



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

**December 2023**

**Meeting: Monthly, First Thursday at 7:30 PM  
Fr. Eugene Heyck Council 8960 Hall  
2320 Hatfield Rd.  
Pearland, Texas 77581**

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***Next Meeting: January 4, 2024***

***Meal to be prepared by Council 4577***

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

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

This month we celebrated Advent and Christmas. We held the Assembly 2084 Christmas Party and Family Dinner in the evening of December 3 at the Council 8960 Hall. Members brought their favorite dishes and desserts to share and donated toys to needy families of local parishes. This year the toys were sent to St. Luke's and Our Lady of Mount Carmel. The Patriotic Service Award for the Fraternal Year 2022-23 was presented. SK Bo Naguit, SK Craig Guth, PFN, SK Ed Klein, SK Jesse Canales and SK Gilbert Ramos are the recipients of this Award (see *Patriotic Service Award* section for details). Please join me in congratulating these Sir Knights and thanking them for their outstanding contribution and dedication!

During the month of December our Sir Knights participated in a total of ten District and local turnouts. We celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe with one District and three local turnouts. We also took part in local and District turnouts for Simbang Gabi, a traditional Filipino Advent celebration. Our Sir Knights served as Honor Guard at all three Archdiocesan Christmas Masses and at the Feast of Immaculate Conception Mass in the Diocese of Beaumont. Thank you Sir Knights for your support and service.

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.

### *Patriotic Service Award for Fraternal Year 2022-23*

*by Bill Prindiville, PFN, Faithful Purser*

There were **100** possible turn-outs for Assembly #2084 members to participate during FY 2022-2023. SK's from #2084 participated in **93** (out of the 100) turn-outs or **93.0%** of all turn-outs. Only **7** turn-out (**7.0%** of total) lacked any SK participants from Assembly #2084.

There were a total of **556** individual turn-out participations from the Sir Knights of Assembly #2084. **38** SK's from #2084 participated in one or more turn-outs during this FY. The **38** SK's represent **14.8%** of Assembly #2084's total membership of **256** members. The **38** participating SK's averaged **14.6** turn-outs each during the FY.

**14** SK's from #2084 participated in **12** or more (at least one per month) turn-outs during the FY, averaging **32.2** turn-outs for each of these **14** SK's. These **14** SK's (representing **5.5%** of the Assembly membership) account for **451** of the **556** individual turn-out participations (or **81.1%** of all turn-out participations).

**24** SK's from #2084 who participated in less than "one Turn-Out per month" averaged only **4.4** turn-outs during the FY. These **24** SK's (representing **9.4%** of the Assembly membership) account for **105** of the **556** individual turn-out participations (or **18.9%** of all turn-out participations).

**PATRIOTIC AWARD RANKING:**

The Sir Knights, who participated in **17** or more turn-outs during the FY, (the top 10), are listed below, and shown in order of the number of their turn-out participations. They are:

<u># of T-O's</u>	<u>SK Name</u>	<u>Ranking</u>
<b>58</b> Turn-outs -	<b>Bo Naguit</b>	<b>Patriot Award - #1</b>
<b>57</b> Turn-outs -	Mike Melancon, Marshal, PFN	(Ineligible)
<b>50</b> Turn-outs -	Teddy Cuaping, Marshal	(Ineligible)
<b>44</b> Turn-outs -	Bill Prindiville, Marshal, PFN	(Ineligible)
<b>39</b> Turn-outs -	<b>Craig Guth, PFN</b>	<b>Patriot Award - #2</b>
<b>34</b> Turn-outs -	Rey Tajonera, CDR	(Ineligible)
<b>34</b> Turn-outs -	<b>Ed Klein</b>	<b>Patriot Award - #3</b>
<b>30</b> Turn-outs -	Jose Lara, PFN	(Ineligible)
<b>29</b> Turn-outs -	<b>Jesse Canales</b>	<b>Patriot Award - #4</b>
<b>17</b> Turn-outs -	<b>Gilbert Ramos</b>	<b>Patriot Award - #5</b>

## *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.



## *In Memoriam*

It is with deep sadness that I inform you of the death of our brother Sir Knight Filipe V. Lopez, who passed away on December 28, 2023 at the age of 92. Sir Knight Felipe Lopez has been a Knight for 49 years and a Fourth Degree Sir Knight for 29 years. He was a member of Council 6403 and an Honorary Life member of Assembly 2084. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Visitation and rosary will be held on Sunday, January 7, 2024 from 5:00-8:00 PM at Scott Funeral Home (1421 E. Hwy 6, Alvin, TX 77511). The rosary will begin at 7:00 PM. A funeral mass will be held on Monday, January 8, 2024 at 10:30 AM at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church (110 E. South St., Alvin, TX 77511). The presence of the Fourth Degree Honor Guard is requested at the visitation and funeral mass.

## *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***

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

## ***Past Turnouts (December 2023)***

*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 the Feast of the Immaculate Conception in Liberty, Friday, December 8, 2023***

The following two (2) Sir Knights from Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly 2084 participated in the full uniform turnout as Honor Guard at the Procession and Mass celebrated by His Excellency Bishop David L. Toups for the Feast of Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Liberty, TX at 6:00 PM on Friday, December 8, 2023. A total of eight (8) Sir Knights from the First District of Texas participated in the celebration.

