



# THE NAVIGATOR

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

MSGR. GEORGE A. WILHELM ASSEMBLY #1094

JANUARY 2023

## 2022 - 2023 OFFICERS

- o Navigator: Thomas Pielech
- o Captain: Clint Mendonca
- o Admiral: Johnny Salinas
- o Pilot: Etienne Figueroa
- o Comptroller: Rafael Canamar
- o Purser: OPEN
- o Scribe: Frank Amsler
- o Inner Sentinel: Chris Barroso
- o Outer Sentinel: James C. Lancaster
- o 3-Yr Trustee: Frank Babineck
- o 2-Yr Trustee: Joel Lara
- o 1-Yr Trustee: Greg Gallardo
- o Commander: Brian O'Rourke

### Appointed Positions

- o Friar: Father Michael Carmody

## OUR COUNCILS

- o 803 - CoCathedral
- o 2917 - Assumption
- o 17060 - Annunciation
- o 6826 - St Gregory the Great
- o 6859 - St Mark the Evangelist
- o 10207 - St Joseph
- o 10390 - St Vincent de Paul
- o 11023 - Holy Rosary
- o 12475 - Christ the King
- o 12602 - St Rose of Lima
- o 12632 - St John Fisher
- o 12748 - All Saints
- o 12818 - St Charles Borromeo
- o 12866 - St Theresa the Little Flower
- o 13165 - San Raphael the Archangel
- o 13940 - Father Guinan (Univ. of St. Thomas)
- o 15105 - Univ of Houston
- o 16195 - Rice University

## NEW YEAR, NEW CHANGES

Every new year seems to bring changes and your Assembly is no different.

### Officer Changes

Due to recent resignations we have officer openings for Comptroller, Admiral, and Purser. At our January meeting Rafael Canamar has been elected Comptroller. Johnny Salinas has been elected as Admiral. We are looking for a Sir Knight to step up for the Purser position. I have appointed Brian O'Rourke to replace RC as Commander.

### Assembly Meeting Changes

I am discussing with Father Jeff Bame of the CoCathedral, the potential of moving our meetings back to the CoCathedral Parish building. We hope that we can utilize the Knight's Council 803 meeting room that is under construction in the building's basement. However, due to scheduling issues we may need to change our meeting date from the first Tuesday of each month. This will require a change to our bylaws. At the Assembly's January meeting we had the first reading of a bylaw amendment to change our meeting date. A vote on the change will happen at the February 7th meeting. We will need a quorum of Sir Knights to vote on the change. Please circle this date on your calendar. You will be receiving an email with details on this proposed move and amendments.

The success of the Assembly depends upon the efforts of all our Sir Knights.

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

Faithful Navigator - Tom Pielech

### Upcoming Events

January 3rc: Assembly Meeting. Dinner 645pm, meeting at 730pm. Holy Rosary Church, 3617 Milam, Houston TX 77002

February 7: Assembly Meeting to vote on bylaw amendment to change meeting date in order to move meetings to CoCathedral Parish Building.

### Meeting Info

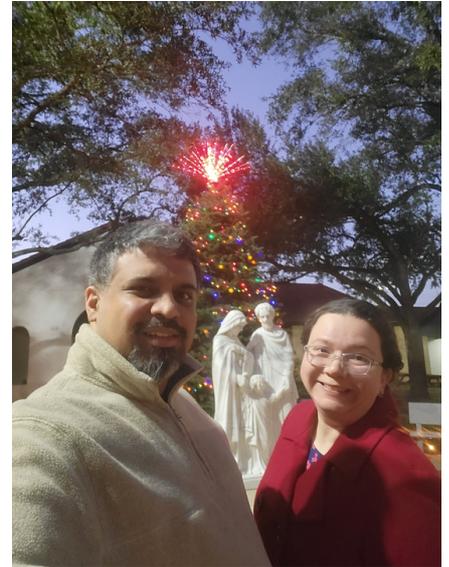
Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month. Dinner is served at 645pm and the meeting is at 7:30pm. Meetings are at Holy Rosary, 3617 Milam, Houston TX 77002

### Turnouts and Events



Clint Mendonca and his wife Liza celebrating Christmas.

