



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

***March 2024 Edition***

**Meeting: Monthly on the First Thursday at 7:30 PM  
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***Next Meeting: April 4, 2024***

***Meal to be prepared by Council 9201***

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

## *A Message from Faithful Navigator Joseph Ch'ien*

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

In March, our Sir Knights participated in a total of eleven turnouts (six District turnouts and five local turnouts). During Holy Week we served as Honor Guard from Palm Sunday Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica-Galveston to Chrism Mass at Co-Cathedral of Sacred Heart-Downtown Houston, Holy Thursday Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at our parish Churches to East Sunday Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica-Galveston. We participated as Color Guard and Honor Guard in the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in Houston. Our Sir Knights also participated as Honor Guard at the celebrations of the Feast of Saint Joseph at St. Helen Catholic Church. Thank you Sir Knights for the dedication and service!

We will hold elections for Assembly Officers for the Fraternal Year 2024-2025 in the Assembly meeting on May 2. I would like to encourage all Sir Knights to participate in the elections and serve as officers. It is a fulfilling experience serving the membership, the Fourth Degree, and the Church. If you are interested in serving as an officer, please contact me before the May meeting.

We are Fourth Degree Sir Knights of Knights of Columbus. Let us always be faithful to our Order, Church and Country. I would like to invite all Sir Knights to become an active part of the Fourth Degree Color Corps in honoring our Church and our Nation. Come and join us in serving as the Visible Arm of our Honored Order.

## *A Reflection from Deacon Allan J. Frederiksen*

Last time we concluded with "The moment he, Jesus, died, every person who had ever lived on earth prior to what we now call Good Friday, and every person who will live on it after - in a moment that transcends time itself - the moment that Jesus made a sacrifice for one and all."

We will continue with a focus on the Eucharist and the Eucharistic Celebration.

At Mass we hear "Let us profess the Mystery of the Faith, and it is indeed a great mystery."

In the "good old days" we professed "Christ has died (past), Christ is risen (present), Christ will come again (future)."

Here is how the New Dictionary of Theology defines mystery, devoting a total of 4 1/2 pages of small font to the subject. Here are a few highlights quoted.

"The word mystery (Greek *Mysterion*, Latin *Mysterium*) has many nuances of meaning. Central to the various meanings is the idea of something hidden which has been revealed, something unapproachable - which invites entry, something unknowable - which offers true understanding.

While the New Testament, the Greek version, *mysterion*, uses the word in many different ways, it is usually connected with the Jewish idea of the plan God has in mind for the world. This plan is glimpsed by those who seek and see, but it remains obscure, defying complete comprehension/explanation. We see some of this in the Gospel of Mark 4:10-12."

Mark 4:10-12 states "And when he was alone, those present along with the twelve questioned him about the parables. He answered them, "The mystery of the kingdom of God has been granted to you, but to those outside everything comes in parables, so that, they may look and see, but not perceive, and hear and listen, but not understand, in order that they may not be converted and forgiven."

My personal comment here - Ouch -what is one to make of that?

This brings us to the great Mystery of the Eucharist, two very earthly elements, the elements of grains and grapes, that become for us the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, instituted at the Last Supper.

At the Last Supper, which was a Passover Meal, we read that Jesus said the blessing, which would have been something like this "Blessed are you, Adonai, King of the Universe, who brings forth bread from the earth," and likewise, "Blessed are you, Adonai, King of the Universe, who brings forth the vine of the earth."

Then, perhaps most interestingly, Jesus would have continued, "Blessed are you, Adonai, King of the Universe, who sanctified us with His Commandments and commanded us concerning the washing of hands."

When we are at Mass, these very same prayers, in a somewhat different formulation are said by the priest.

"Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness have received the bread we now offer you, fruit of the earth and work of human hands. It will become for us the bread of life, Blessed by God forever."

At the mixing of the wine and water the deacon, or if there is no deacon the priest, will pray "Through the mystery of this water and wine, may we come to share the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity." We acknowledge God on earth.

Then over the mixed wine and water the priest prays "Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us your spiritual drink. Blessed be God forever."

And then we are transported back in time, if you will, to the moment when the Pharisees complained about the disciples of Jesus not washing hands before meals, although this prayer is said silently by the priest, it is said, "Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sins," it takes on a totally new meaning and therefore understanding.

