



Cardinal Gibbons Assembly 783

Newsletter

September 2013



NEW LIFE TIME MEMBERS

Faithful Comptroller PFN Rod Komlofske

Congratulations for two of our Sir Knights for reaching Honorary Membership status!

A member who has attained the age of 65 years and who has been a member of the Order 25 consecutive years shall be designated as honorary member.

Members who have attained the age of 70 years and who have been members of the Order 25 consecutive years, and for those who have been members of the Order for 50 consecutive years regardless of age, shall be designated as honorary Life members.

Sir Knight David Benes has been appointed Honorary Membership in Cardinal Gibbons Assembly. He joined the Knights of Columbus 4th degree in November of 1979 (34 years) and upon reaching his 65th birthday on August 6th he qualified for Honorary Membership. David is a Past Faithful Navigator for our Assembly.

Sir Knight Ted Michaud has been appointed Honorary Membership in Cardinal Gibbons Assembly. He joined the Knights of Columbus 4th degree in June of 1984 (29 years) and upon reaching his 65th birthday on August 2nd he qualified for Honorary Membership. Ted is a Past Faithful Navigator for our Assembly.

ABORTION CLINICS CLOSING AT RECORD RATE

Tom Strobe - Baptist Press [posted 9/13/2013 11:47AM]

(UPDATED) Reasons vary, but the trend is clear.

Update: The Huffington Post assessed the "dramatic toll" that recent pro-life laws have taken on abortion clinics, with Arizona leading the way. Meanwhile, the abortion battle has gone digital as more states ban abortions by telemedicine.

CT has examined the new pro-life surge in-depth.

(BP) For Abby Johnson, the closing of a single Planned Parenthood center demonstrated her dramatic reversal from abortion clinic director to leading pro-life advocate.

But for pro-lifers throughout the United States, it marked another exhibit in a hopeful trend—abortion centers are shutting down at an unprecedented rate. The total so far this year is 44, according to a pro-life organization that tracks clinic operations.

None was more telling for Johnson than the mid-July closing of the Planned Parenthood center in Bryan, Texas. It came less than four years after Johnson, burdened by her involvement with abortion, walked out of that clinic as its director and into the offices of the Coalition for Life.

"Knowing that the former abortion clinic I once ran is now closing is the biggest personal victory of my life," Johnson said in a written statement after the announcement of the shutdown. "From running that facility, to then advocating for its closure, and now celebrating that dream ... it shows that my life has indeed come full circle."

Since her celebrated conversion from Planned Parenthood director, Johnson has started a ministry to help workers leave the abortion industry. She has pledged, as she said in July, to "fight until every abortion clinic in this country has shut its doors."

This year, 42 clinics that provided surgical abortions have shut their doors, and two that offered chemical abortions by drugs also have closed, according to Operation Rescue, which monitors closings and health and safety violations by clinics nationwide. That number far surpasses the 25 surgical clinics shutdown last year and the 30 in 2011, by Operation Rescue's count. While others estimate a smaller number of closings, the pattern is clear.

Some of the shutdowns have been of major clinics. For instance, Virginia's No. 1 abortion provider closed, The Washington Post reported in July. NOVA Women's Healthcare in Fairfax, Va., shut down after state and local governments enacted regulations the abortion provider appeared unable to meet. The northern Virginia clinic performed 3,066 abortions in 2012 and 3,567 in 2011.

The reasons given for the upswing in closings are varied even among pro-lifers. They include:

- the increasing state regulation and oversight of clinics;
- a growth in pro-life opinion and activity, and
- a significant decline in the abortion rate.

In some cases, clinics have shut down when abortion doctors retired or were no longer licensed.

State legislatures enacted 69 pro-life laws this year, according to a report released Thursday (Sept. 5) by Americans United for Life. In all, 48 states considered about 360 such proposals in 2013, AUL reported.

The legislative action this year continued a recent trend in states: 70 "life-affirming measures" became law in 2011 and 38 in 2012, according to AUL.

Some measures have targeted making the procedure and clinics safer for women, and have helped escalate the number of clinic shutdowns. This year, states such as Alabama, North Carolina and Texas passed varied laws either requiring abortion clinics to meet the same health and safety standards as outpatient surgical centers, or authorizing the state to enforce such requirements. Also, in 2013, North Dakota and Wisconsin joined Alabama and Texas in mandating abortion doctors have admitting privileges at local hospitals.

Editor's note: Read the full Baptist Press article [here](http://www.baptistpress.com/2013/09/05/abortion-clinics-closing-planned-parenthood-abby-johnson/). CT has previously reported on abortion clinic restrictions and legislation restricting abortion. CT also covered pro-life groups exposing abortion practices and how pro-lifers are winning the abortion battle.

From *Christianity Today*: <http://www.christianitytoday.com/gleanings/2013/september/abortion-clinics-closing-planned-parenthood-abby-johnson.html>

DEGREE CEREMONIES

Second Degree Ceremony: 19 September 2013. Location: St. Maron Council 12640, St. Michael the Archangel Maronite Catholic Church 806 Arsenal Ave, Fayetteville NC. Show Time: 6:30 PM. Start Time: 7:00 PM.

Third Degree Ceremony: 20 September 2013. Location: Cardinal Gibbons Council 2838, St. Patrick Roman Catholic Church, 2840 Village Drive, Fayetteville, NC. Show Time: 6:30 PM. Start Time: 7:00 PM.

