



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 April 2024

## FAITHFUL NAVIGATORS MESSAGE

Fellow Knights,

With April we enter into the Easter Season as we just had Easter Sunday on March 31. I pray that you all had a blessed and safe Easter and are now renewed in Spirit after the Lenten season.

With April, we will see many things coming together as the Columbian year starts to near its end. Our Assembly has met every requirement necessary to win Star Assembly and has added 7 new uniforms to our order over the last 9 months, for a total of 12 for the Assembly. There is no excuse for us not to make Star Assembly this his year. I will be nominating our Assembly for Assembly of the year as I believe we have taken great steps forward to securing the viability of FR Vanderbilt Assembly.



FN Mark Bascle

This month, on the Second Saturday of the month, the 4h degree will hold its Biennial meeting in Lafayette and the 4th degree delegates will be voting to nominate 3 Sir Knights to Supreme to replace Master Kell Luke. Master Luke has reached his lifetime term limit as Master. There are 4 candidates applying to hold the next appointment. This office is appointed by the Supreme Master, the delegates vote on what 3 names to submit and the top vote getter will be selected the nominee to be recommended for the position by the District of Louisiana. Again, the District Master and Vice Supreme Master can make a recommendation but the final decision comes from the Supreme Master. He can take their nomination, he can choose someone else from the three or he can throw out all three names and make the District put up three new names, it is all at his discretion. The 4 candidates are Worthy Past State Deputy George Martin, from Baton Rouge Diocese, Worthy District Marshall Ron Dupris, Shreveport Diocese, Worthy Past District Marshal Mark Fanguy, Lake Charles Dioceses and myself. I am sure that no matter who is recommended and eventually selected the District of Louisiana will be in good hands for the next two years beginning September 1.

Thank you all for the efforts put into the Assembly this year. I am sure we will close out this year on a high note and we will hit the ground running for the next Columbian year as we host the 4th Degree Exemplification on August 10th at St Bernadette Church. It will be Master Luke's final Degree Exemplification and we want to send him out on a good note. It is also FR Andre's Birthday and we will dedicate this Degree to our late Bishop Mario Dorsonville. I hope to see you all there. Have a blessed month!

Vivat Jesus!

Mark K Bascle

Faithful Navigator #2322



### 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.



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



April 2024

- 6th Relay for Life - Houma Civic Center - 3PM
- 9th Council 7355 Monthly Meeting - 7:00 PM in the Father O'Brien Center - Rosary 6:30 PM
- 16th Assembly 2322 Monthly Meeting - 7:00 PM in the Father O'Brien Center
- 23rd 3rd Degree Exemplification Ceremony - 7:00 PM in the Father O'Brien Center

May 2024

- 14th Council 7355 Monthly Meeting - 7:00 PM in the Father O'Brien Center - Rosary 6:30 PM
- 21st Assembly 2322 Monthly Meeting - 7:00 PM in the Father O'Brien Center
- 27th Memorial Day
- 28th 3rd Degree Exemplification Ceremony - 7:00 PM in the Father O'Brien Center

**Pray the Rosary!!**

Statewide 4th Degree Exemplification - The Knights of Columbus Exemplification of members into the 4th Degree will be held in Alexandria, La on May 18th and at St. Bernadette in Houma, LA on August 10th. Contact the Faithful Navigator Mark Bascle at 985-772-1268 for more info.



**Get your Official Regalia of the 4th Degree - Uniform Package**

Blue Blazer with 4th Degree Crest and Emblem of the Order Buttons, 4th Degree Gray Trousers, Hand Embroidered Necktie, 4th Degree Black Beret with 4th Degree Badge, Service Baldric, Sword, and Gloves.

Available at:

<https://www.kofcuniform.com/home/>

or by calling:

833.562.4327



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.

Keep up with all your 4th Degree Vandebilt Assembly 2322 news at:

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





## LAWS AND RULES OF THE ORDER GOVERNING THE FOURTH DEGREE DRESS UNIFORM

### Section 38. Official Dress Uniform.

The official dress for the Fourth Degree shall be:

- Navy Blue Blazer with Fourth Degree Emblem Blazer Crest
  - Knights of Columbus Emblem of the Order buttons
  - Official Fourth Degree Gray trousers (no cuffs)
  - Official Fourth Degree Necktie
  - Official Fourth Degree Black Beret with Fourth Degree metal badge over appropriate colored patch of the office, as described in Section 38(c)
  - Plain White Dress Shirt – Button cuff (no French cuffs – no button down collar shirts)
  - Black Socks and Plain Black Shoes
  - Official Fourth Degree Lapel Pin (#PG-113)
  - Incumbent Medal of Office
  - Past and Former Miniature Medals above left pocket
- A member serving in the armed forces of his country, full time police and firefighters shall be considered in proper attire when dressed in a Class A or dress uniform.

