



# Father Jeremiah F. Treacy Assembly 0004

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## Special points of interest:

- Navigator's Notes
- March is dedicated to St. Joseph

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## Navigator's Notes

Worthy Sir Knights,

As we begin the Lenten season, please do not forget that this is an ideal time to reflect on where we may have fallen short of God's plans for us as Catholic men. In this regard, Confession is a powerful tool available for us to help refocus our minds and bring about peace in softening our hearts. With the Lenten season, many of our parishes will offer Penance services, so please consider taking advantage of them!

After some discussion at our recent Business meetings and conferring with Holy Spirit's front office, we have made the decision to move our regularly scheduled Business meetings to the second Tuesday of each month, beginning with March's Business meeting on March 8th. We'll still begin at the usual time of 7 pm, and we'll continue to livestream our meetings over the GoToMeeting platform. On that note, at said Business meeting, I'm requesting a motion to be made for our Assembly to purchase the license for the GoToMeeting platform for the 2022-2023 Fraternal year. For reference, this license

was originally purchased by Council 764 in 2020 and shared by both our Assembly and Council 11672, then purchased by Council 11672 in 2021 and again shared by us and Council 764. So...it's our turn to foot the bill.

Also, do not forget we will again be supporting Easter Vigil Mass at Holy Spirit on April 16th, presumably beginning at 8 pm. Look for a Sign-Up Genius to be sent to the Assembly as that date draws near, and consider participating if you have the current regalia!

Finally, please be sure to volunteer and/or support your Council or Parish's Lenten Fish Fries! These efforts directly support each Council and/or Parish, and with things finally beginning to return to relative normalcy, our communities are very much grateful to be together again! Thank you Sir Knights!

Vivat Jesus,  
Chris Karigan  
Faithful Navigator



## March Devotion: St. Joseph

Since the 16th century Catholic piety has assigned entire months to special devotions. Due to the solemnity of Saint Joseph on March 19, this month is devoted to this great saint, the foster father of Christ. "It greatly behooves Christians, while honoring the Virgin Mother of God, constantly to invoke with deep piety and confidence her most chaste spouse, Saint Joseph. We have a well grounded conviction that such is the special desire of the Blessed Virgin herself." --Pope Leo XIII



### Prayer:

**FOR OUR WORK** Glorious Saint Joseph, pattern of all who are devoted to toil, obtain for me the grace to toil in the spirit of penance, in order thereby to atone for my many sins; to toil conscientiously, putting devotion to duty before my own inclinations; to labor with thankfulness and joy, deeming it an honor to employ and to develop, by my labor, the gifts I have received from Almighty God; to work with order, peace, moderation, and patience, without ever shrinking from weariness and difficulties; to work above all with a pure intention and with detachment from self, having always before my eyes the hour of death and the accounting which I must then render of time ill-spent, of talents unemployed, of good undone, and of my empty pride in success, which is so fatal to the work of God. All for Jesus, all through Mary, all in imitation of thee, O Patriarch Joseph! This shall be my motto in life and in death. Amen.

Prayer Source: Prayer Book, The by Reverend John P. O'Connell, M.A., S.T.D. and Jex Martin, M.A., The Catholic Press, Inc., Chicago, Illinois, 1954

### 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 we submitted for the 2021 Calendar Year. Please make sure you tally your hours for 2022!

<b>Categories</b>	
Faith	316
Family	207
Community	752
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
May 7, 2022	Madison, AL	2420
May 25, 2022	Montgomery, AL	TBD

As a reminder, the Supply Room will be on-site for many of these Exemplifications, so if you are already a 4th Degree Sir Knight but without current regalia, please consider coming to the Exemplification and getting sized! This does not require any commitment to buy, but provides you an opportunity to see the uniforms up close and personal. There are still a limited number of \$100 reimbursements available for any Sir Knight who purchases the regalia, and then participates in one training event and one qualified Honor Guard event!

