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Special points of interest:

- Navigator Notes
- September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows

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Notes from the Navigator



Worthy Sir Knights,

In the past week, the Southern part of Texas has been hit with a tremendous storm causing incredible damage to homes, to schools, to places of work and recreation, and to infrastructure that may take months, and years to recover, if at all. With the flooding, has come the loss of life and great stress and negative impact on the lives of children and adults alike. If you listen to news you may heard of great efforts by people not effective by the calamity

that are bringing in outside help. The help is in the form of the National Guard, active military, government agencies, and folks that just want to help.

The recovery will be long and hard for the people of the effective areas of Texas. There will be lingering and many life-changing circumstances. As members of the Knights of Columbus, we have an obligation to render aid in any form that we can. I believe that our Assembly has to be part of that effort in whatever capacity that we can.

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September Devotion - Our Lady of Sorrows



By Tradition, the Catholic Church dedicates the month of September is traditionally dedicated to the Seven Sorrows (or *Dolours*) of Mary, and the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows falls in September. The Sorrows are: the prophecy of Simeon, the flight into Egypt, the loss of the Holy Child at Jerusalem for three days, meeting Jesus on his way to Calvary, standing at the foot of the Cross, Jesus being taken from the Cross, and the burial of Christ.

The feast of Our Lady of Sorrows (Sept. 15th) and the devotion to the seven sorrows call on us to reflect on the intense reality of Mary's personal suffering; her compassion and suffering show us the way of true repentance. As ever, she is a guide and role model for all members of the Church. As Mary did, so should we share in Christ's suffering and death, in order to share in His rising to new life.

Prayer

Hallowed Mother, do this favour: Those Wounds that gored my Saviour, deeply on my heart engraved. Mine it be, Christ's throes in sharing. Mine it be, his anguish bearing. These, his wounds, to keep in mind. From the flame of hell unending, be thou, Virgin, me defending, in that dreadful reckoning day! When in death my eyes are closing, open them, Lord, to see reposing, Victory's crown in Mary's hand. When my frame by death is broken, and my doom by thee is spoken, be it, Lord, the better land.

Amen.

I beseech you, O Lord Jesus Christ, that the Blessed Virgin Mary, whose most holy soul was pierced in the hour of your Passion by the sword of sorrow, may intercede for us with Your mercy now and at the hour of our death.

Amen.

Notes from the Navigator (continued)

The Diocese of Birmingham and the Knights of Columbus organizations are going to pitch in and help. What I propose to do is to wait and find out what kind of help or assistance that the Assembly can render to assist in the recovery. The tendency is to jump in and do something, which is a natural reaction. What we should not do, is to send aid or help that is not needed, or send the wrong type of aid. Our Assembly for the most part cannot be part of the first responders. When the floodwaters are gone, and the affected areas of Texas are safe, lives need to be put back together as best as they can. No one knows at this time what type of aid is going to be needed over the next weeks and months. Helping put lives back together has many aspects, such re-establishing schools for children, which will require everything schools need to cause the learning to begin again. One could sit down and come

up with laundry list of things needed, but we are basically 1000 miles away and don't know for sure what is needed now in and the weeks and months to come. What our Assembly needs to do is find out what, when, and how to help. We first need to find out exactly what the Diocese and Knights of Columbus what to do, so our part will be done in an organized and timely manner. By the time of our next meeting, hopefully, information flowing down through the Council and Assembly channels can cause our Assembly to structure a plan to help.

Let us all keep the people of Texas in our prayers.

Mike Rose, PGK
Faithful Navigator, Assembly 0004

Assembly Volunteer Hours for 2017

Volunteer Hours are captured by calendar year and are reported to Supreme each January in the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities, Form I728. Hours are separated by category as follows:

Church
Community
Youth
Habitat for Humanity
Culture of Life
VAVS (Veteran Affairs Volunteer Services)
Food for Families
Special Olympics
Miscellaneous

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 me know so I can roll it up in our report.

