



**THE PATRIOT
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Fourth Degree
Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly 2084
August 2023 Edition**

**Meeting: Monthly, First Thursday at 7:30 PM
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Next Meeting: September 7, 2023

Meal to be prepared by Council 9201

Meal begins at 6:30 PM; Meeting starts at 7:30 PM

A Message from Faithful Navigator Joseph Ch'ien

We had five full uniform turn-outs in August. The enthusiasm of the Sir Knights who participated in these turn-outs was so inspiring and exemplary. I would like to invite and encourage all Sir Knights of our Assembly to become active members of the Fourth Degree Color Corps in honor of our Church and our Country.

Some of our Sir Knights might be deterred from taking an active part in the Color Corps because of the cost of new uniforms. At our July meeting we began to discuss possible subsidies by the Assembly for members to purchase new uniforms. We will continue to study the feasibility and to develop implementation plans in the coming months.

We are Fourth Degree Sir Knights of Knights of Columbus. Let us always be faithful to our Order, Church and Country.

A Reflection from Deacon Allan J. Frederiksen

Last month we left off with the verb "choice", a noun used more and more in our society. It means the "act of choosing" or, as it is being applied today in our secular world, "the right to choose".

Thus, when we exercise our right to choose, we must, out of necessity, discriminate between this or that, between what is right and what is wrong, between that which brings with it the least amount of effort or cost to me, or that which brings about the greatest cost or requires the greatest sacrifice of myself. Too often we take the "easy" out.

Society is now choosing to deny the Imago Dei, the Image of God, in human nature. This is necessary in order to achieve the "goals" of secular society: (1) Society has to deny that the embryo, the fetus is really a human being; (2) Society has to deny our biological gender as a measure of our nature as male or female; (3) Society has to deny that the elderly and feeble have value, in order to justify and provide "mercy" killings; and (4) Society is often clamoring for the life of the criminal that has taken another life, and thus removing forever, that criminal's ability to repent.

That is only the "tip of the iceberg", by choice we have reduced human beings to "things of utility".

We must get back to basics - back to "male and female He created them" and in that simple act of creation they, the male and female, are endowed with the right to life.

Let us always choose on the side of God, never on the side of culture.

A Message from District Master SK James Hatcher

*“As Sir Knights we are not in the rumor business,
but rather we should be promoting the Fourth Degree in the best light.”*

*FOURTH DEGREE-KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PROVINCE
FIRST DISTRICT OF TEXAS*

August 8, 2023

Sir Knights of the First District of Texas:

On April 15, 2023, I sent out a letter to all the assemblies in the First District of Texas addressing the official uniform of the fourth degree. My mailing was composed of a letter from myself, the District Master; a letter from the Vice-Supreme Master and a letter from the Supreme Master as well as an official ruling from the Constitution, Laws and Rules governing the Fourth Degree. This was an official statement from Supreme Leadership down to the local districts. You can take this policy to the bank, as official.

This week I had two inquiries by Sir Knights. They heard statements put out by a Sir Knight supposedly representing the Fourth Degree that the Fourth Degree as we know it was being dissolved and all assembly members would be moved into our local councils.

Whoever is putting out any statement, as such, will cease immediately. This is rumor at best and is disrespectful of the Fourth Degree and the Order of Command. All rumors probably have a once of truth, but that does not make up the whole truth.

This rumor began two years ago at the State Convention in Corpus Christi. A resolution was brought to the state convention committee that our fourth-degree assemblies should be dissolved as such and the members of their respective assemblies would be absorbed into the councils. The resolution did not follow the proper line of consideration and was voted down by the state committee. No such resolution was brought forth at the last convention in Dallas.

What you should know at this time is we have a new Supreme Master in Michael McCusker. A military veteran, lawyer and very pro fourth degree. We will soon have a new Vice-Supreme Master in Pat Conway who at this time is our acting Master of the Sword. Pat is also very pro fourth degree.

With no clear-cut statements from the Supreme, at this time, there may be a change to the form of our exemplification ceremony as well as possibly opening the ceremony to our families. Now don't jump to any conclusion and go out tomorrow stating the District Master said everything is changing, because at this time, IT IS NOT!

When we joined the knights we promised allegiance to the Laws, Rules, and Lawful Authority over us. We recommitted ourselves to this pledge when we became fourth-degree Sir Knights. That means we don't make up our own rules or make statements of policy without them coming from Supreme or the State Deputy.

