



FOURTH DEGREE ANNOUNCEMENT

BISHOP GALLAGHER ASSEMBLY 1091

Bryan, Texas - U.S.A.

Home Assembly of District VI Master Joe Moreno, Jr.

Month of
the
Immaculate
Heart of Mary

AUGUST 2010 NEWSLETTER

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.

Serve with Passion

COLOR CORPS ACTIVITIES

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

July 3, Saturday – THANK YOU to the 10 Sir Knights for turning out as honor guard at FN Larry Finch's and Natalie Latzel's Mass of the Sacrament of Matrimony at St. Mary Church in College Station. After a beautiful mass, a wonderful reception at the Hilton included fun, food, and friendship.

July 5, Monday – THANK YOU to the five Sir Knights for turning out for the Independence Day flag raising ceremony at Mount Calvary Cemetery in Bryan. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by singing of the National Anthem. Continue in prayer to keep the U.S.A free.

MEETINGS & OTHER EVENTS

July 1, Thursday – We welcome Fr. Rusty Richard as Associate Pastor at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bryan.

July 4, Sunday – THANK YOU Sir Knights for your attendance at Bush Library's fiftieth FOURTH OF JULY celebration. Several Knights assisted with Lions Club concessions and games in the evening prior to fireworks show.

July 27, Tuesday – THANK YOU Sir Knights and spouses for attending the Assembly 1091 and Assembly 2041 officer installation ceremonies directed by District Master Joe Moreno. THANK YOU SK Charlie Ballew for organizing the Casa Rodriguez buffet meal.

July 31, Saturday – THANK YOU Sir Knights for donating your blood and time at the Blood Drive at St. Joseph PAC.

August 1, Sunday – Deadline for Assembly Audit Report.

August 7, Saturday – End of Summer Pool Party with refreshments at Bryan Aquatic Center from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Hosted by St. Joseph Council 11759. All families are invited.

August 7-15, Saturday through Sunday – Knights of Columbus "Family Week."

August 15, Sunday – Feast of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

August 21, Saturday – 9th Annual Sportsman's Banquet at St. Joseph Parish Activity Center from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Hosted by Council 11759. Entrance only by advance sale ticket holders.

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.

September 6, Monday – Labor Day holiday.

September 25, Saturday – Deadline for registration for October 9th Fourth Degree Exemplification at Harker Heights. Fees payable to Assembly 1091 include \$70 for candidate's exemplification and banquet ticket, \$35 for priest's exemplification and banquet ticket, \$22 for Sir Knight or guest's banquet ticket, and \$15 for ladies' function. [The registration form on the next page can be printed, completed, and mailed with payment to Johnny Hoelscher.]

September 28, 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
FOURTH DEGREE- DISTRICT VI
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PROVINCE

EXEMPLIFICATION BANQUET TICKET AND LADIES ACTIVITY INFORMATION
FOR SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2010 (HARKER HEIGHTS)

INSTRUCTIONS:

Candidates: You are the guest of the Master and will receive one (1) complimentary banquet ticket for yourself. Spouse and or guest of the candidate will have to pay for extra ticket(s).

Sir Knights: Please complete this form and submit to your Assembly Comptroller. Please indicate number of banquet tickets needed. You will need to purchase tickets in advance.

Name _____ (Circle One)
Candidate - Sir Knight
Please Print

Assembly Name and Number _____

Council Name and Number _____

Candidate Registration (includes one banquet ticket) \$ 70.00

Clergy Registration Fee (Deacons excluded)..... \$ 35.00

Banquet Tickets:

(A) Candidate: will attend _____ will not attend _____ 00.00

Candidate's Guest(s) _____ number @ \$ 22.00 = \$ _____

(B) SKs and their Guest(s) _____ number @ \$ 22.00 = \$ _____

Ladies Activity:

Number attending _____ @ \$ 15.00 = \$ _____

CANDIDATES & SKs MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ASSEMBLY FOR TOTAL \$ _____

COMPTROLLER: Please forward completed form(s) to District Master along with assembly check for total amount indicated above. Assembly check should be paid to the order of "KofC District Master's Fund." **Deadline is fourteen (14) days prior to exemplification.** Please honor this request so we will have an accurate count for the caterer.

Send paper work and assembly check to: **Joe Moreno, Master
Fourth Degree KofC
1416 East 29th Street
Bryan, Texas 77802**

EXEMPLIFICATIONS

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

October 9, Saturday – District VI One-Day 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. at St. Paul Chong Hassang Church PAC. Exemplification at 10 a.m. followed by 1 p.m. Mass. Social at 2 p.m. followed by banquet. The day's event should be completed by 4 p.m. [The Church and Parish Activity Center are located at 1000 E. FM 2410 (corner of FM 2410 and Verna Lee), Harker Heights, TX 76548.]

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

September 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 Laramie 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>.]



Sir Knights wanting to place additional Knights of Columbus information in this newsletter should contact the Assembly 1091 Newsletter Editor - SK Larry Ermis, 979-778-6771, aggie68@suddenlink.net.