



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

**November 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: December 3, 2023 at 4:30 PM***

***Christmas Party and Dinner  
a Family Event***

***Please bring a covered dish to share and a toy for donation***

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

In November we remember, honor and pray for all the Sir Knights of our Assembly who have gone before us and whose loss we feel. As Pope Francis says, remembering and praying for our deceased enables us *“to have a truly realistic vision of the lives they lived, to understand the meaning and the value of the good they accomplished, their strength, their commitment and their generous and unselfish love.”* It also helps us *“to understand the meaning of a life that aspires not to an earthly homeland, but to a better, heavenly homeland.”*

On November 2, we celebrated the annual Memorial Mass in Memory of All Deceased Sir Knights of Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly 2084 at Council 8960 Hall. We would like to thank Fr. Thomas Vellappallil, pastor of Mary Queen Church, for being the celebrant. This year the Memorial Mass coincided with All Souls' Day, a holy day dedicated to prayer for souls of the faithful departed in Purgatory.

Sir Knights from Assembly 2084 participated in a total of six turnouts this month, including one District turnout, three local turnouts and two turnouts to assist Brother Assemblies. Thank you so much for your support, service and dedication!

Merry Christmas! We will have the Assembly 2084 Christmas Party and Family Dinner on Sunday, December 3, 2023 at 4:30 PM at the Council 8960 Hall (2320 Hatfield Rd., Pearland, TX 77584). All Sir Knights of Assembly 2084 and their families (including children) are invited. This will be a potluck dinner. Everyone please bring a favorite covered dish or dessert to share. The Assembly will provide ham and turkey, iced tea, water and coffee. No alcoholic beverages, please. Please also bring an unwrapped toy for donation to families in need of a local parish. The winning Council of the toy random draw will bring the toys to its parish. Last year's winning Council will be ineligible to participate in the drawing. Recipients of the Patriotic Service Award for the Fraternal Year 2022-23 will be announced.

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*

As of this writing, we celebrated Veterans Day just a bit more than a week ago, and we offered our "Thank you for your service" to the veterans we encountered, remembering the sacrifices they made by their service.

Thursday of this week we will celebrate Thanksgiving, remembering those who came long before us and the struggles they endured to build this nation of ours, as we eat the traditional turkey and give thanks to God for what we have today.

In just a bit more than a month we will celebrate the birth of Christ and give thanks to God for the Word made Flesh that came and dwelt among us. This is a unique celebration, because it brings us back to that stable in Bethlehem some 2000 years ago, a birth that upended the status quo of the world. We are humbled by and in His presence.

As a result, I thought I would share a poem I came across some years ago, written by Mark Amorose, as it speaks to our current time and place. The title is "Contra Mundum", meaning "Against the World".

### *CONTRA MUNDUM*

*THE WORLD UNFURLS ITS FLAG OF TOLERATION  
ISSUES ITS EDICTS OF EQUALITY,  
AND HE WHO BEARS THE SIGN OF OUR SALVATION  
IS BANISHED AS A PUBLIC ENEMY.  
AS ATHANASIUS, WHEN THE WORLD AWOKE  
TO FIND ITSELF IN HERESY,  
SO, WE WHOSE WORLD MUST WEAR A HARSHER YOKE  
ARE CALLED TO ATHANASIUS CONSTANCY.*

*WE, TOO, MAY NEED TO NAVIGATE A NILE  
TO DWELL IN THE DESERT OF SOLITUDE FOR A WHILE,  
WITH FOREIGN TONGUE AND UNFAMILIAR FACE  
ENDURE INJUSTICE, EXILE, AND DISGRACE.  
HOLD FAST THE FAITH, SET SWORDS ABOUT THE CREED,  
AND CALL ON ATHANASIUS IN YOUR NEED.*

A Joyful and Blessed Christmas and the wishes for a New Year filled with the love of Christ.

Peace,  
Deacon Allan

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

<del>07/2023</del> <sup>(1)</sup> & 02/2024	#8494	<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> )
12/2023		<b>Christmas Party</b> ( <i>Assembly provides meats; members each bring a covered dish</i> )
01/2024 & 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.



