



Cardinal Gibbons Assembly 783
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ABORTION RATES CONTINUE TO DECLINE IN ITALY

Vast Majority of Italian Gynecologists Refuse to Abort Unborn Babies ROME, November 14, 2013 (Zenit.org) - Between 80-90% of gynecologists in Italy are refusing to abort babies, while abortion rates are steadily declining, according to a recent report from the Italian government. In a report by Italy's Ministry of Health, it was found that abortion rates in Italy had dropped from 106,000 abortions in 2012 to 111,000. This decline is in part attributed to a law which permits health care workers to refuse to perform abortions on the basis of conscience.

A 2010 resolution of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe declared that "no person shall be compelled to practice the removal of a child or an embryo, and no one may be discriminated against in any way as a result of his refusal to carry out abortions."

The numbers of conscientious objectors in the health care field has increased, according to the report. Some 90% of gynecologists in Campania and 80% Southern Italy are refusing to perform abortions.

From *Eternal Word Television Network*: <http://www.ewtn.com/vnews/getstory.asp?number=127100>

DEGREE CEREMONIES

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.

First Degree Ceremony: 20 January 2014. 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

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR SIR KNIGHT ALBERT D. WYATT

Thank you to the Sir Knights who participated in the Memorial Service for SK Albert D Wyatt (November 6, 2013):

Past Faithful Navigator Rodney Komlofske
Sir Knight Stanley Milewski (Assembly 2283)

Sir Knight Peter Thayer
Sir Knight Steve Graybill (Assembly 2283)

VETERANS DAY PARADE 2013

Thank you to the Sir Knights who participated in the Fayetteville, NC Veterans Day Parade (November 9, 2013):

Faithful Navigator Jose Santos
Past Faithful Navigator John Handley
Sir Knight Chris Cooper
Sir Knight Jeff Jankovics
Sir Knight Jesse Montenez

Past Faithful Navigator Rodney Komlofske
Past Faithful Navigator Bob White
Sir Knight Peter Thayer
Sir Knight Carlos Cortes
Sir Knight Dan Harrington – Driver/Pulled Float

UPCOMING HONOR GUARD EVENTS

Ordination of Sir Knight Chuck VanHeusen to Cantor, Lector, and Subdeacon

November 24, 2013 @ 10:30 AM

St. Michael the Archangel Maronite Catholic Church, 806 Arsenal Ave, Fayetteville, NC

For further details and to volunteer for this event click on the following link:

<http://cardinalgibbonsassembly783.weebly.com/sk-chuck-vanhuesen---ordination.html>

Virgin of Guadalupe

December 11, 2013 @ 11:00 PM

St. Andrew Catholic Church, 302 Mercer Ave Red Springs, NC

For further details and to volunteer for this event click on the following link:

<http://cardinalgibbonsassembly783.weebly.com/virgin-of-guadalupe.html>

WHY ARE WE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS?

Sir Knight Christopher R. Cooper

According to the pamphlet, These Men They Call Knights, there are five tenets why men join the Knights of Columbus. These tenets originated with our founder, Father Michael J. McGivney. It was his vision to combat negative Catholic propaganda during the late nineteenth century. The five tenets all have one underlying theme. This theme is to make us better Catholic Gentlemen. Adhering to these tenets makes us a positive example to our fellow Catholic brethren and our local community (both Catholic and non-Catholic). The first of the principles is taking care of each other in time of need.

Assisting each other in time of need takes many forms. One item listed in These Men They Call Knights is having insurance to help our loved ones after our passing. There are other forms, helping our brother Knights and their families in time of need such as sickness or natural disaster. Taking time out to visit someone in the hospital is a great morale booster for the person in the hospital. Helping a brother Knight out during a natural disaster can be either a donation of money and/or time to help repair property damage after a storm. Doing these simple things helps out our parish priest who may not be able to visit sick parishioners as often as he would like due to the number of people in need.

The next tenet is strengthening each other in Faith. Reading and studying Catholic Catechism is a good aid to strengthening our Catholic Faith. Sharing what we learn strengthens the Faith of our Brother Knights. Encouraging our Council Chaplin and Assembly Faith Friar to take a few minutes to comment on subjects of Catholic Faith during a meeting is another good tool to strength our Faith.

Strengthening families and family life is simple for us to accomplish. Hosting or assisting in parish events promotes the family. Such events are Parish Family Night, Pancake Breakfast, Holiday Events, and the list goes on. Reframing from idle gossip about our fellow Knights and parishioners is the simplest thing we can do. Passing unfounded rumors and innuendoes weakens the family and should be avoided.

All good Knights should support their Bishop and Parish Priest. An easy method to help support our Bishop and Parish Priest is to invite them to join the Knights of Columbus. Helping in parish fundraisers and repairs to the

church grounds promotes a positive image of the Knights of Columbus to the clergy. We should avoid complaining about our Bishop and Parish Priest especially in public, parish events, and meetings. It brings dishonor on the Knights of Columbus.

Knights of Columbus should be of service to the Church and community. Feeding the less fortunate is a favorite service of mine. Helping out at the Love Lunch at the Salvation Army in downtown Fayetteville, NC is an uplifting experience for me. The appreciation of the people attending the lunch at times almost brings a tear to my eyes especially when the children say, "thank you." I always walk away with a new found sense of gratitude to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the Blessed Trinity, for providing me with what I have.

Keeping these tenets in mind we live up to the vision of Father McGivney for the Knights of Columbus. These tenets will make the Knights of Columbus a positive example for the Church and the local community.

IN MEMORIAM:

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

SK Albert D. Wyatt

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.