1. Mike Melancon, Marshal, PFN
2. Bill Prindiville, Marshal, PFN

### ***SK Participants at the 51st Anniversary Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Saturday, December 9, 2023***

The following two (2) Sir Knights of Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly 2084 participated in the full uniform turnout as Honor Guard at Mass for the Fifty-first Celebration in Honor of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart on Saturday morning, December 9, 2023. A total of five (5) Sir Knights from the First District participated in the celebration at the Co-Cathedral.

1. Guadalupe Gonzalez
2. Mike Melancon, Marshal, PFN

***SK Participants at the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe at Mary Queen Church,  
Saturday, December 9, 2023***

The following eight (8) Sir Knights of Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly 2084 and a guest Sir Knight from Assembly 2772 participated in the full uniform turnout as Honor Guard for the celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe at Mary Queen Catholic Church in Friendswood on Saturday morning, December 9, 2023:

1. Joseph Ch'ien, FN
2. Pantaleon Guerra
3. Craig Guth, PFN
4. Stan Jarema
5. Ed Klein
6. Nelson Olavarria
7. Bill Prindiville, Marshal, PFN
8. Ken Shores
9. Gerry Olavarria (Guest from Assembly 2772)

***SK Participants at the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe at St. John's Church,  
Alvin, Saturday, December 9, 2023***

The following five (5) Sir Knights from Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly 2084 participated in the full uniform turnout as Honor Guard at the Procession and Mass in celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe held at St. John's Catholic Church with a Procession through Alvin on Saturday morning, December 9, 2023:

1. Jesse Canales
2. Jose Lara, PFN
3. Jesus Palomino
4. Rey Tajonera, CDR
5. Steven Valdez



***SK Participants at the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe at St. Helen Church,  
Tuesday, December 12, 2023***

The following twelve (12) Sir Knights from Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly 2084 participated in the full uniform turnout as Honor Guard for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe celebrated at St. Helen Catholic Church in Pearland on Tuesday evening, December 12, 2023:

1. Jesse Canales
2. Joseph Ch'ien, FN
3. Jimmy De Los Santos
4. Craig Guth, PFN
5. Rick Johnson
6. Mike Melancon, Marshal, PFN
7. Nelson Olavarria
8. Bill Prindiville, Marshal, PFN
9. David Provenzano
10. Isidro Rangel
11. Ricardo Robles
12. Rey Tajonera, CDR

***SK Participants at Simbang Gabi at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church,  
Sunday, December 17, 2023***

The following twelve (12) Sir Knights from Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly 2084 participated in the full uniform turnout as Honor Guard at mass for the Filipino Advent Celebration of Simbang Gabi at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, Sunday evening, December 17, 2023:

1. Robert Griffins
2. Pantaleon Guerra
3. Craig Guth, PFN
4. Stan Jarema
5. Rick Johnson
6. Jose Lara, PFN
7. Mike Melancon, Marshal, PFN
8. Nelson Olavarria
9. Isidro Rangel
10. Ricardo Robles
11. Ken Shores
12. Rey Tajonera, CDR

***SK Participants at Diocesan Simbang Gabi Mass at Sts. Simon and Jude Catholic Church, The Woodlands, Friday, December 22, 2023***

The following three (3) Sir Knights from Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly 2084 participated in the full uniform turnout as Honor Guard at Simbang Gabi mass celebrated by His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo at Sts. Simon and Jude Catholic Church, The Woodlands, at 7:00 PM on Friday, December 22, 2023. A total of seventeen (17) Sir Knights from the First District participated in the turnout.

1. Nelson Olavarria
2. Bill Prindiville, Marshal, PFN
3. Rey Tajonera, CDR

***SK Participants at Vietnamese Christmas Vigil Mass at Our Lady of LaVang Catholic Church, Houston, TX, December 24, 2023***

The following three (3) Sir Knights from Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly 2084 participated in the full uniform turnout as Honor Guard at Vietnamese Christmas Vigil Mass celebrated by His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo at Our Lady of LaVang Catholic Church, Houston, Texas, at 6:00 PM on December 24, 2023. A total of seventeen (17) Sir Knights from the First District of Texas participated in the turnout.

1. Joseph Ch'ien, FN
2. Nelson Olavarria
3. Bo Naguit, Assistant CDR

***SK Participants at Christmas Midnight Mass at Co-Catherdra of the Sacred Heart, Houston, TX, December 25, 2023***

The following four (4) Sir Knights from Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly 2084 participated in the full uniform turnout as Honor Guard at Christmas Midnight Mass celebrated by His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo at Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Houston, Texas, on December 25, 2023. A total of thirteen (13) Sir Knights from the First District of Texas participated in the turnout.

1. Joseph Ch'ien, FN
1. Guadalupe Gonzalez
2. Pantaleon Guerra
3. Mike Melancon, Marshal, PFN
4. Bo Naguit, Assistant CDR

***SK Participants at Christmas Day Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral-Basilica,  
Galveston, TX, December 25, 2023***

The following eight (8) Sir Knights from Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly 2084 participated in the full uniform turnout as Honor Guard at Christmas Day Mass celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Italo Dell'Oro at St. Mary's Cathedral-Basilica, Galveston, Texas, at 12:30 PM on December 25, 2023. A total of eighteen (18) Sir Knights from the First District of Texas participated in the turnout.

1. Guadalupe Gonzalez
2. Pentaleon Guerra
3. Craig Guth, PFN
4. Jose Lara, PFN
5. Mike Melancon, Marshal, PFN
6. Bo Naguit, Assistant CDR
7. Bill Prindiville, Marshal, PFN
8. 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.

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## *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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*Patriotic degree of the Order.*