

THE PATRIOT Knights of Columbus, Fourth Degree Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly No. 2084





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NEXT MEETINGS: November 5, 2020 December 6, 2020 January 7 2021

November 5, 2020 Memorial Mass 6 PM

Faithful Navigator

At our next meeting, Our Memorial Mass, we will require masks and practice social distancing. We will have a catered meal. I want to thank all those who RSVP'd so we have an accurate count of those are going to attend. Like the rest of you, I can't wait until this pandemic has passed, but it appears it is going to be with us for a long time. Our Assembly had two turnouts for the month of October. 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**, <u>www.assembly2084.com</u>. 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 nonperishable 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 <u>Safe Haven</u> training. In addition to Council verification, ALL ASSEMBLIES are required to have a list. Below is what we will need for compliance. <u>I am asking each Grand Knight to provide a list from his respective Council as soon as possible</u>. Safe Haven online <u>https://GalvestonHouston.CMGConnect.org/</u> 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.

Blessed Carlo Acutis



On October 10, in the Basilica of St Francis of Assisi, technological whiz kid Carlo Acutis was beatified. The young man, who used the internet to spread his faith, died of leukemia in 2006 at the tender age of 15 and moved one step closer to becoming the first millennial saint.

Already touted as "the patron saint of the internet", Acutis taught himself to code from a textbook as a young boy, running websites for Catholic organizations and creating an <u>online catalogue</u> of Eucharistic miracles.

Carlo was born in London in May 1991 to Italian Catholic parents but moved to Italy. At a young age Carlo exhibited a great interest in technology and reportedly taught himself to code when he was very young. His mother, Antonia Salzano, <u>described</u> him as a "computer genius". Though he was <u>fond</u> of Halo, Super Mario, and Pokémon, Carlo did not use the internet just "to chat or have fun". He maintained websites for local Catholic organizations and created other <u>sites</u> documenting appearances by the Virgin Mary and Eucharistic miracles.

In real life, Carlo was equally pious and altruistic. He attempted to say the rosary and attend mass daily and even asked his mother if he should become a priest. He was involved in charity work and, according to his mother, used his own savings to buy sleeping bags for the homeless and help those who were down on their luck. Among many other things, he volunteered at a local soup kitchen. By all accounts his behavior was utterly saintly. His mother has said that he had a natural predisposition for the sacred.

While there are some <u>younger</u> modern saints, he is thought to be the youngest contemporary person to be beatified and would certainly be the first millennial to be recognized as a saint by the church. His beatification was <u>announced</u> in June, following a formal investigation into the miraculous recovery of a 7-year-old boy in Brazil. The child had been suffering from a rare pancreatic disorder when he came across a T-shirt of Acutis and prayed to him for healing. The cure was verified by the Church as his first "miracle from heaven". His feast day is Oct. 12, the anniversary of his death.

His technological savvy and millennial skill set did not mean that Acutis fell victim to the usual temptations of scrolling the 'gram and coveting the lives of highly filtered influencers. Cardinal Agostino Vallini said at the <u>ceremony</u> on Saturday, Acutis steered clear of the temptations and "used the internet in the service of the Gospel, to reach as many people as possible."

In the link below, you can find out the Eucharistic miracles catalogued by Carlos before his death.

http://www.miracolieucaristici.org/



Here are some words of wisdom from this young man who died at the age of 15 from Leukemia. May we all learn from his example. Thanks be to God for this beautiful witness of faith, hope, and love.

1. "The Virgin Mary is the only woman in my life."

2. "The more Eucharist we receive, the more we will become like Jesus, so that on earth we will have a foretaste of heaven."

3. "By standing before the Eucharistic Christ, we become holy."

4. "There are people who suffer much more than me."

5. "Continuously ask your guardian angel for help. Your guardian angel has to become your best friend."

6. "Do not be afraid because with the Incarnation of Jesus, death becomes life, and there's no need to escape: in eternal life, something extraordinary awaits us."

7. "Jerusalem is right on our doorstep."

8. All people are born as originals but many die as photocopies"

9. To always be close to Jesus, that's my life plan".

10. "Sadness is looking at ourselves, happiness is looking towards God."

11. "Not me, but God."

12. "The only thing we have to ask God for, in prayer, is the desire to be holy."

13. "Our soul is like a hot air balloon. If by chance there is a mortal sin, the soul falls to the ground. Confession is like the fire underneath the balloon enabling the soul to rise again. . . It is important to go to confession often."

14. "I am happy to die because I have lived my life without wasting a minute on those things which do not please God."

15. "Our goal must be infinite, not the finite. The infinite is our homeland. Heaven has been waiting for us forever."

16. "The Eucharist is the highway to heaven."



Father Sibi Kunninu M.S.

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 <u>www.assembly2084.com</u>

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. <u>http://www.kofc.org/en/members/for-members/color.html</u> <u>http://kofc.org/en/members/for-patriotic-degree/materials.html#/all/1/20-%20REPLACE%20IMAGE</u>

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

BROTHER ROGER'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY MASS OCTOBER 4, 2020 AT MARY QUEEN

Joseph Chien, Teddy Cuaping, Marshal, Robert Griffin, Craig Guth, FN, Jose Lara, Jesse Longoria, Mike Melancon, FC, PFN, Bo Naguit, Nelson Olavarria, Ken Oradiegwu, FM, PFN, Jesus Palomino, Bill Prindiville, PFN, Robert Rinehart, Tony Scarpa, Rey Tajonera, CDR. Guests: Robert Acala, Marshal, R. Canemar, Marshal, James Hatcher, Marshal, David Keating, Jim Langford, Marshal, Peter Tan, FM.

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

FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION OCTOBER 4, 2020 ST MAXIMILIAN KOLBE Teddy Cuaping, Marshal, Craig Guth, FN, Mike Meloncon, PFN, Bo Naguit, Ken Ordiegwu, Master, Bill Prindiville, PFN, Rey Tajonera, CDR, Alex Villanueva. Presented the Colors at the Exemplification Banquet: Teddy Cuaping, Marshal, Mike Meloncon, PFN, Bo Naguit, Bill Prindiville, PFN, Rey Tajonera, CDR, Alex Villanerva



Future Turnouts:

MEMORIAL MASS SUNDAY NOVEMBER 15, 2020 AT CONCIL 6403 HALL

Council 6403 hall is located at 129 CR 146, Alvin, TX, 77511. Assemble at 1:30 PM, Mass is at 2 PM.

MEMORIAL MASS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2020 ST LUKE'S THE EVANGELIST

St Luke's is located at 11011 Hall Rd., Houston, TX, 77089. Assemble at 10:30 AM, Mass is at 11 AM.

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 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

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

ASSEMBLY #2084 - OFFICERS for 2020/2021

Faithful Navigator – Faithful Comptroller – Faithful Friar – Faithful Captain – Faithful Admiral – Faithful Purser -Faithful Pilot – Faithful Scribe – Craig Guth Mike Melancon Father Sibi Kunninu, M.S. Jose Lara Bill Prindiville Joseph Chien Glenn Williams Joseph Guidry Inner Sentinel -Outer Sentinel -One Year Trustee -Two Year Trustee -Three Year Trustee -Commander – Asst. Commander Jessie Canales Joe Prevost Steve Valdez Rey Tajpnera Marlon Hulin Teddy Cuaping Rey Tajonera

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