



The Knightly News

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Valentine's Dinner Dance (Saturday, February 8, 2024)

Join First Florida Council 611 for our annual Valentine's Fundraiser benefiting Special Olympics Florida. Catered by Carrabba's, live music by Southern Style Local Band

For more information, contact SK Frank Hill at (812)249-0038 or rsvp@kofc611.org

Monthly Council Social (Monday, February 17, 2024)

Join First Florida Council 611 for our monthly social with food and fellowship featuring our Installation of Officers 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

Coffee & Donuts (Sunday, February 23, 2024)

First Florida Council 611 will be spreading faith and fellowship to our parish after the 9am & 11am masses in the north courtyard of the Cathedral Basilica.

Please wear your council polo and show your council pride!

THE NEXT GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD:

7:00PM in the Bishop Baker Center on Monday, March 3, 2024. Food will be served at 6:30pm.

Located at The Bishop Baker Center, 267 St. George Street.

ALWAYS CARRY A FORM 100 HANDY!



Message from the Worthy Grand Knight

January 2025 Summary of events

Council 611 took part in the yearly layout of the cross placement at Mission Nombre De Dios on January 3rd and then on January 4th helped place the crosses in their respective positions.

January 15th the exemplification team exemplified a new member, he is Claude Fiori, Claude is not a stranger to the council his St. Augustine Trivia Ministry has provide the council trivia night for several years. Welcome Claude and his wife Jane to our family of Knights.

Brother Dennis McCarthy was selected to be one of forty bagpipe players for the Presidential Inauguration in Washington DC.

January 24th, members of Council 611 helped take the crosses down at the Mission grounds and transport them in their trucks to St. Gerard campus and unloaded them in the storage building in the morning then Council members went to CPS and held a basketball challenge. The winners will move on to the regional.

On Sunday January 26th the council served coffee and donuts after the 9am and 11am masses then went over to the CPS Chowder Fest and worked on the trash can patrol. Another busy month in the books!

Vivat Jesus,

Sk Frank Hill
Worthy Grand Knight



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Supreme Chaplain Arch Bishop Lori's Challenge

Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." (Lk 5:5)

Be strong in your faith. We can relate to Peter's experience. Sometimes, we work tirelessly at something and fail at our task and seemingly accomplish nothing. But Peter finds over whelming success when he listens to Jesus. This scenario may remind us of the psalmist's words: "Unless the Lord build the house, they labor in vain who build" (Ps 127:1). In everything we do, let's always seek to do God's will. Then, no matter the outcome, we will not have worked in vain. This month, begin each day by offering all your efforts to God. Don't be afraid to "lower the nets" and entrust your efforts to God.



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Welcoming our newest Knight!

Please welcome Claude Fiori of the St Augustine Ministry of Trivia. A reverent evening of prayer at St Benedict the Moor. God bless you, Brother!



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MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

The council exemplified eleven new members to date to kick off the new fraternal year. 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. Richard W. Speidel at rspeidel@wcatech.com

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!***

Knight of the Month

(January 2025)

Br. Ron Roy

Ron Roy is Council 611's January Knight of the Month, Ron shows up early to help set up the Bishop Baker Center before our Council Business Meeting, volunteers at the St. Nicholas Food Pantry by setting up and helping the elderly carry their groceries to their cars. Ron transports the extra food to Port in the Storm which supports homeless young adults of St. Augustine. RON AND HIS WIFE Stella, volunteer one Thursday a month at Dining with Dignity, which feeds the homeless. Ron and his wife Stella help at CPS fundraisers. He is a Eucharistic minister at the 9am mass. Ron is an asset to the council; he epitomizes what truly is a person that gives back to his community.

Family of the Month

(January 2025)

The Wharton Family

David and Mary Wharton are Council 611's Family of the Month for January. David and Mary were instrumental in the Rectory Renovation project. They faithfully attend mass, and Mary is a member of the Eucharistic Ministry. Mary teaches financial skills at ST. Gerard's campus. David has been a Knight for 9 years and helped carry the First Florida Council 611 banner in the St. James Procession from the Castillo de San Marcos in time for the Bishop to celebrate a special mass for the Feast of St. James Mass which opened the Camino de la Unidad and Alliance of Cathedrals to the Cathedral. This kind and loving couple's devotion to their faith is shown through their works.

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Ladies Auxiliary

DONATIONS REQUESTED

The Ladies Auxiliary is requesting that you donate your used plastic grocery bags for 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, however, St. Nicolas Food Bank must provide the shopping bags to bag up and distribute the food to individuals the cost to purchase new bags is very costly.

For donations, please contact the Ladies Auxiliary President, Linda Hill or bring your 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 0166.

Any practicing women, 18 years and older, who are 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 the 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



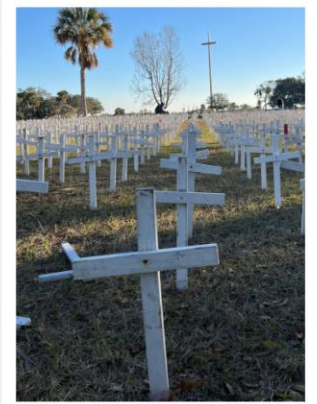
Saints Shooting Hoops!

