



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

September 2024 Edition

**Meeting: Monthly on the First Thursday at 7:30 PM
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Next Meeting: October 3, 2024

Meal will be served by Council 6403

(Mexican Beef Enchiladas with Rice and Beans)

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



A Message from Faithful Navigator Joseph Chien

Worthy District Master SK James Hatcher attended our Assembly meeting on September 7th. He commended our Sir Knights for their dedication in making Assembly 2084 one of the most active and leading Assemblies in the First District of Texas. He said that we are the Patriotic Arm of our order and assemblies should be setting at least four patriotic events to serve our country, our veterans, our communities and our Church for the year.

During the month of September, Sir Knights from Assembly 2084 participated in seven turnouts. We served as Honor Guard at the Archdiocesan Annual 50th Wedding Anniversary Golden Jubilee Mass and Annual Blue Mass for Law Enforcement at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart-Downtown Houston, at the Celebration of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross at the Shrine of the True Cross in Dickinson, at the Funeral Services for Fr. William Andrew Wood at St. Laurence Catholic Church in Sugar Land, at the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Anne Catholic Church in Tomball, and for the Veneration of the Relic of St. Pope John Paul II at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School in Houston. Thank you Sir Knights for the service and dedication! (see *Past Turnouts*)

The 2024 Fall Fourth Degree Exemplification will be held on October 12, 2024 at Saint Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church in Beaumont, Texas. I would like to encourage our Sir Knights to attend the Exemplification and support the new Sir Knights who will be joining our Assembly following the Exemplification.

We will have our traditional Annual Memorial Mass and Family Dinner in Honor of the Deceased Sir Knights of Assembly 2084 on Thursday evening, November 7 at the Hall. Rev. Trey Crespo will be the celebrant, assisted by Deacon Allan Fredericksen. Dinner will be catered by Central Texas BBQ. Please invite your spouse to join us in this event. Fourth Degree uniform in social style or Sunday's best is optional.

Every October we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Rosary on the 7th and remember too that this month is dedicated to our Blessed Mother, Mary. It is a wonderful time to renew our families by praying the Rosary together. Consider setting a time for your family to pray the Rosary together each week and even daily. You might even invite some of your neighbors to gather and pray with you.

We are Fourth Degree Sir Knights of the Knights of Columbus. Let us be faithful to our Order, Church and Country. I would like to encourage all of our Sir Knights to become active members of the Color Corps and serve as the visible Patriotic arm of our Order.



A Reflection from Deacon Allan Frederiksen

REMEMBER TO KEEP HOLY THE SABBATH DAY

A number of words enter into our dictionary when it comes to fulfilling obligations: ACEDIA, meaning spiritual or mental sloth, and SLOTH, meaning a reluctance to work or fulfill an obligation, and we should not forget the word OBEDIENCE meaning compliance with an order, request, or law or submission to another's authority.

Quotes in this short essay are from the Dictionary of Theology, unless otherwise noted, and are shown in *italics*.

In the Dictionary of Theology, we read "*Contemporary Western Culture, with its dominant stress on individualism and personal freedom, often considers obedience a necessary evil. At best, obedience is a functional necessity in a complex society...*"

Then the Dictionary continues in this manner: "*Christian obedience, as developed in the Catholic tradition, differs from the above emphases.*"

The word obedience comes from ***ob-audire*** which means "to hear." *It denotes a willingness to hear others and to do their will. For the believer, obedience refers to hearing God, and obeying the divine will. The motivation for this submission is love for God.*

We find many references to obedience, so it is deeply rooted in scripture. The morality of both the OT and the NT is a morality of obedience. It is based on "You shall be my people and I will be your God" (Jer. 11:4)

In the NT we have the example of Jesus, and we should follow his example, because he not only *called for a deeper adherence to the spirit of the Law, but exemplified obedience in his own life, a life dedicated to do the Father's will.*

At our baptism we were baptized into a celebrating community, so we are not isolated individuals.

Obedience is a virtue, a consciously chosen *docility to God's call in a variety of circumstances*.

Keeping holy the sabbath day is an obligation, it is found in the 3rd Commandment, So, we have to look at the meaning of OBLIGATION.

In simple terms it is “a course of action which someone is required to take, whether a legal or moral obligation.”

Obligations constrain us, they limit our freedom, or that is the common understanding.

Under ancient Roman Law obligations are the “bond of Vinculum Juris”, or of legal necessity, between at least two or more individuals or parties.

Thus, we are under an obligation to keep Holy the Sabbath Day, because our obligation is between God and us.

