



# 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 2024

### FAITHFUL NAVIGATORS MESSAGE

Fellow Sir Knights,

Merry Christmas!

As we get to the month of December, everyone should be aware of the reason for the season. In today's society, we have many things coming at us quite quickly from all directions. We all know that Christmas is a celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ's our Lords only son.

We need to remember to not be distracted from that purpose. Everything is commercialized to spend money on gifts and celebrations, sometimes, not with Jesus Christ in mind. I implore everyone to stay focused on the celebration of Jesus' birth. Let's Keep Christ in Christmas!

That being said, I want to take time and wish each and every one of you a very Blessed Holiday season. Merry Christmas and a Happy new year!

Mark K Bascle

Faithful Navigator #2322

Vivat Jesus!

Right: The Father Vandebilt 4th Degree Assembly 2322 was recognized as a FY 23-24 STAR Assembly. Shown accepting the award is St. Bernadette Pastor Father Andre Melancon and Assembly 2322 Faithful Navigator Mark Bascle. Presenting the award was District Master George Martin and former District Master Kell Luke.



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 985-772-1268.

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



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



December 2024

- 1st First Sunday of Advent
- 3rd Council 7355 Officers Meeting - 6:30 PM in the Father O'Brien Center
- 7th St. Bernadette Knights/Catholic Daughters Christmas Social - 6:00 PM in Herbert Hall
- 9th Immaculate Conception - Holy Day of Obligation
- 10th Council 7355 /Assembly 2322 Monthly Meeting - 7:00 PM - Father O'Brien Center - Rosary 6:30 PM
- 14th St. Bernadette Church Family Christmas - Starts with 4PM Mass - Party in Herbert Hall at 5:15 PM
- 17th St. Bernadette Advent Mission - 6:45 PM in Church
- 21st Food Basket Distribution - To be determined
- 25th Merry Christmas



UPCOMING RETREATS

**January 30 -  
February 2, 2025**

**MEN'S**

VISIT [JPIIacts.com](http://JPIIacts.com) FOR MORE INFO  
AND REGISTRATION DETAILS

**REGISTRATIONS  
NOW OPEN**

Vandebilt Assembly Logo items are available from a local vendor. You can purchase the shirt or item from them or bring a item you already have. Please contact FN Mark Bascle for more info.



## Pray the Rosary!!



Left: Members of the Houma Thibodaux Diocese Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus Honor Guard escorted the Silver Rose and participated in the Rosary and Mass. Pictured with the Honor Guard is Rev. Andre Melancon, Pastor of St. Bernadette Soubirous Catholic Church in Houma.

Keep up with all the upcoming Fourth Degree Honors Guards and Assembly News at:

<https://stbernadettekofccouncil7355.com/vandebilt-assembly-2322>



## 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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Ralph Mitchell

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# Assembly 2322 Officers

**Faithful Navigator - Mark Bascle**

**Faithful Friar - Fr. Andre Melancon**

**Faithful Admiral - George Swindel**

**Faithful Captain - Craig Portier**

**Faithful Pilot—Ralph Mitchell**

**Faithful Comptroller - Maurice Evans**

**Faithful Scribe - Richard Daigle**

**Faithful Purser - Gerard Vedros**

**Faithful Inner Sentinel - Andrew Vedros**

**Faithful Outer Sentinel - Andy Dufrene**

**Faithful 3 year Trustee - Al Hargis**

**Faithful 2 year Trustee - Mark Duplantis**

**Faithful 1 year 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.**