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Special points of interest:

- Captain's Comments
- February is dedicated to the Holy Family

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Captain's Comments

Worthy Sir Knights,

As mentioned during our February Business meeting, the time is rapidly approaching when we need to determine the nominations for Officers of the Assembly for the next Fraternal year. Please consider volunteering for the Elections committee and/or letting your voice be heard to volunteer for an Officer's position. We need dedicated men to keep our Assembly moving forward in supporting our community, families, and most especially our Faith.

As we begin to enter the season of Lent, please be sure to always be mindful of how we as Catholic Gentlemen are intended to spend this season—we are asked to devote ourselves to seeking the Lord in prayer and reading Scripture, to service by giving alms, and to practice self-control through fasting. It is through this, that we can see our renewed

Baptismal promises to God. Please keep this in mind.

Finally, with the Lenten season comes many opportunities for our respective Councils to become more involved with the community—through charities such as Habitat for Humanity or St Baldrick's Foundation, and through Parish enrichments such as Fish Fries and Breakfasts. It is through such activities that we are provided an opportunity for recruitment by setting forth an example of how a Catholic Gentleman and Sir Knight should act. I trust that all of us will be mindful of that, and will continue to see our Order grow both in number and in Faith.

Vivat Jesus!
Faithful Captain
Chris Karigan



February Devotion: the Holy Family



Since the 16th century Catholic piety has assigned entire months to special devotions. The month of February has been primarily associated with the holy Family, probably due to the feast of Our Lord's presentation at the temple, celebrated on February 2. At the very outset of Christ's work on earth, God showed the world a family in which, as Pope Leo XIII teaches, "all men might behold a perfect model of domestic life, and of all virtue and holiness." The harmony, unity, and holiness which characterized this holy Family make it the model for all Christian families.

FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE HOLY FAMILY Grant unto us, Lord

Jesus, ever to follow the example of Thy holy Family, that in the hour of our death Thy glorious Virgin Mother together with blessed Joseph may come to meet us and we may be worthily received by Thee into everlasting dwellings: who livest and reignest world without end. 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	2
Family	0
Community	0
Life	0
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# of visits to the sick	0
# of visits for bereavement	0
# of blood donations	1
# of Habitat for Humanity projects	0



On January 13, 2020, Sir Knight Bienvenido Concepcion passed into Our Father's Heavenly Kingdom. Please pray for Benny's family in their time of grief. Assembly 0004 will dearly miss our Brother and resident photographer.

Rest In Peace
Sir Knight Bienvenido "Benny"
Concepcion
April 01, 1945 - January 13, 2020



Assembly 0004 in Action



Sir Knight Larry Davenport receives his certificate for 25 years of service to the Knights of Columbus (February 4)



Father Mike receives his certificate for 50 years of service to the Knights of Columbus (March 1)

February Schedule of Events

February 3rd- Council 11672 Monthly Meeting
7:30 at Good Shepherd

February 9th - Council 11672 Monthly Breakfast
8:30-10:30am at Good Shepherd

February 11th - Council 764 Social Meeting
Holy Spirit

February 13th - Assembly 0004 Monthly Meeting
7:00pm at Holy Spirit

February 14th - Council 4080 Monthly Meeting
7:30pm at St. Mary of the Visitation

February 16th - Council 764 Monthly Breakfast
8:00-11:00am at Holy Spirit

February 17th - **PRESIDENT'S DAY**

February 19th - Council 11672 Officer's Meeting
7:30 at Good Shepherd

February 20th - Council 16248 Monthly Meeting
7:00pm at Queen of the Universe

February 26th - **ASH WEDNESDAY**
LENT BEGINS

February 28th - Lenten Fish Fries
5:00pm at Good Shepherd (Council 11672)
5:00pm at Holy Spirit (Council 764)



February Happenings

March Schedule of Events

March 2nd- Council 11672 Monthly Meeting
7:30 at Good Shepherd

March 6th - Lenten Fish Fries
5:00pm at Good Shepherd (Council 11672)
5:00pm at Holy Spirit (Council 764)

