



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

Let us all remember this:

One cannot proclaim the Gospel of Jesus without the tangible witness of one's life.

A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just.

[https://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/authors/p/pope\\_francis.html](https://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/authors/p/pope_francis.html)

**FRATERNAL ELECTION 2015**

That time of year is approaching again. In a few short months it will be time to elect new officers for our Assembly. The Trustees will contact the membership to solicit Sir Knights to the Slate of Candidates. If you are interested in filling an Assembly Office contact Faithful Navigator Bob Testa ([rtesta317@aol.com](mailto:rtesta317@aol.com)) or Faithful Comptroller Rod Komlofske ([rod.komlofske@gmail.com](mailto:rod.komlofske@gmail.com)).

**CATHOLIC CLERGY WHO STOOD UP TO HITLER**

SK Christopher R. Cooper

During World War II the Catholic Church was not complicit with the NAZI government of Adolf Hitler in spite of all the political correctness attempting to rewrite history. Many Catholic Church officials stood up against fascist tyranny that ran unabated in Europe in WWII. Some paid with their lives for standing on Christian Catholic principles. Countless Jewish lives were spared from the concentration camps. The Catholic Clergy prevented the death of many medically and mentally infirmed people who would have otherwise been euthanized as not being worthy of life. Allied troops benefitted from the bravery of the Catholic Clergy. Instead of languishing for years as prisoners of war the Catholic Clergy sheltered and helped them return to allied lines. Three examples of these brave clergymen are Pope Pius XII, Blessed Vilmos Apor, and Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty.

Pope Pius XII led the Catholic Church during WWII. Through his guidance approximately 860,000 Jewish people were saved from the horrors of the NAZI government. (Michael Journal, 2002) No other organization, religious, government, etc., can claim to have saved this many Jewish people from the atrocities of Adolf Hitler and his henchmen. Unfortunately, malcontents with a political agenda as far back as 1963 A.D. have borne false witness against Pope Pius XII. These malcontents have claimed Pope Pius XII either turn a blind eye to the Holocaust or collaborated with NAZI officials. None of these accusations are true. Here is a quote from Albert Einstein who fled his native Germany because of NAZI-ism, "Only the [Catholic] Church stood squarely across the path of Hitler's campaign for suppressing the truth...I never had any special interest in the [Catholic] Church before, but now I feel great affection and admiration...and am forced thus to confess that what I once despised, I now praise unreservedly."

Blessed Vilmos Apor was Bishop of Győr, Hungary when Hitler's forces invaded Hungary. (Columbia, 2015) He offered shelter to the Jewish people. Blessed Apor decried the force removal of the Jewish people to the NAZI death camps. When the Red Army arrived in Győr Blessed Apor sheltered refugees from the drunken soldiers. When these vagabonds demanded the young ladies who Blessed Apor sheltered, he stood in their way and they

responded with gun fire. Blessed Apor saved the young ladies from being assaulted, but he paid with his life. He died from his wounds on Easter Monday 2 April 1945.

Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty has been dubbed a Scarlet Pimpernel-esque Vatican priest. (Lewis, 2011) He was in Rome, Italy during WWII. Monsignor O'Flaherty organized a network that sheltered approximately 4,000 allied troops who otherwise would have spent the remainder of the war in a prisoner of war camp. He played a game of cat and mouse with the NAZI authorities. A movie was made about Monsignor O'Flaherty called *The Scarlet and the Black* starring Gregory Peck.

Many Catholic Church officials from Priest, to Bishop, to Pope stood up to the tyranny of Adolf Hitler. Many Jewish people and allied troops benefitted from their bravery and opposition to NAZI rule. Some died for their principles while other survived WWII. Unfortunately, political correctness from malcontents and enemies of the Catholic Church defamed the efforts of these good men. The truth will preserve in the end. To end this article here is a quote from Sir Winston Churchill on standing up to tyrants, "You have enemies? Good. That means you've stood up for something, sometime in your life."

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### **CARDINAL GIBBONS ASSEMBLY HONOR GUARD**

### **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.

### **REGALIA ITEMS FOR LOAN**

Faithful Comptroller Rod Komlofske has regalia items to loan for members of the Assembly who do not have them. If you want to participate in an Honor Guard event and do not have the required regalia items send email to [rod.komlofske@gmail.com](mailto:rod.komlofske@gmail.com).

A tuxedo was donated to the Assembly: coat 42 and pants waist 43. If you need a tuxedo contact Faithful Comptroller Rod Komlofske [rod.komlofske@gmail.com](mailto:rod.komlofske@gmail.com).

## **UPCOMING HONOR GUARD EVENT**

### **PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS AT SPECIAL OLYMPICS 2015**

Location: Methodist University, Ramsey Street (US 401), Fayetteville, NC

Date: April 24, 2015

Show Time: 8:00 AM

Start Time: 8:30 AM

Completion Time: 9:30 AM

Sir Knights who are interested in participating in this Honor Guard event sign-up at the following link:

<http://cardinalgibbonsassembly783.weebly.com/presentation-of-the-colors-at-special-olympics.html>

### **RETIRE THE COLORS AT SPECIAL OLYMPICS 2015**

Location: Methodist University, Ramsey Street (US 401), Fayetteville, NC

Date: April 24, 2015

Show Time: 12:30 PM

Start Time: 1:00 PM

Completion Time: 1:30 PM

Sir Knights who are interested in participating in this Honor Guard event sign-up at the following link:

<http://cardinalgibbonsassembly783.weebly.com/retire-the-colors-at-special-olympics.html>

### **MEMORIAL DAY WREATH LAYING CEREMONY 2015**

Location: Freedom Memorial Park across the street from the Airborne & Special Operations Museum, 100 Bragg Blvd., Fayetteville, NC 28301

Date: 25 May 2015

Show Time: 9:30 AM

Start Time: 10:00 AM

Completion Time: 11:00 AM

Sir Knights who are interested in participating in this Honor Guard event sign-up at the following link:

<http://cardinalgibbonsassembly783.weebly.com/memorial-day-wreath-laying-ceremony-2015.html>

## **DEGREE CEREMONIES**

If your Council is hosting a degree ceremony, send the details to [COOP5614@yahoo.com](mailto:COOP5614@yahoo.com) and it will be posted in the Assembly Newsletter.

