



Father Jeremiah F. Treacy Assembly 0004

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- January is the Month of the Holy Name of Jesus

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Notes from the Navigator



Worthy Sir Knights,

I hope you all had a wonderful Advent season, and my heartfelt best wishes for the New Year! Make a resolution this new year to reach out to your loved ones and let them know just how much they really mean to you – you never know if it may be your last chance before they're called home to our Father.

Please respond to your dues assessment. You should have received a billing in your email accounts. You can submit your payment at one of our assembly meetings or mailing directly to our Faithful Comptroller, Kerry Doughty or me. Our annual dues are

\$25. We value your membership as a Sir Knight, so if you are experiencing financial hardship, please contact the Faithful Comptroller or me, and we will handle your situation with the utmost discretion.

As always, I know that you all do good works in your parishes and communities. Please remember to turn in your volunteer hours so we can track those throughout the year. It makes it easier to submit our report, which I'll be turning in the 10th of January, so make sure I have your 2016 hours before then. Thank you for all that you do!

Rick Hycoop, Faithful Navigator

Month of the Holy Name of Jesus



The month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus, which is celebrated on January 3. The first nine days of January fall during the liturgical season known as Christmas which is represented by the liturgical color white. The remaining days of January are the beginning of Ordinary Time. The liturgical color changes to green — a symbol of the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection.

Prayer in Honor of the Most Holy Name of Jesus

O Divine Jesus, Thou hast promised that anything we ask of the Eternal Father in Thy name shall be granted.

O Eternal Father, In the name of Jesus, for the love of Jesus, in fulfillment of this promise, and because Jesus has said it, grant us our petitions for the sake of Jesus, Thy Divine Son.
Amen.

December Sir Knight of the Month

Last month, we recognized Sir Knight George Jobczynski, as our Sir Knight of the month for his tireless volunteer services in our Assembly and the military community at large. Sir Knight Jobczynski quietly works behind the scenes to ensure that we support the Floyd E Tut Fann VA Home here in Huntsville. He keeps the assembly informed of our veterans' status who live at the Home as well as the status of his council 4080.

Our Assembly has allotted a \$50 donation to be forwarded to the charity of the award winner's name. Sir Knight Jobczynski's donation is going to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

If you would like to nominate someone for the Sir Knight of the month award, please let me know with a short description of why you think that person deserves to be recognized. Yes, it really is that easy!



Assembly Volunteer Hours for 2016

Volunteer Hours are capture by calendar year and are reported to Supreme each January in the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities, Form 1728. Hours are separated by category as follows:

- Church
- Community
- Youth
- Habitat for Humanity
- Culture of Life
- VAVS (Veteran Affairs Volunteer Services)
- Food for Families
- Special Olympics
- Miscellaneous

This form also tracks the number of blood donations and the number of visits to the sick or bereaved. If you do any volunteer activity, so visit someone who is sick or comfort someone who is grieving a loss, please let me know so I can roll it up in our report.

The table on the right shows what I've captured so far for 2016.

<u>Categories</u>	
Church	316.2
Community	246.35
Youth	36
Habitat for Humanity	
Culture of Life	104.5
VAVS	
Food for families	
Special Olympics	
Miscellaneous	56
	759.05

# of visits to the sick	5
# of visits for bereavement	5
# of blood donations	4
# of Habitat for Humanity projects	

Preparing for Lent 2017

February 28th is Fat Tuesday, Mardi Gras, which makes March 1st Ash Wednesday.

The Fridays of Lent are: March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; April 7

Good Friday is April 14th

Assembly 0004 will perform the Fish Fries at Good Shepherd Catholic Church on March 10, 24, and April 7.

Council 11672 will perform the Fish Fries at Good Shepherd Catholic Church on March 3, 17, and 31.

The net will be split as has been done in the past Lenten seasons.