March 8th - Council 11672 Monthly Breakfast
8:30-10:30am at Good Shepherd

March 12th - Assembly 0004 Monthly Meeting
7:00pm at Holy Spirit

March 13th - Council 4080 Monthly Meeting
7:30pm at St. Mary of the Visitation

March 13th - Lenten Fish Fries
5:00pm at Good Shepherd (Council 11672)
5:00pm at Holy Spirit (Council 764)

March 10th - Council 764 Social Meeting
Holy Spirit

March 15th - Council 764 Monthly Breakfast
8:00-11:00am at Holy Spirit

March 17th - Council 764 Monthly Meeting
6:00pm at Holy Spirit

March 18th - Council 11672 Officer's Meeting
7:30 at Good Shepherd

March 19th - Council 16248 Monthly Meeting
7:00pm at Queen of the Universe

March 20th - Lenten Fish Fries
5:00pm at Good Shepherd (Council 11672)
5:00pm at Holy Spirit (Council 764)

March 27th - Lenten Fish Fries
5:00pm at Good Shepherd (Council 11672)
5:00pm at Holy Spirit (Council 764)



March Happenings

April Schedule of Events

April 3rd - Lenten Fish Fries
5:00pm at Good Shepherd (Council 11672)
5:00pm at Holy Spirit (Council 764)

April 4th - 4th Degree Exemplification
TBA at St. John's (Madison, AL)

April 6th - Council 11672 Monthly Meeting
7:30 at Good Shepherd

April 9th - Assembly 0004 Monthly Meeting
7:00pm at Holy Spirit

April 10th - Council 4080 Monthly Meeting
7:30pm at St. Mary of the Visitation

April 10th - **GOOD FRIDAY**

April 10th - Lenten Fish Fries
5:00pm at Good Shepherd (Council 11672)
5:00pm at Holy Spirit (Council 764)

April 12th - **EASTER SUNDAY**

April 12th - Council 11672 Monthly Breakfast
8:30-10:30am at Good Shepherd

April 14th - Council 764 Social Meeting
Holy Spirit

April 15th - Council 11672 Officer's Meeting
7:30 at Good Shepherd

April 16th - Council 16248 Monthly Meeting
7:00pm at Queen of the Universe

April 19th - Council 764 Monthly Breakfast
8:00-11:00am at Holy Spirit



April 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

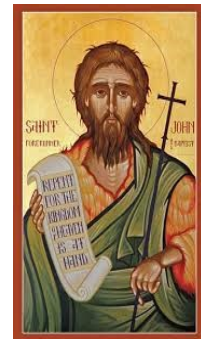
Mass Schedule:
 Saturday 5:00 PM
 Sunday 9:00 AM
 11:30 AM



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



CCC's Corner—Council Recruiting

In 2019 I was able to travel to Mississippi to represent Assembly 4 at the Bienville Province Annual Meeting. The province is a five-state region consisting of Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and neighboring to the north, Tennessee. Honored guests to the provisional meeting were the State's Deputies from the same five states. One of the takeaways I remember specifically from this meeting, was the link the State Deputies formed between the growth of the 4th Degree and the entrance of new members into the Knights of Columbus. Their message 'help us build the order and we will provide to you the 3rd Degree members excited about building the 4th Degree'.

As spring approaches again, we make a council level push to attract 3rd degree knights to participate in the spring exemplification in North Alabama. Many of your council brother knights have made up their mind that the council is the right place for them and continuing on the assembly is not where their hearts are. At least not today. Respect that, remember, few of us are Lecturers, couldn't get up there and speak to the masses, few are eucharistic ministers, fewer are Deacon and Priests. We are made different with different skills. So, here is the bottom line, love your brother knight and respect his decision to join the 4th degree if and when he is ready. Understand our growth still resides in the bringing in of members into the council and those members seeing what we do in the 4th degree and choosing to be a member of the 4th Degree.

