



# THE PATRIOT

## Knights of Columbus, Fourth Degree

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

#### February 2021



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**NEXT MEETINGS:** **February 4, 2021**  
March 4, 2021  
April 1, 2021

## **February 4, 2021 Next scheduled meeting**

### **Faithful Navigator**

We will require masks and practice social distancing at all of our meetings. Due to the ongoing pandemic, we will not be having any food at our Assembly meetings. This is to lessen physical contact with one another. **The meetings will begin at 7 PM.** Our Assembly had two turnouts for the month of January. 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

For those Sir Knights who are looking to purchase a second pair of pants for their Uniform, Jos. A Banks has a good deal. The slacks are usually \$139, but go on sale often for 2 pairs for \$100. They are Jos. A Banks Signature Collection, Tailored fit Flat Front Dress Pants, Item #2J73 Color: Charcoal 06. There is an additional charge of \$10 for their permanent "Traveler Crease" which I have gotten and recommend. Shipping is free. You will have to have them tailored to your length when you receive them.

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.

## **HOLY SEASON OF LENT**



Lent is the season of spiritual preparation before Easter. It begins on Ash Wednesday and ends approximately six weeks later, before Easter Sunday. The purpose of Lent is the preparation of the believer for Easter through prayer, penance, repentance of sins, almsgiving, and self-denial.

The 40-day period of Lent is based on two episodes of spiritual testing in the Bible: the 40 years of wilderness wanderings by the Israelites after the exodus from Egypt and the Temptation of Jesus after he spent 40 days fasting in the wilderness.

In the Bible, the number 40 holds special significance. During the flood, it rained for 40 days and 40 nights. Moses fasted on the mountain for 40 days and nights before God gave

him the Ten Commandments. The spies spent 40 days in the land of Canaan and the prophet Elijah traveled for 40 days and nights to reach the mountain of God in Sinai.

During Lent, many Christians commit to fasting and abstinence in order to replicate the account of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ's journey into the desert for 40 days. This is known as one's Lenten sacrifice.

Many Christians also add a Lenten spiritual discipline, such as attending the Eucharistic celebration every day, Lenten devotion, spiritual reading, make the sacrament of Reconciliation, daily rosary and serving the poor etc....to draw themselves near to God.

The Stations of the Cross, a devotional commemoration of Christ's carrying the Cross and of his execution, are observed. The churches remove flowers from their altars, while crucifixes, religious statues, and other elaborate religious symbols are often veiled in violet fabrics in solemn observance of the event.

"Each year, Lent offers us a providential opportunity to deepen the meaning and value of our Christian lives, and it stimulates us to rediscover the mercy of God so that we, in turn, become more merciful toward our brothers and sisters. In the Lenten period, the Church makes it her duty to propose some specific tasks that accompany the faithful concretely in this process of interior renewal: these are **prayer, fasting and almsgiving**." —Pope Benedict XVI

**Fasting** - "Denying material food, which nourishes our body, nurtures an interior disposition to listen to Christ and be fed by His saving word. Through fasting and praying, we allow Him to come and satisfy the deepest hunger that we experience in the depths of our being: the hunger and thirst for God." —Pope Benedict XVI.

**Abstinence** - "Catholic peoples from time immemorial have set apart Friday for special penitential observance by which they gladly suffer with Christ that they may one day be glorified with Him. This is the heart of the tradition of abstinence from meat on Friday where that tradition has been observed in the holy Catholic Church." —USCCB.

**Almsgiving** - Almsgiving "represents a specific way to assist those in need and, at the same time, an exercise in self-denial to free us from attachment to worldly goods . . . Almsgiving helps us to overcome this constant temptation, teaching us to respond to our neighbor's needs and to share with others whatever we possess through divine goodness." —Pope Benedict XVI



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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**

### **Right to Life Mass at the Co-Cathedral, Saturday, January 23, 2021**

Teddy Cuaping, Marshall, Craig Guth, FN, Mike Melancon, PFN, Bo Naguit, Ken Oradiegwu, Master, PFN, Bill Prindiville, PFN, Rey Tajonera, CDR

### **Feast of Santo Nino at Mary Queen Catholic Church, Saturday, January 30, 2021**

Jesse Canales, Joseph Chien, Teddy Cuaping, Marshal, Craig Guth, FN, Andrew Mambretti, Mike Melancon, PFN, Bo Naguit, Nelson Olavarria, Bill Prindiville, PFN, Gilbert Ramos, Rey Tajonera, CDR

## **Future Turnouts:**

### **None Scheduled**

If I have inadvertently failed to mention you in your attendance at a turnout, please let me know from #2084now 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
<b>February 4, 2021</b> – 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	December 5, 2021- Christmas Party-

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

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|------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| 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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