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Special points of interest:

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- August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart

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Navigator's Notes

Worthy Sir Knights,

As we begin this new Fraternal year, we find ourselves facing many of the same hurdles we have in the past year. As the COVID-19 Delta Variant spreads, I urge you all to be careful and take whatever precautions you deem fit for you and your families. I maintain hope that we can and will overcome this Pandemic and return to life as we have known it in the past. Still, every hurdle and difficulty we face in life, I feel as though each offers lessons for the road ahead. As we learned over the course of the Pandemic, the Knights of Columbus are an organization of Catholic men who are always ready and willing to step up and help those in need. We need to continue to have that mindset as Sir Knights in the service of God, our Communities, our Families, our Parish, and our Country as that embodies the Principles of our order: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.

With that being said, we have many activities we are preparing for in the coming months. First off, we have the annual "Salute to Our Veterans" patriotic program with Holy Spirit Regional School (see page 8 for more information). I urge any of you who are or know of a Veteran with ties to Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Good Shepherd Catholic Church, or Holy Spirit Regional School to send in your information so that you may be recognized and more importantly to help illustrate to our youth the dedication and honor that comes with service to this beautiful country. Secondly, we are participating in the "Carry the Load" challenge on September 11th (information and team sign-up on page 8). Please consider volunteering or donating if you are able, as this cause directly supports our Military service personnel. Next, Councils within our area will be accepting and having Mass and/or Prayer services around the Silver Rose on September 7-10.

Current plans are for such services at Most Merciful Jesus Parish (Madison) on the 7th, St. John's (Madison) on the 8th, Holy Spirit on the 9th, and Good Shepherd on the 10th (more info on Page 8). Lastly, we have been asked for help with the Cotton Row Run's Flag Line, which is a living memorial for our Fallen Warriors and their families (more info on page 8). Please consider volunteering if you are able, and be sure to let me know if you participate so that we may keep track of our Assembly's activities. In terms of the coming months, we are again planning to participate in the Veteran's Day parade, so please keep your a spot on your calendar for November 11th.

Finally, I have e-mailed about this and mentioned it during our meetings, but again want to congratulate our Faithful Friar, Father Michael Mac Mahon, on being named the Bienville Province's Clergy of the Year! This is a great honor, as the Bienville Province makes up five different states (Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee), and North Alabama won half of the awards!

In closing, I again implore each of you to please take whatever precautions you deem necessary to protect you and your families, as we are not yet out of the woods in this Pandemic. Most especially please continue to pray for our Physicians, asking their Patron Saint, St Luke the Evangelist to continue to pray for each and every one of them, and use their abilities to the best that they are able.

Vivat Jesus,
Chris Karigan
Faithful Navigator



August Devotion: the Immaculate Heart



The month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart. Since the 16th century Catholic piety has assigned entire months to special devotions. The month of August is traditionally dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The physical heart of Mary is venerated (and not adored as the Sacred Heart of Jesus is) because it is united to her person and is the seat of her love (especially for her divine Son), virtue, and inner life. Such devotion is an incentive to a similar love and virtue.

This devotion has received new emphasis in this century from the visions given to Lucy Dos Santos, oldest of the visionaries of Fatima, in her convent in Tuy, in Spain, in 1925 and 1926. In the visions Our Lady asked for the practice of the Five First Saturdays to help make amends for the offenses committed against her heart by the blasphemies and ingratitude of men. The practice parallels the devotion of the Nine First Fridays in honor of the Sacred Heart.

On October 31, 1942, Pope Pius XII made a solemn Act of Consecration of the Church and the whole world to the Immaculate Heart. Let us remember this devotion year-round, but particularly through the month of August.

Assembly Volunteer Hours for 2021

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:

- ◇ Faith
- ◇ Family
- ◇ Community
- ◇ Life

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 myself or Sir Knight Mike Weist know so we can roll it up in our report. I can be reached at my email (ChrisKarigan@live.com), and SK Weist can be reached at his e-mail (mweist63@gmail.com).

The table on the right shows what I've captured so far for the 2021 Calendar Year.

