



# Merciful Jesus Council 17519

## Fall Newsletter

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### October Catholic Observations



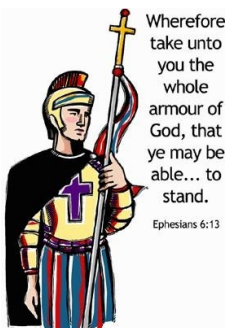
The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7. It was instituted to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful.

The Rosary is appealing and simple. The purpose of the Rosary is to help us meditate on the great mysteries of our salvation. Every time we pray the Our Father we are reminded that Jesus' Father is the initiator of salvation. Praying the Hail Mary reminds us that we are joining with Mary in contemplating these mysteries. In addition, they help to make us aware that Mary was and is still intimately joined with her son, Jesus, in all the mysteries of earthly and heavenly existence. The constant repetition of prayer creates an atmosphere of contemplation.

The traditional fifteen Mysteries of the Rosary were finalized by the sixteenth century. The mysteries are grouped into sets: the Joyful Mysteries, the Sorrowful Mysteries, the Glorious Mysteries, and, in 2002, Pope John Paul II announced the new Luminous Mysteries.

### Knight & Family of the Month

	<b>Knight of the Month</b>	<b>Family of the Month</b>
<b>Apr-24</b>	Patrick Ryan	Barney and Kathy Bellard
<b>May-24</b>	Brad Krieger	Paul and Patricia Taylor
<b>June-24</b>	John Corcetti	David and Beverly Toney
<b>July-24</b>	Robert Grondin	Brent and Donna Bolander
<b>Aug-24</b>	Chris Miller	Pat and Vicky Nash
<b>Sept-24</b>	Tony Padron	Jeff and Lisa Davis



Each "Knight of the Month" and "Family of the Month" are carefully selected by the Knights based on the time, talents, and treasures that are humbly offered to our wonderful parish. It is a great pleasure to recognize such individuals for their contributions and dedication to helping grow Mercy Parish into an inviting Catholic community for our families and friends.

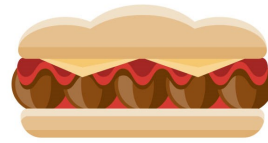


## 2024-2025 Knights of Columbus Council 17519 Officers

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Deputy Grand Knight	<u>Larry Ryan</u>
Chancellor	Robert Grondin
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Faith Director	Deacon Rick Tuggle
Family Director	Larry Ryan
Community Director	Dan Frische
Membership Director	Tom Childress
Life Director	Lee Donaldson

**October Schedule of Events**

- Oct 3rd - Council 17519 Officer's meeting
- Oct 4th - 13th - Meatball Sub Sandwich Sales (Online)
- Oct 5th - 10/27th - Coats for Kids Collection
- Oct 6th - Mercy Parish Picnic and Lifesouth Blood Drive
- Oct 10th - Assembly 2420 Business Meeting
- Oct 11th - JPII Concession Stand Fundraiser
- Oct 17th - Council 17519 Business meeting
- Oct 19th - Meatball Subs Sandwich Pickup



**November Schedule of Events**

- Nov (all month) - Keep Christ in Christmas Sales (after each mass)
- Nov 2nd - Tootsie Roll 5K
- Nov 7th - Council 17519 Officer's meeting
- Nov 14th - Assembly 2420 Business meeting
- Nov 21st - Council 17519 Business meeting  
Third Degree Exemplification
- Nov 28th - Thanksgiving
- Nov 30th - Iron Bowl



**December Schedule of Events**

- Dec (all month up to Christmas) - Luminaria sales
- Dec 1st - First Sunday of Advent
- Dec 5th - Council 17519 Officer's meeting
- Dec 12th - Assembly 2420 Business meeting
- Dec 19th - Council 17519 Business meeting
- Dec 25th - Christmas Day



## October/November/December Knighthood

### 3rd Degree Knight Anniversaries

Jacob D Brezinski  
 Brian Cash  
 Jimmyvan Cogles  
 Jacob D Putman  
 Donald C Good  
 Mick Mcguire  
 Errol J Rayl  
 James E Reyer  
 Ron Rodriguez  
 Richard A Tylka