Faithful Navigators, please distribute any reports or statements from my office to your membership. If you have a Sir Knight representing your assembly or one of your councils and that person is making erroneous statements of policy, have him stop immediately or report the situation to me.

Sir Knights of Old were faithful to the allegiance they took, as so should we. We are Sir Knights of the Order of the Knights of Columbus. Let us always be faithful to the Order, to our church and to our nation.

God Bless,

*James Hatcher
District Master*

Meal Preparation Schedule for 2023-2024

07/2023 ⁽¹⁾ & 02/2024	#8494	Note: ⁽¹⁾ Lunch following Fourth of July Parade
08/2023 & 03/2024 ⁽²⁾	#8960	Note: ⁽²⁾ Ladies' Night
09/2023 & 04/2024	#9201	
10/2023 & 05/2024	#6403	
11/2023		Memorial Mass (catering)
12/2023		Christmas Party (catering)
01/2024 & 06/2024	#4577	

In Memoriam

Our beloved Brother Sir Knight Jesse D. Longoria (*May 23, 1943 – August 8, 2023*) passed away on August 8, 2023 at the age of 80. With his death our Assembly has sustained the loss of an exemplary and worthy Sir Knight. While we bow in submission to the will of our Heavenly Father, we mourn the loss of our Brother who has been taken from us. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Good of the Order

LET US KEEP all our Sir Knights and Families in our prayers. Our prayers give them hope and peace. Please also pray for an end to abortion, pray 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 who left before us that they rest in peace. Continue praying for all our Brother Sir Knights and their families who are in need of our prayers.

PLEASE PRAY FOR an end to abortion. Pray for the women who are contemplating to have an abortion.

REST IN PEACE ALL SIR KNIGHTS WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US!
LET US ALSO PRAY TO END ABORTION! TO END PERSECUTION OF CHRISTIANS
AND TO END WAR AROUND THE WORLD!

ST. JOSEPH, PRAY FOR US!!!
QUEEN OF PEACE, PRAY FOR US!!!

Past Turn-Outs (August 2023)

If I have inadvertently failed to mention your participation in a turn-out, please let me know so that we can properly recognize your dedication and service. Thank you!

SK Participants at Fr. Skip Negley's 50th Ordination Anniversary Mass, Saturday, August 12, 2023

The following eighteen (18) Sir Knights from Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly #2084 participated in the full uniform turn-out as Honor Guard for the celebration of Fr. Skip Negley's 50th Anniversary of Ordination celebrated at Mary Queen Catholic Church on Saturday, August 12, 2023:

1. David Armstrong
2. Jesse Canales
3. Joseph Chien, FN
4. Roy Garay
5. Matias Gonzales
6. Craig Guth, PFN
7. Stan Jarema
8. Jose Lara, PFN
9. Jose Marquina
10. Anthony Mambretti
11. Mike Melancon, Marshal, PFN
12. Bo Naguit
13. Bill Prindiville, Marshal, PFN
14. Robert Rinehart
15. Nick Scarpa
16. Tony Scarpa
17. Rey Tajonera, CDR
18. Steven Valdez

SK Participants at SK J. Longoria's Visitation & Rosary, Sunday, August 13, 2023

The following fourteen (14) Sir Knights From Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly #2084 participated in the full new uniform turn-out as Honor Guard for the Visitation and Rosary held for SK Jesse Longoria at Forest Park East Funeral Home on Sunday, August 13, 2023:

1. Jesse Canales
2. Joseph Chien, FN
3. Jimmy De Los Santos
4. Matt Gonzales
5. Robert Griffiths
6. Craig Gutth, PFN
7. Stan Jarema
8. Bo Naguit
9. Bill Prindiville, Marshal, PFN
10. Gilbert Ramos
11. Tony Scarpa
12. Rey Tajonera, CDR
13. Richard Valdez
14. Anthony Zarate

SK Participants at SK J. Longoria's Funeral Mass & Viewing – Monday, August 14, 2023

The following ten (10) Sir Knights from Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly #2084 participated in the full uniform turn-out as Honor Guard for the Funeral Mass and Viewing held for SK Jesse Longoria at St. Luke's Catholic Church on Monday, August 14, 2023:

1. Roy Garay
2. Matt Gonzales
3. Robert Griffiths
4. Craig Gutth, PFN
5. Mike Melancon, Marshal, PFN
6. Bo Naguit
7. Bill Prindiville, Marshal, PFN
8. Gilbert Ramos
9. Tony Scarpa
10. Rey Tajonera, CDR

