



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 March 2026

FAITHFUL NAVIGATORS MESSAGE

Brother Sir Knights,

On behalf of the Assembly, I want to extend heartfelt congratulations to Sophie Henry, winner of both our Assembly Patriotic Essay Contest and the Diocesan level competition. Sophie, your words reflected a deep love of country, faith, and the principles we as Fourth Degree Knights are called to uphold — Patriotism grounded in God. We are proud of you and grateful for the example you set. See page 3 for pictures.

I also want to sincerely thank all of our Sir Knights who attended the recent dress-outs. Your presence and commitment to visible service matter. When we stand together in regalia, we are not just participating in ceremony — we are witnessing to the dignity of the Church and the love of country that defines our Order.

Please mark your calendars for two important upcoming events. Hour with a Hero – April 21st. This program gives us the opportunity to mentor and inspire young people by sharing stories of faith, service, and patriotism. Your participation makes a lasting impact.

Fourth Degree Exemplification – May at St. Bernadette. Let's show strong Assembly support as new Sir Knights take their place in the Patriotic Degree. Details will follow, but begin inviting qualified Third Degree Knights now.

Thank you for your continued dedication, your brotherhood, and your witness.

Mark K Bascle

Faithful Navigator #2322

Vivat Jesus!



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



March 2026

3	MAR, TUE	6:30 – 8pm	COR Formation Bishop Latino Hall 501 Kenney St. Houma, LA 70360
6	MAR, FRI	1 – 8pm	Lenten Meal Herbert Hall - St Bernadette
10	MAR, TUE	6:30 – 9pm	KC Council 7355 Monthly Meeting Bishop Latino Hall 501 Kenney St. Houma, LA 70360
13	MAR, FRI	1 – 8pm	Lenten Meal Herbert Hall - St Bernadette
14	MAR, SAT	1 – 2pm	Council/Assembly Public Rosary 789 Grand Calliou Rd, Houma
17	MAR, TUE	6:30 – 8pm	Father Vandebilt Assembly Monthly Meeting Bishop Latino Hall 501 Kenney St. Houma, LA 70360
20	MAR, FRI	1 – 8pm	Lenten Meal Herbert Hall - St Bernadette
24	MAR, TUE	6:30 – 8:30pm	3rd Degree Exemplification Bishop Latino Hall 501 Kenney St. Houma, LA 70360
27	MAR, FRI	1 – 8pm	Lenten Meal Herbert Hall - St Bernadette
29	MAR, SUN	11am – 12pm	KC Easter Egg Hunt




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

**P R A Y E R
R E Q U E S T S**




**Our next Father Vandebilt Assembly/
Council 7355 Public Rosary will be held
March 14th, 2025 at 1:00 PM at 789 Grand
Calliou Rd. in Houma.**




April 21, 2026

AN HOUR WITH A HERO



AN HOUR WITH A HERO PROGRAM

Father Vandebilt Assembly 2322



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Assembly 2322 In Action

St. Bernadette School Mass - Presentation of Patriotic Essay Award



Congratulations to Sophie Henry of St. Bernadette Catholic School, winner of the Assembly 2322 and the Houma/Thibodaux Diocese Patriotic Essay Award.



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Lenten Meals

— FRIDAYS DURING LENT —

Hosted by St. Bernadette Knights of Columbus Council 7355

Beginning Friday, February 20

Six Consecutive Fridays During Lent

Fridays • 5:00—7:00 PM

Dine In or Take Out

\$15 per meal

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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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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.

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