



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

*January 2024*

**Meeting: Monthly, First Thursday at 7:30 PM  
Fr. Eugene Heyck Council 8960 Hall  
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***Next Meeting: February 1, 2024***

***Meal to be prepared by Council 8494***

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

## *A Message from Faithful Navigator Joseph Ch'ien*

During the month of January our Sir Knights participated in a total of six District and local turnouts. We honored our faithful departed brother Sir Knight Filipe V. Lopez; we participated as Honor Guard at the celebration of the Feast of Santo Nino at Mary Queen Catholic Church, and at Rededication of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. We also took part in the District turnout as Honor Guard at the Mass at the VA Hospital in Houston in celebration of the recreation of the wheelchair donation and delivery from the Knights of Columbus to the VA Hospital. Our Color Guard served for the Presentation of the Colors at the 40th Annual Clergy Appreciation Night.

The 2024 Winter Fourth Degree Exemplification will be held at St. Michael Catholic Church in Lake Jackson, Texas, on Saturday, February 24. Worthy Grand Knights please have your candidates complete the Fourth Degree Membership Document form and bring the completed form to the February meeting for approval by the membership. Thank you.

The First District of Texas will hold the 2024 Biennial District Meeting on Saturday, April 13, 2024 from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM at St. Jerome Catholic Church. This meeting is to nominate and elect District Master and consider any proposed resolutions. All 31 Assemblies must send their delegates. All Assemblies must hold elections in their February meetings to elect delegates and alternates. An alternate may be elected for each delegate position. Assembly 2084 is required to send four (4) delegates based upon our membership size (251) on January 1, 2024. We will elect our delegates and alternates at our Assembly meeting on February 1.

We are Fourth Degree Sir Knights of Knights of Columbus. Let us always be faithful to our Order, Church and Country. I would like to invite all Sir Knights to become an active part of the Fourth Degree Color Corps in honoring our Church and our Nation. Come and join us in serving as the Visible Arm of our Honored Order.

## *A Reflection from Deacon Allan J. Frederiksen*

We are in a leap year, a year with one extra day. We are also in an election year, and candidates for low and high offices are busy promoting themselves in order to get our votes. Unfortunately, we have only heard noises, and seen "smoke screens" and not much substance from any of them. It will no doubt get even noisier, more obscure and the substance will become mudslinging.

By contrast, over the past couple weeks we have heard from the Gospel of Mark, the Gospel of John, in each we heard Jesus calling someone, and therefore each of us, to follow him, never promoting himself, but demanding a decision.

In German theological language there is the word "Ernstfall", which is defined as a moment of existential crises, that imposes a choice for or against Christ. When we go about our daily lives, when we go to vote, we make that choice; in effect we are answering the question to His followers on the dusty road in Caesarea Phillipi: "Who do you say that I am?"

As we, in just a short time, enter into the Season of Lent, a time of penance, a time of self-scrutiny, let us work through the coming noise, the clamor for attention, the smoke screens and see the real issues at hand, then make the choice for Christ.

## *Meal Preparation Schedule for Fraternal Year 2023-2024*

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

## *Assembly Shirts Now Available*

They are men's polo style shirts, solid black color, 100% polyester, made in Bangladesh by CORE365. The tag shows Easy Care, Moisture Wicking, Anti Microbial, UV Protection. Machine washes cold, tumble dry low.

Assembly shirts are \$20 each. If you would like to add your name, it is an additional \$5 (or \$25 for a personalized Assembly shirt). Of course, personalized shirts cannot be returned or exchanged unless they are defective.

Please send in your order by email to [chienjym@yahoo.com](mailto:chienjym@yahoo.com). Your order should include your name, size (e.g. S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, etc.), quantity, and if you wish to personalize your shirt (please provide your name in all caps).

You do not need to pay now. When you pick up your order at our membership meetings, please pay for your order in cash.



## ***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!!!***

## ***Past Turnouts (January 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 SK Felipe V. Lopez' Visitation and Rosary, Alvin, Sunday, January 7, 2024***

The following fourteen (14) Sir Knights from Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly 2084 and a guest Sir Knight participated in the full uniform turnout as Honor Guard at the visitation and rosary held for SK Felipe V. Lopez at Scott Funeral Home in Alvin from 5:00-8:00 PM on Sunday, January 7, 2024:

1. Jesse Canales
2. Joseph Chien, FN
3. Teddy Cuaping, Marshal
4. Jimmy De Los Santos
5. Matt Gonzalez
6. Leon Guerra
7. Craig Guth, PFN
8. Stan Jarema
9. Jose Lara, PFN
10. Bo Naguit, Assistant CDR
11. Bill Prindiville, Marshal, PFN
12. Mike Stiffin
13. Rey Tajonera, CDR
14. Steven Valdez
15. RC Canemar (Guest)

