



**THE PATRIOT
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Fourth Degree
Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly 2084**

April 2024 Edition

**Meeting: Monthly on the First Thursday at 7:30 PM
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Next Meeting: May 2, 2024

Meals to be prepared by Council 6403

Dinner begins at 6:30 PM; Meeting starts at 7:30 PM

A Message from Faithful Navigator Joseph Ch'ien

Vivate Jesus! We had an active month in April. Our Sir Knights participated in a total of nine full uniform turnouts, including five District and four local turnouts. Our delegates attended the Fourth Degree Biennial District Meeting on April 13. We took part in the Knights of Columbus Texas State Convention in Houston on April 27-28. Congratulations to our dedicated Color Guard team who represented the First District of Texas in the Color Guard Competition held at the Convention on April 27 and placed Third. Thank you Sir Knights for the service and dedication!

We will elect Assembly 2084 officers for the Fraternal Year 2024-2025 at the Assembly meeting on May 2. Article VIII, Section 23, of **Laws and Rules Governing the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus** states: *“Annually, each assembly shall elect a Faithful Navigator, a Faithful Captain, a Faithful Pilot, a Faithful Comptroller, a Faithful Scribe, a Faithful Purser, Faithful Inner and Outer Sentinels, a Faithful Admiral and a three-year Trustee. The Faithful Navigator, Faithful Captain, Faithful Admiral and Faithful Pilot shall annually appoint a priest to act as Faithful Friar or Chaplain but such selection must be made in accordance with any rules established by the bishop of the diocese in which the assembly is located. The Faithful Admiral shall be chosen from the Past Faithful Navigators of the assembly, if any there be.”* A digital copy of this **Laws and Rules** is attached to this newsletter for members to familiarize with the roles and responsibilities of the assembly officers. I would like to encourage all our Sir Knights to participate in the elections and serve as officers. It is a fulfilling experience serving members, the Fourth Degree, and the Church. If you are interested in serving as an officer, please contact me before the May meeting.

The Summer Fourth Degree Exemplification will be held on June 22, 2024 at Sts. Simon and Jude Catholic Church in The Woodlands. Any Third Degree member of our Councils who wishes to become a Fourth Degree Sir Knight will need to complete the Fourth Degree Membership Document (Form-4). Completed Form-4 must be submitted to the upcoming Assembly meetings for membership approval.

We are Fourth Degree Sir Knights of the Knights of Columbus. We are faithful to our Order, Church and Country. I would like to encourage all of our Sir Knights to become active members of the Color Corps and serve as the visible arm of our Order.

A Reflection from Deacon Allan Frederiksen

Justin, a child of Greek parents, was born in Nablus, in what is now the West Bank, about AD 100. He is known in the Greek as Ioustinos ho martyrs. He is also known as Justin the Philosopher.

In about 155 AD he wrote a letter of “Apology” to the Roman Emperor Antonius Pius, asking the Emperor to stop the persecution of the Church. This letter is part of a series written to explain to the Emperor the Christian faith, the true faith.

For the sake of space and time, only a small part of the letter will be presented here, but in it we will recognize the early celebration of Mass.

I have added *Italics* as a simple explanation of some of the events Justin describes.

“On the day we call the Day of the Sun (*pagan worship by much of the Roman world*), all who dwell in the city and in the country gather in the same place. The memoirs of the Apostles (*The Gospels and The New Testament Letters*) and the writings of the prophets (*The Old Testament*) are read, as much as time permits (*the Mass is not restricted to about one hour*).

When the reader is finished, he who presides over those gathered admonishes and challenges them to imitate those beautiful things.

Then we all rise and offer prayers for ourselves and for all others, wherever they may be (*The Prayers of the Faithful*). Then someone brings bread and a cup of water and wine mixed together to the one who presides over the brethren. He takes them and offers praise and glory to the Father of the Universe, through the name of the Son and the Holy Spirit (*The Eucharistic Prayers*).

When he has concluded these prayers and thanksgiving, all present give voice to an acclamation (*The Doxology*) by saying Amen. When he who presides has given thanks and the people responded. Those we call Deacons give those present the Eucharistic bread and wine and water, and take the Eucharistic elements, the Body and Blood of Christ, to those who are absent.”

Good of the Order

LET US KEEP all our Sir Knights and families in our prayers. Our prayers give them hope and peace. Please pray for an end to abortion, for our nation, for persecuted Christians all around the world, and for families to stay together.

PRAY FOR ALL who have left our faith and those who are considering leaving... Let us also pray for our Priests and clergy that they may have an abundance of attendance at their respective parishes.