Next time we will touch on how we, at times, look for ways to avoid fulfilling the obligation, and this is where acedia and sloth enters the picture.

Meals Service Schedule for 2024-2025

07/2024 ⁽¹⁾ & 03/2025	Council 8494	Note: ⁽¹⁾ Fourth of July Family Luncheon
08/2024 & 02/2025 ⁽⁴⁾	Council 8960	Note: ⁽⁴⁾ Ladies' Night
09/2024 & 04/2025	Council 9201	
10/2024 & 05/2025	Council 6403	
11/2024 ⁽²⁾	Memorial Mass	Note: ⁽²⁾ Catering from Central Texas BBQ
12/2024 ⁽³⁾	Christmas Party	Note: ⁽³⁾ Potluck; Assembly provides meats
01/2025 & 06/2025	Council 4577	

“Bless us, Oh Lord, and these Thy gifts which we are about to receive from Thy bounty, through Christ Our Lord. Amen.” (Grace before meals)

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!

SAINT JOSEPH, PRAY FOR US!

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

Past Turnouts (September 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!

Correction to the August Edition of THE PATRIOT. The following is the corrected list:

SK Participants at Council 8960 Corporate Communion, St. Helen Catholic Church, Sunday, August 25, 2024

The following fifteen (15) Sir Knights from Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly 2084 participated in the full official uniform turnout as Honor Guard at Council 8960 Corporate Communion celebrated by Fr. Phillip Wilhite at St. Helen Catholic Church, Pearland on Saturday morning, August 25, 2024:

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| 1. David Armstrong | 10. Bo Naguit, LCDR |
| 2. Jesse Canales | 11. Ken Oradiegwu, FM, PFN |
| 3. Donald Capps | 12. David Provenzano |
| 4. Joseph Chien, FN | 13. Ric Robles |
| 5. Teddy Cuaping, Marshal | 14. Rey Tajonera, CDR |
| 6. Jimmy De Los Santos | 15. Anthony Zarate |
| 7. Rick Johnson | |
| 8. Ed Klein | |
| 9. Mike Melancon, Marshal, PFN | |

SK Participants at the Celebration of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross at Shrine of True Cross, Dickinson, Saturday, September 14, 2024

The following three (3) Sir Knights from Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly 2084 participated in the full official uniform turnout as Honor Guard at the Celebration of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross at the Shrine of the True Cross in Dickinson on Saturday, September 14, 2024 at the request of Assembly 1988.

1. Jesse Canales
2. Teddy Cuaping, Marshal
3. Craig Guth, PFN

SK Participants at Annual 50th Wedding Anniversary Gold Jubilee Mass, Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Houston, Sunday, September 22, 2024

The following three (3) Sir Knights from Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly 2084 participated in the full official uniform turnout as Honor Guard at the Annual 50th Wedding Anniversary Golden Jubilee Mass celebrated by His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart on Sunday afternoon, September 22, 2024:

1. Ed Klein
2. Mike Melancon, Marshal, PFN
3. Bill Prindiville, Marshal, PFN

SK Participants at Funeral Services for Fr. William Andrew Wood, Sugar Land, Monday-Wednesday, September 23-25, 2024

The following Sir Knights from Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly 2084 participated in the full official uniform turnout as Honor Guard for the Funeral Services held for Fr. William Andrew Wood at St. Laurence Catholic Church in Sugar Land on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 24 and 25, 2024:

Tuesday, September 24, 2024
Visitation, Rosary and Vigil

1. Mike Melancon, Marshal, PFN

Wednesday, September 25, 2024
Funeral Mass of Christian Burial

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

SK Participants at Veneration of the Relic of Saint Pope John Paul II at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School, Houston, Thursday, September 26, 2024

The following two (2) Sir Knights from Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly 2084 participated in the full official uniform turnout as Honor Guard for the Veneration of the Relic of St. Pope John Paul II held at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School on Thursday, September 26, 2024:

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

***SK Participants at Confirmation at St. Anne Catholic Church, Tomball,
Thursday, September 26, 2024***

The following four (4) Sir Knights from Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly 2084 participated in the full official uniform turnout as Honor Guard at the Sacrament of Confirmation and Mass celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Italo Del'Oro, CRS, at St. Anne Catholic Church in Tomball on Thursday evening, September 26, 2024:

1. Teddy Cuaping, Marshal
2. Mike Melancon, Marshal, PFN
3. Bill Prindiville, Marshal, PFN
4. Rey Tajonera, CDR

***SK Participants at Annual Blue Mass for Law Enforcement, Co-Cathedral of the
Sacred Heart, Houston, September 29, 2024***

