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## Faithful Navigators Message:

The Knights of Columbus is a group of Catholic gentlemen who, along with their families, friends and fellow parishioners, strive to put into action our faith as we practice the principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. We seek to support and enhance our families, our parish and our community through these efforts.

We of the order of the Fourth degree by our District Master have adopted this theme: **"Being a 4th Degree Sir Knight is not about the Title, it is about the Honor"**. Brothers, We are so blessed. I thank our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ each day that we are Americans and live as free men.



**Mother's Day** is a celebration honoring the Mother of the family, as well as motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society. It is celebrated on various days in many parts of the world, most commonly in the months of March or May.



**Armed Forces Day** is celebrated on the third Saturday in May. It falls near the end of **Armed Forces Week**, which begins on the second Saturday of May and ends on the third Sunday of May (the fourth if the month begins on a Sunday, as in 2016). First observed on 20 May 1950, the day was created on 31 August 1949, to honor Americans serving in the five U.S. military branches – the U.S. Army, U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Air Force and U.S. Coast Guard – following the consolidation of the military services in the U.S. Department of Defense. It was intended to replace the separate Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard Days, but the separate days are still observed, especially within the respective services.



Memorial Day is a federal holiday in the United States for remembering the people who died while serving in the country's armed forces. The holiday, which is currently observed every year on the last Monday of May, was held on May 30 from 1868-1971. It marks the start of the unofficial summer vacation season, while Labor Day marks its end.



## Assembly

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Serving Sir Knights  
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**May**  
**NC KOFC State Convention –5/06/2017**

Location-Durham Sheraton Imperial Hotel , Raleigh/Durham

Mass Time: 4:30 pm-Memorial Mass

Assemble Time: 3:45 pm

State would like to see **50 Brother SK's in Regalia** to honor the memory of our deceased Brothers.

**Regalia Event**

**First Communion-Holy Spirit-5/06/2017**

13 Sir Knights attended

**Regalia Event**

**May Crowning-Holy Spirit-5/07/2017**

10 Sir Knights Attended

**Regalia Event**

**Confirmation-Holy Spirit-5/11/2017**

12 Sir Knights Attended

**Regalia Event**

**Special Olympics-Holy Spirit-5/19/2017**

4 Sir Knights Attended

**Regalia Event**

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**Stash Wisniewski's Funeral-St. Therese-5/12/2017**

6 Sir Knights attended

**Regalia Event**

**Confirmation-St. Therese-5/17/2017 & 5/19/2017**

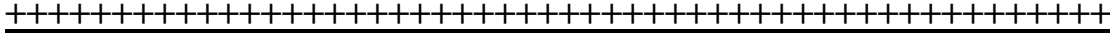
2 Sir Knights attended each night

**Regalia Event**

**May-Continued**

**4th Degree Meeting-St. Therese-05/22/2017**

Location-St. Therese Catholic Church in Mooresville  
14 Sir Knights attended  
7:30 pm-General Business Meeting  
**Non-Regalia Event**



**First Communion-St. Mark-5/06/2017**

4 Sir Knights attended  
**Regalia Event**

**First Communion-St. Mark-5/13/2017**

4 Sir Knights attended  
**Regalia Event**

**Mary's Way Dinner-St. Mark-5/17/2017**

4 Sir Knights attended  
**Regalia Event**

**Memorial Day-05/29/2017**

Memorial Day, an American holiday observed on the last Monday of May, honors men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971.

