



**THE PATRIOT  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
4th Degree**

**Bishop Wendelyn J. Nold Assembly 2084  
October Edition 2022**

**Meeting: Monthly-1st-Thursday-7:30pm  
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***Meeting October 6th, 2022  
Dinner 630 pm, Meeting 730pm  
Council 4577***

## *Faithful Navigator*

### *Archbishop Emeritus Joseph Anthony Fiorenza*

#### **Early life and education**

Joseph Fiorenza was born in Beaumont, Texas, the second of four sons of Anthony and Grace (née Galiano) Fiorenza. His father immigrated from Sicily at age 10, while his mother was the daughter of Sicilian immigrants. He attended St. Anthony High School in Beaumont, where he was football team captain and senior class president. Fiorenza skipped a grade and graduated from high school at age 16 in 1947. He then studied at St. Mary's Seminary in La Porte, Texas.

#### **Priesthood**

Fiorenza was ordained to the priesthood on May 29, 1954. His first assignment was as assistant pastor of Queen of Peace Parish in Houston, where he remained for three years. In 1957, he became professor of medical ethics at Sacred Heart Dominican College and chaplain of St. Joseph Hospital, both in Houston. He served as administrator of Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral in Houston from 1959 to 1967. In 1965, Fiorenza participated in the Selma to Montgomery marches in Alabama during the Civil Rights Movement.

Fiorenza served as pastor of St. Augustine Parish (1967 to 1969) and of St. Benedict the Abbot Parish (1969 to 1972), both in Houston. From 1972 to 1973, he was both pastor of Assumption Parish in Houston and vice-chancellor of the diocese. Fiorenza was named honorary prelate of his holiness by Pope Paul VI on December 5, 1973, and served as diocesan chancellor from 1973 to 1979.

#### **Bishop of San Angelo**

On September 4, 1979, Fiorenza was appointed the fourth bishop of the Diocese of San Angelo by Pope John Paul II. He received his episcopal consecration on October 25, 1979, from Archbishop Patrick Flores, with Bishops John Morkovsky and John E. McCarthy serving as co-consecrators, at Sacred Heart Cathedral in San Angelo.

#### **Bishop and archbishop of Galveston-Houston**

On December 18, 1984, Fiorenza was named bishop of the Diocese of Galveston-Houston by Pope John Paul II. He was installed by Archbishop Patrick Flores in the presence of Archbishop Pio Laghi, the apostolic pro-nuncio. The

Diocese of Galveston-Houston was elevated to the level of archdiocese by John Paul II on Dec. 29, 2004, at which point Fiorenza became an archbishop.

On June 11, 2001, Fiorenza expressed his regret at the execution of Timothy McVeigh, a domestic terrorist convicted of killing 168 people in the Oklahoma City bombing in 1995. Fiorenza said:

**In an age where respect for life is threatened in so many ways, we believe it is important to emphasize that human life is a gift from God, and no one or any government should presume to kill God's gift.**

When a wave of **allegations of sexual abuse** of boys and girls within the Catholic Church was widely reported from 2002, Fiorenza issued a statement proclaiming that the archdiocese would "make the protection and safety of children and young people a top priority", but it has been reported that nothing was done; internal memos from 1996—published in detail by the press—show that abuse was reported but ignored for years. In a 2006 news report Fiorenza was said to have had a tendency to accept troubled clergy into his domains; and the Galveston-Houston archdiocese acted to protect the church from public scrutiny, mounting vigorous legal defenses, blaming the victims, and obfuscating for the news media.

### **SK Participants at Bishop Fiorenza's Vigils and Funeral Services - Wed, & Thurs. Sept 28-29, 2022**

Sir Knights from Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly # 2084 participated in the full new uniform turn-out as Honor Guards posting during the all-day "Lying in State" Vigil at Bishop Joseph Fiorenza's casket at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart on Wednesday, September 28, 2022:

David Armstrong, Jesse Canales, Joseph Chien, Teddy Cuaping, Marshal Rich Johnson, Ed Klein, Bo Naguit, Ken Oradiegwu, FM, PFN, Bill Prindiville, PFN, David Provenzano. Gilbert Ramos

Sir Knights from Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly # 2084 participated in the full new uniform turn-out as Honor Guards at the Funeral Mass for Bishop Joseph Fiorenza celebrated by Cardinal DiNardo at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart on Thursday, September 28, 2022:

Teddy Cuaping, Roy Garay, Mike Hawkins, Ed Klein, Ken Oradiegwu, FM, PFN  
Bill Prindiville, PFN

**Fr. Sibi**

## *A Woman Of The Eucharist*



Mary is a “woman of the Eucharist’ in her whole life,” as Pope Saint John Paul II wrote in *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*. Mary “lived her Eucharistic faith even before the institution of the Eucharist,” because she bore in her own body the Body of Christ into the world (EE, 55).

It is this unique relationship of Mary to the Eucharist, the Church, and to us, her spiritual children, that the French painter Jean-Auguste-Dominique Ingres evokes in this striking 1852 masterpiece. In his painting titled “The Virgin Adoring the Host,” Ingres imagines Mary praying before the sacred host in the presence of two saints.

Three figures stand before a bare stone altar on which the host is displayed atop a golden chalice and paten. Two lit candlesticks frame the mysterious scene. The stately figure on the left is Saint Helena, mother of the fourth-century Emperor Constantine, believed to have discovered the True Cross of Jesus in Jerusalem.

