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Special points of interest:

- Navigator's Notes
- December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception

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Navigator's Notes

Worthy Sir Knights,

During this Advent season, we should reflect on the joys we have in our lives as well as ways in which we can better serve our Faith, Community, Family, and Country. In that vein, I implore you, if you have the current Regalia as a member of the Honor Guard, please consider volunteering for Midnight Mass at Holy Spirit. This is one of the signature events for our Assembly, and is in direct support of our Faithful Friar, Father Michael MacMahon. To sign-up, please click on the following link: [Midnight Mass at Holy Spirit](#)

In looking towards the future, we will soon begin gathering a slate of officer nominations shortly after the new year, as the end of our Fraternal year will be here before we know it. In addition, we have begun planning for a Mardi Gras fundraiser, much like we held for our Columbus Day Italian Dinner fundraiser. More information to come on this, but please consider volunteering and/or ordering some food that will help support our charitable activities. With that, we will again be emphasizing recruitment, as that is one of the few requirements for achieving Star Assembly that we have not yet met. In

that regard, please do not forget to report your separate volunteer hours to both your Council and this Assembly. Finally, please enjoy the times you have with your families this Christmas, however you can while staying safe. Although we have finally begun to see hope of overcoming this terrible pandemic, we are not yet through the woods. With that, please continue to pray for all those impacted by the Pandemic as well as anyone else fighting for their health.

Also, with the coming year, annual dues are officially due! If you have not already paid your 2021 dues, notices are being sent out now. As a reminder, dues are \$25 and Sir Knights who are clergy or are over the age of 80 are not required to pay annual.

I look forward to greeting the new year with you and continuing to serve our community as best as we can. MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Vivat Jesus,
Chris Karigan
Faithful Navigator



December Devotion: the Immaculate Conception



Since the 16th century Catholic piety has assigned entire months to special devotions. The month of December is traditionally dedicated to the Immaculate Conception. The Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first moment of her conception, by a singular privilege of Almighty God, and in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, our Savior and hers, was preserved from all stain of original sin. This age-old belief of the Church was defined by Pope Pius IX in 1854 as an article of revealed truth.

Mary was in need of redemption and she was indeed redeemed by the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ. The manner of Mary's redemption, however, was unique. Instead of being freed from original sin after having contracted it, she was preserved from contracting it. This was a most fitting favor for the Mother of the Redeemer.

INVOCATION O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.

TO THE VIRGIN IMMACULATE O Virgin Immaculate, Mother of God and my Mother, from thy sublime height turn upon me thine eyes of pity. Filled with confidence in thy goodness and knowing full well thy power, I beseech thee to extend to me thine assistance in the journey of life, which is so full of dangers for my soul. And in order that I may never be the slave of the devil through sin, but may ever live with my heart humble and pure, I entrust myself wholly to thee. I consecrate my heart to thee for ever, my only desire being to love thy divine Son Jesus. Mary, none of thy devout servants has ever perished; may I too be saved. Amen.

Assembly Volunteer Hours for 2020

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 2020 Calendar Year.

Categories

Faith	10
Family	0
Community	4
Life	2
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# of visits to the sick	0
# of visits for bereavement	0
# of blood donations	2
# of Habitat for Humanity projects	0

Assembly 0004 in Action



Care packages mentioned in the article on the right, packed up and ready to go! 18 Priority Mail boxes were shipped on December 1st (16 to Okinawa, and 2 to Europe)



'SALUTING OUR VETERANS'
Knights and students take part in Veterans Day

HUNTSVILLE - Knights of Columbus Assembly 0004 and Holy Spirit Regional Catholic School teamed up for the school's annual "Salute Our Veterans." Typically, the special event is held in conjunction with Constitution Day and in person. This year, the event took place as a video, and other activities that reflected the deep appreciation for those that have served and those that are serving our country.

The video, released on Veterans Day, included the normal part of the school's program as traditionally performed to honor Veterans in person. Assembly 0004's Color Guard opened the event with the posting of the colors, and Father Michael Mac Mahon led a prayer, followed by patriotic songs being sung. Gary Michael Rose, a Medal of Honor recipient and a member of the assembly, gave a short presentation on the importance of patriotism. The highlight of the video was when pictures of local veterans were displayed while the song from their Branch of Service is sung in the background. To view the video visit <https://youtu.be/uBPT3InAXIo>.

