



Cardinal Gibbons Assembly 783
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REFLECTIONS FROM PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

If we ever forget that we are One Nation Under God, then we will be a nation gone under.

Within the covers of the Bible are the answers for all the problems men face.

Freedom prospers when religion is vibrant and the rule of law under God is acknowledged.

https://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/authors/r/ronald_reagan.html

FRATERNAL ELECTION 2015

The Fraternal Election for the Assembly Officer for 2015/2016 was held during the Assembly Meeting held on 14 June 2015. The Assembly Officers for 2015/2016 are:

Faithful Navigator:	Chris Cooper	Faithful Scribe:	John Handley
Faithful Comptroller:	Rod Komlofske	Inner Sentinel:	Chris Kendziera
Faithful Friar:	Father Jack Kelly	Outer Sentinel:	Henry Winbush
Faithful Captain:	David Rosero	Trustee:	Steve Canali
Faithful Admiral:	Paul Tomacelli	Trustee:	Jose Santos
Faithful Purser:	Jeff Michaud	Trustee:	Bob Testa
Faithful Pilot:	Neal Vince	Honor Guard Commander:	Vacant

In keeping with procedure of the Assembly meeting being held at the incoming Faithful Navigator's home parish the new location will be St. Michael the Archangel Maronite Catholic Church, 806 Arsenal Avenue, Fayetteville, NC 28305. The meetings will be on the third Sunday of each month; however, the time will be at 2:30 p.m.

THE god OF PRO-ABORTIONISTS

Sir Knight Christopher R. Cooper

"The tongue of the wise pours out knowledge, but the mouth of fools spews folly." Proverbs 15:2. (USCCB, 1986) Such is the case of pro-abortionists in Texas in 2013 A.D. The pro-abortionists were angry with the Texas Legislature for placing reasonable regulations on the abortion industry. (Griffing, 2013) Americans being Americans decided to demonstrate at the Texas state capitol in Austin.

Two groups were there voicing their opinions. (Griffing, 2013) Pro-life supporters who applauded the Texas state legislators for their courage to take a stand against political correctness demonstrated peacefully. The agitators in the pro-abortion movement also demonstrated, but not peacefully. While the pro-life supports sang Amazing Grace the agitators shouted, "Hail Satan!"

The pro-abortionists in a fit of anger when they did not get their way finally admitted who their god really is. However, it gets worse. The agitators in a totally classless move had children carry signs to help push the abortionist agenda. (Griffing, 2013)

Pro-life supporters and the Texas legislators prevailed. They were able to further the protection of the most innocent and vulnerable among us. The agitators in the pro-abortion movement would do well to remember Proverbs 6:16-17, "Six things there are, which the Lord hateth, and the seventh his soul detesteth: Haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood." (Loreto Publications, 2005)

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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.

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.

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Faithful Navigator Bob Testa thanks all the Sir Knights who participated in the Honor Guard Detail for the seminarian who received the Sacrament of Holy Orders on 6 June 2015. This event was held at St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church in Fayetteville, NC:

PFN Rod Komlofske - Commander
PFN Tom Zumbahlen
SK Dennis Cahill

SK Chris Cooper
SK Jeff Michaud
SK Neal Vince

MEMORIAL DAY WREATH LAYING CEREMONY 2015

Faithful Navigator Bob Testa thanks all the Sir Knights who participated in the Memorial Day Wreath Laying Ceremony 2015 held at Memorial Park in downtown Fayetteville, NC:

PFN Rod Komlofske - Commander
PFN John Handley
PFN Jose Santos
PFN Bob White (Assembly 3459)

SK Chris Cooper
SK Carlos Cortes_(Assembly 3459)
SK Jeff Jankovics
SK Neal Vince



UPCOMING HONOR GUARD EVENT:

VETERANS DAY PARADE 2015

The next scheduled Honor Guard Event is the Fayetteville Veterans Day Parade 2015. It is tentatively scheduled for 7 November 2015. More details will be sent out as they become available.