Categories

Faith	0
Family	0
Community	12
Life	1

# of visits to the sick	0
# of visits for bereavement	0
# of blood donations	1
# of Habitat for Humanity projects	0

Upcoming Exemplifications Schedule

Date	Location	Host Assembly
October 16, 2021	Foley, AL	2117
November 13, 2021	Guntersville, AL	3328
February 2022 (Date TBD)	Montgomery, AL	TBD
April 2022 (Date TBD)	Madison, AL	2420



Assembly 0004 in Action



Honor Guard serving at the Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville, AL on Saturday, August 14th, including Sir Knights Mike Weist, Brian Moran, and Rudy Chavez of Assembly 0004



Honor Guard in conjunction with Knights of Peter Claver at Mass honoring Father James E. Coyle at Cathedral of St. Paul in Birmingham, including Sir Knights Mike Weist and Rudy Chavez of Assembly 0004. For more information on Father Coyle, please visit <https://fathercoyle.org/>



Schedule of Upcoming Events

(subject to change—contact Council or Assembly leadership to confirm certain events such as Breakfasts and Social Meetings)

September Schedule of Events

September 6th - Monday Rosary hosted by Council 11672

6:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245

September 6th - Council 11672 Monthly Meeting

7:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245

September 9th - Assembly 0004 Monthly Meeting

Holy Spirit Church Parish Life Center

7:00pm—GoToMeeting ID 493-228-021

September 10th - Council 4080 Monthly Meeting

7:30pm at St. Mary of the Visitation

September 13th— Monday Rosary hosted by Council 11672

6:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245

September 15th - “Salute to Our Veterans”

8:30am at Holy Spirit Regional School Gym

September 16th - Council 16248 Monthly Meeting

7:00pm at Queen of the Universe

September 20th - Monday Rosary hosted by Council 11672

6:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245

September 20th - Council 11672 Officer’s Meeting

7:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245

September 21st - Council 764 Monthly Meeting

7:00pm at Holy Spirit

GoToMeeting ID 766-300-981

September 26th - Monday Rosary hosted by Council 11672

6:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245



September Happenings

October Schedule of Events

October 4th - Monday Rosary hosted by Council 11672

6:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245

October 4th - Council 11672 Monthly Meeting

7:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245

October 8th - Council 4080 Monthly Meeting

7:30pm at St. Mary of the Visitation

October 11th— Monday Rosary hosted by Council 11672

6:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245

October 14th - Assembly 0004 Monthly Meeting

Holy Spirit Church Parish Life Center

7:00pm—GoToMeeting ID 493-228-021

October 18th— Monday Rosary hosted by Council 11672

6:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245

October 18th - Council 11672 Officer’s Meeting

7:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245

October 19th - Council 764 Monthly Meeting

7:00pm at Holy Spirit

GoToMeeting ID 766-300-981

October 21st - Council 16248 Monthly Meeting

7:00pm at Queen of the Universe

October 25th – Monday Rosary hosted by Council 11672

6:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245



October Happenings

November Schedule of Events

November 1st - Monday Rosary hosted by Council 11672

6:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245

November 1st - Council 11672 Monthly Meeting

7:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245

November 8th— Monday Rosary hosted by Council 11672

6:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245

November 11th - **VETERAN’S DAY**

TBD—Parade at Downtown Huntsville

November 11th - Assembly 0004 Monthly Meeting

Holy Spirit Church Parish Life Center

7:00pm—GoToMeeting ID 493-228-021

November 12th - Council 4080 Monthly Meeting

7:30pm at St. Mary of the Visitation

November 15th - Monday Rosary hosted by Council 11672

6:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245

November 15th - Council 11672 Officer’s Meeting

7:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245

November 16th - Council 764 Monthly Meeting

7:00pm at Holy Spirit

GoToMeeting ID 766-300-981

November 18th - Council 16248 Monthly Meeting

7:00pm at Queen of the Universe

November 22nd - Monday Rosary hosted by Council 11672

6:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245



November Happenings





Good Shepherd Catholic Church

13550 Chaney Thompson Road

(256) 882-1844

<http://www.goodshephsv.org>

Home to Council 11672

<http://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

http://holyspirithsv.com/?page_id=966

<http://Assembly0004.weebly.com>

Mass Schedule:

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 7:30 AM

9:00 AM

11:45 AM

(Spanish) 2:00 pm

(Korean) 4:00 pm

(Spanish) 6:30 pm



Most Merciful Jesus

10509 Segers Road, Madison

(256) 258-8865

<http://www.mostmercifuljesuschurch.org>

Mass Schedule:

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 8:30 AM

11:30 AM



Our Lady of the Valley

376 Goss Road, Redstone Arsenal

(256) 842-2175

<https://home.army.mil/redstone/index.php/about/Garrison/religious-support-office>

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:

Saturday 8:00 AM

Sunday (Low Mass) 7:00 AM

(High Mass) 9:00 AM

(Low Mass) 11:00 AM

Our Lady, Queen of the Universe

2421 Shady Lane, Huntsville

(256) 852-0788

<http://www.olqu.org>

Home to Council 16248

Mass Schedule:

Saturday	5:00 PM
Sunday	8:00 AM
	10:00 AM



St. John the Baptist

1055 Hughes Road, Madison

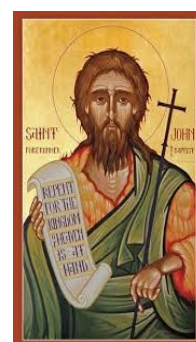
(256) 722-0130

<http://www.stjohnbchurch.org>

Home to Council 10232 and Assembly 2420

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
	5:00 PM



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



Requirements for Star Assembly

- 1) Publish and distribute to the Assembly membership a minimum of six Assembly Newsletters during the 2020-2021 fraternal year. A copy of each newsletter must also be sent (either in print or electronically) to the Vice Supreme Master.
- 2) Meet the Assembly’s membership goal with a net gain of 7% additions over deletions.
- 3) Complete and submit the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728), which is due January 31, 2022.
- 4) Complete and submit to your District Master by April 30, 2022 the “To Be a Patriot Award” application.

- 5) Earn the Civic Award by conducting a minimum of four patriotic programs during the 2021-2022 fraternal year and reporting those programs to the Supreme Master by June 30, 2022 on the “Civic Award” application.
- 6) Complete and submit the “Team of Officers Chosen for the Year” (#180). **Completed**
- 7) Complete and submit the Annual Audit (#1315) by August 1, 2022. **Completed**



Officers for the 2021-2022 Fraternal Year

Faithful Navigator	Chris Karigan
Faithful Captain	Greg Brierly
Faithful Friar	Father Michael Mac Mahon
Faithful Pilot	Brian Moran
Faithful Comptroller	Mike Weist
Faithful Purser	Brian Lagasse
Faithful Admiral	Pat Jackson

Faithful Scribe	Greg Olsen
Inner Sentinel	Norm Reinagel
Outer Sentinel	Larry Davenport
One Year Trustee	Mike Rose
Two Year Trustee	Tony Coyle
Three Year Trustee	Gary Mayers


Knights of Columbus Charities

Please consider donating to any of our Knights of Columbus charities (see below), or if you would like, consider making a contribution toward our Honor Guard Uniform Reimbursement funds by contacting [SK Mike Weist](#), as these funds will be separate from our Charitable funds.

- [Leave No Neighbor Behind Fund](#)
- [Christian Refugee Fund](#)
- [Disaster Relief](#)
- [Coats for Kids Program](#)
- [Culture of Life Fund](#)
- [Warriors to Lourdes Fund](#)
- [Vocations Fund](#)
- [Annual Appeal and/or Father McGivney Military Chaplain Scholarship](#)

For any issues or insurance needs, please contact our Knights of Columbus Insurance Field Agent below:





Knights of Columbus
INSURANCE
YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE

Cameron Ellis, MDRT
Fraternal Insurance Counselor
thomas.ellis@kofc.org
(251) 656-9505

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Years of Service for August and September

Sir Knight Paul Rivette - 1 year
 Sir Knight Larry Scott - 25 years
 Sir Knight Joe Wagner - 1 year
 Sir Knight Candido Damian - 37 years
 Sir Knight Michael Obringer - 32 years
 Sir Knight John Sloan - 42 years
 Sir Knight Bernie Stein - 12 years



August and September Birthdays

Louise Rafferty (Wife of SK Mike) - August 3	Sir Knight David Custodio, Sr - September 1
Paula Steigerwald (Wife of SK Tim) - August 4	Sir Knight Michael Franzese - September 2
Sir Knight David Pohl - August 5	Janet Franzese (Wife of SK Michael) - September 2
Sir Knight Herb Schmuck - August 7	Sir Knight John Belmont - September 3
Sir Knight Kevin Gordon - August 8	Susan Scott (Wife of SK Larry) - September 5
Sir Knight John Valentine - August 8	Kathryn Weist (Wife of SK Mike) - September 10
Sir Knight Marvin Robley - August 9	Sir Knight Mike Schultz - September 11
Sir Knight James Leonard - August 15	Martha Laslo (Wife of SK George) - September 16
Lora Valentine (Wife of SK John) - August 15	Sir Knight John Ofenloch - September 18
Sir Knight Mike Rafferty - August 16	Sir Knight Jose Arriaga, Jr - September 19
Sir Knight Brian Moore - August 19	Stephanie Ann Wagner (Wife of SK Joe) - September 22
Rhonda Jackson (Wife of SK Pat) - August 19	Sir Knight John Moore - September 23
Sir Knight Joe Wagner - August 22	Luzma Doughty (Wife of SK Kerry) - September 23
Sir Knight Rev. Phil O'Kennedy - August 23	Sir Knight Demetrius Brooks - September 27
Sir Knight John Macaulay, Sr - August 25	
Sir Knight Thomas Poole - August 25	



