



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 June 2024

FAITHFUL NAVIGATORS MESSAGE

Fellow Sir Knights,

As we enter the month of June, we come to the close of the Colombian year on June 30. We have had a fantastic year and we look forward to another great year for the 24-25 Columbian year. I want to thank all of you for your support and hard work during this last year. Let's make next year better than this one.

The District Master has recently announced the next 4th degree explication will be August 17th at St Bernadette and our FR Vandebilt Assembly will be the host Assembly. We will be looking for help putting on this event that day. We also have some events to reflect on this month. There is the celebration of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 11th and the celebration of the Immaculate Heart of Mary on June 12th.

On June 6th the Nation Eucharistic Procession will pass through the Diocese of Houma Thibodaux and the 4th degree will be involved in a Honor Guard in the morning at the Cathedral of St Francis and in the evening at the Co-Cathedral of St Joseph. It will also stop at St Bernadette for lunch at 12:00pm. I hope you can join us to be part of this historical event.

The Contractor has already began construction of the meeting hall behind The Bernadette house and like most of you I can't wait until it is finished and we have our new room to meet in. The cement slab has already been poured. I hope everyone is well and encourage all of you to be safe this summer. Remember to keep an eye out for motorcycles as there are many Brothers that are members of Knights On Bikes. As the summer goes on there will be many more motorcycles out and about. Have a blessed month Sir Knights!

Vivat Jesus!

Mark K Bascle

Faithful Navigator #2322



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-

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.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



June 2024

- 2nd Knights Mass - Honor Guard and Scholarship Presentations - Church at 9:00 AM
- 6th National Eucharistic Procession to St. Bernadette Church - St. Francis Cathedral 10:30 AM
- 11th Council 7355 Monthly Meeting - 7:00 PM in the Father O'Brien Center - Rosary 6:30 PM
- 18th Assembly 2322 Monthly Meeting - 7:00 PM in the Father O'Brien Center
- 25th 3rd Degree Exemplification Ceremony - 7:00 PM in the Father O'Brien Center

July 2024

- 4th Fourth of July
- 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

Pray the Rosary!!

Fourth Degree Exemplification

The Knights of Columbus Exemplification of members into the 4th Degree will be held at St. Bernadette in Houma, LA on August 17th. Contact the Faithful Navigator Mark Bascle at 985-772-1268 for more info.



Assembly 2322 displayed American Flags on the Campus of St. Bernadette Church during the observance of Memorial Day 2024.



UPCOMING RETREATS

JUNE	JULY
27-30	25-28
WOMEN'S	MEN'S

VISIT [JPiaACTS.COM](https://jpiaacts.com) FOR MORE INFO AND REGISTRATION DETAILS

**REGISTRATIONS
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Keep up with all the upcoming Fourth Degree Honors Guards and Assembly News at:
<https://stbernadettekofccouncil7355.com/vandebilt-assembly-2322>

Fourth Degree in Action

The District of Louisiana Fourth Degree has as its prime objective, the promotion of Patriotism to our youth. In order to promote these ideas, the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus of Louisiana has minted a beautiful medallion for presentation for those who display and exemplify Patriotism in their everyday lives. We further believe that unless we promote Patriotism to our youth, then we may have youths becoming adults who do not have just knowledge of our country's Patriotism. The Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus of the District of Louisiana are anxious to teach the ideas of Patriotism through the LOUISIANA MEDALLION PROGRAM.



Left: On Wednesday May 15, 2024, Faithful Navigator Mark Bascle presented Gracean Schexnayder of Vanderbilt Catholic High School with the Patriotic Medallion Award and a \$100 check from The Father August W Vanderbilt Assembly of the Fourth Degree. Note: Ava Champagne of H. L. Bourgeois High School was also awarded the Patriot Medallion Award. Unfortunately, Ms. Champagne was not available for a photograph.

Congratulations to all the Winners of the Essay and Medallion Awards!



Left: On May 8th at the Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Mandeville, LA. mass for the school, members of the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus for the Louisiana District presented awards to the Patriotic Essay Winner. Miss Aubrey Etheridge won \$200 for the Diocese Of New Orleans Northshore and \$500 for the winner of the entire Louisiana District.

Note: Each year the Knights of Columbus offer an international Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. This contest encourages today's youth to be more connected to their community and their faith. The goal of this program is to involve young Catholics in grades 8 to 12 in civic discourse and instill in them religious and life-affirming values. Entrants are judged on grammar, style, and how clearly, they present the theme in a way that showcases creativity, imagination and overall development of the topic.

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.