



FOURTH DEGREE ANNOUNCEMENT

BISHOP GALLAGHER ASSEMBLY 1091

Bryan, Texas - U.S.A.

Home Assembly of District VI Master Joe Moreno, Jr.

Month
of the Holy
Eucharist

APRIL 2010 NEWSLETTER

<http://www.stjosephbcs.org/documents/4thdegreeannouncements.pdf>

Sir Knights - You are bestowed the honor of Knighthood and continue in your journey in learning the lesson of PATRIOTISM. The major purpose of Fourth Degree membership is fostering the spirit of PATRIOTISM in members and the community and encouraging Catholic citizenship. As a Fourth Degree Knight, you are requested to be a part of the Assembly's Color Corps. As an honor guard, you are recognized widely by the distinctive attire of tuxedo, feathered hat (chapeau), cape, and sword. You are obligated to take part in civic events, such as parades and wreath-laying ceremonies, and in ecclesial functions of our Catholic churches.

Our Lord, Jesus Christ has Risen. Rejoice!

COLOR CORPS ACTIVITIES

Be prepared to turn out for corporate communion masses, funerals, weddings, baptisms, and other events.

March 8, Monday – THANK YOU Sir Knights Joe Moreno and Frank Lara for turning out with 85 other Sir Knights at the Mass of Installation of Austin Diocese Bishop Joe Vasquez at St. William Parish in Round Rock.

March 20, Saturday – THANK YOU Sir Knights Joe Moreno, Frank Lara, Johnny Hoelscher, and Larry Ermis for turning out with other Sir Knights at the 4th Degree Exemplification and Banquet at St. Helen Parish in Georgetown. Seventy-eight candidates received their patriotic degree during the morning ceremonies.

March 22, Monday – THANK YOU to 20 Sir Knights for turning out at the evening Welcome Mass celebrated by Bishop Vasquez at St. Mary Church in College Station.

April 1, Thursday – THANK YOU to 9 Sir Knights for turning out at the Holy Thursday mass at St. Joseph Church.

May 15, Saturday – Sir Knights are requested to turn out for the 6 p.m. Blue Mass at St. Joseph Church honoring emergency personnel and peace officers. Arrive 30 minutes before start of mass for instructions.

May 29, Saturday – Sir Knights are requested to turn out for the Mass of Ordination at St. William Church in Round Rock. Transitional Deacons John Kim and Steve Sauser will be ordained into priesthood.

May 31, Monday – Sir Knights are requested to turn out for the Memorial Day Flag Raising ceremony at Mount Calvary Cemetery at 8 a.m. All families and other friends are invited.

MEETINGS & OTHER EVENTS

March 25, Thursday – THANK YOU Sir Knights Larry Finch, Chris Drury, and Larry Ermis for assisting with cooking 90 dozen eggs at St. Mary Student Center for the following Saturday's Bush Library Easter Egg Hunt.

April 27, Tuesday – Assembly 1091 meeting at 7:30 p.m. at KofC Hall. Social begins at 7 p.m. All Sir Knights are requested attend. Bring another SK to the meeting.

April 30 to May 2, Friday to Sunday – Texas Knights of Columbus State Convention in Corpus Christi.

May 2, Sunday – 47th Annual World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

May 8, Saturday – Election Day. Do Your Duty as a Citizen - VOTE.

May 9, Sunday – Mother's Day.

May 22, Saturday – District 117 councils and assemblies assist with 6:30 p.m. Banquet Meal for the State-wide Special Olympics Equestrian Event at the Brazos County Exposition Center. Assemble at 3 p.m. to set up equipment and prepare tailgate barbecue. Knights also assist as volunteers during equestrian events on May 21-23. Volunteers sign up at <http://www.sotx.org>.

May 23, Sunday – Pentecost Sunday. 7th Sunday after Easter.

May 25, Tuesday – Assembly 1091 meeting at 7:30 p.m. at KofC Hall. Social at 7 p.m. Officer nominations. All Sir Knights are requested attend. Bring another SK to the meeting.

May 30, Sunday – Holy Trinity Sunday.

May 31, Monday – Feast of The Visitation.

