



THE PATRIOT

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NEXT MEETINGS: September 5, 2019
October 3, 2019

Please make note of the date of the Next Exemplification is **October 5, 2019**

August is now behind us. We had a dedicated Sir Knight, John Swartz, called home to his heavenly reward this past month. John held the position of Trustee. We will have nominations for a Trustee position at the September meeting. Voting will take place at the October meeting. Please keep John and his family in your prayers. The Assembly had five turnout opportunities in August. Our Assembly has 289 Sir Knights and always are 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

The Assembly are selling baseball caps, they are black with our Assembly Emblem on them. They are \$10.

2019 FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

The next Exemplification will be held on Saturday, October 5, 2019. The exemplification will held at St. Theresa Catholic Church in Sugarland, Texas. The address is 705 St. Theresa Blvd., Sugarland, TX 77498.

Please promote this within your respective councils so that our Assembly will have a great representation.

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/>

Members Full Name, Member Number, Assembly Number, Council Number, Parish Name. Date of Safe Haven Certification, Expiration Date of Safe Haven Certification.

Please see the attached memo for further information. This is not a request, it is now a requirement for ALL KNIGHTS that work in your/any parish in ANY activity

FAITHFUL FRIAR'S MESSAGE

The story of La Salette

On Saturday, September 19, 1846, a "Beautiful Lady" appeared to two children from the town of Corps near the city of Grenoble in the French Alps. Their names were Maximin Giraud, eleven years old, and Melanie Calvat, almost fifteen. They were watching their herds on the slope of Mont Plane au (alt. 6,000 feet), not far from the village of La Salette.

In a little hollow, they suddenly noticed a globe of fire - "as though the sun had fallen on that spot." Within the dazzling light they gradually perceived a woman seated on a stone, her elbows resting on her knees and her face buried in her hands.

The Beautiful Lady rose and said to the children, in French:

*Come near, my children; do not be afraid.
I am here to tell you great news.*

She took a few steps towards them. Maximin and Melanie, reassured, ran down and stood very close to her.

The Beautiful Lady wept all the time she spoke. She was tall, and everything about her radiated light. She wore the typical garb of the women of the area: a long dress, an apron around her waist, a shawl crossed over her breast and tied behind her back, and a close-fitting bonnet.

Along the hem of her shawl she wore a broad, flat chain, and from a smaller chain around her neck there hung a large crucifix. Beneath the arms of the cross there were, to the left of the figure of Christ, a hammer, and, to the right, pincers. The radiance of the entire apparition

seemed to emanate from this crucifix. Light also shone like a brilliant crown upon the Beautiful Lady's head. She wore garlands of roses on her head, around the edge of her shawl, and around her feet.

The Beautiful Lady spoke to the two shepherds in these words:

*If my people refuse to submit,
I will be forced to let go the arm of my Son. It is so strong and so heavy,
I can no longer hold it back.
How long a time I have suffered for you! If I want my Son not to abandon you,
I am obliged to plead with him constantly. And as for you, you pay no heed! However much
you pray,
however much you do, you will never be able to recompense the pains I have taken for you.*

*I gave you six days to work;
I kept the seventh for myself,
and no one will give it to me.
This is what makes the arm of my Son so heavy.
And then, those who drive the carts cannot swear
without using my Son's name.
These are the two things that make the arm of my Son so heavy.*

*If the harvest is ruined it is only on account of yourselves.
I warned you last year with the potatoes. You paid no heed.
Instead, when you found the potatoes spoiled,
you swore, and used my Son's name. They are going to continue to spoil, and by Christmas
this year
there will be none left.*

*Melanie was intrigued by the expression, pommes de terre.
In the local dialect, potatoes were called [as truffas. She looked inquiringly at
Maximin, but the Beautiful Lady anticipated her question:*

*Don't you understand, my children?
Let me find another way to say it.
Using the local dialect, she repeated what she had
said about the harvest, and then went on:
If you have wheat, you must not sow it. Anything you sow the vermin will eat, and whatever
does grow
will fall into dust when you thresh it.
A great famine is coming.
Before the famine comes,
children under seven
will be seized with trembling and die
in the arms of those who hold them.
The rest will do penance through the famine.
The walnuts will become worm-eaten; the grapes will rot.*

*At this point the Beautiful Lady confided a secret to Maximin, and then to Melanie. Then she
went on:*

If they are converted, rocks and stones will turn into heaps of wheat, and potatoes will be self-

sown in the fields.

Do you say your prayers well, my children?

"Hardly ever, Madam," the two shepherds answered candidly.

Ah, my children, you should say them well, at night and in the morning, even if you say only an Our Father and a Hail Mary when you can't do better. When you can do better, say more.

