



# The Knightly News

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KNIGHT AND FAMILY OF THE MONTH		Council 611 Officers		
<p><b>Congratulations to:</b></p> <p><b>Tom Jackson</b> Knight of the Month</p> <p>(See Page 7)</p>		<p><b>The Dufresne Family</b> Family of the Month</p> <p>(See Page 7)</p>		
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## Council Picnic (Saturday, May 18, 2024)

Join Council 611 for our spring family picnic from 12 – 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 tennis, games, etc. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided, please bring a side dish or desert to share.

## Council Rosary & Communion (Sunday, May 19, 2024)

Join Council 611, their families and the parish for our Sunday Rosary Prayer & Corporate Mass. Pews will be reserved for all Knights and their guests at the front of the Cathedral Basilica beginning at 10:30am. The Knights will also be serving coffee & donuts in the rear courtyard at the Rectory and assisting in conducting tours.

## Monthly Council Social (Monday, May 20, 2024)

Join First Florida Council 611 for our monthly social with food and fellowship featuring guest speaker Kelly Wilson with St. Johns County Emergency Management 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, May 6, 2024. \*\*\*2024-2025 Council Officers Elections\*\*\***

Join us for guest speaker Jim Flood who will discuss cathedral renovations. Food will be served at 6:30pm. Located at 267 St. George Street. This is an In-person meeting.



## Message from the Worthy Grand Knight

The month of April was a busy one for Council 611. We immediately started the day after Easter Sunday with our monthly business meeting on April 1st (no fooling)! Council members increased their numbers in this year's Exodus 90 program, which deepened our commitment to our Faith through the disciplines of reading scripture, increasing prayer time, and reflection. I highly recommend this program to other Knights! On April 7th, program participants attended the 5pm. Mass, and then gathered in the courtyard behind the Cathedral for a culminating Exodus 90 experience- a cookout that the Parish Priests hosted. What a great celebration of Fellowship! Several Council members answered the call and are volunteering on the Cathedral Rectory Renovation Project by being on various committees that are raising awareness of and funding for the immediate needs of a building that has many parts untouched for 60 years. The Council hosted the Sisters of St. Joseph at our April Social. Representatives explained in detail the renovation and purpose of the St. Joseph Neighborhood Center. Their mission is to bring HOPE to Young Single Mothers. The Council was able to donate \$250 dollars in support of the Sisters project. The Sisters need volunteers for mentoring, grant writing and business partnerships. Council members that are in the 4th Degree attended funerals for two brothers that passed away as a Color Corp Honor Guard that leads the casket and clergy in and out of the church. Additionally, on April 23rd the council members that are 4th degree Color Corp attended the Mass and Dedication of the Mausoleum of the Innocents with Bishop Pohlmeier. The 4th degree led the Bishop's Procession before and after the ceremony. The Mausoleum is for miscarried babies. In May, there are three events to bring to your attention: On May 6th, Jim Flood, a Rectory Renovation Cabinet Member, will speak about the project and answer questions before our meeting that night. On May 18th, we will host our spring picnic in WGV. On May 20th, Kelly Wilson from St. Johns Emergency Management will present a program on Hurricane Preparedness.

May 12th is Mother's Day, as we attend mass on Mother's Day don't forget to offer prayers and gratitude for Mothers and Mother figures. We honor both individual mothers and motherhood to show our appreciation for the nurturing and caring qualities associated with motherhood, whether it's through acts of kindness, spending quality time with loved ones, or simply expressing gratitude.

Vivat Jesus,

Sk Frank Hill  
Worthy Grand Knight



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

## 2024 - 2025 Slate of Council Officers

As presented and nominated at the April 1, 2024 Council Business Meeting, our slate of officers for the Fraternal Year beginning July 1, 2024 will be as follows:

Grand Knight:	Frank Hill
Deputy Grand Knight:	Andy Butts
Chancellor:	Rich Speidel
Warden:	Shane O'Hara
Treasurer:	Tom Gehret
Recorder:	Carl Jacquet
Advocate:	Bruce Dufresne, PGK
Inside Guard:	Tom Kaczmarczyk
Outside Guard:	Scott Walters
Trustee 3 Year:	Howard Naquin

Trustee 2-Year & 1-Year will be Rick Salerno and Gabe Oti, PGK who are continuing their respective 3 and 2 year terms.

Lecturer is appointed by the Grand Knight and Financial Secretary is appointed by the Supreme Knight.

There are still opportunities to nominate a member from the floor at the Election on May 6, 2024 and there are also opportunities to serve as Directors and Chairman of any of the program committees, and non-officers are encouraged to volunteer!!

## CATHEDRAL KNIGHTS HELPING THOSE IN NEED!



Every other Wednesday of the month from 8:30 – 10:30am Cathedral Knights and our Ladies Auxiliary help distribute food to the local in need at the St. Nicholas Food Pantry at St. Benedict of Moor Church. Pictured left is our Worthy Grand Knight Frank Hill this past month.

