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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,

As we close out the Advent Season, please be sure to remember all of the blessings we are fortunate enough to enjoy. It has been a pleasure serving our community and parishes with each and every one of you!

Now, let us begin to turn our eyes toward the Lenten season, which is just around the corner! Be prepared for an invitation to once again support the Easter Vigil Mass at Holy Spirit with an Honor Guard, and for any Third Degree Knights within each of your Councils, there are several opportunities around North and Central Alabama in the new year for Exemplifications (see page 2), so please keep that in mind if you have any candidates. With that, I'm going to continue making an effort to attend each Council's meetings at least once every couple of months in order to provide a new face to the Assembly and discuss any upcoming events we may have.

We are in the early stages of discussing some fundraising opportunities for our Assembly, namely sponsoring a

BBQ Pork Butt sale, as this has proven a very fruitful endeavor for several of our Councils. We're currently targeting either February or March for this, but will discuss further during our Assembly meetings. With that, I'll be scheduling a Budget meeting with several of our Officers and Trustees, though all of our Assembly are invited to participate if you so wish (more information to come on that through e-mail).

Finally, thank you again for all Sir Knights who have sent in their Fraternal Activity forms, as this ensures we get proper credit of our activities from the Supreme Council. If you have not already done so, it's not too late to submit your activity reports, as we have till January 31st to submit this report to Supreme.

Again, I have enjoyed this first half of our Fraternal year, and look forward to many more events in 2022. Thank you again Worthy Sir Knights!!!!

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.

Prayer:

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, and 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 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	149
Family	102
Community	404
Life	65

# of visits to the sick	0
# of visits for bereavement	29
# of blood donations	2
# of Habitat for Humanity projects	0

Upcoming Exemplifications Schedule

Date	Location	Host Assembly
February 19, 2022	Birmingham, AL	TBD
May 7, 2022	Madison, AL	2420
May 25, 2022	Montgomery, AL	TBD



Assembly 0004 in Action



Sir Knights from Assembly 2420 and 0004 at the Huntsville Veteran's Day Parade, including a screenshot of the broadcast, which can still be viewed ([click here](#)).



November 13, 2021 Exemplification in Guntersville, with 7 members of Assembly 0004 participating as well welcoming one new Sir Knight into our Assembly!

Schedule of Upcoming Events

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

January Schedule of Events

January 1st - **SOLEMNITY OF MARY**

January 3rd - Monday Rosary hosted by Council 11672

6:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245

January 3rd - Council 11672 Monthly Meeting

7:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245

January 12th - Council 4080 Monthly Meeting

7:30pm at St. Mary of the Visitation

January 13th - Assembly 0004 Monthly Meeting

Holy Spirit Church Parish Life Center

7:00pm—GoToMeeting ID 493-228-021

January 10th— Monday Rosary hosted by Council 11672

6:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245

January 20th - Council 16248 Monthly Meeting

7:00pm at Queen of the Universe

January 17th— Monday Rosary hosted by Council 11672

6:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245

January 17th - Council 11672 Officer's Meeting

7:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245

January 18th - Council 764 Monthly Meeting

7:00pm at Holy Spirit

GoToMeeting ID 766-300-981

January 24th— Monday Rosary hosted by Council 11672

6:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245

January 31st— Monday Rosary hosted by Council 11672

6:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245



January Happenings

February Schedule of Events

February 7th - Monday Rosary hosted by Council 11672

6:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245

February 7th - Council 11672 Monthly Meeting

7:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245

February 9th - Council 4080 Monthly Meeting

7:30pm at St. Mary of the Visitation

February 10th - Assembly 0004 Monthly Meeting

Holy Spirit Church Parish Life Center

7:00pm—GoToMeeting ID 493-228-021

February 14th— Monday Rosary hosted by Council 11672

6:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245

February 15th - Council 764 Monthly Meeting

7:00pm at Holy Spirit

GoToMeeting ID 766-300-981

February 17th - Council 16248 Monthly Meeting

7:00pm at Queen of the Universe

February 21st— Monday Rosary hosted by Council 11672

6:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245

February 21st - Council 11672 Officer's Meeting

7:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245

February 28th – Monday Rosary hosted by Council 11672

6:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245



February Happenings

March Schedule of Events

March 2nd - **ASH WEDNESDAY (LENT BEGINS)**

March 7th - Monday Rosary hosted by Council 11672

6:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245

March 7th - Council 11672 Monthly Meeting

7:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245

March 9th - Council 4080 Monthly Meeting

7:30pm at St. Mary of the Visitation

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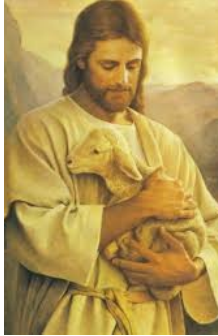
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March Happenings