January Schedule of Events

January 1st - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
 January 2nd - Council 11672 Monthly Meeting
 7:30 at Good Shepherd
 January 8th - Council 11672 at Good Shepherd
 8:30-10:30am Monthly Breakfast
 January 12th - Assembly 0004 Monthly Meeting
 7:00pm at Holy Spirit
 January 13th - Council 4080 Monthly Meeting
 7:30 at St. Mary of the Visitation

January 15th - Council 764 Monthly Breakfast
 8:00-11:00 am at Holy Spirit
 January 16th - Council 764 Monthly Meeting
 7:00pm at Holy Spirit
 January 16th - Council 11672 Officer's Meeting
 7:00pm at Good Shepherd
 January 19th - Council 16248 Monthly Meeting
 7:00pm at Queen of the Universe



January Happenings

February Schedule of Events

February 6th - Council 11672 Monthly Meeting
 7:30 at Good Shepherd
 February 9th - Assembly 0004 Monthly Meeting
 7:00pm at Holy Spirit
 February 10th - Council 4080 Monthly Meeting
 7:30pm at St. Mary of the Visitation
 February 12th - Council 11672 Monthly Breakfast
 8:30-10:30am at Good Shepherd
 February 14th - Valentine's Day

February 16th - Council 16428 Monthly Meeting
 7:00pm at Queen of the Universe
 February 19th - Council 764 Monthly Breakfast
 8:00-11:00am at Holy Spirit
 February 20th - President's Day
 February 20th - Council 764 Monthly Meeting
 7:00pm at Holy Spirit
 February 21st - Council 11672 Officer's Meeting
 7:00pm at Good Shepherd
 February 28th - Mardi Gras



February Happenings

March Schedule of Events

March 1st - Ash Wednesday
 March 6th - Council 11672 Monthly Meeting
 7:30 at Good Shepherd
 March 9th - Assembly 0004 Monthly Meeting
 7:00pm at Holy Spirit
 March 10th - Assembly 0004 Lenten Fish Fry
 at Good Shepherd Catholic Church
 March 10th - Council 4080 Monthly Meeting
 7:30pm at St. Mary of the Visitation
 March 11th - St. Patrick's Parade
 10:30am at Lot K on Clinton Ave.

March 12th - Council 11672 Monthly Breakfast
 8:30-10:30am at Good Shepherd
 March 16th - Council 16428 Monthly Meeting
 7:00pm at Queen of the Universe
 March 17th - St. Patrick's Day
 March 19th - Council 764 Monthly Breakfast
 8:00-11:00am at Holy Spirit
 March 20th - Council 764 Monthly Meeting
 7:00pm at Holy Spirit
 March 21st - Council 11672 Officer's Meeting
 7:00pm at Good Shepherd
 March 24th - Assembly 0004 Lenten Fish Fry
 at Good Shepherd Catholic Church



March Happenings

Reverend Louis R. Giardino (1949 - 2016)

January 20, 1949 – December 23, 2016

Reverend Louis R. Giardino, 67, of Huntsville died peacefully on Friday, December 23, 2016. Father Louis was the Pastor of Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Huntsville. Father Louis was born on January 20, 1949 in Memphis, TN and his family moved to Birmingham, AL when he was a child. In 1963 Father Louis attended Saint Mary's College and High School in Lebanon, KY; in 1969 he attended Saint Joseph's Seminary in Covington, LA where he received a B.A.; he then attended Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans, LA and received a M.Div. Father Louis was ordained to the Catholic Priesthood on May 24, 1975 by Bishop Joseph G. Vath and served in many parishes in Birmingham and Huntsville as a priest for the Catholic Diocese of Birmingham. He was initially assigned to Our Lady of Sorrows in Homewood and then to Our Lady of Lourdes in Huffman as Associate Pastor. He was Administrator of Our Lady, Queen of the Universe and Sacred Heart in Birmingham. He was assigned Pastor of Saint Aloysius in Bessemer. In 1998 he moved to Huntsville and became the Pastor of Holy Spirit and then in 2006 he became the Pastor of Good Shepherd Church. Father Louis also studied Canon Law at Catholic University of America in Washington DC and served in the Diocesan Tribunal as Defender of the Bond, Judge and Associate Judicial Vicar. He also served as Chief Financial Officer for the Diocese of Birmingham. Father Louis served on The Presbyteral Council, Finance Council and The College of Consultors. He was active in Engaged Encounter, taught at John Carroll Catholic High School and was a founding member of the Cursillo movement. Father Louis was instrumental in the founding of Pope Saint John Paul II Catholic High School in Huntsville and has been on its Board since the school's inception. He also