EXEMPLIFICATIONS

Refer to the State, Diocese, District, and Assembly KofC Web sites for more information on scheduled degrees.

October 9, Saturday – District VI Fourth Degree Exemplification at Harker Heights. Agenda and other information will be provided when it becomes available.

Plan to attend the following degree exemplifications and support our prospects who will become future Sir Knights.

April 13, Tuesday – First Degree Exemplification at St. Mary Student Center hosted by Council 10624. Candidates must arrive by 6:45 p.m. for orientation in room 201. Exemplification begins at 7:15 p.m. in room 101 [On September 16 & 20, November 10, and February 10, the First Degree Exemplifications resulted in 90 new Knights joining the order.]

Fall 2010, Sunday date to be scheduled with the Houston degree team – Major Degree Exemplification hosted by Council 11759. Dress is full regalia for the 8:30 a.m. corporate communion mass at St. Joseph Church. The exemplification begins at 10:30 a.m. at Council 1834 Hall. Stay tuned to the State Council Web site (<http://www.tkofc.org>) in year 2010 for more information on the exemplification. [On September 20, 2009, forty-five Knights received their 2nd & 3rd Degrees in Bryan.]

COMMUNICATIONS

Other 4th Degree communications are in the District 117 NEWS newsletter at <http://www.stjosephbcs.org/kofc.shtml>.

WE PRAY FOR THESE AND OTHERS IN THE MILITARY

Sgt. Joseph Chance Bowman
Cpl. David Braden
S/Sgt. Tim Braden
PFC Ross Carrabba
2nd Lt. Joseph D'Agostino
A1C David Dominguez
A1C Clinton Doriocourt
Capt. Johnathan Esparza
Capt. Jennifer Esparza
Pvt. Justin A. Garner
SPC Jay Geronime
Sgt. Jeffrey Geronime
Seaman Justin Geronime
Sgt. Nchia Kedze Ghong
SP4 Mark A. Gorzycki
SPEC Justin Hubacek
HM E2 Kyra Jimenez
Col. Michael G. Kelley
SP4 Rusty Wayne Lanicek

Cpl. Brian M. Lindsay
M/Sgt Brian Locke
Sgt. Juan Antonio Lopez
Col. Mark C. Losack
MGY/SGT Stephen Losack
PFC Ricardo A. Luna
SSgt Timothy Luza, Jr.
† Capt. Sean E. Lyerly †
CS3 Morgan McConal
M/Sgt. Doug McMillan
LCpl. Gabriel Marteil
1st Lt. Misty Munoz
E5 Michael Neveu
Major Michael E. Ogden
Sgt. Christopher Orta
CS2 Mandi Belcik Parks
WO1 Jeffrey Pivonka
PFC Ariel Quinones
Sgt. Michael Ramirez

LCpl. Patrick R. Reade
LCpl. James Robinson
Sgt. Adrian Rodriguez
Sgt. Joel Rodriguez
PFC Marcus Ruiz
LCpl Michael Ruiz
SPC Jay Saculla
PFC Daniel Stadler
Cpl. Daniel W. Schwartz
LCpl. Douglas W. Schwartz
SrAm Laramé Sowder
2nd Lt. Sean Taylor
Major Ryan Ussery
PFC Aaron Waller
Sgt. Matt White
Sgt. Rick Lee Wolff
1st Lt. Forrest Womack
M/Sgt. Sherrie Yeates
S/Sgt. Michael Zeig

MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

Assembly 1091 and Assembly 2041 request support of the following Grand Knights in promoting the Patriotic Degree: Council 1834 GK Clarence Lambrecht, Council 3205 GK Russ Kellen, Council 10555 GK John Sifuentes, Jr., Council 10624 GK Christopher Drury, and Council 11759 GK Chris Nugent.

As of April 1, 2010, Assembly 1091's membership is 99. Eleven Sir Knights have Honorary Life status. 53 SKs have paid their dues for the 2010 calendar year as of April 1.

The fraternal year's quota for Assembly 1091 is 9 new members (10% of paid membership). [Seven SKs were added to our assembly during the 4th Degree Exemplification in Georgetown on March 20, 2010.]