Care package items for those serving in the military overseas is displayed at Holy Spirit Catholic School. Pictured are Therese Wesley, Learning Specialist, Chris Karigan, Knights of Columbus Assembly 0004 Faithful Navigator, and Tony Coyle, Project Chairman. (Courtesy)

The assembly and school also teamed up to show their respects to currently serving members of the military. Students gathered items for a "Care Package" that will be sent to a unit deployed overseas. Among the items collected were handmade cards that expressed the student's appreciation for these soldiers in helping to make our country safer. Additionally, food items like cookies and other snacks, drink items like coffee and tea, entertainment items like puzzle books and cards, and correspondence items including pens, pencils, and paper were gathered for the care packages. Members of Assembly 0004 were tasked with boxing and shipping the items to our troops. Thank you to all who have served and are currently serving in our Armed Forces. May God keep you from harm today and always! Pictured from left: Therese Wesley, Learning Specialist, Chris Karigan, Faithful Navigator and Tony Coyle, Project Chairman. Knights of Columbus, Assembly 0004.



Worthy District Marshal Mike Weist presenting PFN Tony Coyle and current FN Chris Karigan with our award for Star Assembly for the 2018-2019 Fraternal Year, seen at the Right



Write-up and picture in the One Voice featuring Faithful Navigator Chris Karigan and Faithful Trustee/Project Chairman Tony Coyle



Worthy District Marshal Mike Weist presenting the Civic Award to PFN Tony Coyle for our Patriotic Program



Schedule of Upcoming Events

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

December Schedule of Events

- December 7th - Monday Rosary hosted by Council 11672
6:30—GoToMeeting ID 712-991-413
- December 7th - Council 11672 Monthly Meeting
7:30—GoToMeeting ID 712-991-413
- December 10th - Assembly 0004 Monthly Meeting
7:00pm—GoToMeeting ID 502-652-741
- December 11th - Council 4080 Monthly Meeting
7:30pm at St. Mary of the Visitation
- December 14th— Monday Rosary hosted by Council 11672
6:30—GoToMeeting ID 712-991-413
- December - 15th - Council 764 Monthly Meeting
7:00pm at Holy Spirit
GoToMeeting ID 611-054-133
- December 17th - Council 16248 Monthly Meeting
7:00pm at Queen of the Universe
- December 21st - Monday Rosary hosted by Council 11672
6:30—GoToMeeting ID 712-991-413
- December 21st - Council 11672 Officer's Meeting
7:30—GoToMeeting ID 712-991-413
- December 25th - **CHRISTMAS DAY**
- December 28th— Monday Rosary hosted by Council 11672
6:30—GoToMeeting ID 712-991-413



December Happenings

January Schedule of Events

- January 1st - **NEW YEAR'S DAY**
- January 4th - Monday Rosary hosted by Council 11672
6:30—GoToMeeting ID 712-991-413
- January 4th - Council 11672 Monthly Meeting
7:30—GoToMeeting ID 712-991-413
- January 6th - **FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY**
- January 8th - Council 4080 Monthly Meeting
7:30pm at St. Mary of the Visitation
- January 11th— Monday Rosary hosted by Council 11672
6:30—GoToMeeting ID 712-991-413
- January 14th - Assembly 0004 Monthly Meeting
- January 18th - Monday Rosary hosted by Council 11672
6:30—GoToMeeting ID 712-991-413
- January 18th - Council 11672 Officer's Meeting
7:30—GoToMeeting ID 712-991-413
- January 19th - Council 764 Monthly Meeting
7:00pm at Holy Spirit
GoToMeeting ID 611-054-133
- January 21st - Council 16248 Monthly Meeting
7:00pm at Queen of the Universe
- January 25th— Monday Rosary hosted by Council 11672
6:30—GoToMeeting ID 712-991-413