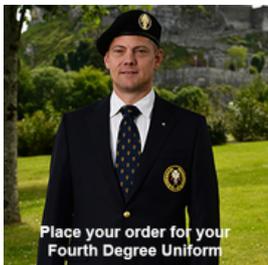
Knights celebrating Christmas. Etienne Figueroa shows off his Astros spirit.



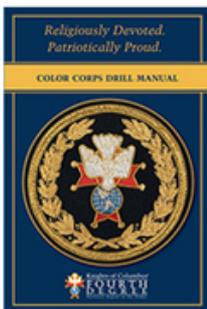
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## Faithful Friar's Message

### The Adoration of the Magi

Regarding this event commemorated on the feast of the Epiphany, it is helpful to turn to the Catechism, which states: "The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Savior of the world. In the magi, representatives of the neighboring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation. The magi coming to Bethlehem in order to pay homage to the king of the Jews shows that they seek in Israel, in the messianic light of the star of David, the one who will be king of the nations." This adoration of the magi is of immense importance, as it shows the possibility of redemption for everyone who seeks it.

The worship of Jesus by the magi shows us that Jesus' kingship began at his birth and superseded all other earthly kinds of royalty. Though the magi are often referred to as the three kings, it is not clear that they were in fact that specific type of royalty. According to Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, the term "magi" encompasses a number of different meanings. In terms of their religion, it is thought that the magi were members of a Persian priestly caste. They are also thought to have been philosophers, and others say they were involved in some way with the supernatural or astrology. In spite of the variety of definitions one could apply to the term magi, it is clear that these were men who held a certain amount of power and influence in the world at that time. The fact that they embarked on a journey and ultimately bowed down at the manger of Jesus shows that the kingship of Jesus supersedes all earthly power.

The adoration of the magi also shows us how it is possible for the Old Testament to be fulfilled in the New. If the magi were indeed members of a priestly caste, it is of great significance that those priests would surrender to the priesthood of Jesus as shown in the New Testament. In this way, we can see the words of Jesus born out in this event that occurred after the Nativity, after this occurrence of the Incarnation: "Behold, I make all things new."

Fr. Michael Carmody  
Assembly Faithful Friar

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Past Event Photos

Did you get snapped at our last event? Check out the photos below and also our social media to see if you were snapped!

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

While visiting my daughter and her family at their home in Virginia this past Thanksgiving, I observed a plaque hanging on a wall in the kitchen area with an inscription on it that began with the words : "What is Happiness?" with an answer to the question which read "Happiness is letting go of what you think your life is supposed to look like and celebrating it for everything that it is". The author of this intuitive/insightful statement is unknown.

When I first read these words, they immediately resonated with me.

Certainly we all have expectations of the way we attempt to foresee things. Admittedly however, there are developments and events that transpire in the ordinary course of one's life that can and do yield results that are significant. These results may be good, productive and beneficial or in the alternative bad, counterproductive and harmful. Some things at least to a degree we can attempt to control but as to others we are virtually powerless with one notable exception.

When we feel hopeless or helpless, despite seeking Happiness, we always have a spiritual option and that is prayer.

As I stated in one of my prior Presentations, prayer is our direct communication to God. God with His Infinite wisdom knows everything and what a joy it is to know that He is listening.

It is said that patience is a virtue and thus we must be prepared to pray, be patient and wait for God's Bounty as He chooses to bestow it upon us in our perceived time of need.

Remember from the Baltimore Catechism the following: " Why did God make us? God made us to show forth His Goodness and to share with us His everlasting Happiness in Heaven and what we must do to gain the Happiness of Heaven?, We must know, love and serve God in this world".

Happiness while on earth is desirable but Happiness with Our Lord for all eternity defies description or an adequate explanation.