



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

**Meeting: Monthly, 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday at 7:30 PM  
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***Next Meeting: August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023***

***Meal to be prepared by Council 8960***

## *A Message from Faithful Navigator Joseph Chien*

I would like to express my personal gratitude to our immediate Past Faithful Navigator Jose Lara and Assembly Officers for the excellent work they have done over the past two fraternal years; for their outstanding leadership, dedication, enthusiasm, support, prayers and services; for their exemplification of the four principles of our Order: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. Thank you!

I would also like to thank all our brother Sir Knights for all you have done, whether it be turnouts, helping your local Council, serving your Parish, praying and caring for your brother Sir Knights and their families in difficult times, tragedies and losses... We need to keep the fire of our Catholic Faith burning strong. In a time when few Christians are prepared to speak up for what they believe, we must act on what is right and honorable by upholding and defending the truth, defending laws that recognize the sanctity of life at all stages, and standing together to ensure true religious freedom.

I look forward to continuing another active, exciting and fruitful fraternal year for our Assembly. May Almighty God help all members of this Assembly to conduct ourselves in such a manner that our spiritual and temporal endeavors always follow Your will; aid us to provide the finest examples of complete dedication to the practice of Catholic principles. Amen.

### ***CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME***

Sir Knight Stan Jarema (Friendswood) and Sir Knight Louis Terrazas (Alvin) joined the Patriotic Degree at the Fourth Degree Exemplification held on June 10, 2023 at St. Micheal the Archangel Catholic Church, Houston, Texas. Please join me in congratulating Sir Knights Stan Jarema and Louis Terrazas and welcoming them to our Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly 2084. We look forward to their great contributions, gifts and talents, and involvement in the Assembly.

### ***HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY***

Thirty-one Sir Knights from our Assembly 2084 and five brother Assemblies took part in the 128th Annual Friendswood Fourth of July Parade on July 4th, 2023 (see Past Turnouts section for details). It was a real blast, despite the weather was hotter than usual. Sir Knights assembled at Mary Queen Church before 8:30AM to travel

to the start of the Parade in an air conditioned school bus. The Parade began at 10:00AM. Our Color Guards proudly led the Parade, followed by a formation of eleven Sir Knights in full uniforms. Thereafter fourteen Sir Knights cheered from the Assembly trailer adorned in patriotic colors.

SK Bill Prindiville, Marshal, PFN, SK Mike Melancon, Marshal, PFN, and SK Jose Lara, PFN coordinated every detail of this event. SK Joseph Ch'ien, FN, SK Teddy Cuaping, Marshal, SK Craig Guth, PFN, SK Edward Klein, SK Jose Lara, PFN, SK Mike Melancon, Marshal, PFN, SK Bo Naguit, SK Bill Prindiville, Marshal, PFN, SK David Provenzano, SK Ken Shores, SK Rey Tajonera, CDR, SK George Torralbe, and several other Sir Knights came out in the evening before the Parade to decorate the Assembly trailer for the Parade. SK Craig Guth, PFN, expertly towed the trailer in the Parade and brought all the Sir Knights back to Mary Queen Church after the Parade. Council 8994 hosted a delicious BBQ lunch for all Sir Knights and their families. Thank you all. May God Bless America and May God Bless the Fourth Degree!



### ***A REFLECTION FROM DEACON ALLAN J. FREDERIKSEN***

Joseph Stalin is credited with saying that the death of one is a tragedy, and the death of a thousand is but a statistic.

Here are some numbing statistical numbers for us to peruse, numbers which we normally do not spend much time reflecting on. The numbers are from 2020 - the first number may be somewhat distorted by deaths attributed to COVID.

Number of deaths in Texas in one month:

From all natural causes, including sicknesses of various types: 14,511 or 480 per day.  
From all accidents, as reported to the state: 1060 or 35 per day.  
From all *induced* abortions: 4,598 or 152 per day.

We will all become part of the first statistic numbers - some of us may, though not by choice, become part of the second set of statistical numbers, but those in the last set of numbers had no choice, and therein lies the tragedy.

They died, not through natural causes nor through accidents, but through choice - the willful termination of human life because it was inconvenient - they were eliminated like so much waste, from the place where they should have been the safest, in their mothers' wombs, simple because they were.

It is a bit difficult to come up with numbers on abortion since the Supreme Court overturn of Roe v. Wade, which we should remember, did not outlaw abortion, it just said it was not a constitutional right, and for the states to decide.

This is the great crusade we, not only as Knights, but as human beings, must embark on. The protection of human life. The Bill of Rights states, "...the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of justice". These are rights given by the Creator to all human beings.

We have our task cut out for us. We must convince our elected officials that an embryo, from the moment of its conception, is a person and thus a human being with these rights.

Let us go do battle.