The table on the right shows what I've captured so far for 2017.

| <u>Categories</u> | |
|------------------------------------|---------------|
| Church | 319 |
| Community | 467 |
| Youth | 88 |
| Habitat for Humanity | |
| Culture of Life | 21.75 |
| VAVS | |
| Food for families | |
| Special Olympics | |
| Miscellaneous | <u>3</u> |
| | <u>910.75</u> |
| # of visits to the sick | 0 |
| # of visits for bereavement | 0 |
| # of blood donations | 10 |
| # of Habitat for Humanity projects | 0 |

September Schedule of Events

September 4th - Labor Day Holiday
 September 8th - Council 4080 Monthly Meeting
 7:30pm at St. Mary of the Visitation
 September 9th - District meeting
 Holy Spirit Parish Life Center
 September 10th - Council 11672 Monthly Breakfast
 8:30-10:30am at Good Shepherd
 September 11th - Patriot Day
 September 11th - Council 11672 Monthly Meeting
 7:30 at Good Shepherd
 September 14th - Assembly 0004 Monthly Meeting
 7:00pm at Holy Spirit

September 15th - Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows
 September 18th - Patriotic Program
 8:30am at Holy Spirit Regional School
 September 19th - Council 764 Monthly Meeting
 7:00pm at Holy Spirit
 September 19th - Council 11672 Officer's Meeting
 7:00pm at Good Shepherd
 September 21st - Council 16428 Monthly Meeting
 7:00pm at Queen of the Universe
 September 24th - Council 764 Monthly Breakfast
 8:00-11:00am at Holy Spirit
 September 30th - Ladies Octoberfest
 At Holy Spirit



September Happenings

October Schedule of Events

October 2nd - Council 11672 Monthly Meeting
 7:30 at Good Shepherd
 October 3rd - Council 764 Social Meeting
 Holy Spirit
 October 8th - Council 11672 Monthly Breakfast
 8:30-10:30am at Good Shepherd
 October 9th - Columbus Day Holiday
 October 12th - Assembly 0004 Monthly Meeting
 7:00pm at Holy Spirit
 October 13th - Council 4080 Monthly Meeting
 7:30pm at St. Mary of the Visitation

October 17th - Council 764 Monthly Meeting
 7:00pm at Holy Spirit
 October 17th - Council 11672 Officer's Meeting
 7:00pm at Good Shepherd
 October 19th - Council 16428 Monthly Meeting
 7:00pm at Queen of the Universe
 October 22nd - Council 764 Monthly Breakfast
 8:00-11:00am at Holy Spirit
 October 27th - Clergy Dinner
 Holy Spirit



October Happenings

November Schedule of Events

November 1st - **ALL SAINTS DAY**
 November 7th - Council 764 Social Meeting
 Holy Spirit
 November 7th - Council 11672 Monthly Meeting
 7:30 at Good Shepherd
 November 9th - Assembly 0004 Monthly Meeting
 7:00pm at Holy Spirit
 November 10th - Veterans' Day Holiday
 November 10th - Council 4080 Monthly Meeting
 7:30pm at St. Mary of the Visitation

November 12th - Council 11672 Monthly Breakfast
 8:30-10:30am at Good Shepherd
 November 16th - Council 16428 Monthly Meeting
 7:00pm at Queen of the Universe
 November 19th - Parish Thanksgiving Dinner
 Holy Spirit
 November 21st - Council 764 Monthly Meeting
 7:00pm at Holy Spirit
 November 21st - Council 11672 Officer's Meeting
 7:00pm at Good Shepherd
 November 23rd - Thanksgiving Day Holiday



November Happenings

Gulf War Registry

If you are a patient of the VA; you will need to get your primary care provider to place a consult for the Persian Gulf Clinic and once the consult is made, the nurse will schedule you for an appointment. If you are not a patient of the VA, you will need to enroll in the VA and once you are in the system an appointment can be made for the Persian Gulf clinic.

For more information, go to the below link to the VA Gulf War Registry website:

<https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/gulfwar/benefits/registry-exam.asp>

Masses of Intention for our recently deceased Sir Knights

In accordance with our charter, Masses of intention are said for the Sir Knights of our Assembly who have been called home to our Heavenly Father. Below are the schedule of these Masses for our recently deceased Sir Knights.

Deacon Alf Larsen (services are being held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church):

September 21st at 9:00am

Sir Knight Wilfred Becker (Masses have not been arranged yet)

Fourth Degree Uniform Update

From the Assembly Color Corps Commander:

Assembly 4 Sir Knights,

1. There is still opportunity to purchase the uniform at "Knights Gears' reduced prices
2. There is a cutoff for wear of the current uniform
3. There is only one 4th Degree lapel pin allowed for wear (I have seen many different worn)
4. Social Baldrics will not have a future with this uniform

The reduced price may be extended which make me question, how can they reduce the price if they do not make any money on the item? If they reduce the price below cost, who is paying for that? I have not yet heard of purchasing separates (Jacket or slacks separate from the complete package) since none of us will gain or lose weight over the next 30 years - right? Lynch and Kelly or an alternate supplier is spoke about. I expect at least one other supplier. What about returns?? Anyway, 5 of your fellow Assembly Brothers have told me they are purchasing so we are almost at the Honor Guard level! So we will continue to support when called .

