



THE PATRIOT

Knights of Columbus, Fourth Degree

Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly No. 2084

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NEXT MEETINGS: **January 7, 2021**
February 4, 2021
March 4, 2021

January 7, 2021 Next scheduled meeting

Faithful Navigator

I hope all of you had a great Christmas and want to wish all of you a very Joyous, Happy and Prosperous New Year. I, like many of you hope the worst of this epidemic is behind us with a vaccine now becoming available to fight this disease. We will be having our first meeting of 2021, Thursday, January 7. We will require masks and practice social distancing. SK Joe Prevost is now back at his residence, after a short hospital stay and rehabilitation. Our Assembly had one turnout for the month of December. 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. 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.

2021



New year is the beginning of a fresh new start and goodbye to the old chapter of sorrow and disheartenments. [Happy New Year](#) signifies a new ray of hope and prosperity. Every new year brings new out of the people and remembers it is that time of year when one can reconnect with the lost contacts within the busy lives.

The end of the year brings the joy of Christmas and starting of the New Year brings new happiness and the good times to come. It not only changes the calendar, but it changes the ambitions, commitments, and attitude. It also brings new challenges and optimism.

On a New Year Day, a son called his parents to wish them a happy New Year. When his Dad answered the phone, he asked his dad, “Well Dad, what’s your New Year resolution?” His dad replied, “To make your mother as happy as I can all year.” When his mom got on the phone, he asked her the same question and she replied, “To see that your dad keeps his New Year resolution.”

We too often make resolutions when the New Year comes. Sometimes we can keep them, but other times we do not follow up. But that should never discourage us. We all must have “a new beginning for a new year.”

As we begin the twenty-first year in the twenty-first century, let us bless each other in the words from the Book of Numbers where God tell Moses to Speak to Aaron and to his sons, saying, “Thus you shall bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them:

“The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His countenance on you and give you peace.”

Wish you all a Blessed Happy New Year.
Fr. Sibi Kunninu, MS.



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BERET PATCHES FOR THE NEW UNIFORM

All beret patches are to be ordered at: 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.

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

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. 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

Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration at Mary Queen, December 12, 2020

Jesse Canales, Joseph Chien, Craig Guth, FN, Jose Lara, Andrew Mambretti, Mike Melancon, PFN, Bo Naguit, Nelson Olavarria, Bill Prindiville, PFN, Gilbert Ramos, Robert Rinehart, Rey Tajonera, CDR

SK TURN OUT PARTICIPATION OF FISCAL YEAR 2019/2020 & PATRIOT AWARDS

There were 53 possible turn-outs for Assembly 2084 members in Fiscal Year 2019/2020. SK's from participated in 50 of these turn-outs, a total of 328 individual participants. This is from just 30 SK's of our assembly, 10% of our assembly's 300 members. These are the SK's who made at least 9 turn-outs during the fiscal year. **Patriot Awards goes to the top 5 SK's who turned out.** The top SK's who did not get an award were ineligible because of the position they hold.

Turn-outs:

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| 28 | Teddy Cuaping, Marshal | |
| 28 | Craig Guth FN | |
| 27 | Bo Naguit | Patriot Award #1 |
| 27 | Rey Tajonera, CDR | |
| 26 | Bill Prindiville, PFN | |
| 23 | Mike Melancon, PFN | Patriot Award #2 |
| 19 | Joseph Chien | Patriot Award #3 |
| 16 | Gilbert Ramos | Patriot Award #4 |
| 14 | Jimmy De Los Santos | Patriot Award #5 (tie) |
| 14 | Jose Lara | Patriot Award #5 (tie) |
| 11 | Richard Valdez | |
| 9 | Nelson Olavarria | |
| 9 | Jesus Palomino | |
| 9 | Stephen Valdez | |

Future Turnouts:

FEAST IN HONOR OF THE HOLY INFANT JESUS, SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 2021

The Santo Nino Fiesta 2021 will be held at Mary Queen Catholic Church, 606 Cedarwood Dr., Friendswood, TX 77546. Please assemble in the Bride's room at 9:15AM. 10:00AM Rosary and Novena, followed by Holy Mass and procession in the church

If I have inadvertently failed to mention you in your attendance at a turnout, please let me kfrom #2084now so that we can properly recognize your commitments.

"THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR ATTENDENCE 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

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| 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 | December 5, 2021- Christmas Party- |
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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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