



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 May 2024

FAITHFUL NAVIGATORS MESSAGE

Fellow Sir Knights,

The month of May is dedicated to the Virgin Mary, patron of the Knights of Columbus. Since the Knights inception in 1882, Mary and her Rosary have always been corner stone of KC dedication and intercessions. Mary is the KC patron under her title "Our Lady of Guadalupe." We will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima on May 13th. New Brother Knights, when inducted into the Knights of Columbus, are given a rosary and instruction card on how to pray the Rosary. They are encouraged to carry it with them always, and to pray it as often as they can. This is done even before they are in trusted with the emblem of the order pin, showing that we trust our Lady to intercede on our behalf to her son Christ our Lord and ask for him to protect us always. It is our belief that her son would not deny any request of her and for that we honor her and pray for her intercessions on our behalf. Remember her in your prayers this month.



FN Mark Bascle

On April 13, the 4th degree Biennial meeting was held in Lafayette La to transact business as is done every 2 years. At this meeting, applications were received for District Master to take office in September of this year. Master Kell Luke has served his life time allotment and his term will come to an end on August 31 of this year. The top three Sir Knights that will be sent into Supreme to be considered are myself, Ron Dupis, and George Martin. George was the top vote recipient and will be the recommended candidate of the District of LA. The appointment is at the sole discretion of the Supreme Master, so he can pick whomever he sees fit or none at all and the process would have to be started all over again. We will pass on the appointment winner as soon as it is sent down from Supreme in late August or early September.

The Knights of Columbus State Convention will be held May 3rd thru 5th in Baton Rouge at the Crown Plaza. Every member of the KC's is invited to attend and you can still register for the convention at LouisianaKofC.org. However the hotel that it will be at is booked so you would have to seek sleeping accommodations at other hotels in the area.

Finally, it is very exciting to say that St Bernadette Council has turned over a donation to the Church to cover the cost of the building of the new meeting hall. I am confident that everyone is as excited as I am to see construction begin with an anticipated completion date around the end of the year, weather permitting. I know we are all excited to have our new place to meet and I am sure it will be amazing.

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



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

June 2024

- 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

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

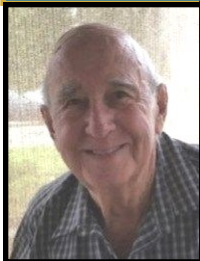
Blue Blazer with 4th Degree Crest and Emblem of the Order Buttons, 4th Degree Gray Trousers, Hand Embroidered Necktie, 4th Degree Black Beret with 4th Degree Badge, Service Baldrick, Sword, and Gloves.

Available at:

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

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833.562.4327



Floyd "Tardy" Joseph Melancon, 90, of Houma, LA, died on Tuesday, April 9, 2024. He was a member of the St. Gregory Catholic Church Knights of Columbus, where he served as Grand Knight, and the Fr. August W. Vanderbilt 4th Degree, where he served as Faithful Navigator.



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>

4th Degree in Action



Left: Father Paul Birdsall of Annunziata Church in Houma was Knighted into the 4th Degree on Sunday, April 16, 2024. Pictured with Father Paul are Sir Knights from several Assemblies in the Houma/Thibodaux Diocese.

Right : Father Paul Birdsall of Annunziata Church in Houma was Knighted into the 4th Degree on Sunday, April 16, 2024. Pictured with Father Paul is Louisiana District Master Kell Luke.



Left: Faithful Navigator Mark Bascle presents winning checks to St. Bernadette 7th Grader Julie Dupre. Julie won \$100 for her essay from the Vanderbilt Assembly and was awarded \$200 as the Houma/Thibodaux Diocese winner. Julie's essay also finished second in the State of Louisiana. Congratulations Julie!!

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.

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

Duties of Officers of a 4th Degree Assembly.

FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR

The Faithful Navigator is the chief executive officer of the assembly and acts as the Presiding Officer, with all the powers and duties incident to such office. He appoints committees, countersigns orders and checks. He annually appoints or reappoints the Assembly Color Corps Commander. In his absence, or inability to perform such duties of office, the Faithful Captain shall perform such duties and exercise such powers.

FAITHFUL FRIAR

The Faithful Friar is the Spiritual Advisor of the Assembly. He is expected to make a report at Assembly Meetings on religious matters. The Faithful Navigator, Faithful Captain, Faithful Admiral, and Faithful Pilot appoint a Priest annually in accordance with such rules established by the Bishop of the Diocese to serve the Assembly.

FAITHFUL CAPTAIN

The Faithful Captain shall, in the absence of the Faithful Navigator, perform the duties and exercise the powers of that office. He shall also, to assure a good attendance at meetings and other functions, have charge of social and other activities under the Good of the Order.

FAITHFUL PILOT

The Faithful Pilot shall have charge of all properties of the Assembly excepts monies, accounts and record books of the officers, but including ceremonials; shall be responsible for arrangement of the Assembly Chamber and shall direct and be responsible for the activities of the Sentinels.

FAITHFUL COMPTROLLER

The Faithful Comptroller (Fin Sec) shall keep a roll and the records of the members with the date of their initiation in the Fourth Degree. Collect and receive all monies due the Assembly and all funds obtained from any source and transfer the same to the Faithful Purser, and obtain a receipt from him. He shall keep accounts of the charges (dues) and receipts of each member; he shall issue to each member not indebted to the Assembly for dues, a Fourth Degree Membership Card, duly signed and attested as above, which shall entitle a member admittance to any meeting of the Fourth Degree within the period specified on said card and upon further compliance with the rule requiring that the member produce a current Third Degree membership card. Is the custodian of the Seal of the Assembly and affixes same to all proper papers.

FAITHFUL SCRIBE

The Faithful Scribe shall keep a record of the minutes of all regular and special meetings in a bound book furnished for that purpose by the Assembly.

FAITHFUL PURSER

The Faithful Purser (Treasurer) is the custodian of all funds obtained from any source. Makes deposits and keeps records. Pays all orders drawn on him by the Faithful Comptroller and Faithful Navigator. Makes records available to the Board of Trustees as required.

FAITHFUL INNER & OUTER SENTINELS

The Faithful Inner and Outer Sentinels shall be responsible to see that all in attendance at meetings are in possession of appropriate valid Third and Fourth Degree membership cards and shall perform such other duties as directed by the Faithful Pilot.

FAITHFUL ADMIRAL

The Faithful Admiral (usually the Immediate Past Faithful Navigator) is appointed annually; shall preside in case of the absence of both the Faithful Navigator and Faithful Pilot, and may have such powers and performs such other duties as herein prescribed. In the absence of the Faithful Friar, performs his duties at assembly meetings.

TRUSTEES

The Trustees (normally three) are elected initially for 1, 2 & 3 years, thereafter three years. Together with the Faithful Navigator they are the Board of Trustees. The Board is responsible for auditing the record books of the Faithful Comptroller and Faithful Purser annually (June 30). The Trustees shall before each meeting carefully examine all bills and present same to the Assembly with their recommendation; the approval of at least two members of the Board of Trustees shall be required for the payment of any bills or statements.

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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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.

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