In addition to helping distribute food items, The Ladies Auxiliary regularly collects and donates grocery bags to the Pantry to help offset their expenses allowing them to donate more food each month.



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## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The council has not only reached, but has more than DOUBLED its annual goal for the fraternal year. This makes Council 611 eligible for its first Double Star Council Award ever! This is proof that now more than ever, the Knights of Columbus offers our fellow catholic gentlemen what they are longing for: Strengthening their own Faith, Building up their Family in Christ, Providing Charity, 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](mailto: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 19)*

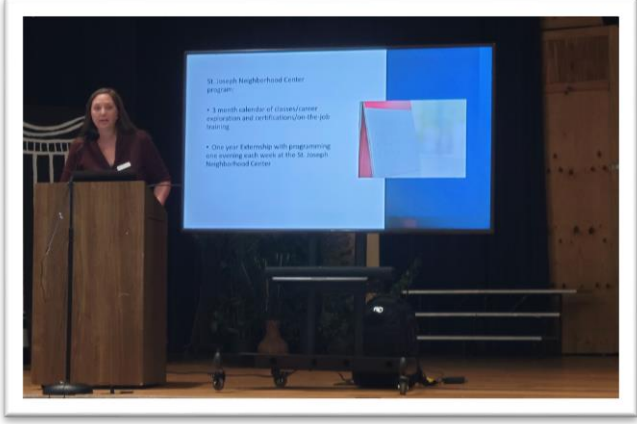
Did you know the number one reason catholic men do not join the Knights of Columbus is just simply because no one has ever asked them before?

Ask a catholic gentlemen you know that would make a great Knight to join today. ***It never has been easier to join!***

# Council Social

(Monday, April 15, 2024)

April's Council social featured guest speakers Sister Kathleen Carr (General Superior of the Sisters of St. Joseph of St. Augustine), and representatives from the St. Joseph Neighborhood Center Sister Stephanie Flynn (Executive Director), Sister Suzan Foster (Educational Program Director), Ms. Kristin Paul (Strategic and Operations Administrator), Ms. Phyllis Croucher (Mission Advancement Director) and Mr. Frank Castillo (Chief Operations Officer) presented and answered questions to the Knights and our guests on the progress in the renovations to the St Benedict the Moor schoolhouse and St Joseph Neighborhood Center. A ministry addressing critical needs of single mothers and "rebuilding our community through faith, hope, love and knowledge!" At the end of the presentation the Council donated \$250 to the center towards their efforts.



Submitted by Andrew Butts

## Precious Ones Mausoleum

Bishop Pohlmeier celebrated Mass and blessed the new Precious Ones Mausoleum at San Lorenzo Cemetery. The Knights of Columbus Color Corp escorted the Bishop and participated in the ceremony. The Mausoleum honors unborn babies and is a sacred place to help grieving families.



## Knights Committed to Rectory Renovation

Through their prayers, volunteer time and donations, your Cathedral Knights are committed to a successful renovation of the rectory. Brothers lead fundraising efforts, rectory tours, answer inquisitive questions and serve refreshments after Sunday Masses. All to spread the word of the crucial renovation project and provide a safe and restful place for clergy and parish staff.



## April Knight of the Month

Tom Jackson is the April Knight of the Month. Tom is an usher at St. Benedict the Moor Church in Lincolnton where he has been a life-long member. As a child, he attended the St. Benedict School, run by the Sisters of Saint Joseph. When the school closed its doors in 1968, he transferred to CPS. He went on to graduate from St. Joseph's Academy. Tom's life has been full of service to the church and the community. He is on the Board of Directors of Fort Mose, President of the St. Augustine Historical Society, member of a contingency of concerned citizens that recently met with legislators in Tallahassee to lobby for the Florida African American Museum to be located in St. Augustine, member of the MLK Celebration St. Johns County, Friends of St. Benedict the Moor School, Vice-President of West Augustine, and Co-Chair of the Relocate and Renovate the Beach House (the house where Martin Luther King stayed during a visit in the midst of the Civil Rights Movement. The home was shot at, with bullet holes still visible today!) Tom and his wife own an elderly care business in St. Augustine. Congratulations, Brother Tom!

## April Council Family of the Month

Bruce and Barb Dufresne are the Council's April Family of the Month. Bruce is a past Grand Knight of Council 611 and currently the Council's Advocate. Bruce provides sound advice and has the good of the Council in his heart. He is always ready to lend a helping hand in the kitchen, preparing or organizing the distribution of food at our fundraisers, Council meetings and socials. Bruce's recipe for breaded fish is legendary. Bruce's wife, Barb, recently finished OCIA and officially entered the Church on Easter Sunday 2024, with Bruce being by her side every step along the way despite a recent knee replacement! Bruce and Barb then received their Holy Vows of Matrimony in the Cathedral after her acceptance in the church. Barb has attended many of our monthly meetings, socials and picnics for several years, always providing delicious food along the way! Regular attendees at the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Masses at the Cathedral, Bruce and Barb exemplify the meaning of Family and Faith. Congratulations Dufresne's!