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

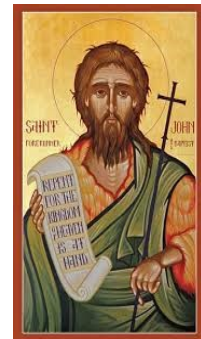
1055 Hughes Road, Madison
(256) 722-0130

<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 Fraternity (#711) to the District Master by April 1, 2022. **In process - draft submitted**
- 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

Life Insurance • Long-Term Care Insurance
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Protecting Catholic families since 1882.



Years of Service for December and January

Sir Knight Floyd Joffrion, Jr - 7 years	Sir Knight Logan Lutz - 6 years
Sir Knight Fletcher Cannon - 21 years	Sir Knight Bernie Morgan, Jr - 17 years
Sir Knight Hugo Jenrath - 34 years	Sir Knight Theodore Stevenson - 17 years
Sir Knight Michael Kelley - 17 years	
Sir Knight Doug Lindquist - 1 year	



December and January Birthdays

Sir Knight Gary Mayers - December 3	Jill (Wife of SK Michael Custodio) - January 7
Sir Knight Larry Carleton - December 8	Sir Knight Gordon Keene - January 11
Sir Knight Gary Mahon - December 8	Sir Knight John Palmer - January 15
Sir Knight William Oliver Sr - December 8	Sir Knight Kerry Doughty - January 16
Ruth (Wife of SK Herbert Schmuck) - December 9	Margie (Wife of SK Ben Cumbie) - January 17
Sir Knight Leonard Gonsewski - December 11	Kelly (Wife of SK Brian Moran) - January 18
Jenice (Wife of SK Roque Haines) - December 12	Sir Knight Steven Terrell - January 25
Sir Knight Carl Woida - December - 13	Sir Knight Robert Thompson - January 25
Lisa (Wife of SK Danny Bordeaux, Jr) - December 15	Sir Knight Alan Peterson - January 27
Demy (Wife of SK Marvin Robley) - December 21	Sir Knight Michael Polemeni - January 27
Sir Knight David Tarkowski - December 21	Sir Knight Bernie Stein - January 27
Sir Knight Paul Adams - December 24	Sir Knight Michael Sosebee - January 28
Sir Knight Paul Place - December 25	Jeanet (Wife of SK Jesse Pascua) - January 30
Sir Knight Franklin Kirsch - December 28	Sir Knight John Hickman - January 31
Sir Knight Archie Phillips - December 28	Sir Knight Doug Lindquist - January 31
Sarah (Wife of SK Kevin Gordon) - December 29	Sir Knight James Mosley - January 31
Sir Knight Bob Kikta - December 29	Sir Knight Edward Muldoon - January 31
Sir Knight Matthew Boenker - December 30	
Karla (Wife of SK Edward Gniadek) - December 30	
Mary Ann (Wife of SK Larry Carleton) - December 31	
Sir Knight Deacon Michael Sudnik - December 31	
Sir Knight Eugene Andrzejewski - January 2	



December and January Wedding Anniversaries

December 12 - Sir Knight Paul & Sharon Rivette (34 years)	January 20 - Sir Knight Mark & Jionela Andersen (3 years)
December 27 - Sir Knight George & Martha Laslo (63 years)	January 21 - Sir Knight Joseph & Jacqueline Serocki (60 years)
December 29 - Sir Knight Edward & Kirsten Muldoon (51 years)	January 23 - Sir Knight Larry & Mary Ann Carleton (33 years)
December 30 - Sir Knight Brian & Kelly Moran (16 years)	January 27 - Sir Knight Butch & Bonnie Boland (53 years)
January 2 - Sir Knight Eugene & Martha Andrzejewski (58 years)	January 29 - Sir Knight Bill & Pat Stejskal (66 years)
January 3 - Sir Knight Robert & Pam Godwin (51 years)	
January 4 - Sir Knight Tom & Madeline White (7 years)	
January 9 - Sir Knight Lucian & Marieluise Chappelle (49 years)	
January 17 - Sir Knight Norm & Donna Reinagel (12 years)	



Assembly 0004 News, Announcements, and Events

Please welcome Assembly 0004's New Sir Knights!