2020 North Alabama 4th Degree Exemplification & Honor Guard

Spring is here so the Assemblies in Huntsville #4 and Madison #2420 will again hold their joint 4th Degree exemplification. On 4 April 2020, a Flag Detail (9 members), Chair Guards, and the Mass Honor Guard are requested for all members with the New 4th Degree Uniform. Assembly 4 has 20 members with the new uniform, but many will be participating in the Exemplification in many different roles and unable to serve on the Flag Detail. Scrutinize your schedules and make yourself available for his annual event. Contact the Color Corps Commander with your availability.



We are not an over and above organization, we are an organization with a special purpose, a patriotic purpose, a visible reminder with a special uniform to set us aside and bring us together. Entrusted with the duty to respectfully support our fellow Knights of Columbus, in their time of need, and in supporting the widows and families of our Brother Knights and Sir Knight. Remember, ALL Knights in Good Standing are afforded the honors of an Honor Guard at the request of the family and with the Pastor's blessings.

Pray for strong men to join us and carry their cross. Create programs through Faith in Action that raise awareness and people want to be part of. Be consistence and be spontaneous. Maintain programs people can count on and programs that fit the times. Help promote and build the Councils membership and you will build the Assembly.

Sincerely,
SK Mike Weist



Holy Saturday Honor Guard at Holy Spirit

Each Year Father Mike requests an honor guard for the Easter Vigil Mass (8PM). This year is no exception. Consider your schedules and join us at 7:20pm for the 11 April 2020 Easter Vigil Mass and Honor Guard at Holy Spirit. Signup Genius to follow in March.

2020 Alabama State Convention Flag Detail Needed

April 25-27, the City of Huntsville will be the location for the Knights of Columbus's State Convention. To support the convention, the Alabama State's Master of the 4th Degree has requested a Flag Detail to provide the colors at opening and closing ceremonies. The Convention's Flag Detail will be identical to the Exemplification's Flag Detail so if you are able to participate in one or the other that would be excellent. Assembly 2420 will join us in making both Flag Details a success.

Years of Service for December, January, and February

Sir Knight Floyd Joffrion - 5 Years	Sir Knight John Arthur - 13 Years
Sir Knight Fletcher Cannon - 20 Years	Sir Knight John Belmont - 21 Years
Sir Knight Hugo Jenrath - 33 Years	Sir Knight Larry Davenport - 25 Years
Sir Knight Michael Kelley - 16 Years	Sir Knight Kirk Foeller - 11 Years
Sir Knight Bernard Morgan - 16 Years	Sir Knight Robert McCracken - 12 Years
Sir Knight Alfred Rossi - 16 Years	Sir Knight William Oliver - 47 Years
Sir Knight Theodore Stevenson - 16 Years	Sir Knight Stephen Plonka - 45 Years
Sir Knight Paul Adams - 12 Years	Sir Knight Deacon Michael Sudnik - 22 Years
Sir Knight Eugene Andrzejewski - 38 Years	



December, January, and February Birthdays

Sir Knight Gary Mayers - December 3	Sir Knight Christopher Long - January 26
Sir Knight William Oliver - December 8	Sir Knight Bernie Stein - January 27
Sir Knight Larry Carleton - December 8	Sir Knight Alan Peterson - January 27
Sir Knight Leonard Gonsewski - December 11	Sir Knight James Mosley - January 31
Sir Knight David Tarkowski - December 21	Sir Knight Ed Muldoon - January 31
Sir Knight Paul Adams - December 24	Sir Knight John Hickman - January 31
Sir Knight Paul Place - December 25	Sir Knight Richard Hibbs - February 2
Sir Knight Deacon Larry Sisterman - December 26	Sir Knight George Jobczynski - February 6
Sir Knight Archie Phillips - December 28	Sir Knight James Miller - February 6
Sir Knight Tillman Dooley - December 28	Sir Knight Donald Hamblett - February 8
Sir Knight Franklin Kirsch - December 28	Sir Knight Danny Nelson - February 8
Sir Knight Bob Kikta - December 29	Sir Knight Tom Geoffroy - February 10
Sir Knight Matthew Boenker - December 30	Sir Knight Tim Steigerwald - February 14
Sir Knight Deacon Michael Sudnik - December 31	Sir Knight John Sloan - February 14
Sir Knight Eugene Andrzejewski - January 2	Sir Knight John Arthur - February 18
Sir Knight Gary Price - January 8	Sir Knight Michael Laskey - February 19
Sir Knight Gordon Keene - January 11	Sir Knight Frank Tomasella - February 21
Sir Knight John Palmer - January 15	Sir Knight Robert Mccracken - February 23
Sir Knight Kerry Doughty - January 16	Sir Knight Tony Coyle - February 24
Sir Knight Steven Terrell - January 25	Sir Knight Michael Weist - February 27
Sir Knight Robert Thompson - January 25	