LET US REMEMBER all those who left before us. May all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Continue to pray for all our Brother Sir Knights and their families who are in need of our prayers.

PLEASE PRAY FOR the women who are contemplating to have an abortion. Pray for an end to abortion.

REST IN PEACE ALL SIR KNIGHTS WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US!

LET US PRAY FOR AN END TO ABORTION, PRAY FOR AN END TO PERSECUTION OF CHRISTIANS, AND PRAY FOR AN END TO WARS AROUND THE WORLD!

ST. JOSEPH, PRAY FOR US!!!

QUEEN OF PEACE, PRAY FOR US!!!

Meal Preparation Schedule for Fraternal Year 2023-2024

07/2023 ⁽¹⁾ & 02/2024	#8494	Note: ⁽¹⁾ Lunch following Fourth of July Parade
08/2023 & 03/2024 ⁽²⁾	#8960	Note: ⁽²⁾ Ladies' Night
09/2023 & 04/2024	#9201	
10/2023 & 05/2024	#6403	
11/2023		Memorial Mass (catering from Central Texas BBQ)
12/2023		Christmas Party (Assembly will provide meats; members will each bring a covered dish)
01/2024 & 06/2024	#4577	

Past Turnouts (April 2024)

If I have inadvertently failed to mention your participation in a turnout, please let me know so that your service and dedication can be recognized. Thank you!

SK Participants at Rite of Confirmation Mass, St. Helen Catholic Church, Wednesday, April 9, 2024

The following eleven (11) Sir Knights from Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly 2084 participated in the full uniform turnout as Honor Guard for the Rite of Confirmation Mass celebrated by His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo at St. Helen Catholic Church on Tuesday evening, April 9, 2024:

1. David Armstrong
2. Teddy Cuaping, Marshal
3. Leon Guerra
4. Brian Hughes
5. Ed Klein
6. Mike Melancon, Marshal, PFN
7. Bo Naguit, LCDR
8. Ken Oradiegwu, FM, PFN
9. Bill Prindiville, Marshal, PFN
10. Isidro Rangel
11. Ricardo Robles

SK Participants at Rite of Confirmation Mass, St. Helen Catholic Church, Thursday, April 10, 2024

The following eleven (11) Sir Knights from Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly 2084 participated in the full uniform turnout as Honor Guard for the Rite of Confirmation Mass celebrated by His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo at St. Helen Catholic Church on Wednesday evening, April 10, 2024:

1. Teddy Cuaping, Marshal
2. Brian Hughes
3. Rick Johnson
4. Ed Klein

5. Mike Melancon, Marshal, PFN
6. Bo Naguit, LCDR
7. Ken Oradiegwu, FM, PFN
8. Bill Prindiville, Marshal, PFN
9. Isidro Rangel
10. Ricardo Robles
11. Rey Tajonera, CDR

SK Participants at Fourth Degree Biennial District Meeting, St. Jerome Catholic Church, Saturday, April 13, 2024 (This is not a turnout)

The following four (4) Sir Knights represented Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly 2084 at the 2024 Fourth Degree Biennial Meeting of the First District of Texas at St. Jerome Catholic Church on Saturday morning, April 13, 2024. This meeting was to nominate and elect District Master and consider any proposed resolutions. Delegates representing thirty-one (31) assemblies of the First District of Texas attended the Biennial District Meeting.

1. Jose Lara, PFN
2. Mike Melancon, Marshal, PFN
3. Bill Prindiville, Marshal, PFN
4. Sam Aristeo De Los Santos, PFN

SK Participants at Solemnity of the Cathedrals and Ribbon Cutting of the new Archbishop Fiorenza Plaza, Houston, Saturday, April 13, 2024

The following five (5) Sir Knights from Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly 2084 participated in the full uniform turnout as Honor Guard at the Mass for the Solemnity of the Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedrals and the Dedication of the new Archbishop Joseph Fiorenza Plaza celebrated by His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo and concelebrated by His Excellency Bishop Italo Dell'Oro and His Excellency Bishop Emeritus Curtis J. Guillory of Beaumont on Saturday morning, April 13, 2024 at Co-Cathedral of Sacred Heart-Downtown Houston. A total of nine (9) Sir Knights from the First District of Texas participated.

