



# FOURTH DEGREE ANNOUNCEMENT

BISHOP GALLAGHER ASSEMBLY 1091

Bryan, Texas - U.S.A.

Home Assembly of District VI Master Joe Moreno, Jr.

## JULY 2010 NEWSLETTER

Month of  
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Blood of  
Jesus

The monthly newsletter is available at <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.*

### Pray the Rosary

### COLOR CORPS ACTIVITIES

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

- June 2, Wednesday** – THANK YOU to the seven Sir Knights for turning out at the Funeral Mass for Brother Knight Dan Houdek at St. Joseph Church. Mass celebrant was Msgr. John McCaffrey.
- June 6, Sunday** – THANK YOU to the ten Sir Knights for turning out for the Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated by Sir Knight and Reverend Father Steven Sauser at St. Joseph Church.
- June 12, Saturday** – THANK YOU to the eight Sir Knights for turning out for the Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated by Reverend Father John Kim at St. Joseph Church.
- June 14, Monday** – THANK YOU SK Johnny Hoelscher for raising the Flag at Mount Calvary Cemetery on Flag Day.
- July 3, Saturday** – Sir Knights are requested to turn out at 1:30 p.m. for FN Larry Finch's and Natalie Latzel's 2 p.m. Mass of the Sacrament of Matrimony at St. Mary Church in College Station. Dress is full regalia or tux/social baldric. Reception follows at the Hilton. RSVP to Larry Finch at 979.492.8207 or ltfinch@aol.com.
- July 5, Monday** – Sir Knights are requested to turn out for the Independence Day flag raising ceremony at Mount Calvary Cemetery in Bryan at 8 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance will be recited followed by singing of the National Anthem. Dress in full regalia or tux/social baldric. Families are invited. Continue in prayer to keep the U.S.A free.

### MEETINGS & OTHER EVENTS

- June 22, Tuesday** – THANK YOU Sir Knights for attending the Assembly 1091 regular meeting. Current officers will remain in office for another year. THANK YOU to SKs Joe Moreno and Frank Lara for the meal.
- June 30, Wednesday** – Assembly Civic Award application is due to the District Master.
- July 1, Thursday** – Fr. Rusty Richard is assigned as Associate Pastor at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bryan.
- July 4, Sunday** – Bush Library's fiftieth FOURTH OF JULY celebration. Free admission. Museum opens at 8:30 a.m. Live entertainment, concessions, and children's games begin at 5 p.m. Fireworks display and concert by the Brazos Valley Symphony Orchestra at dusk. Come early and bring lawn chairs, picnic baskets, and blankets. No pets or glass containers allowed. Parking available at West Campus Parking Garage; shuttles begin running at 4:30 p.m. to the museum. Handicapped parking in Lot 41 in front of the Museum entrance. For more information, call 979-691-4014.
- July 27, Tuesday** – Assembly 1091 and Assembly 2041 will meet jointly at St. Joseph Parish Activity Center for officer installation ceremonies by District Master Joe Moreno. Social begins at 6:30 p.m. A catered meal will be served at 7 p.m. All Sir Knights are requested to attend with their spouses. Dress is tuxedo and social baldric for all officers. Other SKs may dress in suit coat attire. Ladies in Sunday dress. Please - no casual dress attire.
- July 31, Saturday** – Knights of Columbus Blood Drive at St. Joseph PAC from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free refreshments. Contact SK Charlie Ballew at 979-822-2990 or cballew@suddenlink.net to sign up and get more information.
- August 1, Sunday** – Deadline for Assembly Audit Report.
- August 7-15, Saturday through Sunday** – Knights of Columbus "Family Week."
- August 15, Sunday** – Feast of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- August 24, Tuesday** – Assembly 1091 regular meeting at Council 1834 Hall. Social begins at 7 p.m. All Sir Knights are requested to attend. Bring another Sir Knight to the meeting.

## 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. Lodging available at Hawthorne and Days Inn motels. Registration from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Exemplification at 10 a.m. followed by 1 p.m. Mass. Social at 2 p.m. followed by banquet. Other information will be published later. Stay tuned to the State Council Web site (<http://www.tkofc.org>).

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

**Date to be scheduled by the First Degree Team** – First Degree Exemplification at St. Thomas Aquinas Church - Zurek Hall hosted and conducted by Council 3205. Candidates must arrive by 6:30 p.m. for paperwork followed by a brief orientation. Exemplification begins at 7:15 p.m. [On September 16 & 20, November 10, February 10, April 13, and May 26, the six First Degree Exemplifications resulted in 105 new Knights joining the order in District 117.]

**Fall 2010 Sunday date to be scheduled with the Houston Degree Team** – The Major Degree Exemplification will be hosted by Council 11759 this year. 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>) during the summer for more information on the exemplification. [On September 20, 2009, forty-five Knights received their 2nd & 3rd Degrees in Bryan.]

## COMMUNICATIONS

[No communications were received for reading in the month of June.]

## 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

Sgt. 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 Grand Knights in District 117 in promoting the Patriotic Degree: Council 1834 GK Clarence Lambrecht, Council 3205 GK Ron Gay, Council 10555 GK Don Barnett, Council 10624 GK Dustin Janak, and Council 11759 GK Chris Nugent.

As of July 1, 2010, Assembly 1091's membership is 99. Eleven Sir Knights have Honorary Life status. 58 SKs have paid their dues for the 2010 calendar year.

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 30 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. [Please note that 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 Scribe* Steve "Mike" Swetish

*Faithful Comptroller* Johnny Hoelscher

*Inner Sentinel* Steve Rathbone

*Faithful Captain* Mike Orozco

*Outer Sentinel* Wes Thompson

*Faithful Admiral* Louis De La Cruz, Jr.

*1-yr Trustee* Val Lopez

*Faithful Purser* Larry Ermis

*2-yr Trustee* Charlie Ballew

*Faithful Pilot* John McGuill

*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>.]



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