## *In Memoriam*

It is with deep sadness that I inform you of the passing of Sir Knight Mr. Chester R. Norman, who died on October 23, 2023, at the age of 77. SK Chester Norman joined the Knights in 1980 and the Fourth Degree in 1984. He was a member of Council 8960. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

## *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 (November 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 Annual Diocesan Red Mass for Legal Professionals, Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Wednesday, November 8, 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 Annual Diocesan Red Mass for Legal Professionals celebrated by His Eminence Archbishop Daniel Cardinal DiNardo at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart on Wednesday evening, November 8, 2023:

1. Craig Guth, PFN
2. Ed Klein
3. Mike Melancon, Marshal, PFN
4. Bill Prindiville, Marshal, PFN
5. Rey Tajonera, CDR

### ***SK Participants at Council 8960 Corporate Communion, St. Helen Catholic Church, Sunday, November 12, 2023***

The following thirteen (13) Sir Knights from Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly 2084 participated in the full uniform turnout as Honor Guard at the Corporation Communion Mass with Council 8960 and CDA Court Saint Helen 2330 at 9:00 AM on Sunday, November 12, 2023:

1. David Armstrong
2. Jesse Canales
3. Joseph Ch'ien, FN
4. Craig Guth, PFN
5. Stan Jarema
6. Rick Johnson
7. Ed Klein
8. Mike Melancon, Marshal, PFN
9. Ken Oradiegwu, FM, PFN
10. Bo Naguit, Assistant CDR

11. Bill Prindiville, Marshal, PFN
12. Richardo Robles
13. Anthony Zarate

***SK Participants at Fr. Thomas' Installation Mass as Pastor of Mary Queen Catholic Church, Sunday, November 12, 2023***

The following twelve (12) Sir Knights and guests from Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly 2084 participated in the full uniform turnout as Honor Guard at the Installation Mass of Fr. Thomas Vellappallil as Pastor of Mary Queen Catholic Church at 11:30 AM on Sunday, November 12, 2023 at Mary Queen Catholic Church:

1. Kevin Alley
2. Joseph Chien, FN
3. Craig Guth, PFN
4. Stan Jarema
5. Edward Klein
6. Mike Melancon, Marshal, PFN
7. Bo Naguit, Assistant CDR
8. Gerry Olavarria (Guest)
9. Nelson Olavarria
10. Bill Prindiville, Marshal, PFN
11. Tony Scarpa
12. Ken Shores

***SK Participants at Flag Ceremony and Memorial Mass held by Council 6403 and CDA of Alvin, Sunday, November 12, 2023***

The following fifteen (15) Sir Knights and guests from Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly 2084 participated in the full uniform turnout as Fourth Degree Honor Guard at Flag Ceremony and Memorial Mass at 2:50 PM on Sunday, November 12, 2023 at Council 6403 Hall in Alvin. This is a joint event of Council 6403 and CDA of Alvin:

1. Jesse Canales
2. R. C. Canemar, PFN (Guest, Assembly 1094)
3. Joseph Chien, FN
4. Frank Gass
5. Craig Guth, PFN
6. Stan Jarema



7. Edward Klein
8. Jose Lara, PFN
9. Mike Melancon, Marshal, PFN
10. Bo Naguit, Assistant CDR
11. Bill Prindiville, Marshal, PFN
12. Xavier Sepulveda
13. Mike Stiffin
14. Rey Tajonera, CDR
15. Steven Valdez

***SK Participants at Mass for Eucharistic Procession and Adoration at Prince of Peace Catholic Church, Tomball, TX, Monday, November 27, 2023***

The following Sir Knight from Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly 2084 participated in the full uniform turnout as Honor Guard at Mass for Eucharistic Procession and Adoration at Prince of Peace Catholic Church, Tomball, Texas, on Monday evening, November 27, 2023:

1. Mike Melancon, Marshal, PFN

***SK Participants at Mass for Eucharistic Procession and Adoration at St. Edward Catholic Church, Spring, TX, Thursday, November 30, 2023***

The following Sir Knight from Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly 2084 participated in the full uniform turnout as Honor Guard at Mass for Eucharistic Procession and Adoration at St. Edward Catholic Church, Spring, Texas, on Thursday evening, November 30, 2023:

1. Bill Prindiville, Marshal, PFN

## ***Future Turnouts***

### **2084 – Assembly Christmas Party and Family Dinner, 4:30 PM, Sunday, December 3, 2023**

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This will be a potluck dinner. Everyone please bring a favorite covered dish or dessert to share. The Assembly will provide ham and turkey, iced tea, water and coffee. No alcoholic beverages.

Please also bring an unwrapped toy for donation to families in need of a local parish. The winning Council of the toy random draw will bring the toys to its parish. Last year's winning Council will be ineligible to participate in the drawing.