*In the summer, only a few elderly women go to Mass.
The rest work on Sunday all summer long.
In the winter, when they don't know what to do, they go to Mass just to make fun of religion.
In Lent they go to the butcher shops like dogs.
Have you never seen wheat gone bad, my children?*

They answered, "No, Madam." The Beautiful Lady then spoke to Maximin:

*But you, my child, surely you must have seen some once, at the field of Coin, with your father.
The owner of the field told your father. to go and see his spoiled wheat.
And then you went, and you took two or three ears of wheat in your hands,
you rubbed them together, and it all crumbled into dust.*

*While you were on your way back and were no more than a half hour away from the town of Corps,
your father gave you a piece of bread and said to you: "Here, my child, eat some bread while we still have it this year;*

I don't know who will eat any next year if the wheat keeps up like that. "

"Oh, yes," answered Maximin, "now I remember. Just then, I didn't remember it."

The Beautiful Lady then concluded, not in dialect but in French:

Well, my children, you will make this known to all my people.

Then, she moved forward, stepped over a stream, and without turning back she gave the injunction:

Very well, my children, make this known to all my people.

She climbed the steep path out of the hollow and rose into the air as the children caught up to her. She looked up at the sky, then down to the earth. Facing southeast, "she melted into light." The light itself then disappeared.

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Brother Roger Clement

BERET PATCHES FOR THE NEW UNIFORM

All beret patches are to be ordered at: 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

2019 ANNUAL DUES:

Dues for 2018 Fraternal Year are now PAST DUE. If you did not receive a dues request for this year, please contact the Faithful Comptroller, Mike Melancon to make sure that we have the correct mailing information. If you have paid, but have not received your blue membership travel card, please contact either FC Mike Melancon or FN Craig Guth. 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. If there is a financial hardship contact either FC Mike Melancon or FM 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.

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

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.

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

PAST TURN OUTS

We had five turnout opportunities this past month, thanks to all who took the time and effort to attend and support our member parishes.

The following Sir Knights attended these past turnouts:

2nd Annual Archdiocesan African Cultural Festival Mass, August 11, 2019

Joseph Chien, Teddy Cuaping, Marshall, Jimmy De Los Santos, Mike Meloncon, PFN, Bo Naguit, Ken Oradiegwu, FM, PFN

SK John Swartz Visitation & Rosary, Tuesday August 13, 2019

Joseph Chien, Teddy Cuaping, Marshall, Jose Marquina, Bo Naguit, Richard Valdez

SK John Swartz, Funeral Mass, Wednesday 14. 2019

Joseph Chien, Craig Guth FN, Steven Valdez

Council 8960 St Helen's, Corporate Communion, Sunday, August 18, 2019

David Armstrong, Joseph Chien, Teddy Cuaping, Marshall, Jimmy De Los Santos, Joe Guidry, Craig Guth, FN, Jose Lara, Mike Meloncon, PFN, Bo Naguit, Ken Oradiegwu, FM, PFN, Rey Tajonera, Asst. CDR, Richard Valdez, Steven Valdez

Cristo Rey Mass of the Holy Spirit, Wednesday, August 28, 2019

Joseph Chien, Mike Meloncon, PFN, Ken Oradiegwu, FM, PFN

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”

COMMUNICATION AND CONTACT UPDATES

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 3, 2019 – 4577	July 4, 2019 – 8494–Friendswood July 4 th Parade
February 7, 2019 – 8960	August 1, 2019 – 8960
March 7, 2019 – 8494 – Ladies Night/Social Meeting	September 5, 2019- 9201
April 4, 2019 – 6403 HWY 6- 129 CR.146,, Alvin	October 3, 2019 – 6403- Ladies Night/Social Meeting
May 2, 2019 –4577 6320 Madden Ln, Houston, TX	November 2019– Memorial Mass – Catered Meal
June 6, 2019- 9201 – Election of Officers	December 1, 2019- Christmas Party- Pot Luck

ASSEMBLY #2084 - OFFICERS for 2019/2020

Faithful Navigator – Craig Guth
 Faithful Comptroller – Mike Melancon
 Faithful Friar – Bro. Roger Clement
 Faithful Captain – Gilbert Ramos
 Faithful Admiral – Bill Prindiville
 Faithful Purser - Jose Lara
 Faithful Pilot – Glenn Williams
 Faithful Scribe – Joseph Guidry

Inner Sentinel - Rey Tajonera
 Outer Sentinel - Joe Prevost
 One Year Trustee - John Swartz
 Two Year Trustee - Marlon Hulin
 Three Year Trustee - Sam De Los Santos
 Commander – Teddy Cuaping
 Asst. Commander Rey Tajonera

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