1. Teddy Cuaping Marshal
2. Leon Guerra
3. Ed Klein
4. Bo Naguit, LCDR
5. Rey Tajonera, CDR

SK Participants at Funeral Services for SK Mark S. Quagliotti at the Shrine of the True Cross Catholic Church, Dickinson, Wednesday, April 17, 2024

The following three (3) Sir Knights from Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly 2084 participated in the full new uniform turnout as Honor Guard at the Visitation, Vigil and Rosary held for SK Mark S. Quagliotti, Faithful Navigator of Assembly 1988, at the Shrine of the True Cross Catholic Church in Dickinson on Wednesday evening, April 17, 2024:

1. Mike Melancon, Marshal, PFN
2. Bo Naguit, LCDR
3. Bill Prindiville, Marshal, PFN

SK Participants at Funeral Mass for SK Mark S. Quagliotti at the Shrine of the True Cross Catholic Church, Dickinson, Thursday, April 18, 2024

The following two (2) Sir Knights from Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly 2084 participated in the full new uniform turnout as Honor Guard at the Funeral Mass held for SK Mark S. Quagliotti at the Shrine of the True Cross Catholic Church on Thursday morning, April 17, 2024:

1. Bo Naguit, LCDR
2. Bill Prindiville, Marshal, PFN

SK Participant at Priestly Ordination Mass of Fr. Norberto Medina at St. Paul's Catholic Church, Nassau Bay, Sunday, April 21, 2024

The following five (5) Sir Knight from Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly 2084 participated in the full uniform turnout as Honor Guard for the Priestly Ordination Mass of Fr. Norberto Medina, CMF, celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Italo Dell'Oro at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Nassau Bay on Sunday afternoon, April 21, 2024. A total of 19 Sir Knights from the First District of Texas attended the Ordination.

1. Teddy Cuaping, Marshal
2. Leon Guerra
3. Mike Melancon, Marshal, PFN
4. Bo Naguit, LCDR
5. Bill Prindiville, Marshal, PFN

SK Participants at Knights of Columbus Texas State Convention Opening Mass, Houston, Saturday, April 27, 2024

The following nine (9) Sir Knights from Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly 2084 participated in the full uniform turnout as Honor Guard at the Knights of Columbus Texas State Convention Opening Mass celebrated by His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo at the Hilton of the Americas Hotel in Downtown Houston on Saturday morning, April 27, 2024. Approximately 150 Sir Knights across Texas participated in the Convention.

1. Teddy Cuaping, Marshal
2. Ed Klein
3. Bo Naguit, LCDR
4. Ken Oradiegwu, FM, PFN
5. Bill Prindiville, Marshal, PFN
6. Ricardo Robles
7. Rey Tajonera, CDR
8. Steven Valdez
9. Anthony Zarate

SK Participants at Color Guard Competition at Knights of Columbus Texas State Convention in Houston, Saturday, April 27, 2024

The following seven (7) Sir Knights from Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly 2084 participated in the full uniform turnout as Color Guard in the Knights of Columbus Texas State Convention Color Guard Competition at the Hilton of the Americas Hotel in Downtown Houston on Saturday afternoon, April 27, 2024, representing the First District of Texas.

1. Teddy Cuaping, Marshal
2. Ed Klein
3. Bo Naguit, LCDR
4. Bill Prindiville, Marshal, PFN
5. Ricardo Robles
6. Rey Tajonera, CDR
7. Anthony Zarate

***SK Participants at Knights of Columbus Texas State Convention Memorial Mass,
Houston, Sunday, April 28, 2024***

The following three (3) Sir Knights from Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly 2084 participated in the full uniform turnout as Honor Guard at the Knights of Columbus Texas State Convention Memorial Mass celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Michael J. Sis of San Angelo, Texas, at the Hilton of the Americas Hotel in Downtown Houston on Sunday morning, April 28, 2024:

1. Ken Oradiegwu, FM, PFN
2. Bill Prindiville, Marshal, PFN
3. Anthony Zarate

***Future Turnouts
(Please mark your calendar)***

***2084 - Council 8960 Corporate Communion, St. Helen Catholic Church,
Sunday, May 26, 2024***

Council 8960 and CDA Court St. Helen 2330 will celebrate quarterly Corporation Communion at 9:00 AM on Sunday, May 26, 2024 at St. Helen Catholic Church. Family breakfast will be served at Council 8960 Hall after Mass. Assembly 2084 will provide the Fourth Degree Honor Guard for the Corporate Communion Mass. Sir Knights in official uniforms are requested to assemble at 8:30 AM.

***Summer Fourth Degree Exemplification, Sts. Simon and Jude Catholic Church,
The Woodlands, Saturday, June 22, 2024***

The 2024 Summer Fourth Degree Exemplification honoring Fr. Patrick Garrett will be held on Saturday, June 22, 2024 at Sts. Simon and Jude Catholic Church (26777 Glen Loch Drive, The Woodlands, Texas 77381).

