



# THE PATRIOT

## Knights of Columbus, Fourth Degree

### Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly No. 2084

#### December 2020



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**NEXT MEETINGS:** **December 6, 2020**  
January 7, 2021  
February 4, 2021

## **December 6, 2020 Christmas Party 1PM**

### **Faithful Navigator**

Our next gathering will be the Christmas party on Sunday, December 6, 2020. It will be held at the Pearland KofC Hall at 1 PM. We will require masks and practice social distancing. We will have a catered meal. I want to thank all those who RSVP'd so we have an accurate count of those are going to attend. After the meal we will have the gift exchange. You must bring a gift to participate in the exchange. Have a joyous Christmas Season. Like the rest of you, I can't wait until this pandemic has passed, but it appears it is going to be with us for a long time. Our Assembly had one turnout for the month of November. Our Assembly lost another Sir Knight, Gaspar Correa. Please keep Gaspar and his family in your prayers. Please follow the health rules the Doctors are advocating. Our Arch-Diocese Shepard, Cardinal DiNardo has excused practicing Catholics from attending Mass in person at church. Churches have set up websites for Mass and information going on in their parishes. Hope everyone is following the guidelines set to stop the spread of this dreaded disease.

Please check out our **new website**, [www.assembly2084.com](http://www.assembly2084.com). By logging onto the website, you are able to pay your dues, read the past newsletters, print a last rites request, and view pictures of our Assembly turnouts.

I would like to remind everyone that we still have a food drive every Assembly meeting. The non-perishable food items go to the Council cooking that night. Our Assembly has always been well represented at District and Local Turnouts with a core of dedicated Sir Knights. I hope this will continue with the change to the Uniform. Please consider purchasing the new Uniform so our Assembly will remain a standout in the Arch-Diocese. My personal thanks to all of you SK's that have made a turnout and proudly represented our Assembly

**The Assembly are selling baseball caps, they are black with our Assembly Emblem on them. They are \$10.**

## **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 **Safe Haven** training. In addition to Council verification, ALL ASSEMBLIES are required to have a list. Below is what we will need for compliance. **I am asking each Grand Knight to provide a list from his respective Council as soon as possible.** 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.

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## **CHRISTMAS**

### **Welcoming Jesus into our Hearts.**



Christmas is about welcoming Jesus Christ into our hearts as the savior of the world.

The Advent season is a four-week period before Christmas that celebrates the anticipation and coming of Jesus, the Messiah. The origin of "advent" is from the Latin word *adventus* which means "coming" or "arrival". It is the preparation and celebration of the birth of Jesus at Christmas, and also to celebrate the new life when someone accepts Jesus as their Savior.

The four Sundays of Advent each have a specific theme or focus. The purpose of each theme is to spend time reflecting on the true meaning of the season - the life of Jesus. The goal should be to come before God with a sincere heart and worship Jesus Christ.

### **Week 1: Hope (promise)**

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7:- "The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness, a light has dawned...For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this."

## **Week 2: Faith (Preparation)**

Isaiah 40:3-5: “A voice of one calling: ‘In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

## **Week 3: Joy (peace)**

Matthew 2:10-11: “When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.”

## **Week 4: Love (adoration)**

John 3:16-19:- “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son. This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.”

Advent candles shine brightly in the midst of darkness, symbolizing and reminding us that Jesus came as Light into our dark world. The candles are often set in a circular Advent wreath. The advent candles correspond to the themes of each week of advent.

Christmas is a feast of light in a much more profound sense since it celebrates the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He opens our eyes to see things with the new light of faith. This is why we lighted the white candle, the candle of peace, at the middle of Advent Wreath last night. Christmas is an occasion for joy. We rejoice in the fact that his birth in that simple manger in Bethlehem opened for us the way to salvation.

The Christmas story is not the story of how we came to earn God’s love or how we overcame our sins by our own effort. It’s the story of how God came to earth to save us. It’s the story of a loving, gracious Father who sent his Son to do for us something we could never do for ourselves.

“At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving the others with God’s own love and concern.” -Mother Teresa



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### **BERET PATCHES FOR THE NEW UNIFORM**

All beret patches are to be ordered at: [suprememaster@kofc.org](mailto:suprememaster@kofc.org)

This site is manned by a clerk who will need the following information to mail a patch; Member name and member number, full mailing address, position held and patch color requested. We ask about positions because members are requesting patches that do not go with their position. Again, there is no red patch. Regular members wear the beret with just the gold pin, no patch. All issues with the uniform can be addressed at [knightsgear@kofc.org](mailto:knightsgear@kofc.org).

