



**Cardinal Gibbons Assembly 783**  
**Newsletter**  
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**REFLECTIONS FROM POPE FRANCIS**

There are “two paths”, and it is Jesus himself, with his “gestures of closeness”, who tells us which direction to take. One, indeed, is the path of the “hypocrites”, who close doors by sticking to the “letter of the law”. On the other, however, is “the path of charity”, which passes “from love to the true justice that is within the law”.

These were the words of Pope Francis as he celebrated Mass at Santa Marta on Friday morning. [31 October 2014]

The Holy See

[http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/cotidie/2014/documents/papa-francesco-cotidie\\_20141031\\_the-law-and-the-flesh.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/cotidie/2014/documents/papa-francesco-cotidie_20141031_the-law-and-the-flesh.html)

**MYTH TIME OF YEAR**

Sir Knight Christopher R. Cooper

Just in time for the holiday season is someone coming out with a theory undermining Christianity. It's an oldy-moldy tactic. An archeologist along with a co-perpetrator is claiming they found a “lost” gospel. This so-called lost gospel asserts Christ was married and had children. Fortunately, this one is being debunked before it gets going too far. Another myth that can be debunked is the propaganda surrounding the Spanish Inquisition. This Inquisition was far less brutal and more humane than other inquisitions that were happening at the same time. Another source of myths was the Gospel of Judas that came out around Easter of 2006 A.D. What became of the Gospel of Judas? After reading this Gospel I have an opinion why this one fell out of favor with the politically correct establishment. First let us take a look at the most recent theory undermining Christianity in time for Christmas.

On tap for this Christmas is a theory undermining Christianity based on an ancient writing called *Joseph and Asenath*. (Akin, 2014) The perpetrators who are spewing the latest theory about Christ being married and having children have called *Joseph and Asenath* a gospel. They claim this work was lost but this notion is incorrect. This work has been around since the mid-19th century. An electronic copy of *Joseph and Asenath* is available at: <https://archive.org/details/josephasenathco00broo>. The use of the term “gospel” is incorrect in this case. According to *Webster's Dictionary* the term “gospel” is defined as, “the teachings of Jesus and the apostles”. (Braham, 1996) *Joseph and Asenath* was written approximately one thousand years prior to the birth of Christ. It is based on Joseph from the Old Testament whose brothers sold him into slavery. Joseph then became a high-ranking Egyptian official and he married Asenath. She was the daughter of an Egyptian priest. This marriage was a sticking point for the Jewish people. In ancient times Jewish people were not allowed to marry outside of their faith. *Joseph and Asenath* elaborates about Asenath's conversion to Judaism to correct this problem. For some bizarre reason the perpetrators have substituted the names Jesus and Mary Magdalene for Joseph and Asenath. (Cargill, 2014) This practice of name substitution is highly undesirable in can be very misleading. In my opinion this practice is vicious propaganda to promote an anti-Christian agenda. Speaking of propaganda there are some interesting facts about the Spanish Inquisition.

There are many negative stories about the Spanish Inquisition. I have heard the stories through the years beginning in high school. After some research I have discovered these negative stories are mere propaganda. (Sorensen, 2013) The British Broadcasting Company (BBC) aired a show in 1994 A.D. entitled “The Myth of the Spanish Inquisition”. It is available on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CY-pS6iLFuc>. What was the reason for this propaganda? A review of history is in order.

In the 16th century Spain was the superpower of its day. (Stamp, 1994) Spain had colonies in Central America and a large part of South America. It also controlled parts of Europe. The Spanish Empire was seen as a threat to many countries in Europe especially in the areas where the Protestant Reformation occurred. In order to rally against Spain the propaganda war began. One area was the Spanish Inquisition. The propagandists let people to believe that the Spanish Catholic Church was out of control torturing people, burning witches at the stake, and indulging in other barbaric acts. Nothing could be further from the truth. There were specific rules for the Inquisition to follow. Torture was not used haphazardly if it was used at all. There were no witches burned at the stake in Spain or even tried. The Spanish Inquisition did not even recognize witchcraft. There were other inquisitions occurring in Europe at this time. The practice of burning witches at the state actually occurred in what is today modern Germany. The death penalty was more readily used in the inquisitions that occurred in northern Europe. One note of interest about the Spanish Inquisition is it had little effect in the rural areas. As stated on the BBC the local priest in the rural areas cautioned his flock not to bear false witness against their neighbors especially when the inquisitor was in the area. The Inquisition therefor had little effect outside the urban areas. Now it is time to come back to more modern times and examine the Gospel of Judas.