December, January, and February Anniversaries

December 30 - Sir Knight Brian & Kelly Moran	January 29 - Sir Knight Bill & Pat Stejskal
January 2 - Sir Knight Eugene & Martha Andrzejewski	February 1 - Sir Knight Thomas & Rebecca Dollman
January 9 - Sir Knight Lucian & Marieluise Chappelle	February 18 - Sir Knight JD & Margaret Tillman
January 21 - Sir Knight Joseph & Jacqueline Serocki	February 19 - Sir Knight Brian & Debora Moore
January 23 - Sir Knight Larry & Mary Ann Carleton	



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

This is year five for LIVE BALD and again lives will be changed. Join us at Straight to Ale, 28 March, 1pm – 7pm. You can join the festivities, bid on a silent raffle prize, listen to some great live music, and support the North Alabama KofC shave team and help put us over the top and the top team or individual. Slots are available for shaves, or you can donate to one of our shaves. Pat Jackson from Assembly 4 and Council 11672 vows to take it all off again this year. Support our outward sign of giving and give to St Baldricks. Link us to your Facebook account and let your friends help us.

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 below:



2nd Annual Community Free Dental Clinic Golf Tournament

On Friday May 15, 2020 we will host the 2nd Annual Community Free Dental Clinic (CFDC) Golf Tournament in Memory of Colonel William (Bill) Stirling. The First Annual Tournament was a great success as a fundraiser and helped us to defray our annual operating expenses. It was a tribute to Colonel Stirling's memory and we hope to continue this success with the 2nd. The CFDC is a 501© 3 non profit organization partnering with the United Way. The CFDC mission is to provide quality dental care and education to the poverty level uninsured population of Madison County. We are the only Free Dental Clinic in Madison County. The Chamber of Commerce's survey reveals that over 46,000 inhabitants of Madison County are at or below the poverty level. We serve the thousands of people in Madison County who desperately need dental work and who are unable to afford it. Our target clientele are the Veterans, the Elderly, the Homeless, the Disabled, the working Poor and those suffering a crippling Financial burden from chemotherapy and radiation therapy. Please help us to alleviate their suffering, improve their quality of life and the employability of those with acute dental issues. If you have ever had a toothache or a dental abscess, think about being unable to afford the care to ease the pain.

The 2nd Annual Tournament is seeking businesses interested in being sponsors of the Tournament.

Categories of participation and sponsorship include:

1. Platinum level: \$1500 – 4 teams free, T-box sign and Facebook Advertising
2. Gold Level: \$1,000 – 2 teams free, T-box sign and Facebook Advertising
3. Bronze Level: \$500- 1 Team free, T-box sign and Facebook Advertising
4. Corporate Level: \$250. T-box sign and Facebook Advertising
5. Closest to the Pin: \$100

Donations will be gratefully accepted. 100% of the proceeds above the cost of the golf tournament will go toward the operational costs of the CFDC. Interested organizations can contact Mr. Bill at (256) 652-6210 for further information.

Please help us help those in need.

Sincerely,

Julia Nabors, Executive Director

P.S. For your convenience, the entry form for this is included on the second to last page of this newsletter.

Lenten Prayer for Transformation

Loving Father,
I invite you into my life today and make myself available to you.