August and September Wedding Anniversaries

August 3 - Sir Knight Joseph & Clover Szmuto
 August 5 - Sir Knight David & Jeannette Custodio
 August 6 - Sir Knight Herbert & Ruth Schmuck
 August 19 - Sir Knight Michael & Janet Franzese
 August 19 - Sir Knight Gary & Vara Mayers
 August 20 - Sir Knight Tom & Rosalie Geoffroy
 August 27 - Sir Knight Edward & Karla Gniadek
 August 30 - Sir Knight Stephen & Pam Patrick
 September 3 - Sir Knight Michael & Rebecca Sosebee
 September 10 - Sir Knight John & Patricia Arthur
 September 30 - Sir Knight Dick & Mary Kemp



Assembly 0004 News, Announcements, and Events

Holy Spirit Regional Catholic School & Assembly 0004 of the Knights of Columbus invite you to the **Salute Our Veterans** program on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 8:30AM in the school gymnasium. It is our privilege to honor you, and celebrate the establishment of our U.S. Constitution (Constitution Day is September 17th). This is open to all active duty members and Veterans associated with Holy Spirit School families and Holy Spirit Church and Good Shepherd Church. Refreshments will be provided for Veterans and guests after the program in the school auditorium.

Please complete the form to join us no later than August 30th.

<https://forms.gle/FfmjGShYtjS5A67RA>

Our current protocols state that all persons over the age of 3 must wear a mask while in the school. If the COVID Protocols change, this program may be cancelled or done virtually. If you have any questions, email Cathy Jodon at cjodon@hstigers.org.

Carry the Load: The Heroes Challenge is a fitness challenge developed to raise awareness of Carry The Load's mission — to remember those who have served our country and encourage all Americans to participate in honoring them. Use your workout to celebrate military, veterans, first responders and their families. Join Carry The Load on September 11th to participate in our Heroes Challenge. Register as an individual or gather a team to test your strength in this fitness challenge designed by military experts! Download the workout to participate with us virtually, and click the following link to join our team and/or donate: [Assembly 0004 Carry the Load Team](#)

The **Cotton Row Run** on Labor Day, September 6, is in need of Flag Line Volunteers. Survivor Outreach Services coordinates a flag line and living memorial (over 40 posters of Fallen Service Members) near the finish line of the race, and the flag line remains up through out the 10K, 5K, and 1 mile fun run/walk. This living memorial is a way for us to remember our Fallen Warriors and their families that live in our area. The Posters are free standing, but volunteers are needed to hold the flags respectively throughout the race. If you would like to sign up email Robert Barnett at robert.barnett@teamrwb.org, and please see the enclosed flyer showing an example of this flag line. Please also let me know if you are able to participate in this, so I can make sure such activity is noted for our Assembly.

The Silver Rose enables us to share the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe and promote respect for life by participating in this meaningful pilgrimage, and demonstrates the unity between Knights of Columbus in Canada, the United States and Mexico, through a series of prayer services promoting the dignity of all human life and honoring Our Lady. The Silver Rose will be in Madison at Most Merciful Jesus Parish on the 7th (6:00 pm ceremony & prayer) and St. John's on the 8th (Mass at 6:30), at which point, we will meet on September 9th at Medica Moscati at 9 am and pray the Rosary with a Prayer Service later at Holy Spirit (at 6:30 pm), and Good Shepherd on the 10th (11:00 am prayer service).