From the District Marshal:

Worthies,

Please see email from the District Master and attachment from the VSM. As many of you know they are enforcing the June 30, 2018 date for the Regalia. Those who wish to participate in a Color Corps, must wear the New Regalia. Some key items:

For members who wish to join the 4th degree, only a dark suit, dark tie, black shoes, and white shirt will be required going forward, this could possibly be big for recruiting.

Members of the exemplification team will be required to either purchase the new regalia or use the ceremonial gowns.

Social Baldric will no longer be worn after the cutoff date and current regalia will not be worn either.

Supreme is considering extending the discount.

If you have any questions regarding anything mentioned in my email, the District Master's or the VSM's, please feel free to contact me.

Please feel free to send to your members.

From the District Master:

Worthies,

Attached is a letter I just received from VSM Ruh reference a conference call he was on today with Supreme Master Stoddard. Please read this and pass this information along to your membership. There has been much discussion and negative comments concerning the new uniform - after reading this letter, feel free to express your opinions, in a respectful manner, to the Supreme Master. We are at a major crossroads for the 4th degree, the introduction of the new uniform is having a major impact on the order, unfortunately in a negative way. I ask that you keep the core principles of the order in mind and ask your members to use their heads and not their emotions in their actions. As always, thank you all for what you do for the order and the church - I am always available to answer questions.

Fourth Degree Letter from VSM, DM, FN

AUGUST 21, 2017

Worthy Sirs,

I had a conference call with the Supreme Master today and all VSM's. I want to bring all my brothers up to speed on this important matter. As these were the things discussed in the conversation.

1. Any size now can be ordered through Knights Gear.
2. In an exemplification all candidates may wear a dark colored business suit with a white shirt and appropriate tie.
3. Exemplars may wear the same or the robes for the exemplification.
4. Supreme is tossing around the idea of extending the 25% discount for a longer period so you may order your uniform.
5. The Flash (colored portion of beret) has been ordered and soon there will be a drop down for you to order the color you need.
6. The PG-13 is the absolute pin of the order now. **NO OTHER**
7. After June 30, 2018 any assembly that continues to wear the old regalia the Navigator will receive a call from the Master on the possibility of him being removed from office.
8. Installations can now be done in the dark suit.
9. You are now to drop out the part in the antechamber concerning the baldric, just discuss the pin.
10. By June 30, 2018 ALL marshals are to be on board with wearing the new uniform as they represent the Master. If they cannot removal from office is eminent.
11. There is a possibility of Lynch and Kelly becoming a sales or just a shipper for the Order.
12. Bottom line is June 30,2018 **NO REGALIA---NEW UNIFORM ONLY**----If cannot abide by this your assemblies will have no Color Corps.
13. After June 30,2018 the Social Baldric will be prohibited.
14. With the New Uniform you may wear the Service Baldric with the Sword of Liberty and white gloves for ceremonial occasions and Honor Guards.
15. Here is the information on the website. Please look up and see the question and answers there.

I am passing on as much information as I can as I feel all of us need this information. I am also giving you permission to send this information to any of your members that you feel necessary. I would like to see the tension come to a point of ease and I do not want my brothers to miss out the chance of a savings on the uniform. Myself and in the future VSM appointee Mike Porter will keep you abreast of all we can find out and let you know all. You now know as much as we know. It was also stated in the phone call that if your assembly decides not to purchase any of the new uniform that is fine with Supreme. It is just after June 30,2018 you will NO LONGER have a Color Corps for any function.

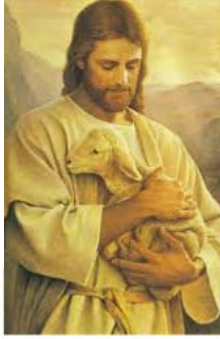
My Friends and brothers I ask you to make a decision on what your heart tells you and take that course. Just remember whatever you decide to do you will still be a member of the Fourth Degree. Please express all thoughts in writing good or bad with brotherly language to the Supreme Master and you might be heard. Some of the things requested have been heard and changed already. Just do what your heart tells you to do and not what others tell you.

If you have any questions DO NOT HESITATE to send an email to me at rruh@aol.com or to Appointee Mike Porter at mjpknight9282@aol.com

Fraternally Yours,

Russell J. Ruh, Jr.

