



THE PATRIOT

Knights of Columbus, Fourth Degree

Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly No. 2084

April 2021



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MEETING: Monthly - 1st Thursday- 7:30 PM
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NEXT MEETINGS: **May 6, 2021**
June 3, 2021
August 5, 2021

May 6, 2021 Next scheduled meeting

April's Meeting Cancelled

Faithful Navigator

We will require masks and practice social distancing at all of our meetings. Due to the ongoing pandemic, we will not be having any food at our Assembly meetings. This is to lessen physical contact with one another. **The meetings will begin at 7 PM.** Our Assembly had no turnouts for the month of March. 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.

Elections will be held at the May meeting. If you would like to run for any Office, please contact me, Mike Melancon, or Bill Prindiville to make your intentions known. Nominations from the floor will be taken also.

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..

For those Sir Knights who are looking to purchase a second pair of pants for their Uniform, Jos. A Banks has a good deal. The slacks are usually \$139, but go on sale often for 2 pairs for \$100. They are Jos. A Banks Signature Collection, Tailored fit Flat Front Dress Pants, Item #2J73 Color:

Charcoal 06. There is an additional charge of \$10 for their permanent "Traveler Crease" which I have gotten and recommend. Shipping is free. You will have to have them tailored to your length when you receive them.

Two Churches, St. Helen's and Mary Queen have requested a turnout for Holy Thursday Services. If you have the new Uniform and are able to attend either Mass, please do so.

Former Master Peter Tan has requested the assistance of our Assembly with transportation for the State Dignitaries and Clergy arriving at Hobby Airport for the 2021 Texas State KofC Convention. The Dates are Friday, April 30, 2021 thru Sunday, May 2, 2021 The destination will be Hilton Americas in downtown Houston. This is not necessarily an Assembly only function but can be from our Councils as well. They would need 2-3 crews of two Knights. One to greet and assist the dignitary/Clergy and the other to stay with the vehicle (to avoid parking charges). It is unknown how many, if any will be arriving by air.

The Assembly are selling baseball caps, they are black with our Assembly Emblem on them. They are \$10.

2021 Summer Exemplification Saturday, June 19, 2021

It will be held both in person and virtually and also will be broadcast from the Shrine of the True Cross Church in Dickinson.

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.

THE JOY OF EASTER



The Trappist monks in their eternal silence greet one another, “Memento Mori!” that means, “Remember, you will die!” But on Easter Day they change this greeting and say: “Memento Vivere!” Means “Remember that you will live!”

Easter is a celebration of joy. Easter is about a new life given to those who stand in the threshold of hope and despair. St. Paul reminds us “If there is no resurrection our preaching is in vain and our faith is empty”. If you ever wonder where Jesus is in your life, the gospel of the resurrection offers details of his whereabouts. The story first tells us that even those who look for Jesus faithfully, sincerely, and courageously- looked for him in the wrong places. The three women, Mary Magdalene, the other Mary and Salome, came looking for a dead Jesus – not a risen one.

Had they not come to the tomb, they would not have seen the stone that entombed their Hope, had been rolled back. These three holy women are inviting us to come out from our doubts and indifferences to look for the Risen Lord. They took the risk of leaving the comfort and security of their home. Cost of discipleship is high, but the reward will be greater.

The resurrection of Jesus from the dead was a clear wake-up call to his disciples and all people who had ‘failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead’ (In 20:9). His resurrection challenged them to wake from the sleep of their disbelief and indifference.

The realization that the risen Lord was in their midst changed their lives radically. His resurrection gave them a renewed sense of hope and they became witnesses to his teaching. The same joy and enthusiasm apply to us. Our belief in the risen Lord originates in the witness of those who accompanied him.

Jesus' resurrection from the dead is the definitive proof that physical death is not the end. There is life after death. And God invites all of us to use this earthly life to prepare for the next life.



Fr. Sibi Kunninu, MS

Mary Queen Catholic Church.

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

None for March 2021

FUTURE TURN OUTS:

Holy Thursday, April 1, 2021 at St Helen’s Catholic Church

Assembly will lead procession after Mass over to Helena Hall and guard the Holy Eucharist until Midnight. Assemble at 6:15 PM in the Bride’s room. Mass is at 7 PM. Black facemasks will be worn and social distancing practiced.

Holy Thursday, April 1, 2021 at Mary Queen Catholic Church

Assemble in Full New Uniform no late than 6:15 PM in the Library of the Parish Hall so there will be time to walk through the ceremony procedures and sword drill as needed. Honor Guard for the 7 PM Mass and then process from the Main Church to St Joseph’s Chapel and post an Honor Guard over the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight. Black Masks and Social Distancing are still required at Mary Queen.

2021 Texas Knights of Columbus State Convention.

Hilton Americas Hotel, 1600 Lamar Street, Houston, TX

Opening Mass Saturday, May 1, 2021 at 8 AM. The second Mass, Memorial Mass on Sunday, May 2, 2021 at 8 AM.

If I have inadvertently failed to mention you in your attendance at a turnout, please let me know from #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

January 7, 2021 – 4577	July 4, 2021
February 4, 2021 – 8494	August 5, 2021 – 8960
March 4, 2021 – 8960 –No Ladies Night/Social Meeting	September 2, 2021- 9201
April 1, 2021 -9201 No Meeting	October 7, 2021 – 6403- Ladies Night/Social Meeting
May 6, 2021 –6403 Election of Officers	November 4, 2021– Memorial Mass – Catered Meal
June 3, 2021- 4577	December 5, 2021- Christmas Party-

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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