### ***SK Participants at SK Felipe Lopez' Funeral Mass, Monday, January 8, 2024***

The following eight (8) Sir Knights from Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly 2084 and a guest Sir Knight participated in the full uniform turnout as Honor Guard at the Funeral Mass held for SK Felipe V. Lopez at St. John The Baptist Catholic Church in Alvin at 10:30 AM on Monday, January 8, 2024:

1. Frank Gass
2. Leon Guerra

3. Craig Guth, PFN
4. Mike Melancon, Marshal, PFN
5. Bo Naguit
6. Nelson Olavarria
7. Bill Prindiville, Marshal, PFN
8. Mike Stiffin
9. RC Canemar (Guest)

***SK Participants at Feast of Santo Nino at Mary Queen Catholic Church,  
Saturday, January 13, 2024***

The following seven (7) Sir Knights from Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly 2084 and a guest Sir Knight participated in the full uniform turnout as Honor Guard for the Feast of Santo Nino held at Mary Queen Catholic Church on Saturday morning, January 13, 2024:

1. Teddy Cuaping, Marshal
2. Stan Jarema
3. Nelson Olavarria
4. Bill Prindiville, Marshal, PFN
5. Rey Tajonera, CDR
6. Stephen Valdez
7. Tony Zucha
8. Gerry Olavarria (Guest from Assembly 2772)

***SK Participants at Rededication of St. John the Baptist Church, Thursday,  
January 18, 2024***

The following nine (9) Sir Knights from Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly 2084 and a guest Sir Knight participated in the full uniform turnout as Honor Guard at the Rededication Ceremony and Mass at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Alvin which was celebrated by His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo on Thursday evening, January 18, 2024:

1. Jesse Canales
2. Teddy Cuaping, Marshal
3. Jose Lara, PFN
4. Mike Melancon, Marshal, PFN
5. Bo Naguit, Assistant CDR
6. Bill Prindiville, Marshal, PFN
7. Mike Stiffin
8. Rey Tajonera, CDR

9. Steven Valdez
10. RC Canemar (guest)

***SK Participants at VA Hospital Visitation, Sunday, January 21, 2024***

The following six (6) Sir Knights from Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly 2084 participated in the full uniform turnout as Honor Guard at the Mass at the VA Hospital in Houston in celebration of the recreation of the wheelchair donation and delivery from the Knights of Columbus to the VA Hospital which was held on Sunday morning, January 21, 2024. A total of thirty-one (31) Sir Knights from the First District of Texas participated in the turnout.

1. Teddy Cuaping, Marshal
2. Ed Klein
3. Mike Melancon, Marshal, PFN
4. Bo Naguit, Assistant CDR
5. Bill Prindiville, Marshal, PFN
6. Tony Scarpa

***SK Participants at the Presentation of Colors at the Clergy Appreciation Night, January 26, 2024***

The following six (6) Sir Knights from Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly 2084 participated in the full uniform turnout as the Color Guard for the Presentation of the Colors at the 40th Annual Clergy Appreciation Night held at the Stafford Centre on Friday, January 26, 2024:

1. Teddy Cuaping, Marshal
2. Ed Klein
3. Mike Melancon, Marshal, PFN
4. Bill Prindiville, Marshal, PFN
5. Ricardo Robles
6. Rey Tajonera, CDR



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

***The 2024 Winter Fourth Degree Exemplification, St. Michael Catholic Church,  
Lake Jackson, TX, Saturday, February 24, 2024***

The 2024 Winter Fourth Degree Exemplification will be held on Saturday, February 24, 2024 at St. Michael Catholic Church in Lake Jackson, Texas.

***Council 8960 Corporate Communion, St. Helen Catholic Church, Sunday,  
February 25, 2024***

Council 8960 and CDA Court St. Helen 2330 will hold quarterly Corporation Communion at 9:00 AM on Sunday, February 25, 2024 at St. Helen Catholic Church. Family breakfast will be served at Council 8960 Hall after mass. Fourth Degree Honor Guard is invited.

***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 Chien	Faithful Friar	Fr. Trey Crespo
Faithful Comptroller	Mike Melancon, PFN	One Year Trustee	Rey Tejonera
Faithful Captain	Rick Johnson	Two Year Trustee	Steven Valdez
Faithful Admiral	Jose Lara, PFN	Three Year Trustee	Gary Lorance
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 Tejonera
		Asst. Color Corps Commander	Bo Naguit
		Commander of Color Guard	Teddy Cuaping



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