The colored patches to be used are as follows:

- District Master – Gold Patch on his beret. (Pantone # 13-0941 TC.) 
- Faithful Navigator – White Patch on his beret. (Pantone # 11-0601 TC.) 
- District Marshal – Green Patch on his beret. (Pantone # 18-5315 TC.) 
- Assembly Color Corps Commander – Purple Patch on his beret. (Pantone # 19-3542 TC.) 

The colors worn by the Supreme Master, Vice Supreme Masters, Masters and Faithful Navigators may continue to be worn by such officers following their completion of service in that office, for life. This does not apply to Assembly Color Corps Commanders and District Marshals when they complete a term.

### Official Dress Uniform- Section 39

For a candidate: black or dark (blue or grey) business suit with black shoes, plain white dress shirt as described above, necktie, and candidate identification.

For a candidate serving in the armed forces of his country, full time police and firefighters: a Class A or dress uniform.

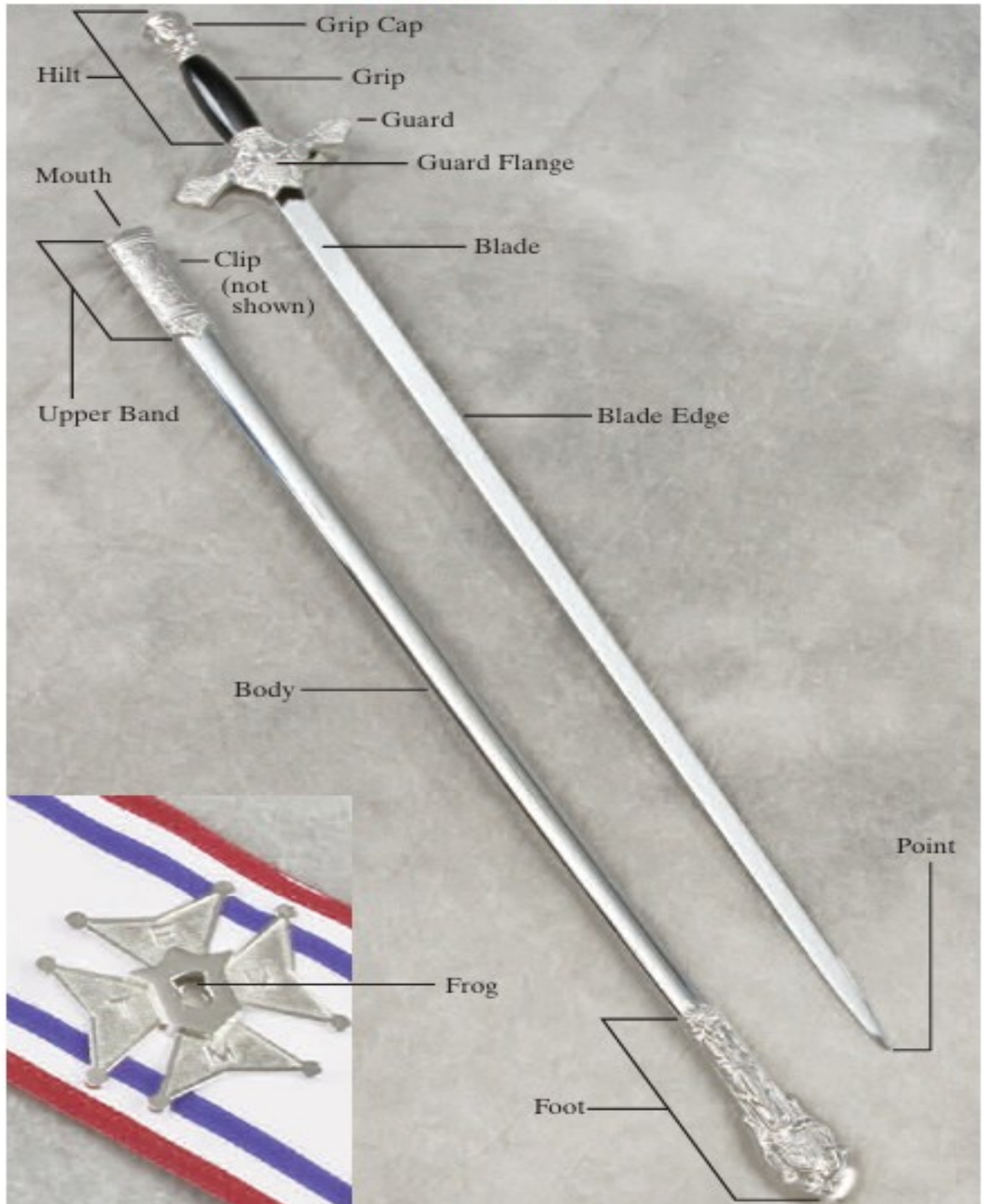
The social baldric, presented at the exemplification. should only be worn at functions when the Fourth Degree member is dressed in a business suit or tuxedo. The social baldric is not worn with the official dress uniform.

For honor guard: official dress uniform as set forth in section 38.

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



## **SWORD, SCABBARD AND SERVICE BALDRIC – PICTORIAL VIEW**



## 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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# Assembly 2322 Officers

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**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.**