Russell J. Ruh, Jr.
VSM Bienville Province
Knights of Columbus



Good Shepherd Catholic Church

13550 Chaney Thompson Road
 (256) 882-1844
<http://www.goodshephsv.org>
 Home to Council 11672
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
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
<http://www.garrison.redstone.army.mil/smores.aspx?keyid=2567&showtype=2#>

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.php>
 Home to Council 16248

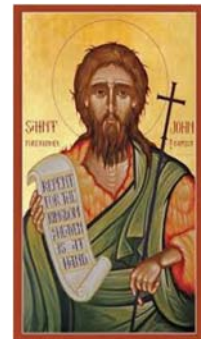
Mass Schedule:
 Saturday 5:00 PM
 Sunday 9:00 AM
 11:30 AM



St. John the Baptist

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

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



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



Years of Service for September

Sir Knight Bernard Stein - 8 years
 Sir Knight Richard Cowing - 25 years
 Sir Knight James Miller - 36 years
 Sir Knight John Sloan - 38 years

Celebrating...



September Birthdays

September 1st - Sir Knight David Custodio
 September 3rd - Sir Knight John Belmont
 September 10th - Mrs. Kathryn Weist
 September 18th - Sir Knight John Ofenloch



September Anniversaries

September 3rd - Sir Knight and Mrs. Richard Kemp
 September 18th - Sir Knight and Mrs. William Schultz



Proposed Assembly 0004 Budget for 2017-18 Fraternal Year

Below is the Proposed 2017 - 2018 Budget. Please review it and if you have any suggestions send them to the Faith Navigator Mike Rose at grose2012@att.net. Remember this is your Assembly, and all of your suggestions, changes, and additions are welcomed as input to this fraternal year's budget.

We will vote on this budget at the September business meeting. Remember a budget is a plan and is not set in stone. How we disperse funds is based on our income.

| income: | item | Amount |
|---------|----------------|------------|
| | Bank Interest: | \$25.00 |
| | Dues: | \$2,400.00 |
| | Fish Frys: | \$5,000.00 |
| | Other Income: | \$0.00 |
| | Snacks: | \$240.00 |
| | Total: | \$7,665.00 |

| Expenses: | Item | Amount |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|------------|
| | Admin & Supply: | \$700.00 |
| | Snacks: | \$360.00 |
| | Installation Dinner (Master/Marshall: | \$105.00 |
| | Fish Frys - Portion Paid to 11672: | \$1,000.00 |
| | Fidelity Bond: | \$70.00 |
| | Comptroller Fees: | \$200.00 |
| | Purser Fees: | \$50.00 |
| | Fish Frys: | \$3,000.00 |
| | Tut Fann Bingo: | \$60.00 |
| | Sir Knight of the Month: | \$600.00 |
| | Sir Knight of the Year: | \$100.00 |
| | Deceased Sir Knights Masses: | \$200.00 |
| | Alabama Priest Scholarship: | \$250.00 |
| | NAVFOC Dues | \$50.00 |
| | Military Chaplain Scholarship: | \$200.00 |
| | Mercy Parish Building Fund: | \$500.00 |
| | Other Charity Donations: | \$220.00 |
| | Total: | \$7,665.00 |

Boston Butts for Special Olympics

We are selling Boston Butts as a fundraiser for Special Olympics. The cost is \$35.00 each. Orders and money must be turned in on Sunday September 17 at bowling practice.

The cooked Boston Butts will need to be picked up at unified bowling practice on Sunday September 24 from 3:30 PM to 4:00 PM at Pin Palace Lanes.
All checks should be made to Special Olympics. Make sure all checks have a phone number on them.

Patriotic Program

Veterans, here is the opportunity to introduce our Youth to Military Veterans past and present.

The Knights of Columbus in conjunction with Holy Spirit Regional Catholic School will be having a PATRIOTIC PROGRAM on 18 Sep 2017 at 0830 as part of their Constitution Day observance.

All Knights of Columbus are invited; veteran or not.

Military Veteran Knights need to RSVP by September 5 with their name, rank, and branch of service to cjodon@hstigers.com to have their names and ranks properly recognized during the program.

Assembly 4 and Assembly 2420 Honor Guard Members will participate and Military Veteran members of the Honor Guard are also requested to register with the school; branch of service name and rank.

All Knights attending that are not veterans should RSVP to Council 764 Knight and Sir Knight Tony Coyle at tony_coyle@yahoo.com. Parishioners of Holy Spirit and Good Shepherd that are veterans are also invited, and family members of Holy Spirit School that are veterans are invited. Currently, very few knights have sent in their RSVP. We need to support this program.

Attached is a copy of the invitation. Please ask a fellow Knight to join you and sign up today. This is to show the Children who we are and what we stand for as a Christian Organization.



