



# THE NAVIGATOR

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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OCTOBER 2022

## 2022 - 2023 OFFICERS

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Appointed Positions

- o Friar: Father Michael Carmody
- o Assistant Commander: Will Elliott



Knights of Columbus  
**FOURTH  
DEGREE**  
*Patriotic degree of the Order.*

## REFLECTIONS

I had the honor of participating in an Honor Guard during the services for Archbishop Fiorenza. Standing guard gives one time to reflect. I was thinking about how many lives this one man touched. What a difference he made.

We all affect those around us by our actions and our words. What we do and what we don't do. The simplest act of charity or even a kind word can have great effect.

It is our duty as Sir Knights to stand fast and be a positive force in our communities. We love God, we love our country, we love our families, we love our communities, and are proud to do so.

Through our fellowship we strengthen each other. Attendance at our meetings is important. Praying together, singing our odes, and just being together is energizing.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting at Holy Rosary on October 4th with dinner served at 645pm and our meeting at 730pm.

Please email me at [navigator@kofc1094.org](mailto:navigator@kofc1094.org) with any questions, concerns and ideas.

Faithful Navigator - Tom Pielech

### Upcoming Events

Oct 4th: Assembly Meeting. Dinner 645pm, meeting at 730pm. Holy Rosary Church, 3617 Milam, Houston TX 77002

Oct 7th: Turn Out, Patronal Feast Holy Rosary, Mass at 5:15pm

Oct 9th: Turn Out, Patronal Feast Holy rosary, Mass at 12:30pm

Oct 15th: Saint Joseph Fall Festival

Oct 22-23: St Vincent de Paul Fun Fest

Oct 29th: 4th Degree Exemplification, St Maximilian Kolbe, 10135 West Rd, Houston 77064

November (to be determined), Sir Knights Memorial Mass

Dec 19th: Christmas Part, Lopez Mexican Restaurant, 11606 S. Wilcrest Dr



### 4th Degree Exemplification, Oct 29th

A 4th degree Exemplification will be held on October 29th at St Maximilian Kolbe. If you have candidates who would like to join our Assembly please have them attend our Candidate Interview and Information Meeting.

We will be having this before our Assembly meeting on October 4th at 630pm at Holy Rosary.

Before our Assembly meeting, during our social hour myself and our Faithful Captain will provide the candidates with an introduction to what the 4th degree is, what our assembly is and what it does, the costs of joining our assembly and answer any questions.

### Meeting Info

Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month. Dinner is served at 645pm and the meeting is at 7:30pm. Meetings are at Holy Rosary, 3617 Milam, Houston TX 77002

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St Vincent de Paul Knights recently hosted a breakfast taco and pancake breakfast to support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.



Who says you can't go home?

St. Francis de Sales parish celebrated a 60th anniversary Mass and reception on Sunday 25 September with Bishop Italo dell'Oro presiding. Our Assembly's Faithful Friar, Fr. Michael Carmody, served in the parish 1988-1990 & returned to concelebrate the Mass. Fourth Degree Knights from Assembly #3429, where Fr. Mike previously served as F.F., provided the Honor Guard.

I do not presume to speak for everyone present, but I do believe it safe to suggest that the vast majority of the Catholic faithful recognize and appreciate the valuable solemn witness provided by the Knights who turnout for the various Masses and special events. I applaud our brothers from Assembly #3429 who contributed their time, effort & prayerful presence to help make a very special occasion even more elegant and reverent.

Houston City Council District J member Edward Pollard read aloud and presented the pastor, Fr. Joseph Phan, a proclamation honoring the parish anniversary at the reception following the Mass.

Catching up with former parishioners and friends, even after a 30 year separation, is a joyful moment. So many of the parish buildings have been remodeled or replaced since my time in Sharpstown. Many fine folks that I have known and loved there have moved or passed away. Returning to a beautiful campus I once called home was a blessing & sharing that blessing with my esteemed bother Sir knights in worship, food and fellowship renewed my sense of pride and gratitude to participate in our splendid Order.

May God continue to bless us all.