taught and served as chaplain to the School. Father Louis loved being a priest and serving the People of God. He also enjoyed golf, Elvis, gospel music and reading. Father Louis was preceded in death by his parents, Louis J. and Martha, as well as his sister, Elizabeth (Sissy). He is survived by his nephew J.R. Griffith (Nicolli) and their two children and his niece Elizabeth Griffith and her two children. Visitation will be Monday, December 26th at Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Huntsville from 4pm-7pm with a Wake Service at 7pm. The funeral Mass will be Tuesday, December 27th at I am at the Cathedral of Saint Paul, in Birmingham. Burial will be at Elmwood Cemetery. (www.laughlinservice.com) In lieu of flowers please make donations to Pope Saint John Paul II High School 7301 Old Madison Pike Huntsville, AL 35806.

John V. Refieuna (1946-2016)

FOOTPRINTS

One night a man had a dream. He was walking along the beach with the Lord, and across the sky flashed scenes from his life. In each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one made by him and the other by the Lord.

When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked at the footprints in the sand and noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the worst times of his life.

This bothered him, so he asked the Lord about it. "Lord, You said that once I decided to follow You, You'd walk with me all the way. But I've noticed that during times of trouble there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why You left me when I needed You most."

The Lord replied, "My precious child, I love you and would never leave you. During your times of trouble where you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I was carrying you."

Author Unknown

IN MEMORY OF

John V. Refieuna

DATE OF BIRTH

December 16, 1946

DATE OF DEATH

December 12, 2016

PLACE AND TIME OF SERVICE

Laughlin Service Funeral Home Chapel

Friday, December 16, 2016

11:00 a.m.

IMMEDIATE FAMILY

Wife : Cindy Refieuna

Son: Michael Refieuna

Daughter: Karen Refieuna

Father Jeremiah F. Treacy

Missionary, Army Chaplain, Founding Priest & Pastor of St. Mary of the Visitation Church

This article, written by Lynda Walker published in the Spring 2016 *The Angels Voice* newsletter, is reprinted with the permission of the Huntsville Pilgrimage Association and the Angels of Maple Hill Newsletter Committee.

Father Jeremiah F. Treacy (1825-1888) was born in Drogheda, Ireland in 1825. He arrived in the United States with his parents in 1836 settling in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Jeremiah began his seminary studies at an early age, becoming an ordained priest in 1850 and receiving his first assignment at the Cathedral of St. Raphael in Dubuque, Iowa (1850-1851).

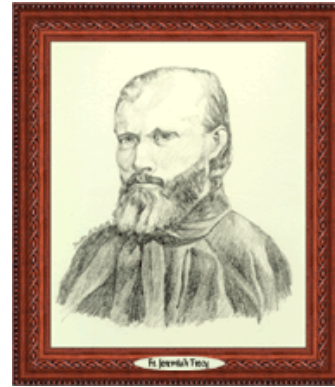
From 1851-1860 Father Treacy was actively performing missionary work in Nebraska and Iowa for the new settlers. This strenuous traveling and labors took a toll on Jeremiah's health. He requested and received permission from the Bishop to go where the climate was less harsh. He traveled South spending some time in New Orleans before continuing on to Mobile.

It is believed that Father Treacy arrived in Huntsville in late 1860 or early 1861. Bishop John Quinlan of Mobile sent Treacy to North Alabama to survey the needs of Catholics in Huntsville and the surrounding area. He found many Catholics who were scattered and neglected. He resolved to help them in building a church.

Father Treacy was able to secure financial backing for the church with the assistance of James J. Donegan and Huntsville citizens of every type. Protestants, Jewish rabbis, doctors, judges, lawyers, business owners, and farmers made monetary pledges of \$3,048 for the building of the church. Property was acquired from John A. Erwin and construction of the church started in the summer of 1861 as the Civil War began. The church cornerstone was laid in the fall of 1861 and work progressed to the windows on the main story before the rebellion caused a suspension of the work on the church.

During the Civil War, Father worked in hospitals, army camps, and on the battlefields to minister to the sick and wounded. He was kept busy hearing confessions, giving instructions, and attending to the physical and spiritual needs of the soldiers. On the battlefield he carried with him two canteens, one containing whiskey and the other water. The whiskey was for the poor soul who was preparing himself for eternity. The water was for the purpose of baptism. Father Treacy provided assistance to all wounded soldiers, regardless of their religion or allegiance in the war.

