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WHY THE AMERICAN FLAG IS FOLDED 13 TIMES

By SK Bob Hambly

Have you ever noticed on TV or at military funerals that the honor guard pays meticulous attention to correctly folding the American flag 13 times?

I've known how the 21 gun salute was determined (adding the individual digits of 1776), but only recently learned why the flag was folded 13 times when it is lowered or when it is folded and handed to the widow at the burial of a veteran.

HERE IT IS: The first fold of our flag is a symbol of life.

The second fold is a symbol of our belief in eternal life.

The third fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing our ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of our country to attain peace throughout the world.

The fourth fold represents our weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in time of war for His divine guidance.

The fifth fold is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our Country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong."

The sixth fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States Of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

The seventh fold is a tribute to our Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that we protect our country and our flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our republic.

The eighth fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor mother, for whom it flies on Mother's Day.

The ninth fold is a tribute to womanhood; for it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded.

The tenth fold is a tribute to the father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since they were first born.

The eleventh fold, in the eyes of a Hebrew citizen represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon, and glorifies in their eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

The twelfth fold, in the eyes of a Christian citizen, represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in their eyes, God the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit.

When the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost reminding us of our nation's motto, "In God We Trust". After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the sailors and marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States,

preserving for us the rights, privileges, and freedoms we enjoy today. There are some traditions and ways of doing things which have deep meaning. You will see many flags folded in the coming weeks, and now you will know why.

DEGREE CEREMONIES

Third Degree Ceremony: 20 September 2013. Location: Cardinal Gibbons Council 2838, St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, 2840 Village Drive, Fayetteville, NC. For more information go to the NC website (www.kofcnc.org), under ceremonials, under degrees.

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.



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THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

By SK Chris Cooper

This article is the first in a series elaborating on the Communion of Churches that make up the Catholic Church. I'm basing this series on *Catholic Rites and Churches* by Colin B. Donovan, STL, I included in the May 2013 Assembly Newsletter. YouTube has numerous videos of the Catholic Masses and Divine Liturgies. I could not a complete video for each one of the Masses. In some cases I found only Chants or a video of the Order that uses a particular Mass. To view the YouTube videos I referenced just click on the link and it will take you to the video. If the video referenced the location where it was taken I included a link to the location (Church, Chapel, etc.) website.

Let's get started. We will explore the Roman Catholic Church first which is the largest of the Catholic Churches. (Donovan, 2007) The Roman Church sometimes referred to as the Western or Latin Church is composed of the Ordinary Form of the Roman Rite, Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite, Anglican Use, Mozarabic, Ambrosian, Bragan, Dominican Rite, Carmelite Rite, and Carthusian Rite.

Ordinary Form of the Roman Rite also known as the Novus Ordo (Ottaviani, 1969) was promulgated by Pope Paul VI in 1970. (Donovan, 2007). This Order of the Mass is used in most of the Roman Church today. Pope Benedict XVI in 2007 confirmed the use of Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite. (Benedict XVI, 2007) The Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite is also referred to as the Traditional Latin Mass. Two Orders in the Church use the Traditional Latin Mass:

Priestly Fraternity Of Saint Peter

<http://www.fssp.org/en/index.htm> (International Website)

<http://fssp.com/press/> (North American Website)

Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest

<http://www.institute-christ-king.org/home/>

I found a video of the Traditional Latin Mass presented by the Priestly Fraternity Of Saint Peter on YouTube. A narrator is provided to explain how the Mass is conducted. It is broken into three parts:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZUCa0pkPBhs> (Part 1)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k_3QU-IUXp0 (Part 2)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2nToRDQeg_I (Part 3)

The Anglican Use is practiced by Anglican and Episcopal Churches which have entered Communion with the Catholic Church. Our Lady of the Atonement Catholic Church in San Antonio, Texas uses the Anglican Rite. The Parish website is:

<http://www.atonementonline.com/>

I hope you find this Mass as beautiful as I did:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q251EywW_M

Mozarabic Rite Mass originated in Spain after the Muslim Moor conquest. It is the Traditional Latin Mass influenced with the Arabic language and culture. I did not find any videos of a Mozarabic Mass, but I did find Mozarabic Chant. The following link contains a series of Mozarabic Chant. However, some of them are deleted, but your browser will just skip to the next active video:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ob_YOmaW8Z8&list=PL595932745DA4BE54

The Ambrosian Rite Mass is celebrated in the Archdiocese of Milan, Italy. The video I found appears to be in the Cathedral, but I'm not sure. I did find the website for the Archdiocese, but it is all in Italian and I have a hard enough time with English. If you want to give it a try the Archdiocese website is

<http://www.chiesadimilano.it/>

The video is broken down into fifteen parts:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U6EgF8kXS_k&list=PL2DCB46B5A36E797B&index=1

Unfortunately, I did not find any videos pertaining to the Bragan Rite Mass. It originated at Braga, Portugal. (Donovan, 2007) I checked the website of the Archdiocese of Braga. The website is in Portuguese and I did not see an English equivalent. Here is the website if you want to have a go at it:

<http://www.diocese-braga.pt/home>

The Dominican Rite Mass I found similar to the Traditional Latin Mass. The video was shot at the Chapel of Thomas Aquinas College, Santa Paula, California:

<http://www.thomasaquinas.edu/catholic-life/our-lady-most-holy-trinity-chapel>

The video link is:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IwNxyphURn8>

The Carmelite Rite Mass originated in Jerusalem. (Donovan, Non-Roman Latin or Western rites, 2004) The video I found is old. It is in black and white, but it is the entire Carmelite Rite Mass:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XTkSXW3O7HI&list=PL3F19AF49732B6BA9>

I did not find a video of the Carthusian Rite Mass. However, I did find a video called "Visiting a Carthusian Monastery." The language the narrator is speaking sounds like Italian. It has English sub-titles. The video is broken down into four parts:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qc_mb7wu_a0 (Part 1)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mz6hOBjRRi4> (Part 2)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ni6PsZwSx40> (Part 3)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DG8rzd2kGcc> (Part 4)

I hope you found all the videos and other references informative. If you find more information or a video that may provide a better explanation of the different Roman Catholic Masses send them to COOP5614@yahoo.com and I will post them in the next Assembly Newsletter.

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IN MEMORIAM:

Please keep in your prayers for the repose of the soul of:
SK George Addison

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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.