During my last deployment in 2006 A.D. to the Middle East a show aired about the Gospel of Judas. As usual this show aired just in time for one of the major Christian holidays in this case it was Easter. The Gospel of Judas was hyped or more correctly overhyped as a new source to rewrite Christianity. The Catholic chaplain at my location stated, "It was a whole lot about nothing". I tend to agree with him. This Gospel proclaims Judas had the right idea about Christ's passion and that the other apostles did not know what they were doing. The popularity of the Gospel of Judas did not last long. I wondered why and when I read this Gospel it became obvious. This Gospel puts homosexuals in the same group with child killers and other immoral individuals. The next statement is purely my opinion. This disparagement of homosexuals is why the Gospel of Judas fell out of favor with the politically correct establishment. Here is a quote from the Gospel of Judas, "The ruler of this world will stand and use my name in this manner and generations of pious people will cling to him. After him another man will come forward from those who are immoral, and another will come from the child-killers, and another from those who have sex with men, and those who abstain, and the rest of those who are impure and lawless and prone to error, as well as those who say, 'we are like angels'; they are the stars to bring everything to its end." (Meyer, 2008) A copy of the Gospel of Judas is available on-line at <http://www.wisdomworkshops.net/catalog/item/718691/3065863.htm>. It is translated slightly different from the copy I have.

Well the holidays are almost here; Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's. Unfortunately part of the season comes with some charlatan proclaiming they found new evidence to undermine Christianity. However, with a little reading, study, and prayer such individuals can be exposed along with their agenda.

Brothers Sir Knights, "Happy Thanksgiving!"

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## **DEGREE CEREMONIES**

**First Degree Ceremony:** 17 November 2014. Location: Council 15250, Ft. Bragg, NC. For more details go to:  
[http://www.kofcnc.org/09\\_10Files/calendar.htm?pli=1](http://www.kofcnc.org/09_10Files/calendar.htm?pli=1)

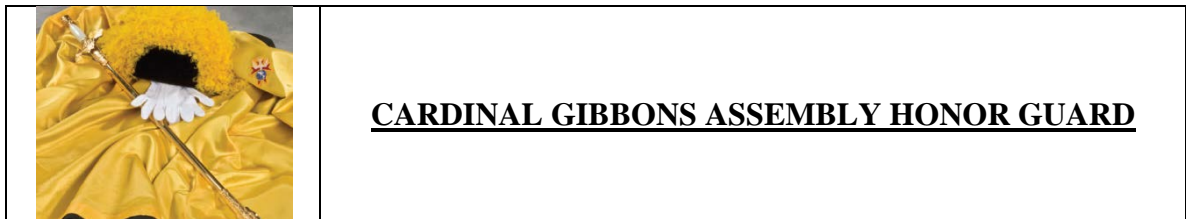
**Third Degree Ceremony:** 16 January 2015. Location: Council 9847, Fayetteville, NC. For more details go to:  
[http://www.kofcnc.org/09\\_10Files/calendar.htm?pli=1](http://www.kofcnc.org/09_10Files/calendar.htm?pli=1)

**Third Degree Ceremony:** 7 February 2015. Location: Council 2546, Raleigh, NC. For more details go to:  
[http://www.kofcnc.org/09\\_10Files/calendar.htm?pli=1](http://www.kofcnc.org/09_10Files/calendar.htm?pli=1)

**Third Degree Ceremony:** 14 February 2015. Location: Council 9499, Clemmons, NC. For more details go to:  
[http://www.kofcnc.org/09\\_10Files/calendar.htm?pli=1](http://www.kofcnc.org/09_10Files/calendar.htm?pli=1)

**Fourth Degree Exemplification:** 28 February 2015. Location: Council 2838, Fayetteville, NC. For more details go to:  
[http://www.kofcnc.org/09\\_10Files/calendar.htm?pli=1](http://www.kofcnc.org/09_10Files/calendar.htm?pli=1)

If your Council is hosting a Degree Ceremony send an email to [COOP5614@yahoo.com](mailto:COOP5614@yahoo.com) with the information and I will place it in the next Assembly Newsletter and on the website Calendar page.