**Second Degree Ceremony:** 21 May 2015. Location: Council 12640, Fayetteville, NC. For more details go to:

[http://kofcnc.org/PROGRAMS/COUNCIL/3rd%20degree/third\\_degree\\_schedule.htm](http://kofcnc.org/PROGRAMS/COUNCIL/3rd%20degree/third_degree_schedule.htm)

**Third Degree Ceremony:** 22 May 2015. Location: Council 14632, Raeford, NC. For more details go to:

[http://kofcnc.org/PROGRAMS/COUNCIL/3rd%20degree/third\\_degree\\_schedule.htm](http://kofcnc.org/PROGRAMS/COUNCIL/3rd%20degree/third_degree_schedule.htm)

**Third Degree Ceremony:** 30 May 2015. Location: Council 13236, Greensboro, NC. For more details go to:

[http://kofcnc.org/PROGRAMS/COUNCIL/3rd%20degree/third\\_degree\\_schedule.htm](http://kofcnc.org/PROGRAMS/COUNCIL/3rd%20degree/third_degree_schedule.htm)

**First Degree Ceremony:** 10 June 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)

## **THE BOOKS OF PSALMS & PROVERBS**

SK Christopher R. Cooper

Two books in the Bible that are complimentary to each other are the Books of Psalms and Proverbs. Both books instruct us how to conduct our daily lives. Psalms is based on our relationship with the one true God. Proverbs furnishes us with a road map for this life. Psalms instructs us to praise God and seek his help. Proverbs instructs us how to interact in this world by seeking wisdom. First we will examine the Book of Psalms.

The ancient Hebrews called the Book of Psalms, Tehillim, translated as the Hymns of Praise. (Loreto Publications, 2005) As inferred by the name, Tehillim, states the purpose of the Book of Psalms is to praise God. Upon further examination according to *Webster's Dictionary* the term "psalm" is defined as a sacred song or hymn. (Random House, 1996) The number of Psalms is 150 and they are divided into five books. (Catholic Book Publishing Co., 1986) Depending on which translation of the Bible you encounter the Psalms will be numbered slightly different. (EWTN, 1998) One example is, "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." If you are using *The New American Bible – St. Joseph Edition* this quote is from the beginning of Psalm 23. If you are using *The Holy Bible – Douay-Rheims Edition* it is Psalm 22. The St. Joseph Edition follows the Hebrew numbering system while the Douay-Rheims Edition follows the Greek and Vulgate numbering system.

Several examples from the St. Joseph Edition defining our relationship with God are Psalms 23, 24, and 25. Psalm 23 acknowledges our dependence on God and what he provides for us. Psalm 24 states all the earth and those who dwell there belong to Him. Psalm 25 says we should look to God for guidance. These examples illustrate our relationship with God and now let's take a look the Book of Proverbs.

The Book of Proverbs provides guidance for us in this world. For many centuries the Roman Missal called the Book of Proverbs, "the Book of Wisdom." (Catholic Book Publishing Co., 1986) To avoid confusion, the Book of Wisdom in the St. Joseph Edition was written approximately one hundred years before the birth of Christ. The Book of Proverbs was compiled from different works in the early fifth century B.C. By definition the word proverb means to state a commonplace truth. (Random House, 1996) In ancient times fathers used the Book of Proverbs to teach their sons. (USCCB, 2015) This father-son relationship is stressed throughout the Book of Proverbs. One example is Proverbs Chapter 5. In this chapter the father warns the son against committing adultery and the cost of not heeding this teaching. Christ and the Apostles quoted the Book of Proverbs when they taught the Faithful. In the Gospel of St. Matthew Chapter 6 Christ is giving the Apostles the Lord's Prayer. In verse 11, "Give us today our daily bread;" Christ alludes to Proverbs 30:8, "...provide me only with the food I need..." Here Christ ties the Law of the Old Testament with the promise of Salvation in the New Testament. St. James in his epistle counsels the Faithful to seek wisdom (James 1:5). The Faithful should pray to God for Him to grant them wisdom. St. James makes use of Proverbs 2:2-6. The father instructs the son to seek wisdom as St. James instructs the Faithful to seek wisdom.

The Books of Psalms and Proverbs are complimentary to each other. Psalms describes our relationship with the one true God. Proverbs furnishes us with a road map for our life in this world. The map is to seek wisdom. Psalms teaches us the following points. We are to praise God. This world and all that inhabit it belongs to Him. We are his children. The Book of Proverbs provides guides for us to follow. Wisdom should be sought. Proverbs uses the father-son relationship as a teaching method. One example of wisdom to follow is the virtue of marital fidelity. Christ and the Apostles used the Book of Proverbs to teach the Faithful as the Church does today.

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### **IN MEMORIAM:**

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

All Deceased Knights of Columbus.

All Members of the U.S Armed Forces.

All First Responders.

### **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).