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- May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary

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Notes from the Navigator

Worthy Sir Knights,

What a wonderful and busy Lent and Easter Season it has been! Thank you to everyone who supported this season with the various fish fries, honor guards, exemplification support, or whatever you did.

We have another exemplification in Enterprise, AL on June 10th, so if you know of anyone who wants to become a 4th degree, but couldn't make the exemplification here, tell them to contact me or their Grand Knight.

Remember that elections will be held for the 2017-2018 Assembly officers at

this month's business meeting. Be sure to come and vote for the Sir Knights you'd like leading our Assembly.

May 2017

Final membership dues notices will be going out soon. For those of you who have paid your dues, thank you. If you haven't, please do so. 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. Thank you for all that you do!

Rick Hycoop, Faithful Navigator

May Devotion - the Blessed Virgin Mary



The month of May is the "month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady," and it is the occasion for a moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world pay to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance"

The Blessed Virgin Mary is the Mother of the Church and therefore the example, as well as the guide and inspiration, of everyone who, in and through the Church, seeks to be the servant of God and man and the obedient agent of the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

In our observance of the Marian month we should take into account the season of the Liturgical Year which largely corresponds with the fifty days of Easter. Our pious exercises could emphasize Our Lady's participation in the Paschal mystery and in Pentecost with which the Church begins. The pious exercises connected with the month of May can easily highlight the earthly role played by the glorified Queen of Heaven, here and now, in the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.

Marian Prayers (Memorare)

There are several Marian Prayers to express our devotion to our Mother including the Holy Rosary, Hail Mary, and Hail Holy Queen. Below you will find the less often used Memorare. Try this prayer during this month of Mary.

REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

March Sir Knight of the Month

Last month, we recognized Sir Knight Tom Geoffroy, as our Sir Knight of the month for helping us acquire proper equipment and for acting as the "fryer of the fish" for our Lenten fish fries. Sir Knight Geoffroy is entrenched with the Boy Scouts and typically jumps in to help out where ever he is needed.

Our Assembly has allotted a \$50 donation to be forwarded to the charity in the award winner's name. Sir Knight Geoffroy has selected the St. Vincent de Paul Society as the recipient of our monthly donation.

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 2017

Volunteer Hours are captured 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, 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 2017.

Categories

Church	244.75
Community	207.5
Youth	88
Habitat for Humanity	
Culture of Life	21.75
VAVS	
Food for families	
Special Olympics	
Miscellaneous	3
	565
# of visits to the sick	0
# of visits for bereavement	0
# of blood donations	7
# of Habitat for Humanity projects	0

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May Schedule of Events

May 1st - Council 11672 Monthly Meeting 7:30 at Good Shepherd May 11th - Assembly 0004 Monthly Meeting 7:00pm at Holy Spirit Note: Officer elections for the 2017-2018 year will occur at this meeting May 12th - Council 4080 Monthly Meeting 7:30pm at St. Mary of the Visitation May 14th - Mother's Day May 14th - Council 11672 Monthly Breakfast 8:30-10:30am at Good Shepherd

June Schedule of Events

- June 5th Council 11672 Monthly Meeting 7:30 at Good Shepherd June 8th - Assembly 0004 Monthly Meeting 7:00pm at Holy Spirit June 9th - Council 4080 Monthly Meeting 7:30pm at St. Mary of the Visitation June 10th - 4th Degree Exemplification 1:00pm at St. John the Evangelist, Enterprise June 11th - Council 11672 Monthly Breakfast 8:30-10:30am at Good Shepherd
- June 15th Council 16428 Monthly Meeting 7:00pm at Queen of the Universe June 18th - Council 764 Monthly Breakfast 8:00-11:00am at Holy Spirit June 19th - Council 764 Monthly Meeting 7:00pm at Holy Spirit June 20th - Council 11672 Officer's Meeting 7:00pm at Good Shepherd June 24th - Ordination for Rev. Mr. Josh Altonji 11:00am at Cathedral of St. Paul, Birmingham June 25th - Honor Guard for Fr. Altonji's 1st Mass 8:30am at Good Shepherd

