



Cardinal Gibbons Assembly 783

Newsletter

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DEGREE CEREMONIES

First Degree Ceremony: 17 January 2013. Location: Council 8847, 5050 Oak St. Hope Mills, NC. Each council with candidates must bring a first degree kit; which contains a rosary, the emblem of the order, and a booklet "*These Men They Call Knights*", a form 100, etc. Also, bring your council's constitutional roll.

Third Degree Ceremony: 9 February 2013. Location: Council 2546, 4301 Columbus Club Dr, Raleigh, NC. Registration will be between 11:00 - 11:30 am. For more information go to the NC website (www.kofcnc.org) under ceremonials, under 3rd Degree.

Third Degree Ceremony: 2 March 2013. Location: Council 7406, 217 Brawley School Rd. Mooresville, NC. Registration will be between 11:00 - 11:30 am. For more information go to the NC website (www.kofcnc.org) under ceremonials, under 3rd Degree.

Fourth Degree Exemplification: 9 March 2013. Regional 4th Degree will be held in New Bern, NC. Candidates should arrive at 11:00 am. For further information go to the K of C website at (www.kofcnc.org) under ceremonials, under 4th degree.

Fourth Degree Exemplification: 26 October 2013. Location: 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 with the information and I will place it in the next Assembly Newsletter and on the website Calendar page.

10 QUESTIONS FROM THE U.S. NATURALIZATION TEST

Jason English

Could you pass the civics portion of the U.S. citizenship test? Applicants must answer 6 of 10 questions correctly (out of 100 different possible questions). Here are some sample questions taken from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services official website:

1. How many amendments does the Constitution have?
2. What is the economic system in the United States?
3. Name your U.S. Representative.
4. What are two Cabinet-level positions?
5. Who is the Chief Justice of the United States now?
6. Who lived in America before the Europeans arrived?
7. The Federalist Papers supported the passage of the U.S. Constitution. Name ONE of the writers.
8. What is ONE thing Benjamin Franklin is famous for?
9. Before he was President, Eisenhower was a general. What war was he in?
10. What did Susan B. Anthony do?

1. 27; 2. capitalist economy/market economy; 3. answers will vary; 4. Any two: Secretary of Agriculture? Secretary of Commerce? Secretary of Defense? Secretary of Education? Secretary of Energy? Secretary of Health and Human Services? Secretary of Homeland Security? Secretary of Housing and Urban Development? Secretary of the Interior? Secretary of Labor? Secretary of State? Secretary of Transportation? Secretary of the Treasury? Secretary of Veterans Affairs? Attorney General? Vice President; 5. John Roberts; 6. Native Americans/American Indians; 7. James Madison? Alexander Hamilton? John Jay? Publius; 8. U.S. diplomat? Oldest member of the Constitutional Convention? First Postmaster General of the United States? Writer of “Poor Richard’s Almanac”? Started the first free libraries. 9. World War II; 10. Fought for women’s rights/fought for civil rights.

From Mentalfloss.com: <http://www.mentalfloss.com/blogs/archives/92860>

THE CENTURIONS

Chris Cooper

In the New Testament centurions are mentioned many times. By reading the Holy Scriptures a person is able to deduce a centurion was a soldier in the Roman Empire’s military. But who exactly were these individuals? More importantly why would the Bible mention them so many times? Also, who were some of the centurions?

First things first, who were the centurions? According to the New Advent a centurion was an individual who commanded a century or a company of soldiers.¹ The number of soldiers in the century varied from 50 to 100 individuals. All centurions were not equal. Centurions had a ranking system. This system was based on what part of a legion the centurion commanded.

The next question to consider is the Bible mentioning the Centurions. The website Bible History Online states, “The backbone of the Roman army were the centurions.” Reading further, “They worked their way up the ranks as soldiers, and were promoted for their dedication and courage.”² The centurions were leaders among men. Their leadership was based on hard work and valor and not corruption. A fact the authors of the New Testament were familiar with. What a centurion said or did would carry weight in the military and civilian community during Biblical times.

Two centurions of note are written in the Gospel of St. Matthew. The first is the centurion at Capernaum. In chapter 8 verse 8 the centurion made his statement of faith, “... Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant shall be healed.” The centurion understood Christ authority and power over all things. The second centurion is St. Longinus. According to Catholic Online St. Longinus is the centurion who proclaimed at the Crucifixion, “Indeed, this was the Son of God” (Mark 15:39) St. Longinus is also the soldier who thrust the spear into Christ body and out flowed blood and water (John 19:34).³



Statue of St. Longinus at the Vatican

1. *Centurion*, The New Advent, <http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/03535a.htm>
2. *Roman Centurion*, Bible History Online, <http://www.bible-history.com/sketches/ancient/roman-centurion.html>
3. *St. Longinus 1st Century Martyr*, Catholic Online, http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=11

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 1 January 2013.

Here are the current results:

Respondents

Steve Canali
Bill Hoadley
Dennis Sheridan
Bob White

Ernesto Chapa
Chris Kendziera
Bob Testa

Chris Cooper
Jose Santos
Bob Timbers

Results

<u># For</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Week of the Month</u>	<u>Time</u>
4	Sunday	3	2:30 PM
1	Sunday	2	2:30 PM
1	Sunday	4	2:30 PM
1	Tuesday	2	6:30 PM
1	Tuesday	3	6:30 PM
1	Wednesday	3	6:30 PM
1	Thursday	1	6:30 PM

IN MEMORIAM:

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

The Victims of Sandy Hook Elementary School

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.