Pollyanna Brannan, founder and director of **Women's Health Services, Inc.**, approached the Knights of Columbus, as they have an immediate need for approximately \$66,000 to complete the purchase of their mobile vehicle and complete their first year's operating costs. That number breaks out to \$28,000 for the vehicle and \$38,000 for the operating costs. While they are making good progress, please consider helping them if you are able. For more information and to donate, please visit their website at <https://www.whsmobile.com/>

The **Catholic Family Services and Center of Concern** are two separate entities currently under one building (bldg. 1010). The Catholic Family Services organization is scheduled to move to another location in early June 2021. This leaves the Catholic Center of Concern and its staff to remain in the building that requires maintenance, repairs and renovations. Donny is reaching out for volunteer support to assist in this endeavor. It was briefed that the Church of Highlands has stepped forward but will only limit its support to 'technological' support. Maintenance, repairs and renovations is where support is required. Our local Catholic Center of Concern needs your support, especially during this Global Pandemic, in order to continue serving our community. If you are able, please consider donating and learning more at their website at <https://catholiccenterofconcernhsv.org/>

Good of the Assembly

Prayer Requests

Rebecca Dollman, wife of SK Thomas -
Cancer Treatments

SK Don Corbett and Family, battling Pancreatic Cancer

Need Volunteers for Committee Positions

We are in need of volunteers for various committee positions! To date, we only have two positions claimed —please see the list of committee positions below, and consider volunteering if you are willing and able. There is not much responsibility for this, just be willing to help in these areas whenever needed over the course of the Fraternal year (descriptions in the tables below). If you are interested, please contact Faithful Navigator Chris Karigan or Faithful Comptroller Mike Weist. Thank you, Sir Knights!

Admission Committee	
Duty to pass on all applications of membership in conformity	
Chairman	Pat Jackson
AC Member #1	VACANT
AC Member #2	VACANT
AC Member #3	VACANT
AC Member #4	VACANT
AC Member #5	VACANT
AC Member #6	VACANT

Membership Committee	
Duty to encourage increase of membership and to encourage worthy 3rd Degree members of the Knights of Columbus to apply for advancement to the 4th	
Chairman	VACANT
Council 11672	VACANT
Council 4080	VACANT
Council 764	VACANT
Open	VACANT

Welfare Committee	
Duty to visit the sick of the Assembly.	
Chairman	Brian Moran
Council 11672	VACANT
Council 4080	VACANT
Council 764	VACANT
Open	VACANT

Assembly 0004 Social Media Accounts

In addition to this newsletter and our website, we have re-established Social Media accounts on Facebook and Twitter in order to extend our outreach to the community. In that regard, if you have any activities you would like to announce for any of your individual Councils or the Assembly, please e-mail father-trecy@gmail.com, and we will be sure to see that this information is passed along to everyone. We will still use e-mail directly for any Assembly business, but these Social Media platforms are very useful in helping spread the word on any of our activities beyond those in our Assembly. As such, please feel free to Like & Share said Social Media pages as well as any posts that you may want to share with family and friends. This can also become a boon for our recruiting activities as well! See below for links to our pages:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/FatherTrecy/>
 Twitter: <https://twitter.com/FatherTrecy/>
 Website: <http://assembly0004.weebly.com/>

We have established a permanent virtual meeting room for our meetings via the GoToMeeting platform. Please see the information below, as this will be the portal for accessing said meetings.

Assembly 4 of the Knights Of Columbus

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/493228021>

You can also dial in using your phone.

United States: [+1 \(408\) 650-3123](tel:+14086503123)

Access Code: 493-228-021

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In Service to One, In Service to All

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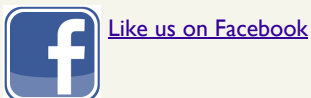
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From the moment of our founding in 1882, charity has been the first principle of the Knights of Columbus. We are Catholic men of faith and men of charitable action.

In 2016, the Knights of Columbus set a record in charitable giving for the 18th consecutive year. Our charitable donations increased from \$175 million in 2015 to a new total of \$177,500,673 in 2016. In addition, we achieved our highest level of charitable service in 2016, volunteering more than 75 million hours of service. The number of service hours contributed by Knights rose in 2016 by more than a million over the previous year's total.

Our charitable activities encompass an almost infinite variety of local, national and international projects. Our own unique charities include the Christian Refugee Relief Fund, Disaster Relief, Ultrasound Initiative, and Coats for Kids. We also partner with international charities including Special Olympics, the Global Wheelchair Mission and Habitat for Humanity.

Through our Building the Domestic Church initiative, Knights and their families have greater opportunities to participate in a variety of activities that deepen their faith, promote the New Evangelization, and strengthen our parishes.

"We are answering Pope Francis' call to go to the peripheries," Supreme Knight Carl Anderson said. "We can reach half way around the globe to help those in need and we can reach to our neighbor next door. And we do that every day. That makes us witnesses to the faith."

If you'd like to be a part of an international organization of nearly 2 million Catholic men whose principal work involves helping others in need, we'd like to meet you and invite you to join us.

The Patriotic 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.