### Assembly 0004 in Action



FN Chris Karigan Delivering 14 BBQ Pork Butts to Tut Fann Veteran's Home



# Schedule of Upcoming Events

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

## 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 8th - Assembly 0004 Monthly Meeting

Holy Spirit Church Parish Life Center

7:00pm—GoToMeeting ID 493-228-021

March 9th - Council 4080 Monthly Meeting

7:30pm at St. Mary of the Visitation

March 14th— Monday Rosary hosted by Council 11672

6:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245

March 15th - Council 764 Monthly Meeting

7:00pm at Holy Spirit

GoToMeeting ID 766-300-981

March 17th - **ST. PATRICK'S DAY**

March 17th - Council 16248 Monthly Meeting

7:00pm at Queen of the Universe

March 21st - Monday Rosary hosted by Council 11672

6:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245

March 21st - Council 11672 Officer's Meeting

7:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245

March 28th— Monday Rosary hosted by Council 11672

6:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245



## March Happenings

## April Schedule of Events

April 4th - Monday Rosary hosted by Council 11672

6:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245

April 4th - Council 11672 Monthly Meeting

7:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245

April 5th - Council 764 Officer's Meeting

6:30—GoToMeeting ID 766-300-981

April 5th - Assembly 0004 Monthly Meeting

Holy Spirit Church Parish Life Center

7:00pm—GoToMeeting ID 493-228-021

April 10th— **PALM SUNDAY**

April 11th— Monday Rosary hosted by Council 11672

6:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245

April 13th - Council 4080 Monthly Meeting

7:30pm at St. Mary of the Visitation

April 15th— **GOOD FRIDAY**

April 16th— **HOLY SATURDAY**

8:00—Easter Vigil Mass at Holy Spirit

(HONOR GUARD Requested)

April 17th— **EASTER SUNDAY**

April 18th - Monday Rosary hosted by Council 11672

6:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245

April 18th - Council 11672 Officer's Meeting

7:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245

April 19th - Council 764 Monthly Meeting

7:00pm at Holy Spirit

GoToMeeting ID 766-300-981

April 21st - Council 16248 Monthly Meeting

7:00pm at Queen of the Universe

April 25th - Monday Rosary hosted by Council 11672

6:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245



## April Happenings

## May Schedule of Events

May 2nd - Monday Rosary hosted by Council 11672

6:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245

May 2nd - Council 11672 Monthly Meeting

7:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245

May 3rd - Council 764 Officer's Meeting

6:30—GoToMeeting ID 766-300-981

May 9th— Monday Rosary hosted by Council 11672

6:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245

May 10th - Assembly 0004 Monthly Meeting

Holy Spirit Church Parish Life Center

7:00pm—GoToMeeting ID 493-228-021

May 11th - Council 4080 Monthly Meeting

7:30pm at St. Mary of the Visitation

May 16th - Monday Rosary hosted by Council 11672

6:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245

May 16th - Council 11672 Officer's Meeting

7:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245

May 17th - Council 764 Monthly Meeting

7:00pm at Holy Spirit

GoToMeeting ID 766-300-981

May 19th - Council 16248 Monthly Meeting

7:00pm at Queen of the Universe

May 23rd— Monday Rosary hosted by Council 11672

6:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245

May 30th— **MEMORIAL DAY**



## May 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://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

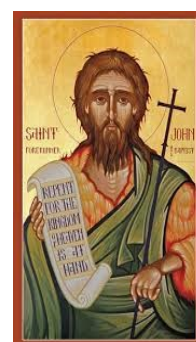
(256) 722-0130

<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 (#718) by 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).
- 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](#)
- [Warriors to Lourdes Fund](#)
- [Christian Refugee Fund](#)
- [Vocations Fund](#)
- [Disaster Relief](#)
- [Annual Appeal and/or Father McGivney Military Chaplain Scholarship](#)
- [Coats for Kids Program](#)
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- [Culture of Life Fund](#)
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For any issues or insurance needs, please contact our Knights of Columbus Insurance Field Agent below:

**Knights of Columbus**  
**INSURANCE**  
YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE

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Fraternal Insurance Counselor  
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(251) 656-9505

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## Years of Service for February and March

Sir Knight Paul Adams - 14 years	Sir Knight Deacon Michael Sudnik - 24 years
Sir Knight Rev Charles Alookaran - 16 years	Sir Knight Gary Braman - 6 years
Sir Knight Eugene Andrzejewski - 40 years	Sir Knight Michael Custodio - 23 years
Sir Knight John Arthur - 15 years	Sir Knight Leonard Gonsewski - 19 years
Sir Knight John Belmont - 23 years	Sir Knight Robert Kikta - 39 years
Sir Knight Larry Davenport - 27 years	Sir Knight Rev Michael Mac Mahon - 52 years
Sir Knight Kirk Foeller - 13 years	Sir Knight Brian Moran - 8 years
Sir Knight Robert McCracken - 14 years	Sir Knight Gregory Olsen - 15 years
Sir Knight William Oliver - 49 years	Sir Knight Archie Phillips - 31 years
Sir Knight Timothy Pfander - 10 years	Sir Knight Herbert Schmuck - 60 years
Sir Knight Stephen Plonka - 47 years	