After the surrender of the Confederate Armies, Father Treacy returned to Huntsville where he set about repairing and completing Saint Mary of the Visitation Church. Because the funds



(Confederate money) donated for the church construction were now worthless, Father was given permission in 1865 and 1866 to solicit funding from Catholic churches in northern states. Construction began again on the church in the summer of 1866.

Sometime in 1867, Father Treacy's family moved to Huntsville. Family members included Jeremiah's mother, uncle, sister and her husband, and two nephews. Several of these family members made Huntsville their permanent home and are buried in the Treacy family plot in Maple Hill.

Father Treacy continued to oversee the church construction and minister to the Saint Mary's parishioners from 1867-1872. He left Huntsville in 1872 before the completion of the church and served in several mission churches around Mobile. He was permanently assigned to the church in Bayou La Batre in 1873 until his health failed.

Father became a patient in the Alexian Brother's Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri in 1882. He remained there until his death on March 5, 1888. His body was brought to Huntsville by train for burial in Maple Hill Cemetery (March 9, 1888). The Treacy burial plot and monument can be found in (Block 15) of Maple Hill. This block has been referred to as the Catholic Section of the cemetery.

- More information about Father Treacy's ministry and travels as an Army Chaplain during the Civil War can be found in *A Mighty Fortress of Faith (A History of St. Mary of the Visitation 1861-2011)*

2016 Assembly Christmas Potluck

Photos courtesy of Sir Knight Benny Concepcion

Assembly 0004 participated in corporate communion celebrating the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Thursday, December 8th. Following Mass, Sir Knights and their families continued the celebration with a Christmas potluck. Plenty of food, drink, and fellowship - a good time shared by all!







Good Shepherd Catholic Church

13550 Chaney Thompson Road
 (256) 882-1844
<http://www.goodshephsv.org>
 Home to Council 11672
Council11672.weebly.com

Mass Schedule:

Saturday	5:30 PM
Sunday	8:30 AM
	11:00 AM



Holy Spirit Catholic Church

625 Airport Road, Huntsville
 (256) 881-4781
<http://holyspirithsv.com/>
 Home to Council 764 and Assembly 0004
Assembly0004.weebly.com

Mass Schedule:

Saturday	5:00 PM
Sunday	7:30 AM
	9:00 AM
	11:45 AM



Most Merciful Jesus

Coming Soon to Segers Lane, Madison
 (Currently holding weekend Masses at Mill
 Creek Elementary School, Madison)
<http://www.mostmercifuljesuschurch.org>

Mass Schedule:

Saturday	5:30 PM
Sunday	7:30 AM
	9:00 AM
	11:45 AM



Our Lady of the Valley

376 Goss Road, Redstone Arsenal
 (256) 842-2175
<http://www.garrison.redstone.army.mil/smores.aspx?keyid=2567&showtype=2#>

Mass Schedule:

Saturday	5:00 PM
Sunday	9:00 AM



Our Lady, Help of Christians

1201 Kingsbury Ave SE, Huntsville
 (256) 801-9157
<http://ourladyhelpofchristians-al.org>

Traditional Latin Mass Schedule:

Sundays Only
 Low Mass 8:00 AM
 High Mass 10:00 AM

Our Lady, Queen of the Universe

2421 Shady Lane, Huntsville
 (256) 852-0788
<http://www.olqu.org/home.php>
 Home to Council 16248

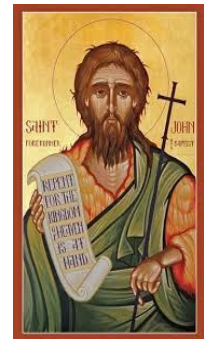
Mass Schedule:
 Saturday 5:00 PM
 Sunday 9:00 AM
 11:30 AM



St. John the Baptist

1055 Hughes Road, Madison
 (256) 722-0130
<http://www.stjohnbchurch.org>
 Home to Council 10232 and Assembly 2420
madison-kc.org