## **NEW HONOR GUARD COMMANDER WANTED**

Faithful Navigator Bob Testa will not be to continue as Honor Guard Commander. If you are interested in becoming Honor Guard Commander contact him or any of the Assembly Officers to volunteer.

## **UPCOMING HONOR GUARD EVENT**

### **PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS AT SPECIAL OLYMPICS**

Location: TBD

Date: April 17, 2015

Show Time: TBD

Start Time: TBD

Completion Time: TBD

More details will be sent out when they arrive.

## VETERANS DAY PARADE 2014

Thank you to the Sir Knights who participated in the Veterans Day Parade 2014.

Faithful Navigator	Bob Testa
Faithful Navigator	Bob Hambly (Assembly 3459)
Past Faithful Navigator	Rod Komlofske
Past Faithful Navigator	Jose Santos
Past Faithful Navigator	Bob White (Assembly 3459)
Sir Knight	Chris Cooper
Sir Knight	Carlos Cortes (Assembly 3459)
Sir Knight	Danny Harrington (Assembly 3459)
Sir Knight	Jeff Jankovics
Sir Knight	Miguel Lares
Sir Knight	Jesse Montanez
Sir Knight	Neil Vince
Sir Knight	Sompaul Vorapanich (Assembly 3459)

The following pictures are from the Veterans Day 2014, Fayetteville, NC.  
The pictures were taken by Past Faithful Navigator Rod Komlofske's daughter, Anna Komlofske.





## **THE THEATINE MONASTIC ORDER**

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The Theatine Monastic Order began in the 16th century A.D. (Fish Eaters, 2014) The Order is also known as the “Clerics Regular”. The purpose of this Order was to educate the clergy and the laity against the errors of the Protestant Reformation. The Theatine Order founded communities throughout the world. There is also a Second Order founded under Venerable Ursula Benincasa later in the 16th century. The Second Order is dedicated to an austere lifestyle of St. Martha.

Four men founded the Theatine Order. (Ragonesi, 1912) They were Gaetano dei Conti di Tiene, Paolo Consiglieri, Bonifacio da Colle, and Giovanni Pietro Carafa. Later, Giovanni Pietro Carafa became Pope Paul IV in 1555 A.D. This Order took its name from the city it was founded in, Chieti, or in English, Theate. The founders dedicated the Theate Order to the Cross. The Cross is also the symbol for this Order. The Church formally recognized the Theate Order on June 24, 1524 A.D. under Pope Clement VII.

The Theate Order began to grow and spread throughout the Italian peninsula. (Ragonesi, 1912) Numerous oratories and hospitals can trace their origins to the Theate Order. Eventually the Theate Order went to foreign countries to start papal missions. One mission of note is the Theate community in Armenia. The Armenian Church severed relations with the west in the 6th century A.D. Father Galano of the Theate Order while in Armenia wrote a history of the Armenian Church. Through his work and dedication he ended the schism between the Armenian Church and Rome. Unfortunately, after many centuries of growth the Theate Order experienced a decline in the 19th century A.D.

In recent history Pope Pius X stemmed the decline of the Theate Order. He merged the Theate Order with the Spanish Congregation of the Holy Family at Barcelona in the early 20th century A.D. (Ragonesi, 1912) Today the Theater Order has a prominent presence in Colorado. The Order maintains numerous parishes and schools. More information can be found at: Theatine Fathers Our Lady of Purity <http://theatinesusa.com/home.html>. Like many monastic order the Theate Order also has a Second Order.

Venerable Ursula Benincasa founded the Second Order in the late 16th century A.D. (Ragonesi, 1912) The name Venerable Ursula Benincasa called the Second Order is the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary. She dedicated the Second Order to the Rosary. One distinguishing characteristic of the Second Order is its Blue Scapular. Venerable Ursula Benincasa instituted the Blue Scapular which is still worn by the Second Order today.

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### **IN MEMORIAM:**

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

All Deceased Knights of Columbus.

### **ARTICLES FROM THE ASSEMBLY MEMBERSHIP**

Any Sir Knight who wants to submit an article to the Newsletter, turn the article into Faithful Scribe SK Chris Cooper at the next Assembly meeting or send it via email to [COOP5614@yahoo.com](mailto:COOP5614@yahoo.com).