The following six (6) Sir Knights from Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly 2084 participated in the full official uniform turnout as Honor Guard at the Annual Blue Mass for Law Enforcement celebrated by His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Downtown Houston on Sunday morning, September 29, 2024. A total of sixteen (16) Sir Knights were present from the First District of Texas:

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

Future Turnouts
(Please mark your calendar)

2084 - Council 9201 and Catholic Daughters of Court St. Luke joint Corporate Communion, St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, Sunday, October 6, 2024

Council 9201 and CDA Court St. Luke will celebrate a joint Corporate Communion at 8:00 AM, Sunday, October 6, 2024 at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church. Assembly 2084 is invited to provide the Fourth Degree Honor Guard for the Mass. Sir Knights in full official uniform please assemble at 7:40 AM.

2024 Fall Fourth Degree Exemplification, St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church, Beaumont, TX, Saturday, October 12, 2024

The 2024 Fall Fourth Degree Exemplification will be held on Saturday, October 12, 2024 at Saint Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church (6825 Gladys Ave., Beaumont, TX 77706). Any Third Degree member of our Councils who wishes to become a Fourth Degree Sir Knight at the Fall Exemplification is required to complete the Fourth Degree Membership Document (Form-4) and Candidate Registration form. Completed Form-4 must be submitted to the Assembly by October 2 for membership approval at the upcoming Assembly monthly meetings. In addition, completed Candidate Registration form (including a check payable to *The Knights of Columbus Assembly 2084* for the appropriate fees) must be received by the Assembly 2084 Faithful Comptroller SK Mike Melancon (2934 Metcalf St., Houston, TX 77017-1621) by October 4.

Annual Red Mass for Legal Professions, Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Houston, Wednesday, October 23, 2024

The Annual Red Mass for Legal Professionals at the opening of the 2024 judicial year will be celebrated at 6:15 PM, Wednesday, October 23, 2024 at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart (1111 St. Joseph Parkway, Houston, TX 77002). The Mass will be immediately followed by a ticketed dinner at the Cathedral Centre. Archbishop Jerome ListECKI, JCL, JD, of Milwaukee will serve as the dinner speaker. The Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus will provide the Honor Guard for the Mass. Sir Knights in official uniform are requested to assemble at 5:45 PM.

Annual White Mass for Catholic HealthCare Professions, St. Anne Catholic Church, Houston, Tuesday, October 29, 2024

The Annual White Mass for Catholic HealthCare Professionals will be held at 5:00 PM, Tuesday, October 29, 2024 at St. Anne Catholic Church (2140 Westheimer Rd., Houston, TX 77098). His Excellency Bishop Italo Dell'Oro, CRS, will preside. The Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus will provide the Honor Guard for the Mass. Sir Knights in official uniform are requested to assemble at 4:30 PM.

Annual Asian Mass, Vietnamese Martyrs Catholic Church, Houston, Sunday, November 3, 2024

Stay tuned for updates.

Veterans Mass, Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Downtown Houston, Sunday, November 10, 2024

Stay tuned for updates.

Annual Silver 25th Wedding Anniversary Mass, Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Houston, Sunday, November 17, 2024

The Annual Archdiocesan 25th Wedding Anniversary Jubilee Mass with His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo will be held at 3:00 PM, Sunday, November 17, 2024 at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart (1111 St. Joseph Parkway, Houston, TX 77002). The Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus will provide the Honor Guard for the Mass. Sir Knights in full official uniform are requested to assemble at 2:30 PM.

Celebration for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Co-Cathedral, Houston, Saturday, December 7, 2024

Stay tuned for updates.

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 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/>***

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 OFFICERS - Fraternal Year 2024-2025

Bishop Wendelin Joseph Nold Assembly 2084

Acting Faithful Friar	Deacon Allan Frederiksen
Faithful Navigator	Joseph Chien
Faithful Comptroller	Mike Melancon, PFN
Faithful Captain	Rick Johnson
Faithful Admiral	Jose Lara, PFN
Faithful Purser	William Prindiville, PFN
Faithful Pilot	Jesse Canales
Faithful Scribe	Ed Klein
Faithful Inner Sentinel	Ken Shores
Faithful Outer Sentinel	Jesus Palomino
Faithful One-Year Trustee	Steven Valdez
Faithful Two-Year Trustee	Gary Lorange
Faithful Three-Year Trustee	Rey Tajonera
Color Corps Commander	Rey Tajonera
Lt. Color Corps Commander	Bo Naguit
Commander of Color Guard	Teddy Cuaping



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Patriotic degree of the Order.