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DEGREE CEREMONIES

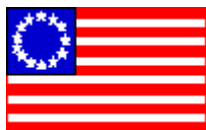
First Degree Ceremony: 19 November 2012 @ 7:00 PM. Location: St. Michael the Archangel Council 15250, Fort Bragg, NC. POC: Financial Secretary Walt Sargent (fs15250@gmail.com)

Second Degree Ceremony: 17 November 2012 @ 6:30 PM. Location: St. Maron Council 12640, St. Michael the Archangel Maronite Catholic Church, Fayetteville, NC. POC: Financial Secretary Daniel Barton (daniel.j.barton@us.army.mil)

Third Degree Ceremony: 1 December 2012. Location: St Paul the Apostle Council 13236, 2715 Horse Penn Creek Rd. Greensboro, NC. Registration will be between 11:00 - 11:20 am. For more information go to the NC website (www.kocnc.org), under Ceremonials, under 3rd Degree.

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

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



VETERANS DAY PARADE 2012

SK Bob White
Committee Chairman



Thank you to all the Knights who participated in the Veterans Day Parade 2012.

HONOR GUARD

Special thanks to the Honor Guard members who performed at SK Ron Foster's Ordination to Subdeacon at St. Michael the Archangel Maronite Catholic Church on 11 November 2012:

SK John Handley
SK Dennis Hillyer
SK Rod Komlofske
SK Bob White

POPE CREATES ACADEMY TO PROMOTE KNOWLEDGE OF LATIN

By Estefania Aguirre
Vatican City, Nov 12, 2012 / 04:05 pm (EWTN News/CNA)

The Pope is launching a new Pontifical Academy for Latin to help priests and academics deepen their knowledge and ability with the language.

"There is a pressing need for greater knowledge and more competent use of Latin in the ecclesial environment as well as in the world of culture at large," Pope Benedict XVI said on Nov. 10.

The new academy was announced in a letter titled “Latina Lingua.” The document is known as a *motu proprio*, a phrase that means “by his own initiative.”

The academy will have two goals.

The first is “to promote the knowledge and study of the Latin language and literature, both classical and patristic ... especially in Catholic educational institutions where priests both train and educate seminarians.”

The second aim of the school will be to promote the written and spoken use of Latin.

“There is a danger of an increasingly superficial knowledge of Latin, also reflected in the philosophical and theological studies of future priests, in contemporary culture and in the context of a general weakening of the humanities,” the Pope Benedict wrote in his letter.

“It seems urgent to support the efforts for a more responsible use of Latin and a better understanding of it, both within the Church and in the wider world of culture,” Benedict XVI stated.

He told how knowledge of Latin is now more necessary than ever to study sources from which to draw upon, including theology, liturgy, the Church fathers and canon law, as taught by Vatican Council II.

But, according to the pontiff, there is a renewed interest in Latin and culture in a world dominated by science and technology, which involves young people and scholars from different nations.

The new academy will replace the Latinitas Foundation, which was established by Pope Paul VI in 1976.

The Pontifical Academy for Latin, which will have a five year trial period, will be a part of the Pontifical Council for Culture.

On Saturday, Nov. 10, Pope Benedict appointed Ivano Dionigi the president of the new academy and Father Roberto Spataro as its secretary.

Courtesy of *Eternal Word Television Network*: <http://www.ewtnnews.com/catholic-news/Vatican.php?id=6527>

ANTI-TRADITIONALISM: A MISGUIDED VIEW POINT

By Chris Cooper

Several years ago an acquaintance invited me to attend a Sunday Service at a local Evangelical Christian Church near my duty station, Scott Air Force Base, IL. I wore a coat and tie and brought my Bible with me. From past visits to Protestant Services the pastor ask everyone to go to the Bible passages he would preach on. The service started with the choir and the band entertaining the congregation with Christian music for twenty minutes. Very unusual I thought to myself. The norm is one or two hymns before the pastor began the sermon. The sermon started. The pastor’s wife did most of the preaching. The main theme of the sermon was anti-traditionalism. Their point of view was that traditions are a wall between God and man. Further these traditions are obstacles invented by man and should be avoided. The sermon ended and that was it. They did not instruct the congregation to go to any specific Bible passages during the entire service. Several other odd curiosities struck me. The only cross was on top of the building. Even the dates and times in the schedule varied from week to week to avoid the tradition of having a regularly scheduled event. After a brief walk through the building this church looked more like a carnival with the sole purpose to entertain people rather than a place to worship and pray. A very anti-traditional church I concluded. A few questions came to mind. What is a tradition? Is the Bible against traditions? Is the Bible for traditions?

