



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

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

## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER December 2023

### FAITHFUL NAVIGATORS MESSAGE

Fellow Knights,

Gentlemen December is the month that we enter into one of the most reverend seasons of the Catholic year. Advent and Lent lead to Christmas and Easter, the two most important holidays of the Catholic year. With Christmas we celebrate the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ, born in that manger and wrapped in swaddling clothes. It is the time of year to remember that Christ is the reason for the season. The Knights of Columbus have programs going on to promote and educate children with the Keep Christ in Christmas programs. I would ask all of you to be prayerful this month and remember those that are less fortunate than us. Do something special without wanting to receive any recognition. Pay it forward to someone who is in need that you could help. I look forward to the end of this year and moving on into the new year and I hope to see you all soon at Christmas gathering's at our various churches. Have a very Blessed and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Vivat Jesus!

Mark K Bascle

Faithful Navigator #2322



**FN Mark Bascle**



**The Assembly Meeting for December is a combined social for Christmas with the Council on Tuesday, December 12. We will meet in the Father O'Brien Center at St. Bernadette with the Rosary at 6:30 PM and the Social at 7 PM.**



### 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.



# Silver Rose Program

The Knights of Columbus Silver Rose was at St. Bernadette on Friday, November 3, 2023 from 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM. A Rosary was prayed by the Knights in attendance.



Above: Assembly 2322 decorated the Church Campus with American flags to honor Veterans Day during the St. Bernadette annual picnic. Below: Father Stephen Castille was inducted into the 4th Degree by District Master Kell Luke after the Bereavement Mass at St. Bernadette.



**Pray the Rosary!!**





# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



## December 2023

- 10th 4th Degree Honor Guard - Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church, Mandeville, LA.
- 12th Combined Christmas Social with Spouses - Rosary at 6:30 and Social at 7:00 PM
- 16th Family Christmas Party at St. Bernadette after 4:00 PM Mass - Herbert Hall
- 17th Last day for Food Basket Donations
- 17th 4th Degree Honor Guard - Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church, Mandeville, LA.
- 25th Merry Christmas
- 30th Bunkhouse Meal - Contact Craig Portier



## January 2024

- 1st New Years Day
- 16th Assembly 2322 Monthly Meeting—7:00 PM in the Father O'Brien Center



The 4th Degree Honor Guard with Father Stephen Castille and Father Andre Melancon after the St. Bernadette Knights Bereavement Mass.

Keep up with all your 4th Degree Vanderbilt Assembly 2322 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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# Assembly 2322 Officers

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**Faithful Admiral - George Swindel**  
**Faithful Captain - Craig Portier**  
**Faithful Pilot—Ralph Mitchell**  
**Faithful Comptroller - Maurice Evans**  
**Faithful Scribe - Richard Daigle**  
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**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.*

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