**SK Participants at Council #8960 Corporate Communion at St. Helen Church,
Sunday, August 20, 2023**

The following thirteen (13) Sir Knights from Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly #2084 participated in the full new uniform turn-out as Honor Guard for the Corporate Communion held by Council #8960 at St. Helen's Catholic Church on Sunday, August 20, 2023:

1. David Armstrong
2. Jesse Canales
3. Joseph Chien, FN
4. Joe Guidry
5. Craig Guth, PFN
6. Rick Johnson
7. Ed Klein
8. Mike Melancon, Marshal, PFN
9. Bo Naguit
10. Ken Oradiegwu, FM, PFN
11. Ricardo Robles
12. Rey Tajonera, CDR
13. Anthony Zarate
14. Larrol Burleigh (participated without his full new uniform)

**SK Participants at Cristo Rey Jesuit Annual Mass of the Holy Spirit, Thursday,
August 31, 2023**

The following three (3) Sir Knights from Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly #2084 participated in the full new uniform turn-out as Honor Guard for the annual Mass of the Holy Spirit dedicated to the new school year at Cristo Rey Jesuit College Preparatory School of Houston on Thursday, August 31, 2023 at Mt. Carmel Catholic Church:

1. Craig Guth, PFN
2. Mike Melancon, Marshal, PFN
3. Bill Prindiville, Marshal, PFN

Future Turn-Outs

Sword Training and Protocol, Dickinson, Texas, Saturday, September 2, 2023

The First District of Texas will be conducting a Sword Training and Protocol class on Saturday, September 2, 2023, from 10:00 am to noon, in Council 3217 Hall (4132 27th Street, Dickinson, Texas 77539). This training is open to all Assemblies and Sir Knights wishing to have a better understanding of the Official Uniform, Manuel of the Sword, Practices, and Procedures of the Color Corps.

2023 Fall Exemplification in Houston, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, October 6-7, 2023

The 2023 Fall Exemplification for the First District of Texas will be held on October 6-7, 2023 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Houston. Details will follow but please reserve this date on your calendar.

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 for information.

LOOK FOR WEEKLY EMAILS AND UPDATES OR GO TO

<https://teamup.com/ks2c8hsopyap8hy4cq>

UNIFORM INFO

I KNOW THESE ARE ROUGH TIMES AND WHO KNOWS WHERE WE WILL BE. WE ENCOURAGE ALL TO GET THE UNIFORM. NOTHING MORE FULFILLING THAN DRESSING FOR A SPECIAL CHURCH MASS!!! It's very easy and we encourage that you get measured by a tailor before ordering.....thank you....

<https://www.kofcuniform.com>

Please click on this link and it will take you to the official website for all new uniforms, accessories, replacements, patches and more so check it out, its and all in one shop.

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....

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.

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.

WEBSITE IS.....ANY PICS PLEASE SEND TO ME, I WILL ADD AS EACH MONTH, SOME MAY NOT MAKE IT, BUT PLEASE DO NOT TAKE PERSONAL.....

www.assembly2084.com

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>

[WE ALSO HAVE HARD COPIES FOR THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE ONE>>>>PLEASE GET WITH ME OR MIKE MELANCON>>THX>](#)

COLOR GUARD

WE ENCOURAGE ALL KNIGHTS TO JOIN OUR COLOR GUARD, YOU WILL FIND THAT THE CORE GROUP IS VERY DEDICATED, IF YOU ARE ABLE AND WILLING. IT'S VERY REWARDING AND TEDDY IS A GREAT COMMANDER OF THE 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.

ASSEMBLY #2084 - OFFICERS - Fraternal Year 2023-2024

Faithful Navigator	Joseph Chien	Faithful Frail	Fr. Trey Crespo
Faithful Comptroller	Mike Melancon	One Year Trustee	Steve Valdez
Faithful Captain	Rick Johnson	Two Year Trustee	Rey Tejonera
Faithful Admiral	Jose Lara	Three Year Trustee	Gary Lorange
Faithful Purser	William Prindiville	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

Our Assembly has always been well represented at District and Local Turnouts with a core of dedicated Sir Knights.

Please advise me should I have inadvertently failed to mention your participation in a turnout, so that we can properly recognize your dedication and service.

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION AND DEDICATION!



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FOURTH
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Patriotic degree of the Order.