Fred Atkinson
Council 7273

Mike Sakraida
Council 11672

Rev Charles Alookaran
Council 16248

As mentioned earlier in this Newsletter, we participated in the Huntsville Veteran's Day Parade on November 11th, and this can still be viewed on WAFF's webpage by [clicking here](#). Our appearance occurs shortly after the 37:37 mark. Thank you to all who participated, including Sir Knights Mike Rose, Rudy Chavez, Steve Laws, Tony Coyle, Doug Lindquist, Larry Davenport, Tim Steigerwald, and Brian Joly.

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/>

With the past November's Exemplification, many of our Degree team will not be able to continue in their posts, as several of them have accepted positions and responsibilities with the State Council and other heavily involved positions within the Knights of Columbus. As such, we badly need Sir Knights to step up and volunteer to take their place! These are not incredibly difficult roles to rehearse, and while it works best to memorize your lines, there will be help available to remind you of your speaking parts. Please consider volunteering! If interested, please contact Faithful Navigator [Chris Karigan](#) or Faithful Comptroller [Mike Weist](#).

For those that may have missed the annual "Salute to Our Veterans" Program held in partnership with Holy Spirit Regional School, this was again held as a virtual event. The program can be viewed on Youtube by [clicking here](#). Thanks to all involved!

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/>

Special thanks to the Sir Knights who supported our Honor Guard at Midnight Mass! We had a great turnout, with 9 Sir Knights participating. Hope many of you will also support the Easter Vigil Mass coming up in a few short months! Vivat Jesus!

Good of the Assembly

Prayer Requests

Rebecca Dollman, wife of SK Thomas -
Cancer Treatments

SK Bob Kikta, battling Cellulitis

Rest in Peace SK Tillman Dooley
(December 28, 1932 - November 10, 2021)

Rest in Peace Jerry Lukens
(April 11, 1934 - December 26, 2021)

Kentucky Tornado Relief - Please see the below letter from Kentucky State Deputy Steve Zanone:

My Brother Knights,

As the sun rises on my old Kentucky home this morning, the Kentucky Knights of Columbus is embarking on our most critical mission ever. Friday night and early Saturday morning, much of our commonwealth was impacted by historical tornadoes. We have confirmed devastation in three of our four Dioceses. In many areas, the loss of human lives and economic impact is truly devastating. Many of our neighbors are left to face the coming winter in dire need of our assistance. I have received reports of people escaping their destroyed homes barefoot and in pajamas to be left standing in a cold, pounding rain. Our first responders are doing all they can to treat the injured and mitigate the further loss of human life. Please pray for these men and women, for the strength to accomplish this daunting task.

I called the Kentucky State Council into session Saturday evening via Zoom, to gather information and identify those areas most in need of our assistance, and to determine what is the best way to assist at this moment. I have charged our councils to activate in their area to assist their brother knights, their fellow Catholic neighbors, and their communities. The councils have been instructed to contact me as State Deputy and let me know what they need from the State Council regarding contributions. Right now, physical presence in affected areas is not an option for most of us. Our State Police have restricted access to these areas to first responders and residents. For now, what is needed the most is prayers and monetary contributions. The Kentucky State Council will run our efforts through our Charities board. In some instances, we will send money to local councils to purchase food, clothing, etc. as needed. We may also be called upon to load trucks with specific supplies and deliver these items to specific locations. We will do what is necessary to help as many Kentuckians as we can, for as long as the mission takes.

The Kentucky jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus is not large. We have approximately 12,000 members. Our resources are limited, and without contributions we will exhaust these resources within days, as the need is so desperate. If you wish to contribute, please send to the contact below:

K of C Kentucky State Charities, Inc.
 c/o Cameron Peck
 796 Wellington Way
 Lexington, KY 40503

Vivat Jesus,
 Steve Zanone, Kentucky State Deputy

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 fathertrecy@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

New to GoToMeeting? Get the app now and be ready when your first meeting starts: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/install/493228021>



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 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.

