

# Father Jeremiah F. Trecy Assembly 0004 Huntsville, AL

# Volume XIV, Issue 5

### April/May 2022

# Special points of interest:

- Navigator's Notes
- May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary

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# Navigator's Notes

### Worthy Sir Knights,

Thank you all so much for the opportunity to serve this Assembly as your Faithful Navigator! As mentioned at recent Business meetings, we have announced nominations of officers for the 2022-2023 Fraternal year, and I am not seeking a third term as Faithful Navigator. I will of course, presumably, continue to serve in some capacity as your Faithful Admiral, but it has been a distinct pleasure to serve as Faithful Navigator for the past two years. I have no doubt that this Assembly can continue to do great things for our Communities, Parishes, and Councils.

May is a busy month for the 4th Degree, with "Carry the Load" as well as the Memorial Day Wreath laying downtown. These are hallmark events that directly support the principle of the 4th Degree - Patriotism. Please do not ever forget those brave men and women who fought and died to preserve the freedoms we enjoy each and every day in this country. Be sure to keep them in your prayers, especially on Memorial Day.

We will soon be announcing some plans for Officer's Installations to again occur in conjunction with Assembly 2420, returning to the old traditions our Assembly enjoyed in partnership with Madison. We are currently targeting a late-July or early August date for this event, so please stay tuned!

Thank you again, Worthy Sir Knights, for all that you do!

Vivat Jesus, Chris Karigan Faithful Navigator





# May Devotion: Blessed Virgin Mary

Since the 16th century Catholic piety has assigned entire months to special devotions. Toward the end of the eighteenth century a zealous Jesuit priest, Father Lalomia, started among the students of the Roman college of his Society the practice of dedicating May to Our Lady. The devotion, which others had promoted in a small way, soon spread to other Jesuit Colleges and to the entire Latin church and since that time it has been a regular feature of Catholic life.

### Prayers: INVOCATIONS

My Mother, deliver me from mortal sin. Hail Mary (three times). Mother of love, of sorrow and of mercy, pray for us.

### FOR THE HELP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

May we be assisted, we beseech Thee, 0 Lord, by the worshipful intercession of Thy glorious Mother, the ever-Virgin Mary; that we, who have been enriched by her perpetual blessings, may be delivered from all dangers, and through her loving kindness made to be of one heart and mind: who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

### THE SALVE REGINA

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, hail, our life, our sweetness, and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve! To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears! Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us; and after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus! O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!

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### Assembly Volunteer Hours for 2022

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:  $\Diamond$ 
  - Faith  $\Diamond$
  - Family
  - $\Diamond$ Community
  - $\Diamond$ 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 2022 Calendar Year. Please make sure you tally your hours for the year!

<u>Categories</u>	
Faith	0
Family	0
Community	0
Life	0
# of visits to the sick	0
# of visits for bereavement	0
# of blood donations	0
# of Habitat for Humanity projects	0

# **Upcoming Exemplifications Schedule**

Date	Location	Host Assembly
June 11, 2022	Arkansas (Virtual)	N/A

# Assembly 0004 in Action



Sir Knights Mike Weist, Chris Karigan, Chibuike Nwakamma, and Cesar Solares installing flags donated by Assembly 0004 at the U.S. Veterans Memorial Museum in Huntsville





Sir Knight Gary Mayers completing his rain-soaked relay for "Carry the Load" For more information on Carry the Load, and possibly donating to the North Alabama Knights team, please click here.

# Schedule of Upcoming Events

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

# 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

### June Schedule of Events

June 6th - Monday Rosary hosted by Council 11672 6:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245 June 6th - Council 11672 Monthly Meeting 7:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245 June 7th - Council 764 Officer's Meeting 6:30—GoToMeeting ID 766-300-981 June 9th - Council 4080 Monthly Meeting 7:30pm at St. Mary of the Visitation June 13th– Monday Rosary hosted by Council 11672 6:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245 June 14th - Assembly 0004 Monthly Meeting

### July Schedule of Events

July 4th - INDEPENDENCE DAY July 4th - Monday Rosary hosted by Council 11672 6:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245 July 4th - Council 11672 Monthly Meeting 7:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245 July 5th - Council 764 Officer's Meeting 6:30—GoToMeeting ID 766-300-981 July 11th– Monday Rosary hosted by Council 11672 6:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245 July 12th - Assembly 0004 Monthly Meeting Holy Spirit Church Parish Life Center 7:00pm—GoToMeeting ID 493-228-021 July 13th - Council 4080 Monthly Meeting 7:30pm at St. Mary of the Visitation 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** 

