



# THE PATRIOT

## Knights of Columbus, Fourth Degree

### Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly No. 2084

### March 2021



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**MEETING:** Monthly - 1st Thursday- 7:30 PM  
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**NEXT MEETINGS:** **February 4, 2021**  
March 4, 2021  
April 1, 2021

## March 4, 2021 Next scheduled meeting

## Ladies Night/Social 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 one turnout for the month of February. 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](http://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.

Our Assembly have five new Sir Knights, all from Mary Queen Catholic Church. They are Kevin M. Alley, William C. Hoffman, Larry P. Sims, Peter A. DeVillez, and Miguel E. Camacho. Welcome to the Fourth Degree and our Pearland 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.

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). We can discuss this Thursday and have members take back to their respective Councils for assistance. 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.**

### **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.

## Year of St. Joseph



This year marks the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Pope Pius IX's decree, *Quemadmodum Deus*, naming Saint Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and foster-father of Jesus, as the Patron of the Universal Church. In commemoration of this anniversary and recognizing the fitting time for the Church to invoke the intercession of this guardian, His Holiness, Pope Francis has declared this year as a "Year of Saint Joseph" to be observed in the Universal Church from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021.

St. Joseph is the finest exemplification of manhood, the model of obedience, faith, chastity and courage. God chose St. Joseph as the defender and protector of the Holy Family. He accepted his call to safeguard and guide Jesus and Mary from every danger.

Joseph Blessed with wisdom, prudence and courage accepted without any questions his commission to fulfill God's ancient promise to Israel.

Excepting the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph is our most powerful intercessor in heaven due to his singular role as the Head of the Holy Family. St. Joseph is most well-known as the patron saint of fathers, families, and workers. However, he is in fact efficacious over myriad causes.

The veneration of St. Joseph was introduced rather late in the Catholic Church. His principal feast day is March 19. It is because tradition says that he died on March 19, some time before the beginning of Jesus' ministry. He is considered the model of a pious believer who receives grace at the moment of death. He is also known as the Protector of Virginity, for respecting Mary's divine motherhood all his life. He was proclaimed the patron of Universal Church by Pope Pius IX on December 8, 1870.

***"Some Saints are privileged to extend to us their patronage with particular efficacy in certain needs, but not in others; but our holy patron St. Joseph has the power to assist us in all cases, in every necessity, in every undertaking."*** - St. Thomas Aquinas

#### PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH

(recommended by Pope Francis in the Apostolic Letter "Patris corde")

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son,  
in you Mary placed her trust,  
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father,  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,  
and defend us from every evil. Amen.

**St. Joseph, pray for us.**

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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

## **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**

### **Visitation and Funeral Mass of SK Charles Torres, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Saturday, February 27, 2021**

Steve Breaux, Joseph Chien, Jimmy De Los Santos, Craig Guth, FN, Jose Lara, Bill Prindiville, PFN, Gilbert Ramos, Richard Valdez

One Guest: R.C. Compeon, Marshall

Liturgical Party: Deacon Ricardo Robles

## **FUTURE TURN OUTS:**

### **Holy Thursday, April 1, 2021 at St Helen's Catholic Church**

Assembly will lead procession before Mass and over to Helena Hall after Mass and guard the Holy Eucharist until Midnight. More details when they become available.

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 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 7, 2021 – 4577	July 4, 2021
<b>February 4, 2021</b> – 8494	August 5, 2021 – 8960
<b>March 4, 2021</b> – 8960 –No Ladies Night/Social Meeting	September 2, 2021- 9201
April 1, 2021 -9201	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**

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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