## February and March Birthdays

Sir Knight Richard Hibbs III - February 2	Sir Knight Tony Coyle - February 24
Geraldine (Wife of SK Michael Savinda) - February 4	Sir Knight Michael Weist - February 27
Sir Knight George Jobczynski - February 6	Sir Knight Robert Smith - March 4
Sir Knight Donald Hamblett - February 8	Vara (Wife of SK Gary Mayers) - March 6
Sir Knight Daniel Nelson - February 8	Sir Knight Everett Leshner - March 9
Sir Knight Thomas Geoffroy - February 10	Sir Knight Albert Dillman - March 11
Lynn (Wife of SK Bernard Stein) - February 12	Sir Knight William Boggess - March 22
Jennifer (Wife of SK Richard Hibbs III) - February 13	Sir Knight Gregory Brierly - March 22
Sir Knight James Carver - February 14	Sir Knight Candido Damian - March 29
Sir Knight John Sloan - February 14	Denise (Wife of SK Everett Leshner) - March 31
Sir Knight Timothy Steigerwald - February 14	
Frances (Wife of SK Fred Atkinson, Jr) - February 15	
Sir Knight John Arthur - February 18	
Sir Knight Michael Laskey - February 19	
Mary (Wife of SK Richard Kemp) - February 19	
Sir Knight Frank Tomasella - February 21	
Rosemary (Wife of SK Michael Lenz) - February 21	
Sir Knight Robert McCracken - February 23	



## February and March Wedding Anniversaries

February 1 - Sir Knight Thomas & Rebecca Dollman (53 years)	March 14 - Sir Knight James & Sue Pryor (35 years)
February 4 - Sir Knight Carl & Ruth Woida (56 years)	March 22 - Sir Knight David & Elizabeth Hoshaw (31 years)
February 7 - Sir Knight Robert & Linda Hirschbuehler (46 years)	March 24 - Sir Knight Ronald & Margaret Bunnell (25 years)
February 19 - Sir Knight Brian & Debora Moore (10 years)	
March 3 - Sir Knight Joseph & Carla Pomager (49 years)	
March 4 - Sir Knight Michael & Kathryn Weist (33 years)	
March 5 - Sir Knight Fred & Frances Atkinson (15 years)	
March 7 - Sir Knight Terance & Lucy Carlson (37 years)	
March 13 - Sir Knight Rodolfo & Bonnie Chavez (40 years)	



## Assembly 0004 News, Announcements, and Events

Many thanks to all of the Sir Knights who volunteered and/or purchased Pork Butts at our fundraiser. As we discussed at our January Business meeting, the budget for 2022 showed we needed to take in approximately \$1200 in fundraisers for the year to be on budget, and with your efforts, we netted just over \$2000 on the Pork Butt sales! Special thanks to Sir Knight Butch Boland, who took and organized all the orders and placed the meat order. Also many thanks to Jim Sieja, who cooked all 96 Butts overnight! This was a huge success that could not have been possible without all your support. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!! Most important, thanks to your generous donations, we delivered 14 BBQ Pork Butts for the residents Tut Fann Veteran's Home!

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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/>

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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](#).

Don't forget—Easter Vigil Mass is coming soon! An Honor Guard is requested for the Mass, which begins at 8 pm, so those participating will need to be there early (probably no later than 7:30). A sign-up Genius will go out to the Assembly as we get closer to Easter. Please consider participating if you have current regalia, as this is one of our marquee Honor Guard events, and directly supports Father Mike!

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The **Catholic Family Services** and **Center of Concern** are two separate entities currently under one building (bldg. 1010). The Catholic Family Services organization moved to another location in 2021. This leaves the Catholic Center of Concern and its staff to remain in the building that requires maintenance, repairs and renovations. As such, they are 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/> For more information, please e-mail [In-fo@catholiccenterofconcernhsv.org](mailto:info@catholiccenterofconcernhsv.org)

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### Good of the Assembly

#### Prayer Requests

**Mary Margaret Rose**

**Soul of Al Rossi**

**Will Bucher**

**Frank Tomasello**

**AnCha Kelly**

**Gary Beikirich**

**Michael Lenz**

**Bernie Stein**



## Ukraine Refugee Relief is Desperately Needed!

Like many others in the world today, we are shocked and appalled at the violence in Ukraine brought by Russia. As such, we are called to step up and help in any way we can. The Knights of Columbus have established a "Ukraine Solidarity Fund" to provide temporary shelter, food, medical supplies, clothing, communications and religious supplies. These items will all be immediately distributed, and 100% of all contributions will go directly to these displaced people. Please consider donating if you can!

For more information and to make a contribution, please visit this website:  
<https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/donate/ukraine.html>



## Step up and take on an Officer's Position!

Are you interested in becoming an Officer for the 2022-2023 Fraternal year? Are you interested in stepping up into a different Officer position? As of this newsletter's publication, we've only heard back from two Officers who either wish to continue in their current position or move to a different one. An Elections committee has also been established to determine our slate of officers for the 2022-2023 Fraternal year, so please let FN [Chris Karigan](#) know if you would like to participate in either capacity—Elections Committee or an Officer Position! We will have elections during our May Business meeting!

## 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](mailto: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>



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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.

