

Fourth Degree

Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly 2084

September 2023

Meeting: Monthly, First Thursday at 7:30 PM Fr. Eugene Heyck Council 8960 Hall 2320 Hatfield Rd. Pearland, Texas 77581 www.assembly2084.com

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Next Meeting: October 5, 2023

Meal to be prepared by Council 6403

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

A Message from Faithful Navigator Joseph Ch'ien

Sir Knights from our Assembly participated in six turnouts in September, one of which was to assist a brother Assembly for the Procession and Exhibition for Veneration of the Relic of the True Cross at the three Masses at Shrine of the True Cross Catholic Church on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Sir Knights Jesse Canales and Bill Prindiville, Marshal, PFN served as Honor Guard for all three Masses. SK Ken Oradiegwu, FM, PFN also participated. I received an email from the Faithful Navigator of the brother Assembly, heartily thanking the participation of these Sir Knights from our Assembly. Thank you.

I would like to encourage all Sir Knights of our Assembly to complete the *Fourth Degree Last Rite Request* form. As SK Craig Guth, PFN emphasized at meeting, this is a benefit for your beloved charity and family. Please complete the form (attached with this newsletter) if you have not done so or would like to update it.

We are Fourth Degree Sir Knights of Knights of Columbus. Let us always be faithful to our Order, Church and Country.

A Reflection from Deacon Allan J. Frederiksen

Solzhenitsyn is credited with having said "Men have forgotten God!" Just 4 words, with a lot of impact.

For a while a fifth word was added: "Men at war with God," which means we oppose fundamental eternal truths.

We may now add the sixth word: "Men set themselves up as God."

Yesterday (September 24) Pope Francis was returning to Rome from Marseille, France, and he said very pointedly "You don't play with life!"

Just follow the link to read the entire article on Catholic News Agency. <u>'You don't play with life': Pope Francis condemns euthanasia, abortion on papal plane | Catholic News Agency</u>

That is what we are doing, we are, collectively, playing with life, even if we do not explicitly participate in the "game".

Pope Francis was speaking in particular about abortion and euthanasia; determining who is going to live and who is going to die.

Life does not belong to mankind; it belongs the Creator.

Here is how life is being played with (Figures are from 2020).

According to the CDC (Center for Disease Control and Prevention) there were 620,327 abortions in the US. According to the Guttmacher Institute (a pro-abortion research organization and a subsidiary of Planned Parenthood) there were 930,160 abortions. Somehow this is telling us that we are being hoodwinked by the CDC because the difference is 33%.

Euthanasia is illegal in all fifty states and the District of Columbia. But if we word it a bit differently, "Assisted Suicide" is legal in nine states and the District of Columbia.

The State of Washington Legislature passed a bill in 2008 called the "Death with Dignity Act". Certain changes were proposed and passed in July of this year. Some of these changes are in the "progressive" camp. The waiting period from requesting "Assisted Suicide" has been reduced, It can now be done electronically, but perhaps most of concern is the fact that there does not appear to be a follow up psychological assessment of the person making the request.

Other states, Oregon, California, Idaho, etc., have or are working on similar laws.

In Belgium, a woman was "provided with assisted suicide" because she had attempted to play God by obtaining a so-called gender change operation, and the results were not to her liking, so the logic became this: "If I cannot be what I want to be, then I don't want to be."

We, my Brother Knights, have a lot of work to do.

Meal Preparation Schedule for 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)		
12/2023	Christmas Party (catering)		

01/2024 & 06/2024 #4577

In Memoriam

It is with a heavy heart that I inform you of the death of our Brother Sir Knight Paul Samuel Patterson, who passed away on September 26, 2023 at the age of 80. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

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 WAR AROUND THE WORLD!

ST. JOSEPH, PRAY FOR US!!!

OUEEN OF PEACE, PRAY FOR US!!!

Past Turnouts (September 2023)

If I have inadvertently failed to mention your participation in a turn-out, please let me know so that we can properly recognize your dedication and service. Thank you!