### **2021 ANNUAL DUES:**

**Dues for 2021 Fraternal Year.** We strive to send all bills electronically to save on postage, but if you don't have e-mail, you should receive your notice by mail. Please take advantage of our website to pay your dues. If there is a financial hardship contact either FC Mike Melancon or FN Craig Guth.

Please pay promptly in order to spare the Faithful Comptroller, Mike Melancon, the trouble of sending out multiple and repeated reminders throughout the Spring. The dues are \$36 a year and you can find SK Mike Melancon's address on the front page of this newsletter where payment can be mailed.

**Remember that you can always pay early, and/or pay for multiple years in advance and avoid the yearly hassle. Contact the Comptroller, Mike Melancon or me for information on how to do this. Use our new website [www.assembly2084.com](http://www.assembly2084.com)**

### **MONTHLY FOOD DRIVES**

Please remember that we hold a voluntary Food Drive at each meeting. Any Sir Knight wishing to participate may bring non-perishable food items to the meeting. Whichever Council is responsible for cooking that evening's meal will gather the food after the meeting and take it to their local food pantry or food bank. Dry groceries and non-perishable food staples are always greatly needed by the food pantries and are very much appreciated.

### **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>

<http://kofc.org/en/members/for-patriotic-degree/materials.html#/all/1/20-%20REPLACE%20IMAGE>

### **NEW UNIFORM**

There is a new vendor, The Supply Room, (TSR), as the new distributor of the Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree Uniform. The cost will drop to \$449. You now are able to receive your Knights of Columbus Uniform within 7 days of submitting your order. They now have inventory to meet the demand. To place your order, go to [www.kofcuniform.com](http://www.kofcuniform.com). Or customer service number is 1-833-592-4327

### **UPCOMING EVENTS AND TURN OUTS**

All Sir Knights are encouraged to participate in as many of the above events as possible. **If you have the new uniform, please turnout as often as you can.** Check with the Faithful Navigator if you have any questions about a particular event or turn out. The "Rule of 72" (setting a quota for each Assembly in order to limit the number of Sir Knights participating at turn outs at the Co-Cathedral) has been suspended due to the low numbers of Sir Knights turning out at the Co-Cathedral events. All Sir Knights in the district are encouraged to make extra efforts to attend any of the turn outs at the Co-Cathedral.

### **COLOR GUARD**

If there are any SK'S interested in becoming a part of the elite Color Guard of the First District, please contact the Faithful Navigator, or Commander Teddy Cuaping for information. Rey Tajonera is now the Assistant Color Corps Commander

### **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 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.

## **PAST TURN OUTS**

### **Memorial Mass for Council 6403 Sunday, November 15, 2020**

Steve Breaux, Michael Cyb, Clemente Garcia, Joe Guidry, Craig Guth, FN, Jose Lara, Jesse Longoria, Jose Marquina, Bo Naguit, Jesus Palomino, Rudolfo Rangel, Xavier Sepulveda, Stephen Valdez, Felix Valvaneda.

### **Future Turnouts:**

#### **Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration, December 12, 2020**

Saturday morning, December 12, 2020 at Mary Queen Catholic Church, 606 Cedarwood Dr. Friendswood, TX, 77546. Mass is at 9 AM, please assemble in the Bride’s Room at 8:15 AM

If I have inadvertently failed to mention you in your attendance at a turnout, please let me know so that we can properly recognize your commitments.

***“THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR ATTENDANCE AND DEDICATION”***

## **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.

**Assembly Meeting Dates & Council Cooking Assignments**

January 7, 2021 – 4577	July 4, 2021
February 4, 2021 – 8494	August 5, 2021 – 8960
March 4, 2021 – 8960 – Ladies Night/Social Meeting	September 2, 2021- 9201
April 1, 2021 -9201 Election of Officers	October 7, 2021 – 6403- Ladies Night/Social Meeting
May 6, 2021 –6403	November 4, 2021– Memorial Mass – Catered Meal
June 3, 2021- 4577	<b>December 6, 2020- Christmas Party- Catered Meal</b>

**ASSEMBLY #2084 - OFFICERS for 2020/2021**

Faithful Navigator –	Craig Guth	Inner Sentinel -	Jessie Canales
Faithful Comptroller –	Mike Melancon	Outer Sentinel -	Joe Prevost
Faithful Friar –	Father Sibi Kunninu, M.S.	One Year Trustee -	Steve Valdez
Faithful Captain –	Jose Lara	Two Year Trustee -	Rey Tajpnera
Faithful Admiral –	Bill Prindiville	Three Year Trustee -	Marlon Hulin
Faithful Purser -	Joseph Chien	Commander –	Teddy Cuaping
Faithful Pilot –	Glenn Williams	Asst. Commander	Rey Tajonera
Faithful Scribe –	Joseph Guidry		

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