First Degree Ceremony: 7 October 2013. Location: Father William P Ryan Council 11683, St. Ann Roman Catholic Church, 357 N. Cool Spring Street, Fayetteville, NC. Start Time: 7:30.

First Degree Ceremony: 9 October 2013. Location: Son of Mother Seton Council 9847, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Roman Catholic Church, 1000 Andrews Rd, Fayetteville, NC. Start Time: 7:00 PM

Fourth Degree Exemplification: 26 October 2013. Location: Sheraton Imperial, Durham for next Exemplification. Details TBA. <http://kofcnc.org/FOURTH%20DEGREE/2008Exemplification.htm>

First Degree Ceremony: 4 November 2013. Location Father William P Ryan Council 11683, St. Ann Roman Catholic Church, 357 N. Cool Spring Street, Fayetteville, NC. Start Time: 7:30.

First Degree Ceremony: 18 November 2013. Location: Council 15250, Pope Chapel, Pope Army Airfield, NC. Show Time: 6:30 PM. Start Time 7:00 PM.

If your Council is hosting a Degree Ceremony send an email to COOP5614@yahoo.com with the information and I will place it in the next Assembly Newsletter and on the website Calendar page.



CARDINAL GIBBONS ASSEMBLY HONOR GUARD

SK RICHARD FISHER MEMORIAL SERVICE

Thanks to Sir Knights who participated in the SK Richard Fisher Memorial Service:

Faithful Navigator Jose Santos
Honor Guard Commander Bob Testa
Faithful Comptroller Rod Komlofske
Past Faithful Navigator John Handley
Sir Knight Peter Thayer

VETERANS DAY PARADE 2013

The Fayetteville, NC Veterans Day Parade is November 9, 2013. The Honor Guard will have a float for this event. Details and to sign-up are at: <http://cardinalgibbonsassembly783.weebly.com/veterans-day-parade-2013.html>

ALEXANDRIAN FAMILY OF LITURGICAL RITES

SK Christopher R. Cooper

This article is the last of the series on the Churches that make up the Communion of Catholic Churches. The Alexandrian Family of Churches originated in the ancient city of Alexandria in the Roman Empire. Alexandria is presented day Cairo, Egypt. The Churches are divided into two groups: the Coptic Catholic Church and the Ethiopian/Abyssinian Catholic Church. (Donovan, 2007)

The Coptic Catholic Church takes its name from the ancient word for an Egyptian, Copt. (Hawkes-Teeple, 2008) The liturgical language is Coptic. The Patriarch of Alexandria leads the 200,000 Coptic Catholic Church. Coptic Catholic reestablished communion with Rome in 1741 AD. (Donovan, 2007) There is not a lot of information about the Coptic Catholic Church. I did find a website for St. Mary Coptic Catholic Church in Los Angeles, CA: <http://stmaryccc.com/home/> This website on the links page list the Coptic Catholic Church in Egypt and the Coptic Catholic Patriarch of Alexandria, but both of these websites are in Arabic. There are not many YouTube videos on the Coptic Catholic Church. The following link gives a brief history of the Coptic Catholic Church: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L1dsiRyG8vc>

The second group in the Alexandrian Family of Churches is the Ethiopian/Abyssinian Catholic Church. This Church form when King Ezana (reigned 330 - 356 AD) of the Axumite Kingdom embraced Christianity. The Axumite Kingdom comprised modern day Ethiopia, Eritrea, northern Somalia, Djibouti, and Yemen.

(Preobrazhenskoe, 2007) Ethiopian/Abyssinian Catholic Church returned to Rome in 1846 AD. The Church language is Ge'ez. (Donovan, 2007) Here are several website about the Ethiopian/Abyssinian Catholic Church:

Ethiopian Catholic Church: <http://www.ecs.org.et/>

ECGRNA.ORG: <http://www.ecgrna.org/>

I did not find a YouTube video of an Ethiopian/Abyssinian Divine Liturgy (Mass). However, I did find a video of the Knights of Columbus interview with a priest of this Church.

It is available at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xXTOpX5ipzw>

This article concludes the series on the Communion of Catholic Churches. I hope you found this series interesting and informative.

Works Cited

Donovan, C. B. (2007, August). *Catholic Rites and Churches*. Retrieved from Eternal Word Television Network: http://www.ewtn.com/expert/answers/catholic_rites_and_churches.htm

Hawkes-Teeples, S. (2008). *Eastern Christians and Their Churches*. New Haven: Catholic Information Service.

Preobrazhenskoe. (2007, March 15). *King Ezana of Axum (Ethiopia)*. Retrieved from World Historia: http://archive.worldhistoria.com/king-ezana-of-axum-ethiopia_topic18570.html

IN MEMORIAM:

Please keep in your prayers for the repose of the souls of:

SK Richard Fisher

Noreen White, wife of PFN Bob White

Victims of the Navy Yard, Washington, DC

Colorado Flood Victims

ARTICLES FROM THE ASSEMBLY MEMBERSHIP

Any Sir Knight who wants to add his article to the Newsletter, submit the article to Faithful Scribe, SK Chris Cooper, at the next Assembly meeting or send it via email to COOP5614@yahoo.com.