



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



***August 2025 Edition***

**Meeting: Monthly on the First Thursday at 7:30 PM  
Pearland Columbus Hall  
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***Next Meeting: September 4, 2025, at 7:30 PM***

***Council 6403 to serve the meal at 6:30 PM***

***Meals Service Schedule for 2025-2026***

~~07/2025~~ & 04/202

~~08/2025~~ & 03/2026

09/2025 & 02/2025

10/2025 & 05/2026

11/2025 (***Central TX BBQ***)

***12/2025 (Assembly provides meat, tea and Coffee)***

01/2026 & 06/2026

Council 8494

Council 4577

Council 6403

Council 9201

Memorial Mass

***Christmas Party***

Council 8960

***Note: July Luncheon***

***Note: February Ladies Event***

***Note: Catered***

***Note: Potluck dinner.***

## *A Message from Faithful Navigator Rick Johnson*



Sir Knights

There wasn't much activity for the Assembly during the month as everyone was winding down the summer, preparing to return to school and enjoying the last days of vacation. But soon we will get the hint of Autumn air and plans will begin for the holiday seasons ahead. Many activities are planned soon for Assembly 2084. Being from the Midwest and coming from a small farmland community of Pinckney Michigan; the fall season is the one I miss the most. The cool Friday nights at high football games, the changing colors of the trees, apple orchards with fresh cider and hot donuts just out of the oven. So, hang in there and be prepared to serve.

As we are reminded,

We know God makes all things work together for good to those who *love* him and who are called according to *His* purpose. *Romans 8:28*

Rick Johnson, FN

### ***Bishop Wendelin J Nold Assembly 2084 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Honor Guard Future Turnouts***

*Please Note: Participation in Honor Guard requires Sir Knights to be in the official uniform of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree.*

- ***September 4<sup>th</sup> -Visitation and Funeral Mass for SK George Ruth***
  - *Sacred Heart of Jesus-Manvel Visitation 10-30-11:30 Rosary 11:30 AM , Mass 12:00PM*  
*Plan to assemble at 10:00 AM, Burial will be Friday 9/5 at 2:00PM-Houston VA Cemetery*
- ***September 21<sup>st</sup> -50th Wedding Anniversary Jubilee-Co-Cathedral 2pm -Celebrant Archbishop Vasquez***
- ***September 28<sup>st</sup> -Annual Blue Mass -Co-Cathedral 10am -Celebrant Archbishop Vasquez***
- ***October 18<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification St Theresa Sugar Land***
- ***October 26<sup>th</sup> -25th Wedding Anniversary Jubilee-Co-Cathedral 2pm -Celebrant Archbishop Vasquez***

I will provide all assembly details as these events draw near.

## *A Reflection from Faithful Acting Friar Deacon Allan Frederiksen*



"Having just spent 5 great weeks in the country of my birth and growing up years, a country I have only visited 4 times since October of 1963. What struck me was the tremendous number of churches, primarily Evangelical Lutheran, but a few, very few other denominations, and just 40 Roman Catholic churches, 38 in Denmark proper, as well as one on the Faroe Islands and one on Greenland.

According to the sources I found there are more than 6,700 churches in cities, towns, and villages, or about 1 church for every 895 persons based on the latest population figures.

In view of the mandate to keep the Sabbath Day Holy, attending church for a Roman Catholic, if one does not live in a city, is a bit problematic. During considerable research before traveling, we found a total of 4 RC churches within reasonable distance of where we were going and visiting. The first was the Cathedral Church of the Diocese of Denmark, the largest diocese in the world, but probably the one with the smallest number of churches. This diocese includes all of Denmark, Faroe Island and Greenland.



All the masses were celebrated in Danish. In the Cathedral Church, Sankt Ansgar's Parish, the presiding priest was Italian and most of the worshippers were tourists, perhaps 30 people total.

The second Sunday we attended Mass at Sankt Paulus II parish in the small town of Stuer. The priest was Polish, and the worshippers were Vietnamese, Sri Lankan, Polish, one or two Danes, and people from other cultures. This parish is supported financially by The German Catholic Church. The number of attendees were less than 20.

The third Sunday we attended Mass at Sankt Knud's Parish in the city of Svendborg. Here the priest was Vietnamese, a great number of the worshippers were Vietnamese, but also Sri Lankan, Filipino, Polish, West African and perhaps a handful of Danes. I estimated that perhaps 40 people attended Mass.

The fourth and fifth Sunday we had to drive quite some distance to Sankt Knud's parish in the city of Naestved. Here the priest was Italian, and the worshippers were again Vietnamese, Sri Lankan, Indians from the Goa region, a few Filipinos, a few West Africans, and a few Danes. Here, on the last Sunday we were in the country, there were probably 50 or so people attending Mass.

The Evangelical Lutheran Churches are basically museum pieces, being well maintained, and many date back to what in Denmark is called "prior to the reformation," some more than 900 years old, but most are from the 12 and 13 hundreds.

Occasionally there will be a worship service in one of them, but most of the time they are used for concerts. Most Danes attend church to have a child baptized, to have a child confirmed, to be married, and to have a funeral service.

What has led to the decline in Church attendance? The answers are varied, but can perhaps be summed up with one word, complacency, as well as an extremely high standard of living coupled with a system of social services that provides "cradle to grave" care for those in need.

## ***Good of the Order***

We remember and pray for all the Sir Knights of our Assembly who have gone before us. As Pope Francis said, remembering 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.” Praying for the dead also helps us “to understand the meaning of a life that aspires not to an earthly homeland, but to a better, heavenly homeland.

***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!***

***SAINT JOSEPH, PRAY FOR US!***

***BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, QUEEN OF PEACE, PRAY FOR 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!***

***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 by email by the end of the first week of the month, please inform the Faithful Navigator or the Faithful Comptroller.

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### ***Potential Sir Knights***

Sir Knights, please encourage Third Degree brother Knights in your Council to join our Assembly. We are a very active Assembly, and we have the best Color Guard and Honor Guard in Houston and the surrounding areas. If you know a potential Sir Knight with a good heart, please 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 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/>***

### ***PURPOSE OF THE COLOR CORPS OF THE FOURTH DEGREE 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

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.

***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.***

***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 OFFICERS - Fraternal Year 2025-2026**

Acting Faithful Friar	Deacon Allan Frederiksen
Faithful Navigator	Rick Johnson
Faithful Comptroller	Mike Melancon, PFN
Faithful Captain	Ed Kline
Faithful Admiral	Joseph Chien PFN
Faithful Purser	William Prindiville, PFN
Faithful Pilot	Jesse Canales
Faithful Scribe	Joe Guidry
Faithful Inner Sentinel	Ken Shores
Faithful Outer Sentinel	Michael DeLeon
Faithful One-Year Trustee	Gary Lorance
Faithful Two-Year Trustee	Rey Tajonera
Faithful Three-Year Trustee	Jose Lara PFN
Color Corps Commander	Rey Tajonera
Lt. Color Corps Commander	Bo Naquit
Commander of Color Guard	Teddy Cuaping



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**FOURTH  
DEGREE**

*Patriotic degree of the Order.*