After reviewing several versions of the Bible the word tradition is used in one version while the word ordinance is used in another. According to Webster's Dictionary a tradition is, "1. An inherited, established, or customary pattern of thought, action, or behavior (as a religious practice or a social custom). 2. The handing down of information, beliefs, and customs by word of mouth or by example from one generation to another without written instruction." (Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary Tenth Edition, 1993) The word tradition is accurate word in the Bible. Most of the population was illiterate and parchment was expensive during the early Church. Customary patterns (ceremonies) and transferring information via word of mouth were the most efficient methods in these times. Ordinance is defined as, "2. Something ordained or decreed by fate or deity. 3. A prescribed usage, practice, or ceremony." (Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary Tenth Edition, 1993) Ordinance also an accurate word in the Bible supports the transfer of knowledge through practice and ceremony. Are traditions and ordinance synonymous? Yes. (Thesaurus, 2012). An example is from 1 Corinthians 11:2. In this verse the Douay-Rheims and King James Editions of the Bible use "ordinance" while the New American Bible uses "tradition".

The next question for consideration is the Bible against traditions. It depends how the traditions are followed. For example, from the Gospel of St Mark Chapter 7, "5. And the Pharisees and scribes asked him [Christ]: Why do not your disciples walk according to the tradition of the ancients, but they eat bread with common hands? 6. But he answering, said to them: Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written: *This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.* 7. *And in vain do they worship me, teaching doctrines and precepts of men.*" (The Holy Bible: Douay-Rheims Edition, 2005) On the surface it sounds like Christ is against having traditions. However, Christ was not chastising the Pharisees and scribes for having traditions. He admonished them for going through the motions of practicing their traditions. Upon reading further, "21 For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, 22 thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. 23 All these evil things come from within and defile a man." (The Holy Bible: Douay-Rheims Edition, 2005). On the exterior the Pharisees and scribes appeared devoted to God by diligently practicing their traditions. On the interior they were corrupt and only paying lip service to God. Their hearts and minds immersed in sin were separated from God. In this passage from the Gospel of St. Mark Christ teaches us to know and understand our traditions and not just go through the motions like a mindless drone. Traditions are a reminder to Christians of their devotion to God and not a cover up for human shortcomings.

Are there examples of the Bible supporting traditions? Yes, there are. The first example is from 2 Thessalonians Chapter 2, "15. Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle. 16. Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, 17. Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work." (The Holy Bible: King James Version, 1976) In this passage St. Paul teaches the Thessalonians to remain faithful and not to fall under the misleading ways of outside influences by keeping to their traditions. Also, note in verse 17 the Protestant King James Bible is supporting the Catholic tradition of performing "good works." The next example is from 1 Corinthians Chapter 11, "2. I praise you because you remember me in everything and hold fast to the traditions, just as I handed them on to you." (The New American Bible: St. Joseph Edition, 1986) Here again St. Paul teaches the faithful Corinthians to avoid corruption from outside forces by

keeping to the traditions he handed to them. St. Paul uses traditions to reinforce the ways of Christ in the hearts and minds of the faithful.

Anti-traditionalism is certainly a misguided viewpoint. The words tradition and ordinance are synonymous with each other. A reader may encounter both words used interchangeably between different editions of the Bible. The Bible is against traditions if they are practiced for show or just matter of fact. Christ warns the faithful not to practice traditions with an empty or corrupt heart. The Bible is in favor of traditions to help the faithful remain true to the ways of Christ. St. Paul used traditions to help the Church communities in Thessalonica and Corinth to remain faithful. Traditions should not be practiced like a mind numbed robot, but with a good heart and mind to bring the faithful closer to the Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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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

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

ARTICLES FROM THE ASSEMBLY MEMBERSHIP

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