On the right the saintly French king Louis IX holds his ornate crown in his left hand while his eyes direct our gaze to the host. Engraved on

the host are a cross and the letters IHS, a monogram of the first three letters of the name of Jesus in Greek.

The serene figure of Mary is bathed in radiant light. Her blue and red garments symbolize the divinity and humanity of her divine son, Jesus. Her slender fingers come together in prayer as her luminous face turns to the host in adoration.

Mary intercedes always for us. Ingres' vision invites us to join Mary in contemplating the Eucharistic presence of Jesus, in silent wondrous praise.

[This article appeared in the USCCB website in preparation for the National Eucharistic Revival that is happening in USA. I thought it is a good article to reflect on the Eucharist and Mary on the month of October].

Fr. Sibi Kunninu, MS

Faithful Friar.

### **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 in the new year at their respective parishes!!!*

***PLEASE KEEP PRAYING FOR UVALDE AND THOSE FAMILIES WHO LOST THEIR LOVED ONES.PRAY FOR THE COMMUNITY AND THE WELL BEING OF ALL!!!***

***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 CONTIMPLATING 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 TO PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS!!***

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

***So let's not forget to plan for our time, fill out your Last Rites so we have it on file. I already have had 2 without any wishes.....form on our website..***

***[WWW.ASSEMBLY2084.COM](http://WWW.ASSEMBLY2084.COM)***

***FOOD DRIVE LETS MAKE THIS HAPPEN!!TOO MANY WITHOUT!!!!***

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.

***FUTURE TURN OUTS:***

***2022 FALL 4TH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION***

Saturday, October 29th, 2022

St Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Church

10135 West Rd.

Houston, Texas 77064 Registration will close on Friday, October 21, 2022. Any application not received or postmarked by that date will not be accepted for this class. No walk-ins will be admitted.

**2022 MEMORIAL MASS, THURSDAY NOVEMBER 3RD 2022**

**THANKS TO COUNCIL 9201 OUR MEMORIAL MASS WILL BE HELD AT ST LUKE THE EVANGELIST AND FR DOUGLAS GUTHRIE WILL BE OUR CELEBRANT. MASS WILL BEGIN AT 7PM MORE DETAILS TO COME.....EXCITING...!!!!!!**

*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" 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 turnouts at the Co-Cathedral. The Fourth Degree will provide an Honor Guard at this Mass and the uniform of the 4th Degree is required. Sir Knights not wearing the complete uniform will not be allowed to participate in the honor guard activities.*

**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.*

### **BASEBALL CAPS**

The Assembly is selling baseball caps, they are black with our Assembly Emblem on them. They are \$10. Shirts will be sold in the new year and will be announced with ample time.....

### **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](http://www.assembly2084.com)**

**Monthly Dinner 2021-2022**

**NOVEMBER MEMORIAL MASS  
DECEMBER CHRISTMAS**

**December 4th 2022**

**3-6pm hall permitting**

**We will have the same theme as last year. We ask everyone to bring a toy for a boy or girl or both ..also bring your rosaries to have a family rosary....**

**PAST TURN OUTS**

**SK Participants at Holy Spirit Mass - Sept. 1, 2022**

Sir Knights from Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly # 2084 participated in the full new uniform turnout as Honor Guards for the celebration of the annual Mass of the Holy Spirit for Christo Rey Jesuit College Preparatory School held at Mount Carmel Church on Thursday, September 1, 2022: Teddy Cuaping, Marshal, Craig Guth, PFN, Ed Klein, Mike Melancon, Marshal, PFN, Bill Prindiville, PFN

***There were a total of 13 SK's representing the First District at the turnout.***

**SK Participants at Annual Blue Mass - Sun Sept 25, 2022**

Sir Knights from Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly participated in the full new uniform turn-out for the Annual Arch-Diocesan Blue Mass celebrated

at Assumption Catholic Church on Sunday, September 25, 2022: Ed Klein, Bill Prindiville, PFN

A total of 15 SK's from the First District attended the event. 2/15 = 13%

**SK Participants at Annual 50th Wedding Anniversary  
Celebration Mass - Sunday, Sept 25, 2022**

Sir Knights from Bishop Wendelin J. Nold Assembly participated in the full new uniform turn-out for the Annual Arch-Diocesan Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary Celebration Mass celebrated at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart by Cardinal Di Nardo on Sunday, September 25, 2022: Jesse Canales, Teddy Cuaping, Marshal, Jose Lara, FN, Bo Naguit, Bill Prindiville, PFN, Rey Tajonera, CDR, Steven Valdez

A total of 14 SK's from the First District attended the event. 7/14 = 50%

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

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 ATTENDANCE AND  
DEDICATION”**

**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..*

*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 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 for 2021-2022**

Faithful Navigator	Jose Lara	Inner Sentinel	Bo Naguit
Faithful Comptroller	Mike Melancon	Outer Sentinel	Ken Shores
Faithful Captain	Joseph Chien	One Year Trustee	Steve Valdez
Faithful Admiral	Craig Guth	Two Year Trustee	Rey Tejonera
Faithful Purser	William Prindiville	Three Year Trustee	Richard Johnson
Faithful Pilot	Jesse Canales	Faithful Friar	Sibi Kunninu
Faithful Scribe	Joseph Guidry	Color Corp Commander	Teddy Cauping



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