



# 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 July 2025

### FAITHFUL NAVIGATORS MESSAGE

Brother Sir Knights,

June 30 marks the close of the Columbian Year for the Knights of Columbus, and July 1 begins a new one. Before we go any further, I want to sincerely thank you for allowing me the honor of serving as your leader during the 2023–2024 year—a year in which we were recognized as a Star Assembly, as well as Assembly of the Year for both the State and the Bienville Province.

This assembly has accomplished so much in the short time since we began working to revitalize it. When we first reformed, I told the committee we would give it two years to turn things around—or we would shut it down and return to A.J. Caillouet. Well, I think it's safe to say: we're here to stay. With the strong leadership we now have in place, the future looks bright.

We have just completed the 2024–2025 Columbian Year, and I'm proud to announce that we have once again achieved all the qualifications for Star Assembly. That is nothing short of remarkable and a testament to your exceptional commitment and dedication.

Today, Father Vanderbilt is not just a name on the national roster—he is recognized as a true leader in the Patriotic Order. I am excited about the year ahead and once again grateful for the opportunity to lead this outstanding Assembly.

Thank you all for your tireless efforts and hard work. As always, if there is anything you need, please don't hesitate to reach out. I am here to serve you.

Let's make this another great year, Sir Knights!

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



## July 2025

- 1st Council 7355 Officers Meeting - 6:30 PM - Bishop Latino Hall
- 4th Happy 249th Birthday to the United States of America!
- 8th Council 7355 Monthly Meeting - 6:30 PM - Bishop Latino Hall
- 12th Public Rosary - 1:00 PM - Veterans Park LA 311 Houma
- 15th Father Vandebilt Assembly 2322 Monthly Meeting - 6:30 PM - Bishop Latino Hall
- 22nd Third Degree CUF Exemplification - 6:30 PM - Bishop Latino Hall
- 29th COR Men's Formation Event - 6:30 PM - Bishop Latino Hall

## August 2025

- 16th 7th Annual Trivia Night - 5:00 PM - Herbert Hall



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

PRAYER  
REQUESTS



Left: Congratulations to Houma's own Bobby Charpentier who was installed as State Deputy for the Louisiana Knights of Columbus. The Louisiana State Council Officers were installed after Mass at St Bernadette in Houma on Saturday June 28. Assembly 2322 4th Degree Honor Guard Members participated in the ceremony.

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

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



# Assembly 2322 In Action

St. B K of C presents

## Our 7th Annual Trivia Night!

16th August : 5pm - 10pm  
409 Funderburk Ave, Houma  
behind Church in Herbert Hall



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.



### Trivia, 50/50, Mini-Games, Door Prizes

Entrees, Concessions, Drinks, Team Costume Contest, BYOB

Free Entry | Family Event | Games  
\$25 per Player, Teams up to Six Members

Please RSVP:  
985-637-4726



### Our next Father Vandebilt Assembly/

Council 7355 Public Rosary will be held July 12th, 2025 at 1:00 PM at the Veterans Memorial Park on LA 311 in Houma.



Assembly 2322 4th Degree Honor Guard Members participated in the Blessing/Dedication of Bishop Latino Hall and the newly remodeled Bernadette House on June 8th, 2025.

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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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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 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.**