Help me to become the-best-version-of-myself by seeking your will and becoming a living example of your love in the world.

Open my heart to the areas of my life that need to change in order for me to carry out the mission and experience the joy you have imagined for my life.

Inspire me to live the Catholic faith in ways that are dynamic and engaging.

Show me how to best get involved in the life of my parish.

Make our community hungry for best practices and continuous learning.

Give me courage when I am afraid, hope when I am discouraged, and clarity in times of decision.

Teach me to enjoy uncertainty and lead your Church to become all you imagined it would be for the people of our times.

Amen.

Lenten Prayer for Ash Wednesday

God of goodness and mercy,

Hear my prayer as I begin this Lenten journey with you. Let me be honest with myself as I look into my heart and soul, noticing the times I turn away from you. Guide me as I humbly seek to repent and return to your love.

May humility guide my efforts to be reconciled with you and live forever in your abundant grace.

Transform me this Lent, heavenly Father. Give me the strength to commit myself to grow closer to you each day.

Amen.

Lenten Prayer for Holy Thursday

Jesus, in these last few days leading up to Easter, as I recall your passion and death, let me remember that, above all, I am called to feed your sheep. You have given me a model of how to live; may I strive to be all that you created me for, spreading the love of God and the truth of our Catholic faith wherever I am able. You are the way, the truth, and the life.

Amen.

Prayers for the Lenten Season

Lenten Prayer for Good Friday

Jesus, no one knows change better than you. You died on the cross, and three days later you rose from the dead. Forty days later you ascended into heaven and left the world transformed for the rest of time. Help me to transform my soul, to die to sin and death and be reborn in your love and eternal life.

Amen.

Lenten Prayer for Holy Saturday

Jesus, you are courage incarnate. As you hung on the cross for my sins and the sins of the world, you showed me that all things are possible. You knew that life did not end on the cross. It was only the beginning of a new and glorious eternal life.

Amen.

Lenten Prayer for Easter

Almighty Father, I thank you for the gift of your son, Jesus Christ, who rose from the dead and redeemed humankind. Fill us with the fire of the Holy Spirit, that we may be faithful disciples and enthusiastic witnesses of our Catholic faith. Alleluia, Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed.

Lenten Prayer for Sundays during Lent

Heavenly Father,

As I enter another week of my Lenten journey, guide me to the path that leads to you. Fill my heart with gratitude, patience, strength, and peace as I strive to become the-best-version-of-myself, honestly admitting my shortcomings and sins.

As I renew my resolve each day to become a better person, let me hear your voice in the deepest reaches of my heart. Give me rest in you.

Help me to accept others, showing them your great love instead of casting judgment.

Stay with me through the busy days this week and remind me that when I need comfort, solitude, wisdom, or guidance, I can always turn to you.

Help me develop discipline and generosity through fasting and almsgiving, and come closer to you through prayer this Lent.

In your name I pray,

Amen.




In Honor of Colonel William (Bill) Stirling
The 2nd Annual Community Free Dental Clinic Golf Tournament

Friday May 15, 2020
The Links at Redstone
Tee Off Time: 8:00 AM
Four Person Scramble with Shotgun Start



Entry Fee
\$60 Per Individual or \$240 per Team*
Fee Includes: Lunch, Greens Fee and Cart
Deadline for Entry is May 12, 2020
No Refunds after May 12, 2020

PRIZES 
Flight Prizes and Closest to the Pin on all Par 3's

Checks made payable to the Community Free Dental Clinic,
Additional donations are tax deductible and receipts will be provided.

For more information Contact Mr. Bill at 256-652-6210

To Sign up, mail this form and your check

Bill Frayne

Made out to Community Free Dental Clinic to:

2341 Whitesburg Dr. Suite 3
Huntsville AL 35801

Team Registration Contact _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ (\$60. X numbers of golfers)

Player 1: _____

Player 2: _____

Player 3: _____

Player 4: _____

*100% of the net profit goes to the operating costs of the CFDC

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.