Holy Spirit Church Parish Life Center 7:00pm—GoToMeeting ID 493-228-021 June 16th - Council 16248 Monthly Meeting 7:00pm at Queen of the Universe June 20th – Monday Rosary hosted by Council 11672 6:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245 June 20th - Council 11672 Officer's Meeting 7:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245 June 21st - Council 764 Monthly Meeting 7:00pm at Holy Spirit GoToMeeting ID 766-300-981 June 27th – Monday Rosary hosted by Council 11672 6:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245

July 18th – Monday Rosary hosted by Council 11672 6:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245 July 18th - Council 11672 Officer's Meeting 7:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245 July 19th - Council 764 Monthly Meeting 7:00pm at Holy Spirit GoToMeeting ID 766-300-981 July 21st - Council 16248 Monthly Meeting 7:00pm at Queen of the Universe July 25th– Monday Rosary hosted by Council 11672 6:30—GoToMeeting ID 510-783-245



June Happenings



July Happenings



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# **Good Shepherd Catholic Church**

13550 Chaney Thompson Road	Mass Schedule	e:
(256) 882-1844	Saturday	5:30 PM
http://www.goodshephsv.org	Sunday	8:30 AM 11:00 AM
Home to Council 11672		11007.00
http://Council11672.weebly.com		









Holy Spirit Catholic Church	Mass Schedul	e:
625 Airport Road, Huntsville	Saturday Sunday	5:00 PM 7:30 AM
(256) 881-4781	Sulluay	9:00 AM
http://holyspirithsv.com/		11:45 AM
Home to Council 764 and Assembly 0004	(Spanish) (Korean)	2:00 pm 4:00 pm
http://holyspirithsv.com/?page_id=966	(Spanish)	6:30 pm
http://Assembly0004.weebly.com		
Most Merciful Jesus		
10509 Segers Road, Madison	Mass Schedule:	
(256) 258-8865	Saturday	5:00 PM
http://www.mostmercifuljesuschurch.org	Sunday	8:30 AM 11:30 AM
Our Lady of the Valley		
376 Goss Road, Redstone Arsenal	Mass Schedule:	
(256) 842-2175	Saturday Sunday	5:00 PM 9:00 AM
https://home.army.mil/redstone/	Sunday	9.00 AM
index.php/about/Garrison/religious-support office	÷	
(Traditional La		n Mass)
Our Lady, Help of Christians	Schedule:	
1201 Kingshum Aug CE Huntsville	Saturday	8:00 AM
1201 Kingsbury Ave SE, Huntsville (256) 801-9157	Sunday (Low Mass)	7:00 AM 9:00 AM
(200) 001 9107	(High Mass)	9:00 AM

http://ourladyhelpofchristians-al.org

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9:00 AM
11:00 AM

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# Our Lady, Queen of the Universe

2421 Shady Lane, Huntsville (256) 852-0788 http://www.olqu.org Home to Council 16248

St. John the Baptist

1055 Hughes Road, Madison

(256) 722-0130

http://www.stjohnbchurch.org

https://www.madison-kofc.org/

Home to Council 10232 and Assembly 2420

# 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

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Saturday

Sunday

5:00 PM

8:00 AM 10:00 AM

5:30 PM

7:00 AM 8:30 AM

11:30 AM

5:30 PM

Saturday

Sunday

# 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 8:00 AM Sunday 11:00 AM













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# **Requirements for Star Assembly**

- 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.
- Meet the Assembly's membership goal with a net gain of 7% additions over deletions.
- 4) Competend submit to your Distric Master by April Control of the set of the vard" 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 "Factor of Officers Chosen for the ferr (#-86).
- 7) Complete and submit the Annial Audit (#1315) by August 7,122



# Officer Nominations for the 2022-2023 Fraternal Year

Faithful Navigator	Tim Steigerwald
Faithful Captain	Bob Wertz
Faithful Friar	Father Michael Mac Mahon
Faithful Pilot	Jose Arriaga, Jr.
Faithful Comptroller	Mike Weist
Faithful Purser	Brian Lagasse
Faithful Admiral	Chris Karigan

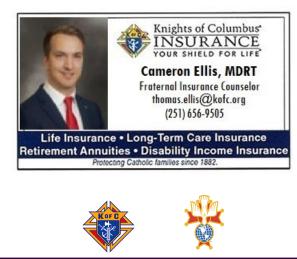
Faithful Scribe	Greg Olsen
Inner Sentinel	Norm Reinagel
Outer Sentinel	Richard Hibbs
One Year Trustee	Tony Coyle
Two Year Trustee	Gary Mayers
Three Year Trustee	Mike Rose