HAVE YOU INVITED A THIRD DEGREE KNIGHT TO BE A SIR KNIGHT ?

AWARDS PROGRAM



“To Be A Patriot” (single best activity) and “Civic Award” (four varied programs) applications are due annually on June 1 to the District Master. [Assembly 1091 has received the "Civic Award" and the "Our Lady of Guadalupe Provincial Award of Excellence" over the past few years. An outstanding and community-wide activity must be completed to be considered for the "To Be A Patriot" award.]

ASSEMBLY 1091 OFFICERS

Faithful Navigator Larry Finch

Faithful Friar Msgr. John McCaffrey

Faithful Comptroller Johnny Hoelscher

Faithful Captain Mike Orozco

Faithful Admiral Louis De La Cruz, Jr.

Faithful Purser Larry Ermis

Faithful Pilot John McGuill

Faithful Scribe Steve "Mike" Swetish

Inner Sentinel Steve Rathbone

Outer Sentinel Wes Thompson

1-yr Trustee Val Lopez

2-yr Trustee Charlie Ballew

3-yr Trustee Roel Villarreal

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PROMOTING THE FOURTH DEGREE

Through their leadership and dedication, Fourth Degree Knights have earned their place as the most visible arm of the Order. Having a close relationship with a Fourth Degree assembly will benefit your council and its members. Not only are Fourth Degree members less likely to lapse or go inactive, but they also know the importance of active members and what they mean to projects, events, volunteering, and so on. To bridge any gaps that may exist between your council and assembly, agreeing on a Fourth Degree representative or liaison is a good idea. This way, the council will have a go-to person who can represent the assembly and take any questions or concerns that may arise when organizing, scheduling, or meeting. Along with the Fourth Degree representative serving the council, it is good to periodically, if not regularly, invite the faithful navigator to report on assembly activity at council meetings and to recruit members for the Fourth Degree.

To qualify for the Fourth Degree a member must be 18 years of age or older, a citizen of the country in which he resides, be a member of the Order for at least 12 months, and a member in good standing with his council. Ideally, every Third Degree Knight should become a Fourth Degree Knight to make the Order's presence in the community more visible and to assist councils in recruitment efforts.

SERVING THOSE WHO SERVED

Our military personnel voluntarily act as protectors of our nations, standing on the front lines while keeping us safe behind them. The Knights of Columbus acknowledges this unselfish act of patriotism by promoting the "Serving Those Who Served" program. Members of the Order should honor and assist these men and women. To honor military personnel for their services, assemblies and councils can give their time volunteering at veterans' hospitals, clinics, and health care facilities. This is a great way to show veterans that their efforts and sacrifices are not forgotten. Councils can also send greeting or birthday cards to hospitalized veterans and military personnel stationed away from home. Let the veterans and current members of the military know that the Knights of Columbus appreciates their service and sacrifice. Take time to honor or assist them in a way that is worthy of their military service.

The Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service, VAVS, is the vehicle that assemblies use in the "Serving Those Who Served" program. Through this service, the Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree Veteran's Hospital volunteers are organized by having one of their members become a certified representative at the hospital. Our certified members attend hospital meetings and organize efforts for K of C volunteers. The Knights of Columbus currently has a VAVS Committee at almost every VA medical center and clinic in the United States. These committees consist of at least one certified representative and up to three deputy representatives from the Knights of Columbus. In the United States, the VA hospitals, clinics and facilities need all types of volunteer services — from program planning to visiting veterans. For more information on this outstanding program, please contact your Fourth Degree district master or locate the closest VA Medical center.

Assemblies and councils can also honor military personnel and veterans throughout the year by presenting them with Patriotic Service Award certificates. These certificates are available from the Supreme Council Supply Department. Also available is the Armed Forces Certificate that can be presented to members of the military as an expression of gratitude for service to the defense of "mankind's basic rights to a life of freedom and dignity."

HISTORY OF BISHOP N. A. GALLAGHER ASSEMBLY

In the early years of the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus of the State of Texas, the state was divided into the Southern district and the Northern district. Five Sir Knights were assigned to the Southern district with headquarters in Houston. They were Father J. B. Gleissner, Frank Zubic Sr., Raymond Valouch, Gus Schultz, and H. B. McDowell.

