



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

February 2024 Edition

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

The Ladies Night

Meal to be prepared by Council 8960

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

A Message from Faithful Navigator Joseph Ch'ien

Please join me in congratulating and welcoming Sir Knights Raciél Gonzales (from Council 8960), Mario Juguilon (Council 8960) and Stephen Ybarbo (Council 9201) to the Fourth Degree and Assembly 2084. These three Sir Knights joined the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus recently at the 2024 Winter Fourth Degree Exemplification in Lake Jackson on February 24, 2024.

During February, our Sir Knights participated in a total of three District and local turnouts. We participated as Honor Guard at the 2024 Winter Fourth Degree Exemplification in Lake Jackson on February 24. Our Color Guard took part in the Presentation of Colors at the banquet following the 2024 Winter Fourth Degree Exemplification. Our Sir Knights also participated as Honor Guard at Council 8960 Corporate Communion at St. Helen Catholic Church on February 25. Thank you Sir Knights for the dedication and service!

The First District of Texas will hold its 2024 Biennial District Meeting on Saturday, April 13, 2024 from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM at St. Jerome Catholic Church. This meeting is to nominate and elect District Master and consider any proposed resolutions. All thirty-one (31) Assemblies must send their delegates. All Assemblies must hold elections in their February meetings to elect delegates and alternates. An alternate may be elected for each delegate position. Assembly 2084 is required to send four (4) delegates based upon the membership size (251 members) as of January 1, 2024. At the assembly monthly meeting on February 1, the following delegates and alternates were elected to represent Assembly 2084 at the Biennial Meeting:

The Delegates:

Joseph Chien, FN

Jose Lara, PFN

Mike Melancon, PFN, FC

Bill Prindiville, PFN

The Alternates:

Rick Johnson

Bo Naguit, Assistant CDR

Sam Aristeo De Los Santos, PFN

Our next monthly meeting will be held on March 7. It is the annual Ladies Night. Please invite your wife to dine with us. The Ladies program will be led by Lady Debbie Johnson (Mrs. Rick Johnson). She is the Texas State Secretary of Catholic Daughters of America. I look forward to seeing you all there.

A Reflection from Deacon Allan J. Frederiksen

On the Feast of Corpus Christi, June 19th, 2022, the Bishops of the United States began a three-year period dedicated to Eucharistic Revival, and we are now in the last few months of that period – so that will be my focus for the coming months.

The Eucharist is the source and summit of Christian life – Notice – not just Catholic life but Christian Life. There is an incredible need for a new Eucharistic Evangelization. In 2019 the Pew Research Center revealed that as many as seventy percent (70%) of Catholics do not believe in or understand the depth of Christ's real presence and love in the Eucharist. It is even worse among our non-Catholic brothers and sisters.

This reality pushed the Bishops of the United States to begin this three-year Eucharistic Revival, which, it is hoped, will affect the Church at every level – Diocesan, parish and on a notional level – culminating in a National Eucharistic Congress to be held between July 17-21, 2024 in Indianapolis.

The Eucharist is the source and summit of Christian life for a number of reasons:

- What we now call the Last Supper, which was a Passover meal, celebrated, shared by Jesus and his handpicked Twelve is the institution of the Eucharist, an act which foreshadows the coming passion of Christ.
- The Holy Eucharist is also a way to celebrate unity with Jesus, not only as individuals but also as a community, which is the body of Christ, with Christ as the Head.
- The Eucharist – from the Greek word *EUKARESTIA*, meaning Thanksgiving – is one of the three Initiation Sacraments of the Church: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Notice the proper order.

Scripture, that is the Gospel of John, tells us that many of the followers of Jesus could not accept His teachings about *eating His body and drinking His blood*, and at that point stopped following Him. This is in John 6:66. This is why the number 666 became symbols for the devil or the enticer. But some of them remained.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, “What about you? Do you also want to leave?”

Simon Peter answered, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the holy one of God.” (John 6:67-69).

These disciples accepted what Jesus said, not because they understood, but because they believed.

If Jesus was only symbolically, he could easily have called after those who left and explained that he wasn’t speaking literally. But he did not. That should be a strong clue for us.

It boggles the mind that God so loves his creatures that he became one of them, and then allowed them to torture him and put him to death, for their benefit.

The moment He died covers every person who had ever lived on this earth prior to what we now call Good Friday and everyone who has and will live on it after.

The moment transcends time.

Meal Preparation Schedule for Fraternal Year 2023-2024

07/2023 ⁽¹⁾ & 02/2024	#8494	<i>Note: ⁽¹⁾Lunch following Fourth of July Parade</i>
08/2023 & 03/2024 ⁽²⁾	#8960	<i>Note: ⁽²⁾Ladies’ Night</i>
09/2023 & 04/2024	#9201	
10/2023 & 05/2024	#6403	
11/2023		Memorial Mass (<i>catering from Central Texas BBQ</i>)
12/2023		Christmas Party (<i>Assembly provides meats; members each bring a covered dish</i>)
01/2024 & 06/2024	#4577	

Assembly Shirts Now Available

They are men's polo style shirts, solid black color, 100% polyester, made in Bangladesh by CORE365. The tag shows Easy Care, Moisture Wicking, Anti Microbial, UV Protection. Machine washes cold, tumble dry low.

Assembly shirts are \$20 each. If you would like to add your name, it is an additional \$5 (or \$25 for a personalized Assembly shirt). Of course, personalized shirts cannot be returned or exchanged unless they are defective.

