



**Cardinal Gibbons Assembly 783**  
**Newsletter**  
**September 2012**



**MEETING LOCATION CHANGE:**

SK Bob White will host our meeting on 16 September 2012 at his home. The location is:

5827 Arbutus Trl  
Fayetteville, NC 28311-1427  
Tel# (910) 488-6486

On behalf of the Assembly, thank you SK Bob for inviting us to your home.

**MEETING SURVEY**

On the Assembly Website is a survey concerning our meeting date and time. The goal of the survey is to find out if a new time will work out better for the membership to attend meetings. The survey is at: <http://cardinalgibbonsassembly783.weebly.com/meeting-survey.html>. The survey will be closed 31 December 2012

**4TH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION**

The next Fourth Degree Exemplification will be held on Saturday, October 20, 2012, at the Embassy Suites Hotel Greensboro, NC. Further information is available in the June 2012 edition of *The Golden Plume* at <http://www.kofcnc.org/FOURTH%20DEGREE/Newsletters/2012/04MN0612.pdf>. Instructions for candidates are available on the State website at <http://kofcnc.org/FOURTH%20DEGREE/2008Exemplification.htm>.

**MIDDLE EAST CHRISTIANS MUST BE BUILDERS OF PEACE AND ARCHITECTS  
OF RECONCILIATION**

Vatican City, 12 September 2012 (VIS) – At the end of his general audience today, the Holy Father spoke of his forthcoming apostolic trip to Lebanon, where he is due to sign the Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation of the Special Assembly for the Middle East of the Synod of Bishops.

“At this hour in two days’ time”, he said, “I will be on a plane bound for Lebanon. I rejoice at this apostolic trip which will enable me to meet many members of Lebanese society: the civil and ecclesiastical authorities, Catholic faithful of various rites, other Christians, and the Muslims and Druze of the region. I thank the Lord for this rich variety, which will be able to continue only if people live in permanent peace and reconciliation. For this reason I exhort all Christians of the Middle East, both those born there and the newly arrived, to be builders of peace and architects of reconciliation. Let us pray to God that He may fortify the faith of Christians in Lebanon and the Middle East, and fill them with hope. I thank God for their presence and call upon the entire Church to show solidarity, that they may continue to bear witness to Christ in those blessed lands, seeking communion in unity. I thank God for all the individuals and institutions who, in many ways, help them to do so. The history of the Middle East teaches us the important and sometimes primordial role played by the various Christian communities in inter-religious and inter-cultural dialogue. Let us ask God to give that region of the world its longed-for peace, and respect for legitimate differences. May God bless Lebanon and the Middle East. May God bless you”.

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## **144,000 SAVED? – The Rest of the Story**

By Chris Cooper

Once many years ago, I had one of my fellow Airman tell me only 144,000 people will be saved and go to heaven. That number seemed a bit low to me considering all the people who have lived yesterday, are living today, and will live tomorrow. I inquired where this number came from and the response was the Book of Revelation.

Curiosity got the better of me so I did some research. The Apocalypse 7:4 states, “And I heard the number of them that were signed. An hundred forty-four thousand were signed, of every tribe of the children of Israel.”<sup>1</sup> Hmm...this is a rather pessimistic finding. Until I read further and as the late Paul Harvey, Sr. would say, “The rest of the story.”

The Apocalypse 7:9-10 states, “After this, I saw a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations and tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and in sight of the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands. And they cried with a loud voice, saying: Salvation to our God, who sits upon the throne and to the Lamb.”<sup>2</sup> This passage is more optimistic outlook and would take into account all of humanity: past, present, and future.

However, I still wondered where the number, 144,000 came from. I found the answer in the *New American Bible*, “One hundred and forty-four thousand: the square of twelve (the number of Israel’s tribes) multiplied by a thousand, symbolic of the new Israel...that embraces people from every nation, race, people, and tongue...”<sup>3</sup> This passage is a footnote explaining the number. 144,000 represents the new Israel to include not only the Jewish people, but all the people of the world.

Paul Harvey, Sr., had it right. You should find out, “The rest of the story.”

<sup>1</sup> *The Holy Bible*, Douay-Rheims Edition, The Apocalypse 7:4, page 255.

<sup>2</sup> *The Holy Bible*, Douay-Rheims Edition, The Apocalypse 7:9-10, page 255.

<sup>3</sup> *New American Bible*, St Joseph Edition, Revelation, Footnote 7:4-9, page 394.

### **IN MEMORIAM:**

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

Our Slain Embassy Personnel in Libya

Victims of 911

Fallen Military