SK Participants at Mass with Archishop Jose Cardinal Advincula at St. Dominic Catholic Church on Saturday, September 9, 2023

The following seven (7) Sir Knights from Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly #2084 participated in the full uniform turnout as Honor Guard for the Mass with His Eminence Jose Cardinal Advincula, Jr., Archbishop of Manila, The Philippines, at St. Dominic Catholic Church on Saturday evening, September 9, 2023:

- 1. Jesse Canales
- 2. Joseph Chien, FN
- 3. Craig Guth, PFN
- 4. Bo Naguit
- 5. Ken Oradiegwu, FM, PFN
- 6. Bill Prindiville, Marshal, PFN
- 7. Rey Tajonera, CDR

SK Participants at the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross at the Shrine of the True Cross Catholic Church in Dickinson, Texas, September 16-17, 2023

The following three (3) Sir Knights from Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly #2084 participated in the full uniform turnout as Honor Guard at the Masses for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross celebrated by Fr. Larry Wilson at the Shrine of The True Cross in Dickinson on Sunday morning, September 17, 2023. Attending Sir Knights also posted as Honor Guard at the Exhibition of The Relic of The True Cross following each Mass:

- 1. Jesse Canales (08:00, 10:00, and 12:00 Masses)
- 2. Ken Oradiegwu, FM, PFN (10:00 Mass)
- 3. Bill Prindiville, Marshal, PFN (08:00, 10:00, and 12:00 Masses)

SK Participants at Blue Mass at St. Jerome's Catholic Church on Sunday, September 24, 2023

The following three (3) Sir Knights from Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly #2084 participated in the full uniform turnout as Honor Guard for the Blue Mass celebrated by at St. Jerome's Catholic Church on Sunday morning, September 24, 2023:

- 1. Edward Klein
- 2. Mike Melancon, District Marshal, PFN
- 3. Bo Naguit

SK Participants at the 50th Wedding Anniversary Jubilee Mass in Co-Cathedral of Sacred Heart on Sunday, September 24, 2023

The following four (4) Sir Knights from Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly #2084 participated in the full uniform turnout as Honor Guard for the 50th Wedding Anniversary Jubilee Mass celebrated by His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo in Co-Cathedral of Sacred Heart on Sunday afternoon, September 24, 2023:

- 1. Joseph Chein, FN
- 2. Edward Klein
- 3. Mike Melancon, District Marshal, PFN
- 4. Rey Tajonera, CDR

SK Participants at the Visitation and Funeral Mass for Rev. Warren Gregory Elliot, Warren Chapel, St. Dominic Village, Monday, September 25, 2023

The following three (3) Sir Knights from Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly #2084 participated in the full uniform turnout as Honor Guard for the Visitation, Rosary, and Funeral Mass for Rev. Father Warren Gregory Elliot at Warren Chapel, St. Dominic Village, on Monday morning, September 25, 2023:

- 1. Jimmy De Los Santos
- 2. Mike Melancon, District Marshal, PFN
- 3. Bo Naguit

SK Participants at the Seafarer's Mass with Bishop Brendan Cahill of Victoria at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Galveston on Wednesday, September 27, 2023

The following three (3) Sir Knights from Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly #2084 participated in the full uniform turnout as Honor Guard for the Seafarer's Mass at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Galveston celebrated by Bishop Brendan Cahill of the Diocese of Victoria on Wednesday, September 27, 2023:

- 1. Mike Melancon, District Marshal, PFN
- 2. Bo Naguit
- 3. Tony Scarpa

Future Turn-Outs

Mass for the Relic of St. Francis of Assisi at St. John The Baptist Catholic Church on Wednesday, October 4, 2023

St. John The Baptist Catholic Church (110 E. South St., Alvin, TX 77511) is being remodeled. A Relic of Francis of Assisi will become a part of the new altar. Fr. John Taoson will celebrate a Mass for the Relic at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, October 4, 2023, the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi. Immediately following the mass the Relic will be displayed for parishioners. We are requested to serve as Honor Guard at Mass and to post and guard the Relic after Mass. Fr. John asks us to be very diligent in not allowing anyone to touch or take the Relic. The posting after Mass is expected to last until approximately 7:00 PM. Sir Knights in full uniforms are requested to assemble at 5:00 PM in the Church Hall..