Mass Schedule:
 Saturday 5:30 PM
 Sunday 7:00 AM
 8:30 AM
 11:30 AM
 5:30 PM



St. Joseph's

2300 Beasley Ave. NW, Huntsville
 (256) 534-8459
<http://saintjosephcc.com>

Mass Schedule:
 Saturday 5:00 PM
 Sunday 8:15 AM
 11:15 AM



St. Mary of the Visitation

222 Jefferson St. N, Huntsville
 (256) 536-6349
<http://www.smvparish.org>
 Home to Council 4080

Mass Schedule:
 Saturday 5:30 PM
 Sunday 8:00 AM
 11:00 AM



Fourth Degree Exemplification February 18, 2017 Honoring: Sir Knight Ronnie Holmes

Hosted By: Bishop Joseph G. Bath Assembly 2302
Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church
5510 Double Oak Lane
Birmingham, AL 35242

Schedule of Events

12:00 PM — Registration
1:30 PM — Exemplification
4:30 PM — Mass at Our Lady of the Valley
6:00 PM — Reception, Banquet, and Presentation of
Certificates

Information for Candidate

Candidate fee to participate is \$70.00

- This includes suspender type Social Baldric
- 4th Degree Membership Pin
- Certificate suitable for framing
- One Banquet Ticket
- **Each additional banquet ticket will be \$30.00**

Dress Code

Candidates (including Deacons) must be in complete formal dress as described below:
Short black tuxedo with notched lapel (no peak tipped lapels are allowed); white, front pleated tuxedo shirt with lay down collar; black bow tie; black cummerbund; black circular button studs and cufflinks; black socks; and black dress shoes



Dress Code Exceptions (for candidates)

Military - Dress Uniform or tuxedo
Police and Firemen - Formal Dress Uniforms or tuxedo
Priests - Regular Clerical Dress
Seminarians - Dark Suit and Tie or Seminarian Collar with Black Suit

Dress Code for Others

4th Degree Members/Observers

Black tuxedo with social baldric during ceremony. Dark Suit with tie is acceptable for banquet

Honor Guard

Regalia for ceremony — complete tuxedo, white gloves, and swords

Flag Bears

No Swords

Color Guard Escorts

Regalia for ceremony — complete tuxedo, white gloves, and swords



PLEASE NOTE:

In order to insure certificates and programs are correct, we ask that a completed form 4 and all funds be received **no later than**

February 10, 2017

This also includes payment for banquet guests.

Make checks payable to:
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And mail to:
375 County Road 558 Enterprise, AL 36330

For additional information, please contact District Master, Stephen Koach

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In Service to One, In Service to All

From the moment of our founding in 1882, charity has been the first principle of the Knights of Columbus. We are men of faith and men of action.

In 2014, we set new records in charitable giving for the 16th consecutive year. Our charitable contributions increased in 2014 by more than \$3.4 million over the previous year to a record \$173,550,680. In addition, we achieved our highest level of charitable service, volunteering more than 71.5 million hours. The number of service hours contributed by members rose in 2014 by more than a million hours over the 2013 total, with each member donating nearly a full workweek on average.

Our charitable activities encompass an almost infinite variety of local, national and international projects. From international charitable partnerships with Special Olympics, the Global Wheelchair Mission and Habitat for Humanity to our own Food for Families and Coats for Kids projects and other purely local charities, the opportunity to work together with fellow Knights and their families is virtually endless.

We undertake these acts of charity because we see those in need through the eyes of faith. Moreover, in the Knights of Columbus, we approach these acts of charity together. Pope Benedict XVI calls this the "practice of love...as a community."

If you'd like to be a part of an international organization of more than 1.9 million Catholic men whose principal work involves helping others in need, we'd like to meet you and invite you to join us.

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The Patriot Degree

On February 22, 1900, the first exemplification of this degree was held in New York City. The ritual added patriotism to the three original principles of the Order: charity, unity and fraternity. Any Third Degree member in good standing, one year after the anniversary of his First Degree, was eligible for membership in the Fourth Degree. Currently, any member of the Third Degree in good standing, regardless how long he has been a Knight, may join the



Fourth Degree. The primary purpose of the Fourth Degree is to foster the spirit of patriotism by promoting responsible citizenship and a love of and loyalty to the Knights' respective countries through active membership in local Fourth Degree groups called assemblies. Fourth Degree members must retain their membership as Third Degree members in the local council to remain in good standing.