***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!!!***

## *Meal Preparation Schedule for Fraternal Year 2023-2024*

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

## ***Past Turnouts (March 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 Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate of H. Nguyen, St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica, Beaumont, TX, Saturday, March 9, 2024***

The following three (3) Sir Knights from Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly 2084 participated in the full uniform turnout as Honor Guard for the Ordination of Hoang Quang Nguyen as Transitional Deacon by Bishop David Toups at the St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica in Beaumont on Saturday morning, March 9, 2024. A total of twenty-eight (28) Sir Knights and three (3) Knights of Peter Claver participated in the turnout.

1. Stan Jarema
2. Mike Melancon, Marshal, PFN
3. Bill Prindiville, Marshal, PFN

### ***SK Participants at St. Patrick's Parade in Houston, Saturday, March 16, 2024***

The following seven (7) Sir Knights from Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly 2084 participated in the full uniform turn-out as Honor Guard or Color Guard at the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in Houston on Saturday afternoon, March 16, 2024:

1. Joseph Chien, FN
2. Ed Klein
3. Mike Melancon, Marshal, PFN
4. Bo Naguit, Assistant CDR
5. Ken Oradiegwu, FM, PFN
6. Bill Prindiville, Marshal, PFN
7. Rey Tajonera, CDR

***SK Participants at Mass and Procession for St. Joseph's Altar at St. Helen Catholic Church, Saturday, March 16, 2024***

The following ten (10) Sir Knights from Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly 2084 participated in the full uniform turn-out as Honor Guard at the Mass and Procession for the St. Joseph's Altar at St. Helen Catholic Church in Pearland, celebrated on Saturday evening, March 16, 2024:

1. Timothy Bozoki
2. Joseph Chien, FN
3. Craig Guth, PFN
4. Rich Johnson
5. Ed Klein
6. Jose Marquina
7. Mike Melancon, Marshal, PFN
8. Bo Naguit, Assistant CDR
9. Bill Prindiville, Marshal, PFN
10. Ricardo Robles

***SK Participants at Palm Sunday Vigil Mass, St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica, Galveston, Saturday, March 23, 2024***

The following seven (7) Sir Knights from Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly 2084 participated in the full new uniform turn-out as Honor Guard for the Palm Sunday Vigil Mass celebrated by His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo at St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica in Galveston on Saturday, March 23, 2024:

1. Joseph Chien, FN
2. Leon Guerra
3. Craig Guth, PFN
4. Ed Klein
6. Mike Melancon, Marshal, PFN
7. Bo Naguit, Assistant CDR
8. Bill Prindiville, Marshal, PFN

**SK Participant at SK Matt Maciejewski Funeral Services, Tomball, Tuesday, March 26, 2024**

The following Sir Knight from Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly 2084 participated in the full uniform turn-out as Honor Guard at the Funeral Mass for SK Matt Maciejewski that was held at Prince of Peace Catholic Church in Tomball on Tuesday morning, March 26, 2024:

1. Jose Lara, PFN

**SK Participants at Chrism Mass, Co-Cathedral of Sacred Heart, Houston, Tuesday, March 26, 2024**

The following ten (10) Sir Knights from Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly 2084 participated in the full uniform turn-out as Honor Guard at Chrism Mass co-celebrated by His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo and His Excellency Bishop Italo Dell'Oro at Co-Cathedral of Sacred Heart in Downtown Houston on Tuesday evening, March 25, 2024. A total of 42 Sir Knights and two Knights of Peter Claver participated in the turn-out.

1. Joseph Chien, FN
2. Teddy Cuaping, Marshal
3. Jimmy De Los Santos
4. Roy Garay
5. Ed Klein
6. Jose Lara, PFN
7. Mike Melancon, Marshal, PFN
8. Bo Naguit, Assistant CDR
9. Bill Prindiville, Marshal, PFN
10. Rey Tajonera, CDR

***SK Participants at Holy Thursday Mass and Adoration of Blessed Sacrament,  
St. Helen Catholic Church, Pearland, Thursday, March 28, 2024***