# **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 <u>SK Mike Weist</u>, 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
Coats for Kids Program	<u>McGivney Military Chaplain</u> <u>Scholarship</u>
Culture of Life Fund	

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



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# Years of Service for April and May

Sir Knight Mark Andersen - 4 years Sir Knight Matthew Boenker - 7 years Sir Knight David Bouska - 54 years SK Father Vincent Bresowar - 9 years Sir Knight Demetrius Brooks - 5 years Sir Knight Ronald Bunnell - 3 years Sir Knight Larry Carleton - 5 years Sir Knight Daniel Celeski - 3 years Sir Knight Rodolfo Chavez - 7 years SK Deacon Louis Citrano - 3 years Sir Knight Tony Coyle - 7 years Sir Knight James Derrickson - 9 years Sir Knight Thomas Dollman - 5 years Sir Knight Michael Franzese - 5 years Sir Knight Tom Geoffroy - 7 years Sir Knight Kevin Gordon - 3 years Sir Knight James Goshen - 9 years SK Deacon Lee Heckman - 3 years Sir Knight Richard Hibbs III - 7 years Sir Knight Chris Karigan - 7 years Sir Knight Richard Kemp - 7 years SK Father Davis Koottala - 5 years Sir Knight Philip Kromis - 3 years

Sir Knight James Leonard - 7 years Sir Knight Gary Mayers - 5 years Sir Knight John Moore - 4 years Sir Knight James Mosley - 15 years Sir Knight Lane Mousel - 9 years Sir Knight Edward Muldoon - 9 years Sir Knight Jay Napieralski - 4 years Sir Knight Bob North - 9 years SK Father Philip O'Kennedy - 34 years Sir Knight Marco Ortega - 4 years Sir Knight Jesse Pascua - 4 years Sir Knight David Pohl - 3 years Sir Knight Harry Renfroe Jr - 24 years Sir Knight Jeremy Roper - 3 years Sir Knight Michael Savinda - 54 years Sir Knight Michael Schultz - 3 years Sir Knight Robert Smith - 7 years Sir Knight Michael Sosebee - 3 years Sir Knight Timothy Steigerwald - 9 years Sir Knight John Valentine - 7 years Sir Knight Tom White - 3 years Sir Knight Carl Woida - 3 years



Sir Knight Peter Wozny - 3 years Sir Knight Greg Brierly - 2 years Sir Knight Terance Carlson - 2 years Sir Knight Andrew Carlson - 2 years Sir Knight Jim Carver - 2 years Sir Knight Timothy Conley - 6 years Sir Knight Bob DePierre - 6 years Sir Knight Jared Ebelhar - 13 years Sir Knight Robert Godwin III - 8 years Sir Knight Donald Hamblett - 18 years Sir Knight Dave Hoshaw - 8 years Sir Knight Michael Laskey - 21 years Sir Knight Michael Lenz - 6 years Sir Knight James Pryor - 2 years Sir Knight Joseph Serocki - 57 years Sir Knight Frank Tomasella - 8 years