### ***GOOD OF THE ORDER AUGUST***

LET'S 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, our nation, 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 to leave.... 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 knights and their families who are in need of our prayers.

PLEASE PRAY FOR an end to abortion!!! Pray for the women contemplating to have an abortion!!!

**REST IN PEACE ALL SIR KNIGHTS WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US!! LET US ALSO PRAY FOR AN END TO THIS WAR!!! END TO ABORTION!!! END PERSECUTION OF CHRISTIANS!!!**

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

### ***PAST TURNOUTS***

*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.*

#### **SK Participants at Priestly Ordination Mass, Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, June 3, 2023**

Sir Knights from Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly 2084 participated in the full uniform turnout as Honor Guard at the Priestly Ordination Mass celebrated by Cardinal DiNardo at Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart on Saturday, June 3, 2023:

1. Jimmy De Los Santos
2. Craig Guth, PFN
3. Ed Klein
4. Bo Naguit
5. Bill Prindiville, Marshal, PFN

**SK Participants at Catholic Daughters of America 50th Anniversary Mass,  
St. John the Evangelist Church, Alvin, June 3, 2023**

Sir Knights from Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly 2084 participated in the full uniform turnout as Honor Guard at the Catholic Daughters of America 50th Anniversary Mass celebrated at St. John the Evangelist Church in Alvin on Saturday, June 3, 2023:

1. Jesse Canales
2. Frank Gass
3. Craig Guth, PFN
4. Ed Klein
5. Jose Lara, FN
6. Bo Naguit
7. Jesus Palomino
8. Bill Prindiville, Marshal, PFN
9. Xavier Sepulveda
10. Rey Tajonera, CDR
11. Steven Valdez

**SK Participants at Fourth Degree Exemplification Ceremonies and Mass, St.  
Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, June 10, 2023**

Sir Knights from Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly 2084 participated in the Fourth Degree Exemplification Ceremonies and Mass held at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church on Saturday, June 10, 2023:

1. Joseph Chien
2. Teddy Cuaping, Marshal
3. Craig Guth, PFN
4. Ed Klein
5. Jose Lara, FN
6. Mike Melancon, Marshal, PFN
7. Bo Naguit
8. Ken Oradiegwu, FM, PFN
9. Bill Prindiville, Marshal, PFN
10. Rey Tajonera,, CDR
11. Stephen Valdez
12. Anthony Zarate

**SK Participants at St. John the Baptist Eucharistic Procession, June 11, 2023.**

Sir Knights from Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly 2084 participated in the full uniform turnout at St. John the Baptist Church Eucharistic Procession on June 11, 2023:

1. Jesse Canales
2. Frank Gass
3. Jose Lara, FN
4. Steven Valdez

**SK Participants at Fourth Degree Exemplification Ceremonies and Mass, St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, June 10, 2023**

Sir Knights from Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly 2084 participated in the Mass for Corpus Christi and the Eucharistic Procession held at Mary Queen Church on Sunday, June 11, 2023:

1. Teddy Cuaping, Marshal
2. Bill Hoffman
3. Bo Naguit
4. Nelson Olavarria
5. Bill Prindiville, Marshal, PFN
6. Rey Tajonera, CDR

**SK Participants at Funeral Services for SK Gus J Oppermann, June 12-13, 2023**

Sir Knights participated in the full uniform as Honor Guard at the Visitation, Funeral Service, and Graveside Service for SK Gus Oppermann at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery on June 12-13, 2023:

1. Jim Langford, Marshal
2. Mike Melancon, Marshal, PGK, PFN
3. John D. Becker, FN (Galveston)
4. Jimmy De Los Santos
5. John Anthony Martinez, FN
6. David Keating

**SK Participants at the Vigil and Rosary Service for Fr. Louis Zee, June 23, 2023**

Sir Knights from Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly 2084 participated in full uniform as Honor Guard at the Vigil and Rosary Service for Fr. Louis C. Zee at the Ascension Chinese Mission on Friday, June 23, 2023:

1. Teddy Cuaping, Marshal
2. Mike Melancon, Marshal, PFN
3. Bo Naguit

**SK Participants at Feast of St. John the Baptist, Galveston, June 24, 2023**

Sir Knights from Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly #2084 participated in the full new uniform turnout as Honor Guard at the annual celebration of the Feast of St. John the Baptist at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Galveston on Saturday, June 24, 2023:

1. Jesse Canales
2. Teddy Cuaping, Marshal
3. Mike Melancon, Marshal, PFN
4. Bo Naguit
5. Bill Prindiville, Marshal, PFN

**SK Participants at Dedication Mass for the Chapel at The Christian Renewal Center, Sunday, June 25, 2023**

Sir Knights of Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly #2084 participated in the full new uniform turn-out as Honor Guard for the Dedication Mass of the Chapel at The Christian Renewal Center in Dickinson which was celebrated by Bishop Italo Dell'Oro on Sunday morning, June 25, 2023:

1. Jesse Canales
2. Craig Guth, PFN
3. Jose Lara, FN
4. Bo Naguit
5. Bill Prindiville, Marshal, PFN
6. Steven Valdez
7. R. C. Canemar (Guest)



**SK Participants at the 128<sup>th</sup> Annual Friendswood Fourth of July Parade,  
July 4th, 2023**

Sir Knights from Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly #2084 participated in the 128th Annual Friendswood Fourth of July Parade on July 4th, 2023:

***Marching in full new uniform in the Color Guard:***

1. Teddy Cuaping, Marshal
2. Edward Klein
3. Jose Lara, PFN
4. Bo Naguit
5. Rey Tajonera, CDR
6. Anthony Zarate

***Marching in full new uniform in the Honor Guard:***

7. David Armstrong
8. Joseph Chien, FN
9. Bill Hoffman
10. Nelson Olavarria
11. Jesus Palomino
12. Bill Prindiville, Marshal, PFN
13. David Provenzano
14. Ricardo Robles

***Guest Sir Knights Marching in full new uniform in the Honor Guard:***

15. Jon Becker, FN / 1124
16. Thang Bui, CDR / 2721
17. Joaquin Perez, CDR / 1988

***Assembly #2084 Sir Knights Riding in Trailer:***

- T-1. Larrol Burleigh
- T-2. Jesse Canales
- T-3. Sam De Los Santos, PFN
- T-4. Matt Gonzales
- T-5. Robert Griffith
- T-6. Craig Guth, PFN - Driver
- T-7. Mike Melancon, Marshal, PFN
- T-8. Ken Shores
- T-9. Mike Stiffin
- T-10. Al Stryk, PFN
- T-11. Stephen Valdez

***Guest Sir Knights Riding in Trailer:***

- T-12. Jim Langford, Marshal / 1100
- T-13. Gerry Olavarria / 2772
- T-14. Albert Priselac, FN / 2772

### **SK Participants at SK J. Olsovsky's Funeral Mass - Tuesday, July 11, 2013**

Sir Knights from Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly #2084 participated in the full new uniform turn-out for the Funeral Mass of SK Johnny Olsovsky held at Sacred Heart Church in Manvel on Tuesday, July 11th, 2023:

1. Frank Gass
2. Matt Gonzales
3. Craig Guth, PFN
4. Mike Melancon, Marshal, PFM
5. Bill Prindiville, Marshal, PFN
6. Mike Stiffin
7. Stephen Valdez

### **SK Participants at Rosa Mystica and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Feast, Saturday, July 15, 2023**

Sir Knights from Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly #2084 participated in the full new uniform turn-out as Honor Guard at the combined Rosa Mystica and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Feast Day celebrations, held at Notre Dame Catholic Church on Saturday, July 15, 2023:

1. Teddy Cuaping, Marshal
2. Mike Melancon, Marshal, PFN
3. Bo Naguit
4. Rey Tajonera, CDR

### **SK Participants at 2023-2024 Southeast Region Assembly Officers Installation, Saturday, July 29, 2023**

Sir Knights from Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly 2084 participated in the 2023-2024 Southeast Region Assembly Officers Installation Ceremony at Assembly 2084 Hall on Saturday, July 29, 2023:

1. Joseph Chien, FN
2. Teddy Cuaping, Marshal
3. Rich Johnson
4. Jose Lara, PFN
5. Mike Melancon, Marshal, PFN
6. Bo Naguit
8. Ken Shores
9. Rey Tajonera, CDR
10. George Torralba

## ***FUTURE TURNOUTS***

### **Fr. Skip's 50th Anniversary of Ordination Mass, Mary Queen Church, Saturday, August 12, 2023**

Father Skip Negley will be celebrating his 50th Anniversary of Ordination Mass on Saturday, August 12th, at Mary Queen Church. His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo will be a Special Guest. A picnic themed lunch will follow Mass. A Fourth Degree turnout for the Mass is requested. Worthy Sir Knights in full uniforms please assemble at 10:00 AM at Mary Queen Church. Mass begins at 11:00 AM.

### **Corporate Communion, St. Helen Church, Sunday, August 20, 2023**

We will have our Assembly 2084 Corporate Communion at St. Helen Church on Sunday, August 20, 2023. Sir Knights in full uniforms please assemble at 8:20 AM in the Bridegroom's Room. Mass begins at 9:00 AM. Breakfast will follow at Council 8960 Hall.

### **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.....**

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## **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 Lorance
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.*

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**“THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR ATTENDANCE AND DEDICATION”**



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*Patriotic degree of the Order.*