January Happenings

February Schedule of Events

- February 1st - Monday Rosary hosted by Council 11672
6:30—GoToMeeting ID 712-991-413
- February 1st - Council 11672 Monthly Meeting
7:30—GoToMeeting ID 712-991-413
- February 12th - Council 4080 Monthly Meeting
7:30pm at St. Mary of the Visitation
- February 8th— Monday Rosary hosted by Council 11672
6:30—GoToMeeting ID 712-991-413
- February 11th - Assembly 0004 Monthly Meeting
7:00pm—GoToMeeting ID 502-652-741
- February 15th - Monday Rosary hosted by Council 11672
6:30—GoToMeeting ID 712-991-413
- February 15th - Council 11672 Officer's Meeting
7:30—GoToMeeting ID 712-991-413
- February 16th - Council 764 Monthly Meeting
7:00pm at Holy Spirit
GoToMeeting ID 611-054-133
- February 17th - **ASH WEDNESDAY (Lent Begins)**
- February 18th - Council 16248 Monthly Meeting
7:00pm at Queen of the Universe
- February 22nd— Monday Rosary hosted by Council 11672
6:30—GoToMeeting ID 712-991-413



February 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



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

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:

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 to Council 16248

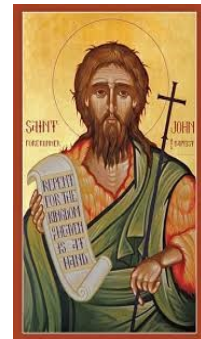
Mass Schedule:
 Saturday 5:00 PM
 Sunday 9:00 AM
 11:30 AM



St. John the Baptist

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

Mass Schedule:
 Saturday 5:00 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



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.—**lowered by another 40% due to COVID-19 Restrictions.**
- 3) Complete and submit the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728), which is due January 31, 2021.
- 4) Complete and submit to your District Master by April 30, 2021 the "To Be a Patriot Award" application.
- 5) Earn the Civic Award by conducting a minimum of four patriotic programs during the 2020-2021 fraternal year and reporting those programs to the Supreme Master by June 30, 2021 on the "Civic Award" application.
- 6) Complete and submit the "Report of Officers Chosen for the Term" (#186).
- 7) Complete and submit the Annual Audit (#1315) by August 1, 2020

Worthy Sir Knights, In reviewing the list of requirements for Star Assembly, I firmly believe we can certainly achieve this goal. Chief among our challenges, I feel that #2 would be our biggest challenge as an Assembly, but with the aspect of holding Digital Exemplifications, our proposed bylaw change to waive membership dues for any member in good standing aged 80 or above, and a reduction of the required amount due to COVID-19 restrictions, we are provided an excellent opportunity to recruit fellow Knights who can help us support our wonderful community and Faith. Please consider reviewing this list as well, in an effort to be thinking of ways to help our Assembly achieve this recognition among the Bienville Province.



Knights of Columbus Charities

As the year ends, 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](#) [Warriors to Lourdes Fund](#)

[Christian Refugee Fund](#) [Vocations Fund](#)

[Disaster Relief](#)

[Annual Appeal and/or Father McGivney Military Chaplain Scholarship](#)

[Coats for Kids Program](#)

[Culture of Life Fund](#)



Catholic Center of Concern in Huntsville

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/>

Years of Service for December and January

Sir Knight Fletcher Cannon - 20 years
 Sir Knight Hugo Jenrath - 33 years
 Sir Knight Floyd Joffrion - 6 years
 Sir Knight Michael Kelley - 16 years
 Sir Knight Logan Lutz - 5 years
 Sir Knight Bernie Morgan - 16 years
 Sir Knight Al Rossi - 16 years
 Sir Knight Theodore Stevenson - 16 years



December and January Birthdays

Sir Knight Paul Adams - December 24
 Lisa Bordeaux (Wife of SK Danny Bordeaux) - December 15
 Sir Knight Matthew Boenker - December 30
 Sir Knight Larry Carleton - December 8
 Mary Ann Carleton (Wife of SK Larry Carleton) - December 31
 Sir Knight Tillman Dooley - December 28
 Karla Gniadek (Wife of SK Edward Gniadek) - December 30
 Sir Knight Leonard Gonsewski - December 11
 Sarah Gordon (Wife of SK Kevin Gordon) - December 29
 Jenice Haines (Wife of SK Roque Haines) - December 12
 Sir Knight Robert Kikta - December 29
 Sir Knight Franklin Kirsch - December 28
 Sir Knight Gary Mayers - December 3
 Sir Knight William Oliver - December 8
 Sir Knight Archie Phillips - December 28
 Sir Knight Paul Place - December 25
 Demy Robley (Wife of SK Marvin Robley) - December 21
 Ruth Schmuck (Wife of SK Herbert Schmuck) - December 9