# April and May Birthdays

Sir Knight Raymond Kluesner - April 2 Sir Knight Theodore Stevenson - April 2 Sir Knight John Beckman - April 3 Sir Knight Joe Pomager - April 3 Sir Knight Joe Pomager - April 3 Sir Knight Steve Gentz - April 6 Sir Knight Pat Jackson - April 6 Sir Knight Carlos Mireles Preciado - April 7 Sir Knight Carlos Mireles Preciado - April 7 Sir Knight Dave Hoshaw - April 9 Sir Knight Mark Andersen - April 10 Sir Knight Marco Ortega - April 10 Sir Knight Fred Atkinson, Jr. - April 16 Sir Knight Stephen Plonka - April 16 Sir Knight Dan Celeski - April 19 Sir Knight Tom White - April 19 Sir Knight Edward Gniadek - April 20 Sir Knight Peter Wozny - April 25 Sir Knight Merv Eberhardt, II - April 26 Sir Knight Jared Ebelhar - April 27 Sir Knight Logan Lutz - April 27 Mary (Wife of SK Bill Oliver, Sr.) - May I Rosita (Wife of SK Tim Karigan) - May 3 Sir Knight Chris Karigan - May 3 Sir Knight Jay Napieralski - May 3 Sir Knight Bob Wertz - May 5 Madeline (Wife of SK Tom White) - May 6 Sir Knight Greg Olsen - May 8 Sir Knight Norm Reinagel - May 10 Sir Knight Timothy Terry - May 11 Sir Knight Peter Trenkle - May 13 Bonnie (Wife of SK Butch Boland) - May 13 Sharon (Wife of SK Paul Rivette) - May 13 Margaret (Wife of SK Brian Lagasse) - May 15 Sir Knight Andrew Carlson - May 16 Debora (Wife of SK Brian Moore) - May 16 Nancy (Wife of SK Bernie Morgan, Jr.) - May 17 Sue (Wife of SK James Pryor) - May 17 Marianne (Wife of SK Bob Wertz) - May 21 Sir Knight Kirk Foeller - May 24 Margaret Mary (Wife of SK Mike Rose) - May 25 Christine (Wife of SK Peter Wozny) - May 25 Sir Knight Chuck Anderson - May 28 Bonnie Jean (Wife of SK Rudy Chavez) - May 28 Sir Knight Tim Karigan - May 29 Janet (Wife of SK Michael Sakraida) - May 29 Sir Knight David Bouska - May 30



# April and May Wedding Anniversaries

April 12 - Sir Knight Floyd & Mary Elizabeth Joffrion (26 years)
April 16 - Sir Knight Larry & Susan Scott (27 years)
April 23 - Sir Knight Robert & Anna Benson (45 years)
May 7 - Sir Knight Bob & Marianne Wertz (26 years)
May 14 - Sir Knight Danny & Lisa Bordeaux (28 years)
May 15 - Sir Knight Everett & Denise Lesher (23 years)

May 17 - Sir Knight Kerry & Luzma Doughty (43 years) May 18 - Sir Knight Marvin & Demy Robley (54 years) May 23 - Sir Knight Steven & Stephenie Palmer (37 years) May 29 - Sir Knight David & Jeanette Pohl (40 years) May 31 - Sir Knight Merv & Cheryl Eberhardt (53 years)



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# Assembly 0004 News, Announcements, and Events

Carry the Load was founded by Veteran U.S. Navy SEALs, Clint Bruce and Stephen Holley, Carry The Load started as a mission to restore the true meaning of Memorial Day. Today, it has grown to include more than just our military heroes and more than just the one holiday. Carry The Load works to bring all Americans together to participate in honoring our nation's heroes every day. Our Assembly is proud to support this mission, with Sir Knights participating in every leg of the relay through Huntsville this year, despite inclement weather. Sir Knights Chibuike Nwakamma, Gary Mayers, Mike Weist, Doug Lindquist, Cesar Solares, and Chris Karigan all participated in at least one leg of this rain-soaked relay. Carry the Load is still in need of further donations, so please click here for more information, and here to contribute to the North Alabama Knights team.

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 <u>https://www.whsmobile.com/</u>

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 <u>Chris Karigan</u> or Faithful Comptroller <u>Mike</u> <u>Weist</u>. During the May 7th Exemplification at St. John's in Madison, Assembly 0004 was proud to welcome three new Sir Knights into our Assembly! Please join me in welcoming our new Sir Knights:

# **Jorge Ramos**

Council 764

**Chibuike Nwakamma** Council (1672 (St. Joseph's Roundtable)

**Cesar Solares** Council 764

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

# Good of the Assembly<br/>Prayer RequestsMary Margaret RoseFrank TomaselloWill BucherGary BeikirichAnCha KellyRudy ChavezMichael LenzSK Gene BrockBernie SteinThomas FrostSoul of Al RossiJosie Keller

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# 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 peo-

ple. Please consider donating if you can!

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

# United States Veteran's Museum in Huntsville

Recently, our Assembly donated and presented new flags for the U.S. Veteran's Museum in Huntsville. This is an important museum for our community, specifically highlighting many of the accomplishments and sacrifices made by Veterans especially in the Huntsville area. This museum is one of the premier military museums in the country. The exhibits of memorabilia, artifacts, and military equipment range from the American Revolutionary War to present day. Included in the collection are many rare and important artifacts including the oldest surviving jeep: the Ford Pygmy. For more information, please visit their website at <u>https://</u> www.memorialmuseum.org/.

# 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: <u>+1 (408) 650-3123</u>

Access Code: 493-228-021

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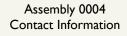
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### In Service to One, In Service to All

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.