Any Sir Knight interested in becoming a part of the elite Color Guard of the First District, please contact the Faithful Navigator, Marshal Teddy Cuaping, or Color Corps Commander Rey Tajonera.

Potential Sir Knights

Sir Knights, please encourage any potential brother Knights to join our Assembly as we all know that someone asked us to join and I do speak for many, it was a great decision. We are a very active Assembly and we have the best Color Guard and Honor Guard in Houston and surrounding areas. So please if you think there is a potential Sir Knight with a good heart invite him to join and help him get here....

Uniform Information

We encourage all Sir Knights to get the official Fourth Degree uniforms. Nothing is more fulfilling than dressing up for a special Church mass!

<https://www.kofcuniform.com>

Please click on this link which will take you to the official website for all new uniforms, accessories, replacements, patches and more. Check it out.

***Please have your measurements taken by a tailor before ordering your uniform.
Thank you.***

CMG Safe Haven Online

All Knights of Columbus activities now require any and all participating members to have completed the ***Safe Haven*** training online. This is a requirement of all Sir Knights that work in any parish activity. In addition to Council verification, Assemblies are required to maintain a list.

Safe Haven online: ***<https://GalvestonHouston.CMGConnect.org/>***

Please Keep Your Contact Information Updated

Remember to provide us with any change to your mailing address, phone number or email address so that we can accurately maintain the Assembly's and Supreme's records. If you do not receive our monthly newsletter THE PATRIOT through email by the end of the first week of the month, please inform the Faithful Navigator or the Faithful Comptroller.

[*www.assembly2084.com*](http://www.assembly2084.com)

COLOR GUARD

We encourage all Sir Knights to join our Color Guard. This core group represents the First District of Texas and is very dedicated. If you are able and willing, it is a very rewarding experience. SK Teddy Cuaping is a great commander of the Color Guard.

PURPOSE OF THE COLOR CORPS OF THE FOURTH DEGREE

The primary purpose of the Fourth Degree is to encourage active Catholic citizenship and foster the spirit of patriotism in members and the community at large. The Color Corps members exemplify all the principles of our Order;

Charity- by the gift of their time and energies necessary to practice, perfect and perform the ceremonials and sword drill:

Unity- by the united efforts of Sir Knights to practice and perfect a coordinated drill for the good of the Church and the Order;

Fraternity- by expressing an "Esprit de Corps," sharing a common desire for drill excellence and camaraderie, and

Patriotism- by performing precision drill as a salute to God and to the country and visually exhibiting a love for both.

COLOR CORPS DESCRIPTION

The **Color Corps (C.C.)** has two sub-groups, the **Color Guard (C.G.)** and the **Honor Guard (H.G.)**. The Color Guard consists of the flag bearers and at least two members of the Honor Guard who escorts the colors. The Honor Guard consists of members of the Color Corps who have mastered the Manual of the Sword.

In many assemblies, all members of the Color Corps belong to the Honor Guard. This should be kept in mind when following the procedures in the Color Corps Manual.

The public appearance of Fourth Degree knights as a Color Corps at religious and civic functions is an important activity for each assembly. They add dignity and the pride of Church and country to any event. By these public demonstrations their loyalties bring credit to themselves and to the Knights of Columbus.

***OUR ASSEMBLY HAS ALWAYS BEEN WELL REPRESENTED
AT DISTRICT AND LOCAL TURNOUTS WITH A CORE OF
DEDICATED SIR KNIGHTS.***

***THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT, PARTICIPATION,
SERVICE AND DEDICATION!***

ASSEMBLY 2084 - OFFICERS - Fraternal Year 2023-2024

Bishop Wendelin Joseph Nold Assembly

Faithful Navigator	Joseph Ch'ien	Faithful Friar	(Vacant)
Faithful Comptroller	Mike Melancon, PFN	One-Year Trustee	Rey Tajonera
Faithful Captain	Rick Johnson	Two-Year Trustee	Steven Valdez
Faithful Admiral	Jose Lara, PFN	Three-Year Trustee	Gary Lorange
Faithful Purser	William Prindiville, PFN	Inner Sentinel	Bo Naguit
Faithful Pilot	Jesse Canales	Outer Sentinel	Jesus Palomino
Faithful Scribe	Edward Klein	Color Corps Commander	Rey Tajonera
		Lt. Color Corps Commander	Bo Naguit
		Commander of Color Guard	Teddy Cuaping



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Patriotic degree of the Order.