Sir Knight Deacon Larry Sisterman - December 26
 Sir Knight Deacon Michael Sudnik - December 31
 Sir Knight David Tarkowski - December 21
 Sir Knight Carl Woida - December 13
 Sir Knight Eugene Andrzejewski - January 2
 Sir Knight Kerry Doughty - January 16
 Sir Knight John Hickman - January 31
 Sir Knight Gordon Keene - January 11
 Sir Knight Christopher Long - January 26
 Sir Knight James Mosley - January 31
 Sir Knight Ed Muldoon - January 31
 Sir Knight John Palmer - January 15
 Sir Knight Alan Peterson - January 27
 Sir Knight Michael Sosebee - January 28
 Sir Knight Bernie Stein - January 27
 Sir Knight Steven Terrell - January 25
 Sir Knight Robert Thompson - January 25



December and January Wedding Anniversaries

December 12 - Sir Knight Paul & Sharon Rivette
 December 27 - Sir Knight George & Martha Laslo
 December 30 - Sir Knight Brian & Kelly Moran
 December 29 - Sir Knight Ed & Kirsten Muldoon
 January 2 - Sir Knight Eugene & Martha Andrzejewski
 January 3 - Sir Knight Robert & Pam Godwin
 January 4 - Sir Knight Tom & Madeline White
 January 9 - Sir Knight Lucian & Marieluise Chappelle

January 17 - Sir Knight Norm & Donna Reinagel
 January 21 - Sir Knight Joseph & Jacqueline Serocki
 January 23 - Sir Knight Larry & Mary Ann Carleton
 January 27 - Sir Knight Butch & Bonnie Boland
 January 29 - Sir Knight Bill & Pat Stejskal



LIVE BALD! Support St Baldrick's and Help Conquer Childhood Cancers

This is year five for LIVE BALD and again lives have been changed. Originally scheduled to be held at Straight to Ale on 28 March, the event was postponed to 13 June, and instead was held as a virtual event. Our North Alabama Knights of Columbus team has raised as of this newsletter a total of \$809.00, surpassing the goal of \$500! Donations are still being accepted, so please consider donating to this extremely worthy cause, benefitting childhood cancer research!

The Link to Team KofC - <https://www.stbaldricks.org/teams/mypage/127414/2020>

The Link to the LIVE BALD 2020 homepage - <https://www.stbaldricks.org/dashboard/event/12226/2020>

Join – Give – Join – Give – Join – Give – Join – Give - Join



For any issues or insurance needs, please contact our Knights of Columbus Insurance Field Agent, Sir Knight Logan Lutz:



Gold Star Families Monument

The Gold Star Families Monument, which was a joint project between the Alabama GSFMM Committee, the HMCVM Foundation, the Hershel Woody Williams Medal of Honor Foundation (HWWMOHF), and the City of Huntsville, was dedicated on October 17th, 2020 at the site of the Huntsville Madison County Veterans Memorial (200 Monroe Street NW, Huntsville, AL 35801). Its primary sponsors were Mike and Christine Wicks and i3 - Integration Innovation Inc.



With this, bricks and/or benches can be purchased in order to honor such families around the monument. If you would like to do so, or make a donation supporting this effort, please click here: [Gold Star Families Monument](#).



Midnight Mass at Holy Spirit



As mentioned previously in the Navigator's Notes, please consider volunteering for the Honor Guard at Midnight Mass if you have the current Regalia. This directly supports Father Mike, who is one of our most ardent supporters. If you are able, please click the link to

signup:

[Volunteer for Midnight Mass at Holy Spirit Church](#)



Don't forget to pay your Annual Dues! Assembly 0004 dues are \$25, unless you are Clergy or 80 years old and above.

Please either bring your dues to our next Business meeting or mail them to (payable to Fr Jeremiah FTrecy Assy 0004):
Faithful, Comptroller Mike Weist
7803 Double Tree Dr SE
Huntsville, AL 35802

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 - Online Meeting Room (Second Thursday)

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

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/502652741>

You can also dial in using your phone.

United States: [+1 \(872\) 240-3212](tel:+18722403212)

Access Code: 502-652-741



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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 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.

