



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

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

**Meeting: Monthly-1st-Thursday-7:30pm
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***Meeting March 3rd 2022
Meeting meal: 6:30pm Meeting 7pm
MEAL FOR MARCH Council 9201!!!!
LENT!!LENT!!LENT!!LENT!!
PRAY!!!PRAY!!! FOR PEACE OVERSEAS!!!!!!***

***DUES DUES DUES DUES
Food Drive, remember people are still without
food....please donate to this cause.. canned goods..***

Faithful Navigator

Alfred "Al" Stryk Past Faithful Navigator

Al Stryk Has been a member of the Knights of Columbus since 1965, 56 years and counting. He joined the 4th Degree in 1974 and is still an active member today, The Knights of Columbus has been a very big part of his life, including 30 years of working for the company.

He was born on his grandfather's farm in Muldoon, Texas. On October 23, 1936. He grew up in Moulton, near Praha, on his father's dairy farm. After his college years, Al moved to Houston where he met his lovely wife Marie. They were married on May 2, 1959 and their blessings continued with four children, 3 sons and a daughter.

In 1965, Al accepted the challenge of joining the Knights of Columbus Council 4577 in Houston. He immediately became an active member and hasn't stopped to this day. In 1966, he accepted the position of member Director and then moved on to various elected positions. In 1969, Al became DGK which was followed by Grand Knight of #4577 in 1971. Just one year later he was talked into becoming a Knights of Columbus Insurance Agent representing $\frac{1}{3}$ of the state of Texas. He served as a General Agent for 26 years. After retiring from The KOFC Insurance business in 2003, he was elected Faithful Navigator of Pearland Assembly #2084.

In addition to his work with the Knights, he also gave much of his attention to the Columbian Squires. During his 1971 term as Grand Knight, he reinstated Columbian Squires Circle #1851 in Houston, where all 3 of his sons served as officers. In 1985, he eloped start Pearland Circle #3437, which is still active today. Four of his grandsons also served as officers here. Continuing his time with the Squires, he served as Texas State Squires Co-Chairman in 1990. His 3 sons also served as state officers during their time. Today he still serves as Counselor for Pearland Circle #3437. He continues to be active with the Squires involvement with Clergy Night and promotes this special activity year after year.

Al has always been an active member of St Helens parish in Pearland. He served on

parish council, became one of the 1st lay lectors in 1963 and continued until 2014 (over 50 years), commissioned Extraordinary Minister in 1975 by Bishop Morkovsky and continues to take communion to nursing homes and assisted living homes in Pearland today.

Al and his wife Marie have been happily married 62 years, they have six grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren that enjoy spending time with any chance they get. His favorite hobbies include polka dancing, playing softball and being outdoors. He loves to spend time in his garden growing fresh veggies, working with beautiful flowers and doing any and all lawn work...

We were fortunate to be at the Winter Exemplification in League City where they honored Al and his wife Marie. It was truly an honor to be there. He said some really kind words and he owed all his success to his wife Marie. Please if you see him at a meeting or at church please congratulate him, we should all aim to be just like him with all the time, talent and treasure he shared with many all those years...we need more like you!! THANKS AL!!! WE NEED MORE PEOPLE JUST LIKE YOU!! Taking from the program...



Fr. Sibi



Our sacrifices are little and far from perfect. As Lent approaches, consider what your little sacrifice will be this year. Throughout Lent we are reminded of how incredibly weak we are, but we are also reminded of God's mercy.

Here are three tips to deepen your relationship with God during the 40 days of Lent:

1. **Participate** in the **Sacraments**.
2. **Help** those in need **Around you**
3. **Sacrifice** something that's **Hard for you**.

More Spiritual and Sacrificial practices during Lent:

1. Daily mass
- 2) Daily Rosary
- 3) Confession
- 4) Reading the Bible
- 5) Weekly Adoration
- 6) Donating your time and talent
- 7) Visit the sick or elderly
- 8) Participation in the stations of the Cross
- 9) Praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 10) Go on a Day of Prayer
- 11) Fast and Abstain from food and vice activities
- 12) Spent more time with God and Family.

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 pray for peace between Russia and Ukraine!!

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 new variant!!END TO
ABORTION!!!END TO PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS!!***

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..

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ASSEMBLY DUES 2022

*We strive to send all bills electronically to save on postage, but if you don't have email, 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 Jose Lara.** 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. Dues can be paid at your next Assembly meeting by cash, check or credit card. You may also visit www.assembly2084.com and go to membership dues or you can scan the QR code and it will take you directly to the Paypal screen.



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.

Pay online starting DEC 15th

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:

June 11th will be the next 4th Degree Exemplification:
Details to follow....

2022 Houston St. Patrick's Day Parade:

Details still unsure info to follow, has not been announced as of yet..

Confirmation Mass at St. Helen

Date: March 30th (Wednesday)

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Celebrant: Cardinal DiNardo DETAILS TO FOLLOW

UPCOMING EVENTS AND TURNOUTS

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" 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

<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

Monthly Dinner 2021-2022

April 8494, May 4577, June 8960

PAST TURN OUTS

SK Participants at #8960 Corporate Communion - Feb. 27, 2022 Council 8960's Corporate Communion celebrated at St. Helen's Catholic Church on Sunday, February 27th, 2022: David Armstrong Joseph Chien, Teddy Cuaping, Marshal, Jimmy De Los Santos, Craig Guth, PFN, Gringo Mamitag, Jose Marquina, Mike Melancon, Marshal, PFN, Bo Naguit, Ken Oradiegwu, Master, PFN, Bill Prindiville, PFN David Provenzano, Rey Tajonera, CDR, Tony Zucha

SK Participants at Presenting of Colors at The Fourth Degree Exemplification Banquet - Feb. 26, 2022 2084 participated in the Full New Uniform Turn-Out for the Presentation of Colors at the Banquet for the Fourth Degree Exemplification held at St. Mary of the Expectation Catholic Church in League City on Saturday, February 26th, 2022: Teddy Cuaping, Marshal, Jose Lara, FN, Mike Melancon, Marshal, PFN, Bo Naguit, Ken Oradiegwu, Master, PFN, Bill Prindiville, PFN, Gilbert Ramos, Rey Tajonera, CDR

SK Participants at Fourth Degree Exemplification - Feb. 26, 2022;2084 participated in the Full New Uniform Turn-Out for the Fourth Degree Exemplification Ceremony and Mass held at St. Mary of the Expectation Catholic Church in League City on Saturday, February 26th, 2022: Teddy Cuaping, Marshal, Craig Guth, PFN, Jose Lara, FN, Mike Melancon, Marshal, PFN, Bo Naguit, Ken Oradiegwu, Master, PFN, Bill Prindiville, PFN, Gilbert Ramos, Rey Tajonera, CDR

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	Marlon Hulin
Faithful Admiral	Craig Guth	Two Year Trustee	Steve Valdez
Faithful Purser	William Prindiville	Three Year Trustee	Rey Tajonera
Faithful Pilot	Jesse Canales		
Faithful Scribe	Joseph Guidry		



Knights of Columbus

**FOURTH
DEGREE**

Patriotic degree of the Order.

NEXT MEETING APRIL 7th 2022