



# 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 2025

### FAITHFUL NAVIGATORS MESSAGE

Brother Sir Knights,

Here we are at the beginning of May gentlemen. There are no dress out on the books that I am aware of except for the Exemplification that will be held on May 4 in Alexandria at the State Convention after Sunday morning mass. If anything comes up, as always notify you of a dress out. If you have a uniform and are looking for a white shirt with the logo on it, I have some for sale or you can bring me a shirt and I will turn it in to get embroidered. You can also bring it to Artistic Embroidery on your own and ask them to put the FR Vandebilt logo on it. It will cost about \$17 to do so.



FN Mark Bascle

We are winding down our Colombian year and we have met all aspects of Star Assembly. I only have to file a few more reports and we will be in line to get that. I will also be applying for our Assembly as Assembly of the year, just as we did last year. However, I doubt we will get it because they will probably give it to someone else just for good measure. Be that as it is, we did meet 200% of our membership goals this year.

The Month of May is still be considered the Easter season, so I hope everyone is having a wonderful Easter season and everyone is safe through this holiday. Be advised of the hot weather moving in so be sure to hydrate and whenever you are cutting your grass or working outside. For those like me that don't have any hair make sure you put on a hat lol.

I look forward to another great Colombian year with everyone as we moved into the 2025-2026 year. This will be my third year as Navigator and it should be my last. Craig will be stepping up as Faithful Navigator as he step down from Grand Knight at the end of the 2026 Columbia year. It has truly been a great honor to serve as FN of this awesome Assembly with great men! Looking forward to seeing all of you at our next meeting. Everyone be safe out there and don't forget to ask somebody to be a Knight. If they're already a Knight, ask him if they've ever thought about being a 4th Degree Sir Knight. Always invite someone to join us at our meetings.

Mark K Bascle

Faithful Navigator #2322

Vivat Jesus!



### 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



May 2025

- 2nd - 3rd State KC Convention - Alexandria, LA
- 4th Fourth Degree Exemplification - Alexandria, LA
- 6th Council 7355 Officers Meeting - 5:15 PM - Bishop Latino Hall
- 10th Veterans Shelter Meal - Contact Grand Knight for info
- 13th Council 7355 Monthly Meeting - 6:30 PM - Bishop Latino Hall
- 17th Public Rosary - 1:00 PM - Vandebilt Catholic High School - Hollywood Rd. Parking Lot
- 20th Father Vandebilt Assembly 2322 Monthly Meeting - 6:30 PM - Bishop Latino Hall
- 26th Memorial Day
- 27th Third Degree CUF Exemplification - 6:30 PM - Bishop Latino Hall



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

PRAYER  
REQUESTS



**Right:**

**Sir Knights from the Father Vandebilt 4th Degree Assembly participated in the annual Chrism Mass at St. Francis Co-Cathedral. The Mass was presided over by Bishop Emeritus Sam Jacobs.**



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## Assembly 2322 In Action



Please join the Father Vandebilt Assembly for adoration at 5:30 PM before the monthly Assembly Meeting. The assembly meets on the third Tuesday of every month in the Bishop Latino Hall at St. Bernadette. Please check the Calendar of Events for the next meeting date.

**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.



**Our Father Vandebilt Assembly/**

**Council 7355 Public Rosary will be held May 17th, 2025 at 1:00 PM in front of Vandebilt Catholic High School on Hollywood Rd.**

### A Celebration of Catholic Patriotism

Amid much fanfare, Knights of Columbus and family members from across the United States and beyond assembled in St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City on Feb. 22 to mark the 125th anniversary of the Fourth Degree. Many of them, including the board of directors and other K of C leaders, proudly wore uniforms adorned with the Fourth Degree emblem and medals of office. Every seat in the Gothic Revival edifice, still sparkling from its 2015 restoration, was filled as Cardinal Timothy Dolan, archbishop of New York, welcomed the Knights to the cathedral, which was uniquely suited to the historic event.

"It's especially fitting that we are here in New York, where the Fourth Degree was born," Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly explained in remarks during the stirring celebration. "And today, we are privileged to be in St. Patrick's Cathedral — the ultimate symbol of Catholicism in America."



Please pray for the soul of Pope Francis, born December 17, 1936, Buenos Aires, Argentina—died April 21, 2025. Rest in Peace our Most Holy Father.

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## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SWORD, SCABBARD AND SERVICE BALDRIC DESCRIPTION

The scabbard is carried on the left side and attached to the service baldric. The sword is only drawn from the scabbard on command and then only when participating in drills, ceremonies or practices for such occasions. The parts of the Knights of Columbus sword are designated as follows:

**Blade** - That portion of the sword from the forward edge of the guard up to and including the point.

**Blade Edge** - The blade edge, not the flat part.

**Guard** - The cross piece between the blade and the grip.

**Guard Flange** - The decorative piece extending downward from the guard which covers the mouth of the scabbard when the sword is in the scabbard.