### 4th Degree Knight Anniversaries

Brian R Bold  
 Jonathan F. Kennedy  
 William S Lawler Jr  
 Bruce A Siggins



## New Knights of Columbus Council 17519 Website

After a lot of discussion amongst the council membership, we have secured a website through UKnight Interactive! Having an established website for our council allows us to connect with those inside and outside of our parish in new and exciting ways. It also connects us to the many resources made available to our members through our State and

Supreme Councils. Key features of the website include:

- Events Calendar that allows for members to signup for upcoming council events
- News and Announcements coming from the council leadership
- Recognition of Knight and Family of the Month
- Prayer Requests
- Pay Membership Dues
- Catholic Resources
- Local Assembly News and Links
- And more!

For any questions, contact our [Webmaster, Tom Childress](#).

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## Keep Christ in Christmas



The Knights of Columbus offers multiple activities that promote Christmas and the season of Advent in their proper context: Journey to the Inn, Spread the Light of Christ, Crèche or Advent Wreath Blessing, and the Christmas Poster Contest. These programs are centered on the example of the Holy Family and the Nativity of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The Keep Christ in Christmas (KCIC) Program brings all KCIC activities together under one umbrella. It encourages councils to prompt their neighbors to shift from a preoccupation with materialism to the light of Christ and the spirit of giving. KCIC activities include whatever efforts best suit the parish and community of a particular council and do not need to originate from the Supreme Council.

Keep a look out for upcoming information on when the Knights will be participating in Keep Christ in Christmas!

For any questions, contact [Jim Reyer](#)

### Coats for Kids



Since 2009, the Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids program has provided warm winter coats to children in need living in cold climates in the United States, Canada and overseas. The goal of our Coats for Kids program is to ensure that no child in North America goes without a coat during the winter season. Each Thanksgiving weekend, Knights distribute thousands of free coats at events held across the United States.

During the month of October, be on the lookout in the gathering area for a collection box for Coats For Kids! Please note that we are accepting new and gently used coats for school-age children only.

For any questions, contact [Bruce Siggins](#)

### Luminaria

The Knights of Columbus are bringing a new tradition to Mercy Parish, Luminaria! Luminarias are a holiday tradition that involves decorating with lanterns to symbolize warmth and light, and some believe that luminarias light the way for the Christ child to Earth. They originated in 16th century Mexico and are a cherished part of Christmas celebrations in the Southwest, and soon to be in North Alabama!

Luminarias are typically made by filling a brown paper bag half-way with sand and placing a tea candle inside. The bags are then folded at the top and arranged in rows to create large displays.

Beginning this Fall, our council will be selling "Luminaria Kits" to members of our parish and also to anyone interested from our community. Details associated with the price of each kit, what exactly comes with each, and where the proceeds will be directed are almost complete, so be on the lookout in KofC and Mercy Parish communications for more details!

For any questions on how to get more involved with this new tradition, please reach out to [Larry Ryan](#).



### Tootsie Roll 5K

 **KofC Tootsie Roll 5k**  
Sat. November 2, 2024 8:00am



**Knights of Columbus of Madison, AL**  
**7TH ANNUAL TOOTSIE ROLL 5K & FUN RUN!**  
Councils 10232 17519

**Sign up!** 

[tinyurl.com/tootsieroll5k](https://tinyurl.com/tootsieroll5k)

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Students signing up under their school group are eligible for a discount! (See website for details)



Silver Rose Transfer 2024



Silver Rose Procession 2024



If you have pictures of Knights in Action you would like to see in the next newsletter, please send them to:

Tom Childress  
[child004@crimson.ua.edu](mailto:child004@crimson.ua.edu)

## Join the Knights of Columbus Online

FREE online membership continues! If you know of anyone interested in joining our award winning Council, they can use the code **BLESSEDMCGIVNEY** when visiting the website link [HERE](#).



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## Fourth Degree News



In an effort to reduce duplication of news content for our local Fourth Degree Assembly (2420), I am providing links to their website and current news/announcements:

- ◆ [Assembly 2420 Website](#)
- ◆ [Assembly 2420 News and Announcements](#)
- ◆ [Assembly 2420 Recent Newsletters](#)