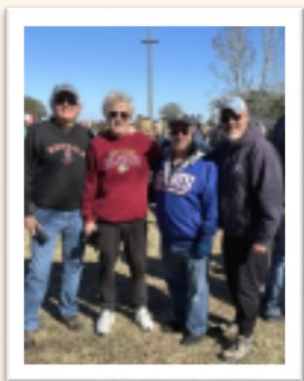
We sponsored a Basketball Free Throw Championship at CPS where students competed shooting baskets. One player sank 13 of 15 shots! Special thanks to Coach Josh Stewart who helped corral students and ensured all players got a chance to shoot. Congratulations champions!



Respecting St Gerard Campus' Hope & Healing

After displaying for 21 days, First Florida Council 611 helped remove crosses at Mission Nombre de Dios. **We choose Life!** God bless you, Brothers!





Knights Chowder Fest Crew

The Council's stupendous Sanitation Engineers braved cold and high winds supporting Cathedral Parish School's 2nd Annual Chowder Fest at the Mission Nombre de Dios. Well done, Knights!

Coffee-Donuts Evangelization!

Thanks for stop ping by and grabbing an enjoyable hot cup of coffee and a scrumptious donut...or two. Every fourth Sunday of the month we have fun serving and talking to our parishioners and visitors. God bless you!





Valentine Dance!

February 8th (Saturday)
Dinner 6:00pm Dance 7:00pm



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by Southern
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Band

Single tickets for \$30 and
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RSVP at rsvp@kofc611.org
or contact Frank Hill at
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St Patrick's Day Trivia Night!!!



March 15th (Saturday)
Dinner 6:00pm to 7:00pm
Awesome Trivia 7:00pm to 9:00pm

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

\$\$\$ Prizes, 50/50, Leprechaun Pot of Gold Raffle \$\$\$

**\$25 gets you Corned Beef/Cabbage Dinner
plus Trivia (\$45 for two)**

Reserve team tables of 6 for only \$120!!

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



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Tickets are \$5 each and the
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St Patrick's Day Trivia Night

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THE 4th DEGREE ASSEMBLED



Next Assembly Meeting

The next Assembly Meeting will be held on the 4th Monday 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. This month's meeting location is to be announced. Please watch for an email from our Worthy Faithful Navigator, Sir Knight Chris Gallo, 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

Name	Birthday
Ryan D Olschewske	01-06-1970
Andrew D Graham	01-09-1993
Patrick E Shipley	01-09-1943
Stephen B Hill	01-10-1963
Edward C Ludwig Iv	01-10-1965
Rev Terence A Smith	01-11-1948
Terrence A Gorman	01-12-1976
Mark S Wright	01-13-1954
Charles H Peterson	01-14-1947
Scott V Walters	01-19-1959
Charles P Broglio	01-23-1946
Conrad P Karway	01-25-1941
Mr. Timothy L Phillips	01-27-1966
Carl J Savoia	01-28-1945
Carl R Jacquet	01-31-1971

SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

Name	First Degree Date/ Re-entry Date	Years of Service
Frank A Hill	01-01-1977	48
Gerard T Remy	01-01-1985	40
John P Holman	01-18-1999	26
William Murphy Jr	01-26-2005	20
Gregory Patrick Maguire	01-15-2014	11
Thomas N Gehret	01-18-2015	10
Todd A Miller	01-25-2018	7
Timothy J Constantine	01-10-2022	3
Shane M O'Hara	01-04-2023	2

WEDDING ANNISVERSARIES

Name	Date	Wife's Name
Frank A Hill	01-08-1977	Linda Hill



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:

- † AJ's Wife's Grandmother—in hospital
- † Gabe's Friend
- † Janice, Andy's wife's mother, pending surgery
- † Colonel Eric Colon, deployed overseas in a combat zone
- † Jack's wife, pending
- † Those injured or suffered loss in Hurricane Helene
- † The unborn—continued prayers and in thanks for the defeat of Amendment 4
- † New Baby, Antonio Lorenzo, son of Rich's friend
- † Tom Deluxe—in thanks for his return
- † Bruce Dufresne—Gall Bladder
- † Gabe's wife—abdominal surgery
- † Tom Gehret's Continued recovery
- † AJ's Mother—at home, now, but needs continued healing
- † Those responding to help others from Helene and other storms, particularly our First Responders and military personnel
- † Ryan LaPorte's Father: Having treatments for cancer
- † Tom Gehret, his brother, and his brother's daughter
- † Mike Borzilleri's Mother
- † Frank Hill's Brother
- † Allen McCaffery—
- † AJ's Aunt Audrey: Back surgery
- † AJ's Friend, Josh Brown, recovering from a car accident
- † Prayers for AJ and his move and renovation of his Aunt's house

***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***

February

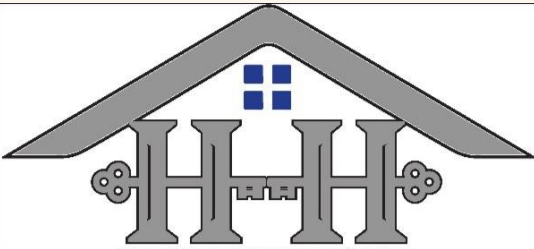
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3 Business Mtng. 7pm Bishop Baker Ctr	4	5 St. Nicholas Food Pantry St. Benedict of Moor 8:30 – 10:30am	6	7	8 Valentine's Dinner Dance
9	10	11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15
16	17 Council Social 7pm Bishop Baker Ctr	18	19 St.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