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A message from the Faithful Navigator on our mission, our purpose, and our commitment to serving God, our Church, and our Country.	Stay informed with the latest news, upcoming events, assembly activities, and important announcements.	Honoring our duty to God and Country through prayer, ceremony, and works that make a difference.	Mark your calendar for meetings, programs, and events that strengthen our brotherhood and support our mission.

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“It is more blessed to give than to receive.”
— ACTS 20:35

September 2026 Assembly 2322 Newsletter

My Brother Sir Knight Ralph,

As we enter September, I want to begin by thanking everyone who helped make August a strong month for our Assembly. Whether you participated in an Honor Guard, attended our meeting, supported our parishes, or simply remained faithful in prayer and fraternity, your involvement continues to make a difference.

A special thank you to everyone who attended our "An Hour with a Hero" program featuring Major General Hunt Downer (Ret.). General Downer gave us a unique opportunity to hear from a man who has spent much of his life in service to our state and nation. Programs like this remind us that patriotism is more than a word in the Fourth Degree—it is a commitment to service, sacrifice, and gratitude for those who have served before us.

September Honor Guard – Shrimp & Petroleum Festival Mass

Our next opportunity to publicly represent the Fourth Degree will be the Morgan City Shrimp & Petroleum Festival Mass on Sunday, September 6. Mass begins at 8:30 a.m., and Sir Knights participating in the Honor Guard are asked to arrive dressed out by 8:00 a.m. at Lawrence Park, located at the corner of Everett and 3rd Streets in Morgan City. In the event of rain, Mass will be moved to Holy Cross Catholic Church, 2100 Cedar Street, Morgan City, with the Mass time remaining at 8:30 a.m. I strongly encourage our Sir Knights who are able to dress out and participate. Our Honor Guard is one of the most visible expressions of the Knights of Columbus. When people see the Fourth Degree standing together at Mass, they see Catholic men who are willing to publicly demonstrate their faith and their support for the Church.

Created for More – Catholic Men Living Their Faith

That same public witness of faith is at the heart of the upcoming St. Bernadette Men's Conference on Saturday, October 3. The theme of this year's conference is "Created for More," based on the teaching of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraph 27: the desire for God is written into the human heart because we were created by God and for God. I believe this conference speaks directly to who we are supposed to be as Knights. We cannot limit our Catholic identity to wearing a uniform, attending a meeting, or serving at an event. Those things are important, but they must come from something deeper—a man who is actively seeking Christ and trying to become a better Catholic husband, father, grandfather, friend, and servant. The conference gives us a day to step away from everything competing for our attention and ask some important questions: What am I really living for? What kind of Catholic man am I becoming? And what is God asking of me now?

I encourage every Sir Knight to attend, but I would ask you to do something more: bring another man with you. Invite a brother Knight, a son, a friend, a neighbor, or someone you have not seen at church in a while. Sometimes all it takes is a personal invitation to help another man take a step back toward his faith. Our Fourth Degree calls us to patriotism, but our patriotism is grounded first in our Catholic faith. The stronger we become as Catholic men, the stronger we become as Knights, husbands, fathers, citizens, and leaders in our communities.

As we move into the fall, I ask each of you to consider where you can become more involved. Dress out for an Honor Guard. Attend our meetings. Support our priests. Invite another man into

the Knights. Attend the Men's Conference. Most importantly, continue growing in your own relationship with Christ. Thank you for everything you do for our Assembly, our parishes, our priests, our community, and one another. May God bless you and your families, and may He continue to guide the work of our Assembly.

Vivat Jesus!

Sir Knight Craig Portier - Faithful Navigator

Father A. Vandebilt Assembly 2322

1	SEP, TUE	6:30 – 8pm	Officers Meeting
8	SEP, TUE	6:30 – 9pm	KC Council 7355 Monthly Meeting Bishop Latino Hall 501 Kenney St. Houma, LA 70360
12	SEP, SAT	1 – 2pm	Council/Assembly Public Rosary To Be Determined
15	SEP, TUE	6:30 – 8pm	Father Vandebilt Assembly Monthly Meeting Bishop Latino Hall 501 Kenney St. Houma, LA 70360
22	SEP, TUE	6:30 – 8:30pm	3rd Degree Exemplification Bishop Latino Hall 501 Kenney St. Houma, LA 70360
29	SEP, TUE	6:30 – 8pm	COR Formation Bishop Latino Hall 501 Kenney St. Houma, LA 70360

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The officers and members of Father Vanderbilt Assembly 2322 extend our sincere gratitude to Sir Knight George Swindel for his years of faithful service. His commitment, generosity, and willingness to serve have helped strengthen our Assembly and advance the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. George is our 2025 - 2026 Sir Knight of the Year.

We are pleased to congratulate Craig and Susan Portier on being named the Assembly 2322 Family of the Year for 2025 - 2026, a well-deserved recognition.



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