May 15th - Council 764 Monthly Meeting

May 16th - Council 11672 Officer's Meeting

May 18th - Council 16428 Monthly Meeting

7:00pm at Queen of the Universe

May 21st - Council 764 Monthly Breakfast

May 29th - Memorial Day (Wreath Laying)

Time TBD at Maple Hill Cemetery

7:00pm at Holy Spirit

7:00pm at Good Shepherd

8:00-11:00am at Holy Spirit



May Happenings



June Happenings

July Schedule of Events

- July 3rd Council 11672 Monthly Meeting 7:30 at Good Shepherd July 4th - Independence Day July 9th - Council 11672 Monthly Breakfast 8:30-10:30am at Good Shepherd July 13th - Assembly 0004 Monthly Meeting 7:00pm at Holy Spirit July 14th - Council 4080 Monthly Meeting 7:30pm at St. Mary of the Visitation
- 8:00-11:00am at Holy Spirit July 17th - Council 764 Monthly Meeting 7:00pm at Holy Spirit July 18th - Council 11672 Officer's Meeting 7:00pm at Good Shepherd

July 16th - Council 764 Monthly Breakfast

July 20th - Council 16428 Monthly Meeting 7:00pm at Queen of the Universe



July Happenings

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FOURTH DEGREE EXEPLIFICATION

June 10, 2017

Hosted by St. John the Evangelist Assembly 3302 St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 123 Heath St., Enterprise, AL

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

1:00 P.M. - Registration

2:30 P.M. - Exemplification

5:30 P.M. - Mass at St. John the Evangelist

6:45 P.M. - Reception, Banquet and

Presentation of Certificates



Important Information

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

* 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

IN ORDER TO INSURE CERTIFICATES AND PROGRAMS ARE CORRECT, WE ASK THAT A COMPLETED FORM 4 AND ALL FUNDS BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN

JUNE 2, 2017. This also includes payment for banquet guests.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: STEPHEN F. KOACH, DISTRICT MASTER AND MAIL TO 375 COUNTY ROAD 558 ENTERPRISE, AL 36330

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT **DISTRICT MASTER, STEPHEN KOACH** HOME PHONE: 334-393-5188 CELL PHONE: 334-798-2418 <u>EMAIL: stevekoach@kofc-alabama.org</u>

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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.



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







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Good Shepherd Catholic Church

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

ss Schedule: urday 5:30 PM day 8:30 AM 11:00 AM

Holy Spirit Catholic Church

625 Airport Road, Huntsville	Mass Schedule:	
(256) 881-4781	Saturday	5:00 PM
http://holyspirithsv.com/	Sunday	7:30 AM
Home to Council 764 and Assembly 0004		9:00 AM 11:45 AM
Assembly0004.weebly.com		

Most Merciful Jesus

10509 Segers Road, Madison
(256) 258-8865
http://www.mostmercifuljesuschurch.org

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

Our Lady of the Valley

(256) 842-2175

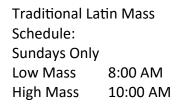
376 Goss Road, Redstone Arsenal

http://www.garrison.redstone.army.mil/ smore.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











Our Lady, Queen of the Universe

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

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

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

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5:00 PM

9:00 AM 11:30 AM

8:30 AM

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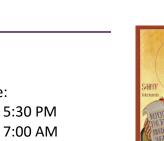
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Saturday

Sunday

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













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Fraternal Year 2017 - 2018 Officer Slate

Positions available for election by the Assembly members:

	Current Fraternal Year	Nominated Candidates for 2016-2017
Faithful Navigator	Rick Hycoop	Mery Eberhardt
		Mike Rose
Faithful Comptroller	Kerry Doughty	Kerry Doughty
Faithful Friar	Fr. Michael Mac Mahon	Fr. Michael Mac Mahon
Faithful Captain	Bernard Stein	Tony Coyle
Faithful Admiral	Tim Karigan	Rick Hycoop
Faithful Purser	Bill Schultz	Bill Schultz
Faithful Pilot	Mike Rose	Chris Karigan
Faithful Scribe	Chris Karigan	Floyd "Bob" Joffrion
Inner Sentinel	Richard Cowing	Richard Cowing
Outer Sentinel	Danny Nelson	Danny Nelson
3-Year Trustee	Steve Laws	Tim Karigan
2-Year Trustee	Bill Stejskal	Steve Laws
1-Year Trustee	Brian Lagasse	Bill Stejskal

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With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God, the Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama cordially invites you to

> The Ordination of Rev. Mr. Joshua Mark Altonji

to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ through the Imposition of Hands and the Invocation of the Holy Spirit

Saturday June 24, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.

Cathedral of St. Paul 2120 3rd Ave N. Birmingham, AL 35203

Reception to follow. See reverse for First Mass info.

RSVP: (256) 698-1306 · jaltonji@pcj.edu

Sir Knights,

Deacon Josh Altonji is a 4th Degree Sir Knight. He grew up here in Huntsville as a member of the Good Shepherd Parish. Please be ready to support his ordination as an Honor Guard member if the call

comes to do so.

Additionally, his very first Mass will be at Good Shepherd Catholic Church on Sunday, June 25th at 8:30am. An Honor Guard has been requested for that Mass. Be on the look out for a signup genius and let's show our support to the Priesthood and to one of our own.

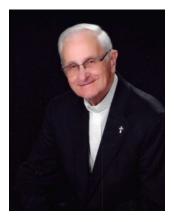
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Gulf War Registry

If you are a patient of the VA; you will need to get your primary care provider to place a consult for the Persian Gulf Clinic and once the consult is made, the nurse will schedule you for an appointment. If you are not a patient of the VA, you will need to enroll in the VA and once you are in the system an appointment can be made for the Persian Gulf clinic.

For more information, go to the below link to the VA Gulf War Registry website: https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/gulfwar/benefits/registry-exam.asp

Passing of Deacon and Sir Knight Alf B. Larsen, Sr.



Deacon Alf Larsen 89, of Huntsville, AL passed away on Tuesday, April 25, 2017.

Visitation was held at St. Joseph Catholic Church on Friday, April 28, 2017 from 10:00am until 11:00am with a 4th Degree Honor Guard. Services were conducted after the visitation at 11:00am. Burial followed the church services in Huntsville Memory Gardens.

Mr. Larsen was born on August 23, 1927. He received an Associates Degree in Engineering from Calhoun. He served in the US Navy as a Hospital Corpsman during World War II and the Korean War. He retired from civil service after 35 years, and, later, retired from Colsa after 15 years. He was Commander of the local DAV chapter 26. He was a Faithful Navigator for the 4th Degree of the Knights of Columbus. He is also a retired Deacon from St. Joseph Catholic Church.

He is preceded in death by his wife Mary Larsen. He is survived by his brother Frank (Daphne) Larsen, sister Lily Bryant, sons; Berney (Lisa) Larsen, Bert (Mary) Larsen, Kenny (Linda) Caldwell, daughter Mary Ann(Tom) Holder, 9 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren, and 5 great great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to Hospice of The Valley in Decatur, AL or St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Masses of Intention for our recently deceased Sir Knights

In accordance with our charter, Masses of intention are said for the Sir Knights of our Assembly who have been called home to our Heavenly Father. Below are the schedule of these Masses for our recently deceased Sir Knights. All services are being held at Good Shepherd Catholic Church.

Sir John Refieuna: May 26th at 8:30am

June 9th at 8:30am

July 9th at 11:00am

Father Louis Giardino: May 12th at 8:30am

June 2nd at 8:30am

July 22nd at 5:30pm

August 4th at 8:30am

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Deacon Alf Larsen: Will be announced in next month's newsletter

In Service to One, In Service to All

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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.

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.