



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 February 2026

FAITHFUL NAVIGATORS MESSAGE

Brother Sir Knights,

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to everyone who helped make the recent Choose Life Mass such a success. The strong turnout, reverence of the liturgy, and visible presence of the Fourth Degree were a powerful witness to our commitment to life, faith, and patriotism. This was an excellent example of our assembly living out its mission in support of the Church and the dignity of life.

As we look ahead, I want to emphasize the continued need to grow our Fourth Degree membership. We have a rare and exciting opportunity this year with a Fourth Degree Exemplification scheduled for May 16 at St. Bernadette. Hosting an exemplification at our home parish is not something that happens often, and it presents a unique moment to invite eligible Third Degree Knights to take this important step. Please prayerfully consider who you can personally invite and encourage to join our ranks.

I also ask that we keep in our prayers the students who have submitted essays for the Knights of Columbus Patriotic Essay Contest. Their willingness to reflect on faith, country, and service is encouraging, and we pray that God guides and blesses them as their work is reviewed.

Thank you, Sir Knights, for your continued dedication to the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. Let us continue to lead by example and serve with purpose.

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



February 2026

3	FEB, TUE	6:30 – 8pm	Council 7355 Officers Meeting Bishop Latino Hall 501 Kenney St. Houma, LA 70360
7	FEB, SAT	8 – 9am	KC Church Work Day
10	FEB, TUE	6:30 – 9pm	KC Council 7355 Monthly Meeting Bishop Latino Hall 501 Kenney St. Houma, LA 70360
14	FEB, SAT	1 – 2pm	Council/Assembly Public Rosary 100 Mire St Houma, LA, United States
17	FEB, TUE	6:30 – 8pm	Father Vandebilt Assembly Monthly Meeting Bishop Latino Hall 501 Kenney St. Houma, LA 70360
20	FEB, FRI	12 – 7pm	Lenten Meal Herbert Hall - St Bernadette
24	FEB, TUE	6:30 – 8:30pm	3rd Degree Exemplification Bishop Latino Hall 501 Kenney St. Houma, LA 70360
27	FEB, FRI	12 – 7pm	Lenten Meal Herbert Hall - St Bernadette



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

PRAYER
REQUESTS



**Our next Father Vandebilt Assembly/
Council 7355 Public Rosary will be held
February 14th, 2025 at 1:00 PM at 100 Mire
St. in Houma.**



April 21, 2026



AN HOUR WITH A HERO



**AN HOUR WITH A HERO
PROGRAM**

Father Vandebilt Assembly 2322

Keep up with all the upcoming Fourth Degree Honors Guards and Assembly News at:

Assembly 2322 In Action

4th Degree Honor Guard for Choose Life Mass



Keep up with all the upcoming Fourth Degree Honors Guards and Assembly News at:
www.kc7355.org



Lenten Meals

— FRIDAYS DURING LENT —

Hosted by St. Bernadette Knights of Columbus Council 7355

Beginning Friday, February 20

Six Consecutive Fridays During Lent

Fridays • 5:00—7:00 PM

Dine In or Take Out

\$15 per meal

Keep up with all the upcoming Fourth Degree Honors Guards and Assembly News at:
www.kc7355.org

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 Purser - Gerard Vedros

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Faithful Outer Sentinel - Andy Dufrene

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Faithful Trustee - Mark Duplantis

Faithful 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.