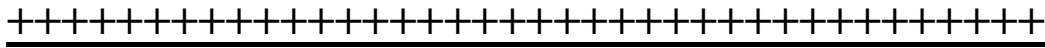
**Non-Regalia Event**

**June**  
**Ordination of Priest-St. Mark-6/18/2017**

Location-St. Mark Catholic Church in Huntersville  
Bishop will be officiating,  
Sir Knights are asked to attend In Full Regalia  
**Regalia Event**

**4th Degree Meeting-06/19/2017**

Location-St. Mark Catholic Church in Huntersville  
Location has been changed to Holy Spirit Catholic Church  
Due to an Exemplification of Fr. Carmen Malacari  
into the 4th Degree for the purpose of becoming our Friar at the  
Michael J. Sabella Assembly 2417: 7:30 pm-General Business Meeting  
After Meeting-Food & Drink at local restaurant  
Knights not in Regalia are expected to wear Tuxedos & Social Baldric  
**Regalia Event**



**July**  
**Installation of Officers**

Date & location to be determined  
**Regalia Event**

**4th Degree Meeting-07/17/2017**

Location-Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Denver  
7:30 pm-General Business Meeting  
After Meeting-Food & Drink  
**Non-Regalia Event**



## **Medal of Honor Presented TO**

**BRUCE, DANIEL D.**

- Rank and Organization: Private First Class, U.S. Marine Corps, Headquarters and Service Company, 3d Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division
- Place and Date: Fire Support Base Tomahawk, Quang Nam Province, Republic of Vietnam, 1 March 1969

**Citation:** For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving as a mortar man with Headquarters and Service Company 3d Battalion, against the enemy. Early in the morning Pfc. Bruce was on watch in his night defensive position at fire support base tomahawk when he heard movements ahead of him. An enemy explosive charge was thrown toward his position and he reacted instantly, catching the device and shouting to alert his companions. Realizing the danger to the adjacent position with its 2 occupants, Pfc. Bruce held the device to his body and attempted to carry it from the vicinity of the entrenched marines. As he moved away, the charge detonated and he absorbed the full force of the explosion. Pfc. Bruce's indomitable courage, inspiring valor and selfless devotion to duty saved the lives of 3 of his fellow marines and upheld the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the U.S. Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country.



## Persecution of Christians

### A series of articles

A Christian persecution watchdog has released statistics suggesting a Christian is martyred for their faith every five minutes. **Christian Freedom International (CFI)** has found that more than 200 million followers are facing persecution in 105 countries. This makes Christianity the most persecuted religion in the world.

The report has found that more Christians have been martyred in the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> centuries than during the previous 19 combined. Opens Doors has released a [global map](#) showing the distribution of Christian persecution around the world.

North Korea is at the top of the list, followed by Somalia and Iraq. Most of the 50 countries listed are either in the Middle East or Africa. As part of this year's International Day of Prayer, 8 November, CFI are encouraging Christians to join them in praying for those who are persecuted.

"[Persecuted believers] are your Christian family throughout the world," said Jim Jacobson, president of CFI. "Pray for their safety; that they would be emboldened to continue sharing the Gospel even in the face of persecution; that their persecutors would also come to know Christ as they observe the courageous witness of these believers." CFI has released a video in the run up to the International Day of Prayer: <https://youtu.be/CgoVOgFBXUw?t=33> ——— (put this in your browser)

Also included in the top 10 are Afghanistan, Sudan, Iran, Pakistan and Eritrea. "Wherever there is growing **Islamic radicalism**, there is growing persecution of Christians," CFI said. "Even where moderate Islamic states offer peace — and that is rare — they almost never have freedom to practice their faith and are often marked for death."

## **Navigator's Note for 2017:**

Remember as Knights, we are **"The Caregivers of the People"** not only when Father McGivney started the Knights of Columbus, but in part, it was the slogan of our early **Pope's 'Christian Knights'** that fought in the Crusades, **"Protect the People, it is God's Will"**.

As 4th degree Knights we know that **"Freedom isn't Free"**, so ask God to always protect our Country and the Freedoms we enjoy.

**In Closing**, Brothers, have a Great Year-2017 and be safe. God Bless America, God bless our troops fighting for peoples' freedom in various countries around the world and God Bless you, my Brothers.

**Vivat Jesus,**

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## The Minutes of the Meeting