# 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 Moore and are in continuous need of donated grocery bags to package the donated food to distribute to individuals.

For donations, please contact ladies auxiliary president Linda Hill or bring donations to any Council meeting and/or social event.

## 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](mailto: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 4<sup>th</sup> DEGREE ASSEMBLED



### NEXT ASSEMBLY MEETING

The next Assembly Meeting will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of May 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. March'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](mailto:cgallo1011@gmail.com)

**Meetings every 4th Monday of the Month at 7pm, location TBA each month**

**BIRTHDAYS**

Name	Birthday
Donald A Crichlow	04-03-
Bruce W Hornik	04-03-
Allen J McCaffery III	04-06-
Ronald D Mickler	04-14-
Michael J Hesson	04-18-
Thomas J Pyle	04-19-
George A Edwards	04-20-
Deacon James J White IV	04-25-
John F Bradshaw Iii	04-29-

**SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES**

Name	First Degree Date/ Re-entry Date	Years of Service
Darrell R Poli	04-01-1980	44
Dr Leopoldo B Gonzalez Md	04-01-1996	28
Charles D Binninger	04-07-1997	27
John B Gillespie	04-11-2004	20
Edmundo Ervas Don	04-02-2007	17
Kenneth R Trengrove	04-02-2007	17
Robert Santo Billoni	04-15-2010	14
Allen J McCaffery III	04-14-2011	13
Richard W Speidel	04-10-2013	11
Nestor R Lopez	04-06-2015	9
Jon A Smith	04-06-2015	9
Rev Carlos M Sosa-Ortiz	04-25-2015	9
Rev. Mackenzie J Hill	04-02-2018	6
Dr James M Grimes	04-01-2019	5
Tom M Kaczmarczyk	04-09-2019	5
Rev. Inna Reddy Yeruva	04-30-2019	5
Nicolas R Fortney	04-16-2023	1
Joseph P Regan	04-17-2023	1



## 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:

- † Fr. Conrad, with stage 5 dementia
- † A dear friend of the Grand Knight, with colon cancer
- † District Warden Brian Foy, who has 3rd stage prostate cancer
- † Wife of Worthy District Deputy, Robert Billoni
- † Deacon Chuck
- † Fr. Jeff
- † Prayers for Pope Francis and Bishop Pohlmeier.
- † Prayers for our Cathedral priests, deacons, and lay ministers.
- † Prayer for the unrest in Isreal
- † 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***

# May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30 Officers Meeting TBA	1 St. Nicholas Food Pantry St. Benedict of Moor 8:30 – 10:30am	2	3	4
5	6 Business Mtng. 7pm Bishop Baker Ctr  Guest Speaker Jim Flood Cathedral Renovations	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 St. Nicholas Food Pantry St. Benedict of Moor 8:30 – 10:30am	16	17	18 Council Picnic 12 – 4pm World Golf Village King & Bear Poolside Pavilion
19 Rosary & Communion 10:30am Cathedral Basilica  Coffee & Donuts After 9 & 11am masses Rear Courtyard Cathedral Basilica	20 Council Social 7pm Bishop Baker Ctr  Guest Speaker Kelly Wilson St. Johns County Emergency Management	21	22	23	24 Florida State Council Annual Meeting Hyatt Regency Orlando, FL	25 Florida State Council Annual Meeting Hyatt Regency Orlando, FL
26 Florida State Council Annual Meeting Hyatt Regency Orlando, FL	27 4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting 7pm TBA	28 Officers Meeting TBA	29	30	31	1
2	3 Business Mtng. 7pm Bishop Baker Ctr	4	5 St. Nicholas Food Pantry St. Benedict of Moor 8:30 – 10:30am	6	7	8

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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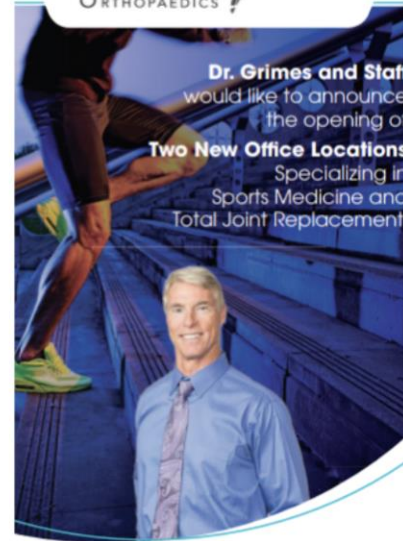
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