Please send in your order by email to chienjym@yahoo.com. Your order should include your name, size (e.g. S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL, etc.), quantity, and if you wish to personalize your shirt (please provide your name in all caps).

You do not need to pay now. When you pick up your order at our monthly Assembly meetings, please pay for your order in cash. Since each order has an associated cost, I will collect all individual orders and place them with the supplier once a month on the Monday immediately after the monthly Assembly meeting.



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!

ST. JOSEPH, PRAY FOR US!!!

QUEEN OF PEACE, PRAY FOR US!!!

Past Turnouts (February 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!

SK Participants at the 2024 Winter Fourth Degree Exemplification, St. Michael Catholic Church, Lake Jackson, TX, Saturday, February 24, 2024

The following ten (10) Sir Knights from Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly 2084 participated in the full official uniform turnout for the 2024 Winter Fourth Degree Exemplification held at Saint Michael Catholic Church in Lake Jackson on Saturday morning, February 24, 2024:

1. Joseph Chien, FN
2. Teddy Cuaping, Marshal
3. Craig Guth, PFN
4. Ed Klein
5. Jose Lara, PFN
6. Bo Naguit, Assistant CDR
7. Ken Oradiegwu, FM, PFN
8. Bill Prindiville, Marshal, PFN
9. Rey Tajonera, CDR
10. Steven Valdez

The following five (5) Sir Knights from Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly 2084 and a guest Sir Knight from Assembly 2517 participated in the full official uniform turnout for the Presentation of Colors at the Banquet held in the parish Life Center following the 2024 Winter Fourth Degree Exemplification at Saint. Michael Catholic Church in Lake Jackson on Saturday afternoon, February 24, 2024:

1. Teddy Cuaping, Marshal
2. Ed Klein
3. Jose Lara, PFN
4. Bo Naguit, Assistant CDR
5. Rey Tajonera, CDR
6. Jon Yoaooji (Guest from Assembly 2517)

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

The following nine (9) Sir Knights from Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly 2084 participated in the full official uniform turnout as Honor Guard for the Corporate Communion celebrated by Council 8960 and CDA Court St. Helen 2330 at St. Helen Catholic Church on Sunday morning, February 25, 2024:

1. Joseph Chien, FN
2. Craig Guth, PFN
3. Bo Naguit, Assistant CDR
4. Ken Oradiegwu, FM, PFN
5. Bill Prindiville, Marshal, PFN
6. Isidoro Rangel
7. Ricardo Robles
8. Rey Tajonera, CDR
9. Steven Valdez

The following three (3) Sir Knights participated in the Corporate Communion in social attire:

10. Mario Juguilon
11. Chris Sorenson
12. Stephen Ybarbo

Future Turnouts
(Please mark your calendar)

Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate of Hoang Nguyen, St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica, Beaumont, TX, Saturday, March 9, 2024

There will be an Ordination mass for the Transitional Diaconate celebrated by His Excellency Bishop David L. Toup of Beaumont at St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica (700 Jefferson St., Beaumont, TX 77701) on Saturday, March 9, 2024. 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 9:15 AM. Mass begins at 10:00 AM.

2084 - Celebration of St. Joseph's Alter, St. Helen Catholic Church, Saturday, March 16, 2024

St. Helen Catholic Church will celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph with the traditional St. Joseph's Altar on Saturday, March 16, 2024. The celebration begins with Mass in the Church at 5:00 PM, followed by a procession for the traditional "Tupa-Tupa" to a pasta dinner in the Helena Hall. The Fourth Degree is invited to provide the Honor Guard for the Mass and procession. Assemble at 4:30 PM for the Entrance procession at 4:55 PM. Sir Knights and families are invited to the celebration and pasta dinner.

The St. Joseph's Altar is a Sicilian tradition dating back to the Middle Ages. It originated during a period of drought and famine. In desperation, the people turned to St. Joseph, the Patron Saint of Italy, asking his help and intercession. When the rains came and crops prospered, their prayers were answered. In thanksgiving, the community made offerings to St. Joseph of their most prized possession – FOOD!

In St. Joseph's honor, they erected a lovely altar with three levels to represent the Holy Trinity. They draped it simply and beautifully in white, adorned it with flowers, the finest grain, fruits, vegetables, seafood and wine. The poor were invited to share in their prayer and festivity. The custom and devotion continue to this day.

Each year, altars laden with food (meatless) are prepared to celebrate St. Joseph's Feast Day, March 19th. Reasons for having the altars vary – to fulfill a promise, to give thanks to a favor granted, such as the safe return of a loved one from war, for healing the sick, for a happy family, for success in studies or business. It is also an opportunity for the prosperous to share with those less fortunate.

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 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....

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 all 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 #2084 - OFFICERS - Fraternal Year 2023-2024

Bishop Wendelin Joseph Nold Assembly

Faithful Navigator	Joseph Chien	Faithful Friar	Fr. Trey Crespo
Faithful Comptroller	Mike Melancon, PFN	One Year Trustee	Rey Tejonera
Faithful Captain	Rick Johnson	Two Year Trustee	Steven Valdez
Faithful Admiral	Jose Lara, PFN	Three Year Trustee	Gary Lorance
Faithful Purser	William Prindiville, PFN	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
		Commander of Color Guard	Teddy Cuaping



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