



Knights of Columbus  
**FOURTH DEGREE**  
*Patriotic degree of the Order.*

**Father August W. Vandebilt Assembly 2322**

St. Bernadette Soubirous Catholic Church 409 Funderburk Ave. Houma, LA 70364

## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER December 2025

### FAITHFUL NAVIGATORS MESSAGE

Brother Sir Knights,

As we enter this holy season of Advent and prepare our hearts to welcome the Christ Child, I want to extend to you and your families my warmest wishes for a blessed and joy-filled Merry Christmas. May this season bring you peace, hope, and renewed strength as we continue our mission of faith, patriotism, and fraternity.

I also want to share some exciting news about a new initiative we are launching—"An Hour with a Hero." Beginning this month, select Assembly meetings will feature a special moment in which we welcome a local veteran to join us, share a bit of their story, and allow us the honor of recognizing their service to our nation.

Our very first Hour with a Hero will take place at our next meeting on December 16. We will host a veteran who will speak briefly about their experiences, followed by an opportunity for our Assembly to offer our gratitude and present a small token of appreciation.

This new program is a meaningful way for us to live out the patriotic principle of the Fourth Degree and to shine a light on the men and women who have sacrificed so much for our freedom. I truly hope you will join us and help make this inaugural event a powerful and memorable one.

Thank you for your continued dedication to our Assembly and to the mission of the Knights of Columbus. May the Lord bless you abundantly this Christmas and guide us faithfully into the new year.

Mark K Bascle

Faithful Navigator #2322

Vivat Jesus!



FN Mark Bascle



### HONOR GUARDS

One of the most important functions of the Fourth Degree is providing Guards of Honor at Mass, wakes, funerals, dedications and many other civic or patriotic functions. In full Uniform, the Knights of Columbus are always recognized in any public appearance. These Sir Knights add dignity and a pride of church and country to any event. By these public demonstrations, their loyalties bring credit to themselves and to the Knights of Columbus. Dress out requests should be made through the Faithful Navigator, Mark Bascle at 985-772-1444.

God is Good...All the Time and All the Time...God is Good!

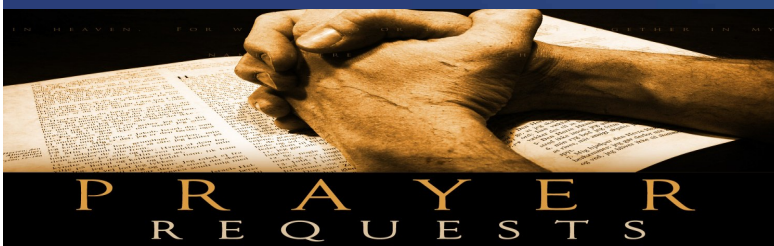


# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



## December 2025

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| 2  | DEC, TUE | 6 – 8:30pm            | Council 7355/Catholic Daughters Social Herbert Hall, 409 Funderburk Ave, Houma, LA 70364, USA   |
| 9  | DEC, TUE | 6:30 – 9pm            | KC Council 7355 Monthly Meeting Bishop Latino Hall 501 Kenney St. Houma, LA 70360   |
| 13 | DEC, SAT | 1 – 2pm<br>5 – 7pm    | Council/Assembly Public Rosary Page Insurance Agency, 5911 W Main St, Houma, LA 70360, USA<br>St. Bernadette Children's Christmas Party |
| 16 | DEC, TUE | 5:30 – 7pm<br>7 – 8pm | Father Vandebilt Assembly Monthly Meeting Bishop Latino Hall 501 Kenney St. Houma, LA 70360<br>St. Bernadette Advent Mission            |
| 25 | DEC, THU | 12 – 1:30am           | Midnight Mass Honor Guard   |
| 30 | DEC, TUE | 6:30 – 8:30pm         | KC Cor  |



**Visit the Council 7355 Website to submit a prayer request for those person who are sick or in need of assistance.**



Our next Father Vandebilt Assembly/Council 7355 Public Rosary will be held December 13th, 2025 at 1:00 PM at Page Insurance on West Main.



## AN HOUR WITH A HERO



**Tuesday January 16, 2025 at 5:30 PM**

**Bishop Latino Hall**

**Father Vandebilt Assembly 2322**

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# Assembly 2322 In Action

## 4th Degree Honor Guards in November



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## THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### Who are the Knights of Columbus?

The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic family fraternal service organization with 1.7 million members. It provides members and their families with volunteer opportunities in service to the Catholic Church, their communities, families and young people.

### What are the benefits in becoming a brother of the Knights of Columbus?

As a member of the Knights of Columbus you and your family enjoy many benefits, including 12 free issues annually of the Columbia magazine, the world's largest Catholic family magazine, eligibility to join the Knights of Columbus top-ranked life insurance program, and many more family and personal benefits.

### How do I become a brother of the Knights of Columbus?

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to practicing Catholic men in union with the Holy See, who are at least 18 years old. A practicing Catholic is one who lives up to the Commandments of God and the precepts of the Church. Application blanks are available from any member of the Knights of Columbus.



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If you have anything you would like to submit to the newsletter email it to Sir Knight  
Ralph Mitchell

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**Faithful Admiral - George Swindel**

**Faithful Captain - Craig Portier**

**Faithful Pilot—Ralph Mitchell**

**Faithful Comptroller - Maurice Evans**

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**Faithful Purser - Gerard Vedros**

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**Faithful Outer Sentinel - Andy Dufrene**

**Faithful Trustee - Al Hargis**

**Faithful Trustee - Mark Duplantis**

**Faithful Trustee - Stephen Boudreaux**

*The primary purpose of the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus is to inculcate a love of country and impress the duties of citizenship. Its motto is Patriotism -- a patriotism enlightened and informed by religion.*

# Assembly 2322 Charter Members

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**Please remember in your prayers those who are ill or in need of prayer.**