**Grip** - That part, plastic or wood, grasped by the hand. **Grip Cap** - the bust of Columbus attached to the end of the grip.

**Hilt** - The grip and grip cap.

**Point** - The extreme end opposite the hilt.

The Knights of Columbus Scabbard is defined as the sheath for the sword. The distinctive parts of the scabbard are:

**Mouth** - The opening in the scabbard to receive the blade of the sword.

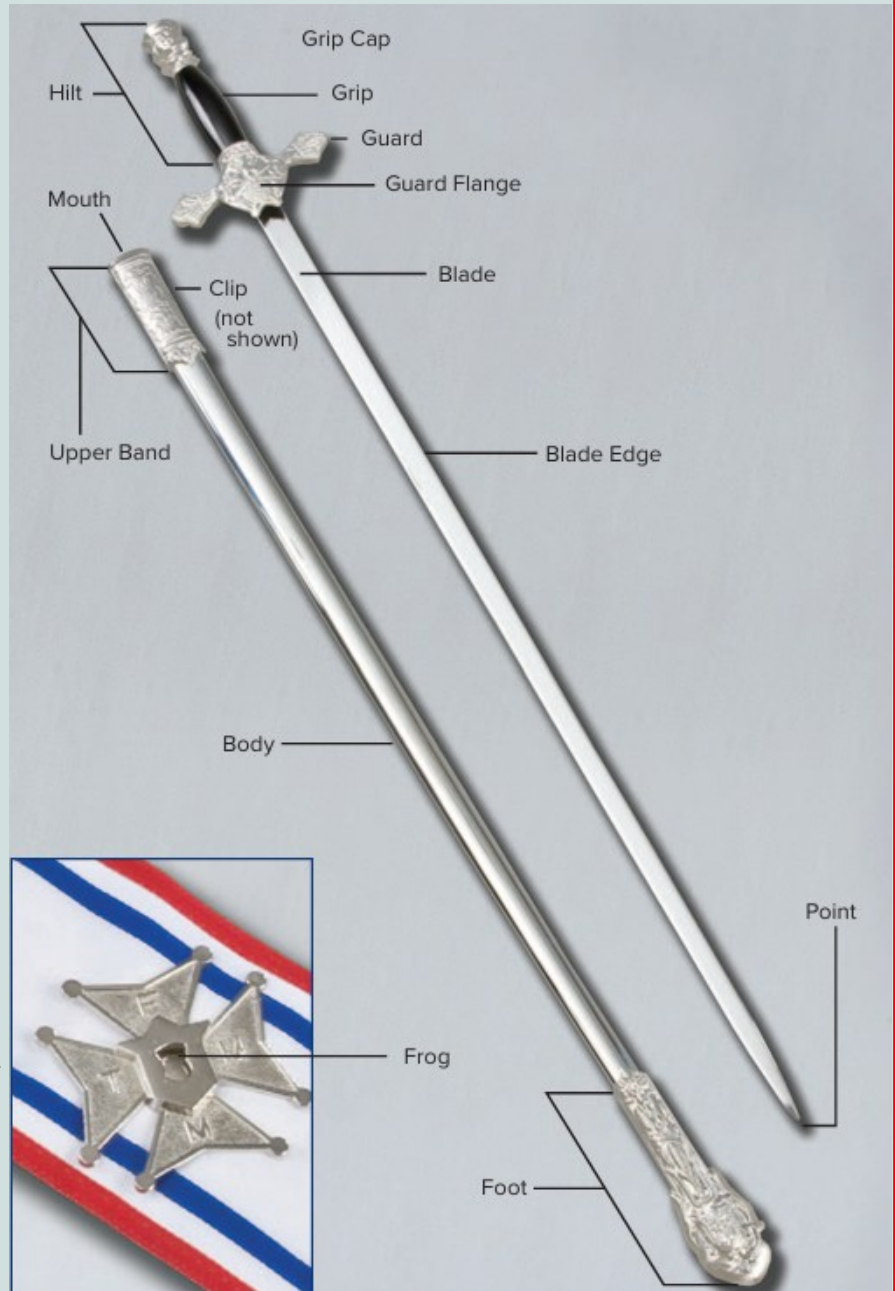
**Upper Band** - The decorative band below the mouth of the scabbard to which the clip is attached.

**Body** - The main tube, undecorated, of the scabbard.

**Foot** - The decorative band and cap at the lowest end of the scabbard.

**Clip** - The device on the upper band by which the scabbard is attached to the frog of the service baldric.

**Frog** - The device on the service baldric on which the scabbard is attached.



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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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# 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 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.**