



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 October 2024

FAITHFUL NAVIGATORS MESSAGE

Fellow Sir Knights,

Each month the hardest task I have is put together a message from the FN for the newsletter. This month it's not a challenge. I want to talk about the past Colombian year and what transpired within our assembly. We had a great year and I want to thank all of our Sir Knights for their dedication and service to the Assembly. You all make this job easy. I also want to acknowledge the help and support of all our Clergy. Thank you for your continued support. You are always in our prayers.

As we all know when I took office on July 1 of 2023, the assembly was basically on life support. There were no meetings being held and the Assembly basically only existed on paper.

The first thing we did, I asked Sir Knight Ralph Mitchell Jr to take over media communications for the Assembly and he has shined in service. The Former Master said we had one of the best communication newsletters and media systems in the state, if not the best.



FN Mark Bascle

In the last year we increased the membership by more than 10%. We went from no uniforms to 7, transferred from A J Caillouet Assembly, 5 new uniforms purchased, for a total of 12 Sir Knights capable of dressing out. We currently stand at 14.

We initiated several Civic and Patriotic Programs and have been a blessing in service to the clergy, Veterans and our parishioners when called upon.

Sir Knights our efforts have not gone unnoticed. We achieved the highest level of recognition from Supreme Council the "Star Assembly Award" and it should be presented to us soon. This is no small accomplishment for a struggling Assembly.

And then came September. As FN, I was presented the award by the Former District Master on September 7th, for Assembly of the year for the District of Louisiana Jurisdiction. We are the best Assembly in the State. This was not an I thing, but a "We Thing" credited to the efforts of the entire Assembly. I wish they would present these awards to the Assembly but the way it is done it is presented in the name of the FN. All I did was have the drive and desire to inspire a group of Catholic Men to make a stand and work towards common goals for the good of our Faith, Church and Order. This is truly a testament to the character of each Sir Knight in our Assembly. Job well done Gentlemen.

But there were greater things to come. On September 24, I was presented by Former District Master Kell Luke, the award for Assembly of the year for the entire Bienville Province. (Continued on Page 3)



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



October 2024

- 5th One-Day Men's Conference - 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM - Herbert Hall and St. Bernadette Church
- 8th Council 7355 Monthly Meeting - 7:00 PM in the Father O'Brien Center - Rosary 6:30 PM
- 15th Assembly 2322 Monthly Meeting - 7:00 PM in the Father O'Brien Center - Rosary 6:30 PM
- 22nd Third Degree Exemplification for H/T Diocese - 7:00 PM in the Father O'Brien Center
- 30th St. Bernadette Church Trunk or Treat - 6:00 - 7:30 PM

November 2024

- 12th Council 7355 Monthly Meeting - 7:00 PM in the Father O'Brien Center - Rosary 6:30 PM
- 19th Assembly 2322 Monthly Meeting - 7:00 PM in the Father O'Brien Center - Rosary 6:30 PM
- 26th Third Degree Exemplification for H/T Diocese - 7:00 PM in the Father O'Brien Center

St. Bernadette Catholic Church Annual Men's Conference
A One Day Conference for Catholic Men

"Behold the Man" October 5, 2024



Rev. Andre'
Melancon



Dr. Brant Pitre



Rev. Patrick
Riviere



Rev. Paul
Birdsall



Rev. Antonio
Farrugia

8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

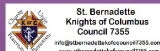
Breakfast and
Lunch Served

Registration fee = \$20 person

Online Registration Preferred:

www.stbernadettechurchhouma.com

or in person at the St. Bernadette Church office.



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 the upcoming Fourth Degree Honors Guards and Assembly News at:

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

St. Bernadette Soubirous Catholic Church

Men's Conference Registration

October 5, 2024

Registration Fee = \$20 per person

Register Online at: www.stbernadettechurchhoma.com

(Click on the Men's Conference Flyer or the Parish Soft link, select one time gift, then select One Day Men's Conference from the drop-down box.)

or

Name: (please print) _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Paid: Cash \$_____ Check Number _____ Date: _____

Please drop off or leave at the Church Office with Payment.

Pray the Rosary!!

Faithful Navigators Message: (Continued from Page 1)

I was shocked and humbled at the same time. The Bienville Province is made up of 5 states including Louisiana, as well as Mississippi, Tennessee, Arkansas and Alabama. Let that sink in for a moment. Best Assembly in the "ENTIRE" Five State Province. We now have the hardware to prove and back up that we are the best of the best. Congratulations Sir Knights on another job well done. Again, remember, this was not something that I did. This was something "We did"!

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for allowing me to lead you on this journey. We are just getting started and there are many great things to come. We still have work to do to improve our service to our Veterans, the Church and the Order. May our Lord Jesus Christ Bless you all!

Vivat Jesus!

Mark K Bascle

FN #2322

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

Fourth Degree in Action - Diocese Filipino Mass



The Diocese Filipino Celebration Mass was held on Sunday, September 29th. The celebration was in honor of two Filipino Saints, Lorenzo Ruiz and Pedro Calungsod. There was also Filipino food and music, along with dancing, afterwards.

Also, Former District Master Kelly Luke presented Father Simon Peter with the Knights of Columbus ERE donation to be used for training of lay Catechists for the Diocese.



For Love of God and Country

Supreme Master Michael McCusker has led the Order's Fourth Degree since 2023, when he was elected by the Knights of Columbus Board of Directors to succeed Supreme Master Dennis Stoddard. He was formally installed in the office by Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly on April 14, 2023, at the Cathedral of St. Louis in New Orleans. A Knight for more than 35 years, McCusker served as a past state deputy of Tennessee from 2019 to 2021 and as a supreme director since 2022.

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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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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.