wife, Linda delivered the leftovers the next morning to the nearby St Francis House and fed 40 homeless folks. We also donated three pies to the CPS PTO for their fundraiser later that evening.

“KofC Council 611 is so blessed to be able to provide an excellent meal, but also share our leftovers to a place in need and help CPS PTO. Blessings to all.” -- Grand Knight Frank Hill

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: Lhill1949@gmail.com

Ladies Auxiliary Officers

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





THE 4th DEGREE ASSEMBLED



Florida District – De Soto Province

Exemplification November 25, 2023, Catholic Church, Winter Garden, FL

The Assembly welcomed new members at a Thanksgiving Weekend tradition at the Patriotic Exemplification held in the Orlando at Resurrection Catholic Church, 1211 Winter Garden Vineland Road, Winter Garden, FL. The ceremony was at noon on Saturday, Nov. 25. The event also included a banquet following the ceremony; Vigil Mass; Ladies' Tea; and Patriotic Rosary.

The event honoree was SK Robert S. Urrutia of Davenport, the Immediate Past State Deputy, and a member of the Florida Exemplification Team.

The Assembly held its November Meeting at St. Anastasia Catholic Church on Monday, November 27, 2023

HOLIDAY PARTY

In lieu of a December business meeting, Assembly 0166 will attend 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. Tickets are \$15 per person or \$30 per family. Reservations MUST be made in advance by December 10th at www.kofc7121.org/christmas-dinner-rsvp

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

Name	Birthday
David C Griggs	11-02-1962
Mr Ryan J LaPorte	11-06-1970
Timothy J Constantine	11-12-1964
Jamie S Knox	11-15-1961
Randal John Larson	11-17-1956
Frederick J Wiseman	11-19-1935
Frederick Catalano	11-20-1956
Kurt A Milasi	11-21-1948
Gerard T Remy	11-22-1957
Daniel M Scorza	11-26-1990
Jon A Smith	11-26-1990

SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

Name	First Degree Date/ Re-entry Date	Years of Service
Edward F Kazmierski	11-01-1971	52
Rev. Philip R Gagan	11-01-1979	44
Conrad P Karway	11-01-1983	40
Thomas F Andreu	11-05-2007	16
Mr. Timothy L Phillips	11-29-2015	8
Michael Mausteller Jr	11-28-2019	4
Jesse S Monek	11-15-2021	2
Timothy R Miller	11-21-2022	1
John D Wharton	11-01-2023	0
Michael P Borzilleri	11-03-2023	0
Ronald T Roy	11-03-2023	0



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:

- † The father of Ryan LaPorte
- † Financial Secretary AJ McCaffery
- † The niece of Grand Knight Frank Hill
- † Brother knight Rick, for his surgery
- † Brother knight Tom, who is having his back worked on
- † The brother of Grand Knight Frank Hill, who suffers from PTSD
- † The cousin of brother knight Tom Pyle's wife, who has cancer
- † 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***

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29 Epic Cure Food Bank St. Benedict of Moor 8:30 – 10:30am	30	1	2 Advent Book Distribution After Mass Cathedral Basilica
3 Advent Book Distribution After each Mass Cathedral Basilica & St. Benedict the Moor	4 Business Mtng. 7pm Bishop Baker Ctr	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Epic Cure Food Bank St. Benedict of Moor 8:30 – 10:30am	14	15 4 th Degree Holiday Party 5 – 7pm Celebration Hall St. Anastasia Church	16
17	18 Monthly Social 6:30pm Bishop Baker Ctr	19	20	21	22	23
24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas	26 Officers Meeting TBA	27 Epic Cure Food Bank St. Benedict of Moor 8:30 – 10:30am	28	29	30
31 New Year's Eve	1 New Year's Day Business Meeting Rescheduled	2	3	4	5	6

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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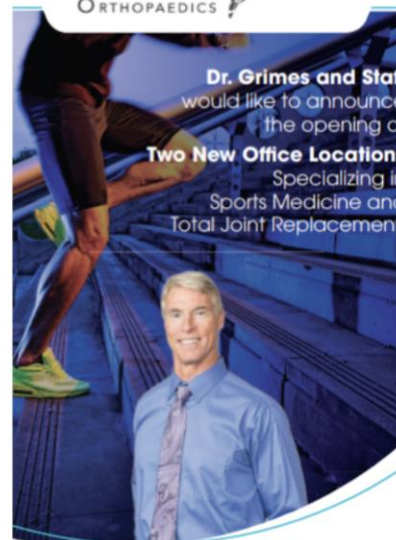
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