The following twelve (12) Sir Knights from Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly 2084 participated in the full uniform turn-out as Honor Guard at the Holy Thursday Mass and Adoration of Blessed Sacrament at St. Helen Catholic Church in Pearland on Thursday evening, March 28, 2024:

1. David Armstrong
2. Joseph Chien, FN
3. Jimmy De Los Santos
4. Richard Johnson
5. Edward Klein
6. Jose Marquina
7. Mike Melancon, Marshal, PFN
8. Bo Naguit, Assistant CDR
9. Ken Oradiegwu, FM, PFN
10. David Provenzano
11. Isidro Rangel
12. Rey Tajonera, CDR

***SK Participants at Holy Thursday Mass and Adoration of Blessed Sacrament,  
Mary Queen Catholic Church, Friendswood, Thursday, March 28, 2024***

The following eight (8) Sir Knights from Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly 2084 participated in the full uniform turn-out as Honor Guard at Holy Thursday Mass and Adoration of Blessed Sacrament at Mary Queen Catholic Church in Friendswood on Thursday evening, March 28, 2024:

1. Teddy Cuaping, Marshal
2. Leon Guerra
3. Craig Guth, PFN
4. William Hoffman
5. Stan Jarema
6. Bill Prindiville, Marshal, PFN
7. Robert Rinehart
8. Tony Scarpa

**SK Participants at Holy Thursday Mass, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Alvin, Thursday, March 28, 2024**

The following three (3) Sir Knights from Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly 2084 and a guest Sir Knight participated in the full uniform turn-out as Honor Guard at Holy Thursday Mass at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Alvin on Thursday evening, March 28, 2024:

1. Jesse Canales
2. Jose Lara, PFN
3. Jesus Palomino
4. R.C. Canemar (Guest)

**SK Participants at Holy Thursday Mass and Adoration of Blessed Sacrament, Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church, Manvel, Thursday, March 28, 2024**

The following six (6) Sir Knights from Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly 2084 and a guest Sir Knight participated in the full uniform turn-out as Honor Guard at Holy Thursday Mass and Adoration of Blessed Sacrament at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Manvel on Thursday evening, March 28, 2024:

1. Jesse Canales
2. Frank Gass
3. Jose Lara, PFN
4. Jesus Palomino
5. Mike Stiffin
6. Steven Valdez
7. R.C. Canemar (Guest)

**SK Participants at Easter Sunday Mass, St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica,  
Galveston, Sunday, March 31, 2024**

The following six (6) Sir Knights from Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly 2084 participated in the full new uniform turn-out as Honor Guard at Easter Sunday Mass celebrated by His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo at St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica in Galveston at noon on Saturday, March 31, 2024. A total of 15 Sir Knights from the First District were in attendance.

1. Craig Guth, PFN
2. Ed Klein
3. Mike Melancon, Marshal, PFN
4. Bo Naguit, Assistant CDR
5. Bill Prindiville, Marshal, PFN
6. Rey Tajonera, CDR

***Future Turnouts***  
***(Please mark your calendar)***

**2084 - Rite of Confirmation, St. Helen Catholic Church, April 9 and 10, 2024**

His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo will celebrate Rite of Confirmation at St. Helen Catholic Church at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, April 9 (for last names A-J) and Wednesday, April 10, 2024 (for last names K-Z). The Fourth Degree will provide Honor Guard at the Confirmation Masses on both days. Sir Knights in official uniform are requested to assemble at 6:30 PM..

**District - Fourth Degree Biennial District Meeting, St. Jerome Catholic Church, Houston, Saturday, April 13, 2024 (This is not a turnout)**

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. Assembly 2084 is required to send four (4) delegates based upon the membership size (251 members) as of January 1, 2024. We have elected our delegates and alternates at the February meeting. The delegates must show valid membership cards to participate in 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

**District - Solemnity of the Cathedrals and Ribbon Cutting of the New Fiorenza Plaza, Houston, Saturday, April 13, 2024**

His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo will celebrate Solemnity of the Cathedrals and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of the New Fiorenza Plaza at Co-Cathedral of Sacred Heart-Downtown Houston at 10:00 AM on Saturday, April 13, 2024. The Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus will provide the Honor Guard for the mass. The official uniform of the Fourth Degree is required to be part of the Honor Guard. Please assemble at 9:15 AM.

***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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