In 1936, Joe Havel, Frank Havel, Frank Schultz, Jerome Zubik, Sam Restivo, and Father Tim Valenta joined the Fourth Degree in Houston. This provided enough membership to institute an Assembly in Bryan. On June 8, 1940, the charter was drawn up with the Houston Assembly officers doing the honors. Bishop N. A. Gallagher was chosen for the Assembly name because Bishop Gallagher was the Bishop of Galveston who ordained Father Gleissner as a priest. Father Gleissner became the first Friar, and Louis Bolmanski became the first Faithful Navigator.

As membership grew, the state was divided into districts in accordance with the Diocese boundaries. Assembly 1091, being in the Austin Diocese, became part of District VI. Three local Sir Knights were privileged to serve as Masters in the Austin Diocese. They include Jerome "Jack" Zubik, Colonel Walter Parsons, Frank Scanlin, and Joe Moreno, Jr.

FOURTH DEGREE ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

The Fourth Degree is the highest degree of the order. Members of the degree are addressed as "Sir Knight." The primary purpose of the Fourth Degree is to foster the spirit of patriotism and to encourage active Catholic citizenship. Fewer than 20% of Knights join the 4th Degree, which is an optional degree. A Knight must be active in his council for one year before he can join a Fourth Degree Assembly (the time requirement may be reduced to six months under special circumstances).



Assemblies (such as our Assembly 1091) are distinct from councils and are led by a separate set of elected officers. The Supreme Board of Directors appoints a Supreme Master (currently Joseph P. Schultz), and twenty Vice-Supreme Masters to govern the Fourth Degree. Each Vice-Supreme Master (our VSM is Paul Weigl, Jr. of Oklahoma) oversees a Province (our province is Our Lady of Guadalupe) which is then broken up into Districts (our assembly is in District 6). The Supreme Master appoints District Masters to supervise several assemblies (our District Master is Joe Moreno, Jr., and his assistant is District Marshal Frank Lara).

Each assembly is led by a Navigator (our Navigator is Larry Finch). Other elected assembly officers include the Captain, Admiral, Pilot, Scribe, Purser, Comptroller, Sentinels, and Trustees (refer to previous listing of Assembly 1091 officers). A Friar and Color Corps Commander are appointed by the Navigator. Assembly officers are properly addressed by using the title "Faithful" (for example, Faithful Navigator). Assemblies are numbered in the order in which they chartered into the Order and are named by the local membership (as discussed elsewhere in this newsletter, our Assembly 1091 is named after Bishop N. A. Gallagher).

Rank	Color
Vice-Supreme Master	Blue Cape and Blue Chapeau
District Master	Gold Cape and Gold Chapeau
District Marshal	Green Cape and Green Chapeau
Faithful Navigator	White Cape and White Chapeau
Assembly Commander	Purple Cape and Purple Chapeau
Color Corps Members	Red Cape and White Chapeau

Only Fourth Degree Knights may optionally purchase the full regalia and join the Assembly's Color Corps. The Color Corps is the most "visible arm" of the Knights as they are often seen during masses, at parades, and other local events wearing their colorful regalia. Official dress for the Color Corps is black tuxedo, service baldric, white gloves, cape, and naval chapeau. White tuxedos may also be used on certain occasions, especially at the Supreme and State levels. Baldrics are worn from the right shoulder to left hip and are color specific by nation. In the United States, baldrics are red, white, and blue. A service baldric includes a holster for a sword and is worn over the coat while a social baldric is worn under the coat. The colors of the cape and chapeau denote the office that the Sir Knight holds in the Fourth Degree. Faithful Navigators and Past Faithful Navigators carry white-handled silver swords. Masters and Vice-Supreme Masters, including Former Masters and Former Vice-Supreme Masters, are recognized by gold swords.

The need for a patriotic degree was first considered in 1886; a special plea was made at the National Meeting in 1899. The first 4th Degree exemplification was in 1900 with 1,100 Knights participating at the Lenox Lyceum in New York. Today, the order has more than 2,500 Assemblies. [Source: <http://www.answers.com/topic/knights-of-columbus>.]