2023 Fall Exemplification in Houston, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, October 6-7, 2023

The 2023 Fall Exemplification for the First District of Texas will be held on October 6-7, 2023 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Houston. Sir Knights in full uniforms are requested to assemble at the church by 9:00 AM. His Excellency Bishop Italo Dell'Oro will be going through the Exemplification as well as being the main celebrant at the Mass following the Exemplification.

March of the Surviving Youth (MOTSY), Catholic Charismatic Center, Saturday, October 14, 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. Assemble at 8:00 AM. Mass begins at 8:30 AM.

Annual Firefighters Mass, Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, October 15, 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. Assemble at 10:30 AM. Mass begins at 11:00 AM.

March of the Surviving Youth (MOTSY), Catholic Charismatic Center, Saturday, October 14, 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. Assemble at 8:00 AM. Mass begins at 8:30 AM.

Annual White Mass for Catholic Health Care, St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Monday, October 16, 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. Assemble at 5:30 PM. Mass begins at 6:00 PM.

<u>The 27th Annual Asian Mass, Christ the Incarnate Word Catholic Church, Sunday, October 29, 2023</u>

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. Assemble at 1:15 PM. Mass begins at 2:00 PM.

Annual Red Mass for Legal Professionals, Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Wednesday, November 8, 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. Assemble at 5:45 PM. Mass begins at 6:15 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 for information.

LOOK FOR WEEKLY EMAILS AND UPDATES OR GO TO

https://teamup.com/ks2c8hsopyap8hy4cq

UNIFORM INFO

I KNOW THESE ARE ROUGH TIMES AND WHO KNOWS WHERE WE WILL BE. WE ENCOURAGE ALL TO GET THE UNIFORM. NOTHING MORE FULFILLING THAN DRESSING FOR A SPECIAL CHURCH MASS!!! It's very easy and we encourage that you 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, its and all in one shop.

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....

CMG Safe Haven online replacing VIRTUS Training

As you have seen from previous e-mails, ALL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ACTIVITIES now require any and all members to have completed the VIRTUS, now <u>Safe Haven</u> training. In addition to Council verification, ALL ASSEMBLIES are required to have a list. Below is what we will need for compliance. <u>I am</u> <u>asking each Grand Knight to provide a list from his respective Council as soon as possible.</u>

Safe Haven online https://GalvestonHouston.CMGConnect.org/ Member's full name, Member Number, Assembly Number, Council Number, Parish Name. Date of Safe Haven Certification, Expiration Date of Safe Haven Certification. This is a requirement of all Knights that work in any parish activity.

PLEASE KEEP YOUR CONTACTS UPDATED

Remember to provide us with any changes or updates to your address, phone number or email address so that we can accurately maintain the Assembly's (and Supremes') records and database. If, for any reason, you do not receive your monthly newsletter by the end of the first week of the month, either by email or by US mail, please let us know promptly. If you have access to email, please let us know so that the Assembly can send you the monthly newsletter and timely information and notices throughout the month by email. The postage and printing expense for the monthly newsletters remains the Assembly's largest single on-going monthly expense! Anything that we can do to reduce the number of SK's receiving the newsletter by "snail" mail (U.S. Postal mail) will benefit the Assembly, be greatly appreciated, and allow you to receive more timely information and activity updates between the monthly newsletters.

WEBSITE IS......ANY PICS PLEASE SEND TO ME, I WILL ADD AS EACH MONTH, SOME MAY NOT MAKE IT, BUT PLEASE DO NOT TAKE PERSONAL....

www.assembly2084.com

NEW DRILL MANUAL

With the release of the new uniform, there is a new drill manual. See the links below for information. At some time, they will be available in print form.

http://www.kofc.org/en/members/for-members/color.html

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WE ALSO HAVE HARD COPIES FOR THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE ONE>>>PLEASE GET WITH ME OR MIKE MELANCON>>THX>

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.

ASSEMBLY #2084 - OFFICERS - Fraternal Year 2023-2024

Faithful Navigator	Joseph Chien	Faithful Frair	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

Our Assembly has always been well represented at District and Local Turnouts with a core of dedicated Sir Knights.

Please advise me should I have inadvertently failed to mention your participation in a turnout, so that we can properly recognize your dedication and service.

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION AND DEDICATION!