DEGREE CEREMONIES

Third Degree Ceremony (Spanish): 23 August 2015. Location: Council 2546, Raleigh, NC. For more details go to: http://kofcnc.org/PROGRAMS/COUNCIL/3rd%20degree/third_degree_schedule.htm

DATES TO REMEMBER

30 Days

May 29 Special Olympic NC – Summer Games – Raleigh
May 30 3rd Degree Council 13236 – Greensboro

60 Days

June 6 Grand Knight Training – 7343 Charlotte, 8857 Hope Mills, 11266 Garner
June 13 Grand Knight Training – 3574 Jacksonville, 8509 Kernersville, 11911 Asheville
June 20 DD Training Burlington
June 25 -27 State Squires Convention - Belmont Abbey Belmont, NC
June 30 Application for Columbian Award (#SP7) Supreme Form
June 30 RSVP and Plaque Application #2863 Supreme Form
June 30 Applications for Corps d'Elite Award #278 Supreme Form and Brother Barnabas Award #279
Supreme Form
June 30 Annual Report of Knights of Columbus Round Table #2630 Supreme Form
June 30 District Deputy Semiannual Report

90 Days

July 1 Council Per Capita Tax Levied by Supreme Council
July 1 Report of Council Officers Chosen for Term #185 Supreme Form
July 10 Suspension of Council if April Catholic Advertising Fund is not paid
July 10-12 2015 Organizational Meeting Fayetteville
July 30 GK's complete and submit the State Directory Form
July 30 Complete and submit the State Staff Directory Form

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Sir Knight Christopher R. Cooper

The phrase “Blessed Virgin Mary” causes much consternation among some of our Evangelical brethren. Why does the Catholic Church refer to St. Mary as the Blessed Virgin Mary? The answer is in the Gospel of St. Luke. Did she maintain her virginity after the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ or did she go on to have more children. Certain passages in the Gospels indicate Christ may have had siblings, but did He? There is also the politically correct crowd who chime in with was St. Mary an unwed mother? This assertion is a feeble attempt to justify substandard behavior so prevalent in today's society. It is time to put these questions to rest.

The first question to answer is the phrase “Blessed Virgin Mary.” The term Blessed comes from the Gospel of St. Luke chapter 1 verse 48, “For he has looked upon his handmaid's lowliness; behold, from now on will all ages call me blessed.” (USCCB, 1986) This verse is part of the passage when the Angel of the Lord made the Annunciation to St. Mary. On a side note I learned after watching the Journey Home on Eternal Word Television Network the only time our Evangelical brethren mentioned St. Mary is during the Christmas Season. It is such a short time to discuss St. Mary who was the first person to accept Jesus as her personal Lord and Savior. The next question to ponder is did St. Mary have other children?

Those individuals who claim St. Mary had other children after the birth of Christ cite two passages in the Gospel of St. Matthew. (Staples, 2015) One of special notice is chapter 13 verses 55-56, “Is he not the carpenter's son? Is not his mother named Mary and his brothers James, Joseph, Simon, and Judas? Are not his sisters all with us? Where did this man get all this?” (USCCB, 1986) On the surface it appears Christ had brothers and sisters. However, under closer examination, brother or sister can mean an extended family member. (Staples, 2015) One example is Abraham and Lot in the Old Testament. In Genesis 13:8, “And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we be brethren.” (Thomas Nelson, Inc, 1976) In this verse it appears Abraham and Lot are brothers. Their family relationship is clarified in Genesis 14:12, “And they took Lot, Abram's brother's son, who dwelt in Sodom, and his goods, and departed.” (Thomas Nelson, Inc, 1976) Abraham and Lot are actually uncle and nephew.

The term “brother” can also be used for non-family relationships. (Staples, 2015) In the Gospel of St. Matthew chapter 23, verse 8, Christ counsels his followers, “But be not you called Rabbi. For one is your master: and all you are brethren.” (Loreto Publications, 2005) Christ tells his followers to consider each other brothers. Not all of Christ followers were and are blood related. Our next question is was St. Mary an unwed mother?

Only an uneducated politically correct hack could come up with the notion that St. Mary was an unwed mother. Obviously, they have no knowledge of history or present day customs outside the western world. In Biblical times when a woman became betroth to a man they were married, but did not live together. (Dictionary.com, 2015) In the Maronite Catholic Church this practice still occurs. (Najjar, 2015) There is the Betrothal Ceremony and then sometime later is the Marriage Ceremony. Further evidence that St. Joseph and St. Mary were married is in the Gospel of St. Matthew chapter 1, verse 19, “Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly.” (USCCB, 1986) St. Joseph would not consider divorce if he and St. Mary were not married.

Several questions are now put to rest concerning the Blessed Virgin Mary. Why does the Catholic Church refer to St. Mary as the Blessed Virgin Mary? The term comes from the Gospel of St. Luke. The brothers and sister of Christ does mean He had siblings. In Biblical times brother and sister also referred to extended family members as in the case of Abraham and Lot. In the broader meaning of brother and sister refer to all Christians. St. Mary and St. Joseph were considered married in their time because of the Betrothal Ceremony because it was the custom of that time and is still in use in many parts of the world today.

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IN MEMORIAM:

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

Victims of the massacre at Mother of Emmanuel AME Church, Charleston, SC

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.