Recipients of the Patriotic Service Award for the Fraternal Year 2022-23 will be announced.

### **2084 - Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mary Queen Catholic Church, Saturday, December 9, 2023**

Mary Queen Catholic Church will be celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Saturday, December 9, 2023, with a Mass at 9:00 AM followed by a reception in the Parish Hall. The Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus are invited as Honor Guard for the Mass. Sir Knights in official uniforms please assemble in the Library Room in the Parish Hall at 8:15 AM for the 9:00 AM Mass.

### **2084 - Our Lady of Guadalupe Procession and Mass, Alvin, December 9, 2023**

Council 6403 is requesting the Fourth Degree Honor Guard for the yearly procession for Our Lady of Guadalupe and mass. Just as in years past we will process from Stantons Shopping Center to St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. This is about one mile. We also will provide a trailer for those who cannot process the long route. Rides will also be available back to the start point of the procession.

Please meet at Stantons parking lot (219 N Taylor St, Alvin, TX 77511) between 8:15-8:30 AM on Saturday, December 9, 2023, where we will line up and process to St. John the Baptist to our Mass. Fr. John Taoson will be the Celebrant.

Mass begins at 10:00 AM for those who would like to meet at the Church instead (110 E. South Street, Alvin, TX 77511).

***Fifty-First Anniversary Mass in Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Co-Cathedral of Sacred Heart, Saturday, September 9, 2023***

All the community of Archdiocese of Galveston and Houston is invited to celebrate together the 51st Festivity in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of the Americas. His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo and His Excellency Bishop Italo Dell'Oro will co-celebrate mass for the Festivity at Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Downtown Houston (1111 St. Joseph Parkway, Houston, Texas 77002) on Saturday, September 9, 2023. Procession starts at 8:00 AM at 1700 Bell Street; Mass begins at 10:00 AM.

The Fourth Degree will provide the Honor Guard for the Mass. Please assemble at 9:00 AM for the 10:00 Mass. Sir Knights wishing to join the procession from 1700 Bell Street should adjust their time to be on site prior to 8:00 AM. The official Uniform of the Fourth Degree is required to be part of the Honor Guard.

***Simbang Gabi-2023, Sts. Simon and Jude Catholic Church, The Woodlands, Friday, December 22, 2023***

Be part of the Annual Filipino Catholic Tradition of Simbang Gabi. It is a joy to celebrate the Nine-Day Christmas Novena in preparation of the faithful to receive from God the great "Aguinaldo" of Christmas, which is Jesus, the savior of the world. Simbang Gabi is above all an expression of filial devotion to Mary, the Mother of God.

His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo will celebrate Mass for the festivity at Sts. Simon and Jude Catholic Church (26777 Glen Loch Dr., The Woodlands, TX 77381) on Friday evening, December 22, 2023. The Fourth Degree will provide the Honor Guard for the Mass. The official Uniform of the Fourth Degree is required to be part of the Honor Guard. Please assemble at 6:00 PM; Festivities begin at 6:30 PM; Mass begins at 7:00 PM.

***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 FOR A SPECIAL CHURCH MASS!!!***

***Please get measured by a tailor before ordering. Thank you.***

***<https://www.kofcuniform.com>***

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

### ***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 address, phone number or email address so that we can accurately maintain the Assembly's and Supremes' records. If you do not receive your monthly newsletter by the end of the first week of the month by email, please inform the Faithful Navigator or the Faithful Comptroller.

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### ***COLOR GUARD***

***WE ENCOURAGE ALL KNIGHTS TO JOIN OUR COLOR GUARD, YOU WILL FIND THAT THE CORE GROUP IS VERY DEDICATED, IF YOU ARE ABLE AND WILLING. IT'S VERY REWARDING AND TEDDY IS A GREAT COMMANDER OF THE 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 PARTICIPATION AND DEDICATION!***

**ASSEMBLY #2084 - OFFICERS - Fraternal Year 2023-2024**

Faithful Navigator	Joseph Chien	Faithful Frail	Fr. Trey Crespo
Faithful Comptroller	Mike Melancon	One Year Trustee	Rey Tejonera
Faithful Captain	Rick Johnson	Two Year Trustee	Steve Valdez
Faithful Admiral	Jose Lara	Three Year Trustee	Gary Lorance
Faithful Purser	William Prindiville	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



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*Patriotic degree of the Order.*