Please join us as we Salute Our Veterans!
Refreshments will be provided for the Veterans
after the program in the School Auditorium.

RSVP by Sept. 5, 2017
Holy Spirit Regional Catholic School
invites you to our
PATRIOTIC PROGRAM on Constitution Day (OBS)
Sept. 18, 2017 at 8:30am
in the school gymnasium

Please RSVP for each attendee to Cathy Jodon
cjodon@hstigers.org with the following
information:

Name (include phonetic spelling, if applicable)
Rank
Branch of Service
Name of spouse (if attending)



The Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows

Since the early middle ages, the Church in the West has celebrated the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows in mid-September, a devotion to the suffering and spiritual martyrdom of the Blessed Mother of Our Lord. The name Our Lady of Sorrows was first used by the Servites, or the Friar Servants of Mary, an order that was founded in 1233. The original intention of the order was a devotion to the Virgin Mary, in particular Our Lady of Sorrows. As an order, the Servites promote the Scapular of Our Lady of Sorrows, the Chaplet of the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady (a special rosary made of seven sets of seven beads rather than five decades), and the Way of the Cross for the Sorrowful Mother, or *Via Matris*. The name Our Lady of Sorrows was given in reference to the devotion to the Seven Sorrows, or *Dolors*, of Mary. Devotion to the sorrows of Mary is a reminder of the bond between Mary and Jesus, and that as the Mother of God, she suffered greatly and felt very real pain on behalf of the suffering of her son.

The first known altar to *Mater Dolorosa*, Mother of Sorrows, was set up in the monastery of Schönau, in 1221. Throughout the next couple centuries, devotion to the suffering of Mary grew, however the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows was not yet included on the official Tridentine Calendar as of 1570. It was in 1667 that approval for the celebration of the feast was granted to the Servite order, and then in 1814 it was extended to the whole of the Latin church, and added to the Roman Calendar by Pope Pius VII. Prior to 1913, it was celebrated on the 3rd Sunday of September; in that year Pope Pius X moved the feast to the 15th of September, an octave of the birthday of Our Lady, which is celebrated on September 8th.

The feast and the devotion to the seven sorrows call on us to reflect on the intense reality of Mary's personal suffering; her compassion and suffering show us the way of true repentance. As ever, she is a guide and role model for all members of the Church. As Mary did, so should we share in Christ's suffering and death, in order to share in His rising to new life.

Hurricane Relief

Diocese of Birmingham:

The devastating hurricane that continues to cause havoc among families and destruction of property in the areas in and around the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston is overwhelming. The Diocese of Birmingham is taking donations to assist the recovery efforts. If you would like to donate to this fund, please make a check to:

Diocese of Birmingham (Texas Hurricane Relief Fund)
PO Box 12047
Birmingham, AL 35202-2047

Knights of Columbus:

Many people in the Gulf Coast of Texas are reeling from the devastation caused by Hurricane Harvey this weekend. Thousands have evacuated their homes, many of which have been damaged or destroyed. The recovery process is going to be a long and painful one, and your support is urgently needed. Please donate today to help those suffering such devastation. One hundred percent of the proceeds will go directly to relief efforts. This includes providing immediate needs such as food, clean water, shelter and other necessities.

For Donations by Check
Make Checks Payable To: "Knights of Columbus Charities"
Kindly specify "United Disaster Relief" on the memo line of your check.

For Donations by Check in USD:
Send To:
Knights of Columbus Charities
One Columbus Plaza
PO Box 1966
New Haven, CT 06509-1966

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 men of faith and men of action.

In 2014, we set new records in charitable giving for the 16th consecutive year. Our charitable contributions increased in 2014 by more than \$3.4 million over the previous year to a record \$173,550,680. In addition, we achieved our highest level of charitable service, volunteering more than 71.5 million hours. The number of service hours contributed by members rose in 2014 by more than a million hours over the 2013 total, with each member donating nearly a full workweek on average.

Our charitable activities encompass an almost infinite variety of local, national and international projects. From international charitable partnerships with Special Olympics, the Global Wheelchair Mission and Habitat for Humanity to our own Food for Families and Coats for Kids projects and other purely local charities, the opportunity to work together with fellow Knights and their families is virtually endless.

We undertake these acts of charity because we see those in need through the eyes of faith. Moreover, in the Knights of Columbus, we approach these acts of charity together. Pope Benedict XVI calls this the "practice of love...as a community."

If you'd like to be a part of an international organization of more than 1.9 million Catholic men whose principal work involves helping others in need, we'd like to meet you and invite you to join us.

The Patriot 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.