Fr. Michael Carmody  
Faithful Friar

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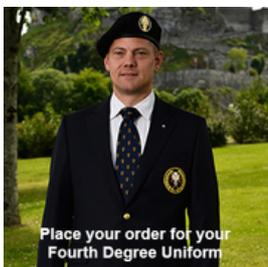
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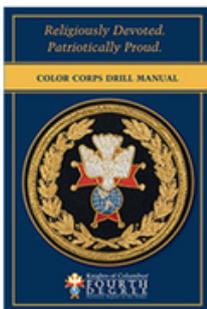
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### Faithful Friar's Message

The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union. The C.L.U. held its second Labor Day holiday on September 5, 1883. By 1894, 23 more states had adopted the holiday, and on June 28, 1894, President Grover Cleveland signed a law making the first Monday in September a national holiday.

Many Americans celebrate Labor Day with parades, picnics and parties – festivities very similar to those outlined by the first proposal for a holiday, which suggested that the day should be observed with a street parade to exhibit the strength and esprit de corps of the trade and labor organizations of the community, followed by a festival for the recreation and amusement of the workers and their families. This became the pattern for the celebrations of Labor Day.

Rerum novarum (the direct translation of the Latin meaning revolutionary change or Rights and Duties of Capital and Labor, is an encyclical issued by Pope Leo XIII on 15 May 1891. It is an open letter, passed to all Catholic patriarchs, primates, archbishops and bishops, that addressed the condition of the working classes. It discusses the relationships and mutual duties between labor and capital, as well as government and its citizens. Of primary concern is the need for some relief of the misery and wretchedness pressing so unjustly on the majority of the working class. It supports the rights of labor to form unions, rejects both socialism and unrestricted capitalism, while affirming the right to private property.

Rerum Novarum is considered a foundational text of modern Catholic social teaching. Many of its positions are supplemented by later encyclicals, in particular Pius XI Quadragesimo anno (1931), John XXIII Mater et magistra (1961) and John Paul II Centesimus annus (1991), each of which commemorates an anniversary of the publication of Rerum novarum.

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### Faithful Friar's Message (continued)

Rerum novarum also recognizes the special status of the poor in relation to social issues, expressing God's compassion and favor for them. This is elaborated in the modern Catholic principle of the "preferential option" for the poor.

St. Joseph of Nazareth is honored as the patron of workers and the Universal Church. Through his intercession may God bless all who work and especially those who look for meaningful and gainful employment.

Reverend Michael Carmody  
Faithful Friar

### The Good of the Order - Sir Knight Frank Babineck

Perseverance or an equivalent thereof is/are a word (s) that has/have been stated many times in Scripture. A quick reference is Matthew 10:22 where Jesus stated "He who perseveres unto the end shall be saved".

With that said, one can conclude that perseverance requires a committed, deliberate and ever focused mindset always while in the state of sanctifying grace in seeking eternal life. The objective of seeking eternal life with God, who is most merciful, is not a part time commitment. To the contrary, it requires a deep engagement that must never cease. This may seem to some like an insurmountable challenge. However, give some thought to the idea that every day of our lives, we have challenges in this secular world and this holds true in our spiritual world as well.

The temptations in life that we face from a variety of different circumstances will always be present. As part of this matter, is one's free will and with the proper exercise of it , we can contend with and overcome temptations. There is no middle ground nor is there room for compromise. To be a strong practicing Catholic, we must always and consistently take the moral high ground which exemplifies perseverance.

Adherence to the tenets of our faith is requisite and is made manifest in our willingness to persevere.

Lord, kindly and graciously instill in us the desire to always exercise sound judgment, employ humility and patience in our daily pursuits while interacting with all people in society in order to give meaning to the word perseverance, as we seek, through Your Mercy, eternal life with you in Heaven. Amen.

### Past Event Photos

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### Archbishop Emeritus Joseph A. Fiorenza (1931 - 2022)

Archbishop Emeritus Joseph A. Fiorenza, the long-time bishop of Galveston-Houston and a tireless social justice advocate throughout his priesthood, episcopacy and in retirement, died September 19, 2022. He was 91.

The Beaumont native served as bishop of the Diocese of Galveston-Houston from 1985 to 2006 and was made Archbishop in 2004, when the diocese was elevated to the status of archdiocese by St. Pope John Paul II.

“Archbishop Fiorenza was known to be a champion of civil rights and a tireless worker in overcoming the presence of racism in our community. He was also known as a great promoter of genuine renewal in the Church, and in making the teachings of the Second Vatican Council known,” said Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston.

### Knights honor Archbishop Fiorenza

