



THE PATRIOT

Knights of Columbus, Fourth Degree

Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly No. 2084

July 2020



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MEETING: Monthly - 1st Thursday- 7:30 PM
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NEXT MEETINGS: August 6, 2020
September 3, 2020
October 1, 2020

Next Meeting August 6, 2020

No Meeting or Parade in July

Faithful Navigator

The Major Fourth of July parade in Friendswood as in other communities has been canceled due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the need to social distance in public. I was hoping this public health situation would be ebbing by now, but that is not the case according to local health officials. Our Assembly and the Community of Mary Queen Catholic Church had a member called home to his reward. Father John A. Zabelskas, M.S. passed away June 9, 2020.

We have a new member join our ranks with the virtual Exemplification, June 20, 2020. Welcome to our Assembly SK Edward Donahue from Council 8494, Mary Queen.

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 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

Officers for Assembly 2084 for the Fiscal Year July 2020-June 2021 are:

Faithful Navigator: Craig Guth

Faithful Comptroller: Mike Melancon

Faithful Captain: Jose Lara

Faithful Purser: Joseph Chien

Faithful Pilot: Glenn Williams

Faithful Scribe: Joseph Guidry

Faithful Inner Sentinel: Jessie Canales

Faithful Outer Sentinel: Joe Prevost

First Year Trustee: Steven Valdez

Second Year Trustee: Rey Tajonera

Third Year Trustee: Marlon Hulin

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.

St. Thomas The Apostle.

On July 3rd the Universal Church is celebrating the Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle. So, this month we reflect on the life of this great saint.

Thomas was born in Galilee to a humble family. He was a Jew, but there is no account of how he became an apostle to Christ. Thomas is often condemned for his lack of belief, but he was equally courageous, willing to stand by Jesus in dangerous times. He also relentlessly sought the Truth. His wonderful profession, “My Lord and my God,” is the clearest declaration of Jesus’ divinity in Holy Scripture.

Thomas, A Courageous Disciple.

When Jesus announced His intention of visiting the recently deceased Lazarus in Judea, Thomas said to his fellow disciples: “Let us also go, that we may die with him” (John 11:16). When the worried disciples wanted to keep Jesus from going for fear He would be stoned, Thomas encouraged the other disciples to stay by their Master come what may.

Thomas, Searcher of Truth

In John 14:1-5 it was St. Thomas who raised an objection prior to the Last Supper: Thomas said to Jesus, “Lord, we do not know where You are going, how do we know the way?” Like other disciples Thomas also misunderstood Jesus’ reference to His death and resurrection. Thomas’ question provides Jesus an opportunity to teach one of the most profound and difficult truths of His ministry. Jesus said to Thomas: (John 14:6) “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.”

Thomas, Professing the Faith in Jesus

St. Thomas is remembered for being absent from the Upper Room the first time Jesus appeared to the disciples after His Resurrection. Thomas dismissed the accounts of the others by saying, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in His hands and put my finger into the nail marks, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe” (Luke 20:25). Eight days later Thomas made his act of faith. He fell at the feet of Jesus and said, “My Lord and my God!” and Jesus replied, “Because you have seen me, Thomas, you believed. Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet believe” (John 20:25-29).

Thomas, A Great Missionary

Accounts tells us that Thomas’ missionary activities focused mainly in India. He

planted seeds for the new Church, by preaching and baptizing in the name of Jesus Christ and building many churches along the way. To this day, Saint Thomas is venerated as the Apostle of India. The tradition holds that he was martyred during prayer by a spearing on the “Big Hill” near Chennai, in Tamil Nadu and was buried in Mylapore, on the East coast of India. Ultimately, St. Thomas’ remains were transported to Ortona, Italy, where they reside today. Thomas was a great missionary who professed his great faith in Christ. During this Pandemic which frightens us again, let us keep our faith and trust in the Lord.

As we prepare to celebrate our nation’s Independence Day, we give thanks to God for the ultimate freedom that we enjoy as his sons and daughters: freedom from sin, freedom from death, and freedom from the fear that troubles our life.

Wish you all a Happy Independence Day.

Fr. Sibi Kunninu, MS.

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.

2020 ANNUAL DUES:

Dues for 2020 Fraternal Year are now PAST DUE. If you did not receive a dues request for this year, please contact the Faithful Comptroller, Mike Melancon to make sure that we have the correct mailing information. If you have paid, but have not received your blue membership travel card, please contact either FC Mike Melancon or FN Craig Guth. 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. 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 turnout. 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

PAST TURN OUTS

Fourth Degree Color Guard filming for the Virtual Exemplification June 6, 2020

Teddy Cuaping, Marshall, Mike Melancon, PFN, Bo Naguit, Ken Oradiegwu, FM, PFN, Rey Tajonera, CDR

Fr. John J. Zabelskas Rosary and Funeral Mass, June 16, 2020 at Mary Queen’s Church

Craig Guth, FN, Jesse Longoria, Mike Melancon, FC, PFN, Bo Naguit, Ken Oradiegwu, FM, PFN, Nelson Olavarria, Bill Prindiville, PFN, Robert Rinehart, Tony Scarpa

Liturgical Party: Fr. Jim Kuczynski, Fr. Sibi Kunninu, Fr. Skip Negley, Deacon Chuck Turner, Br. Roger Clement

Future Turnouts:

None Scheduled due to the Covid-19 Pandemic

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

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