



Cardinal Gibbons Assembly 783
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REFLECTIONS FROM PRESIDENT HARRY S. TRUMAN

I do not believe there is a problem in this country or the world today which could not be settled if approached through the teaching of the Sermon on the Mount.

It is amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit.

A pessimist is one who makes difficulties of his opportunities.

An optimist is one who makes opportunities of his difficulties.

From: Brainy Quote

https://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/authors/h/harry_s_truman.html

DEACONATE PROGRAM

Congratulations go out to Past Faithful Navigator Steve Canali. PFN Steve has entered the Deaconate Program for the Diocese of Raleigh.

THE CALLING

Sir Knight Christopher R. Cooper

“The Calling” is what the Faithful hear when God calls them to join the clergy or religious life. Some of the Faithful, give up fortune and fame to join these vocations of the Holy Catholic Church. A few became famous after entering these vocations. One question that comes about is “The Calling” based in the Holy Bible. The answer is yes. “The Calling” is not a concept from the good old days. It is still alive and well in our present age. First let’s look at what the Holy Bible says about “The Calling.”

The Holy Bible has many references for “The Calling.” One reference is St. Paul’s Epistle to the Ephesians chapter 4, verses 11 and 12, “And he gave some apostles, and some prophets, others some evangelists, and some pastors and some doctors: For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:” (Loreto, 2005) In this passage St. Paul states God calls certain individuals to various vocations of the Holy Catholic Church to minister to the Faithful. Both men and women are called to fill these career paths.

Ladies first, there are several examples of women who answered the call. One of the most notable women in the United States is Mother Angelica, founder of Eternal Word Television Network. (EWTN, 2015) Mother Angelica, a cloistered Poor Clare Nun, started her evangelical work by writing pamphlets in the early 1960’s. Her work led to the founding of EWTN and elevated her to a household name throughout America. There are examples of women who left glamorous careers to answer the calling. (ChurchPOP Editor, 2015) Dolores Hicks (stage name Dolores Hart) was an actress. She starred in the 1957 movie, *Loving You*, with Elvis Presley. At the age of 24 she heard the call to become a nun. When a friend asked her why Ms. Hart responded, “If you heard what I hear you would come, too.” Olalla Oliveros and Amada Rosa Pérez were both successful models in Spain and Columbia respectfully. They joined religious communities. Olalla Oliveros became a nun stating the Lord is never wrong as the reason for her decision. Amada Rosa Pérez lost part of her hearing. She saw this as a sign to follow the Lord’s calling.

Now for the gentlemen, there are two examples. Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen could have had a successful career as an actor. (Fulton J. Sheen Company, Inc., 2015) However, he answered the Lord's call and joined the clergy. Archbishop Sheen used his talent first in radio. He hosted the coast to coast broadcast, *The Catholic Hour*. From radio Archbishop Sheen went to television with several shows. The first was *Life is Worth Living*. The last of his shows was *The Fulton Sheen Program*. The second example is Fr. Mitch Pawca. Fr. Pawca is a very intelligent and educated man. (Ignatius Productions , 2015) He chose to answer God's call and use his talents to benefit the Faithful of the Holy Catholic Church. Fr. Pawca speaks twelve languages. Also, of special note he is bi-ritual. Fr. Pawca is qualified to pray the Roman Catholic Mass and the Maronite Catholic Divine Liturgy.

"The Calling" is alive and well. It's not some old practice from days gone by. Many people give up famous and prosperous careers to follow the Lord's call. Others become famous because of the work they perform for the Faithful. In the end it is what God calls us to do.

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CARDINAL GIBBONS ASSEMBLY HONOR GUARD

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.

ROMILDA P. "ROME" ZAHRAH

Faithful Navigator Chris Cooper thanks the Sir Knights who participated for the Honor Guard Details for Romilda P. "Rome" Zahran Visitation, Funeral Mass, and Burial Service. Ms. Zahran was the widow of Fred T. Zahran, Sr. Sir Knight Zahran was a charter member of our Assembly and the First Faithful Navigator.

VISITATION

Honor Commander PFN	Rod Komlofske
Faithful Navigator	Chris Cooper
Past Faithful Navigator	John Handley
Sir Knight	Jeffrey Jankovics

FUNERAL MASS & BURIAL SERVICE

Faithful Navigator	Chris Cooper
Sir Knight	Jeffrey Jankovics

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. Sir Knights interested in participating in this Honor Guard Detail please sign-up on the Assembly Website:

<http://cardinalgibbonsassembly783.weebly.com/veterans-day-parade-2015.html>

DEGREE CEREMONIES

Second Degree Ceremony: 22 August 2015. Location: Council 8857, Hope Mills, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: <http://kofcnc.org/>

First Degree Ceremony: 22 August 2015. Location: Council 14632, Raeford, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: <http://kofcnc.org/>

Third Degree Ceremony (Spanish): 23 August 2015. Location: Council 9880, Raleigh, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: <http://kofcnc.org/>

First Degree Ceremony: 7 September 2015. Location: Council 11683, Fayetteville, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: <http://kofcnc.org/>

First Degree Ceremony: 9 September 2015. Location: Council 9847, Fayetteville, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: <http://kofcnc.org/>

First Degree Ceremony: 10 September 2015. Location: Council 6528, Southern Pines, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: <http://kofcnc.org/>

Second Degree Ceremony: 15 September 2015. Location: Council 12640, Fayetteville, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: <http://kofcnc.org/>

Third Degree Ceremony: 19 September 2015. Location: Council 2838, Fayetteville, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: <http://kofcnc.org/>

Third Degree Ceremony: 2 October 2015. Location: Council 6650, Cary, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: <http://kofcnc.org/>

First Degree Ceremony: 19 October 2015. Location: Council 15250, Pope AAF, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: <http://kofcnc.org/>

First Degree Ceremony: 2 November 2015. Location: Council 11683, Fayetteville, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: <http://kofcnc.org/>

First Degree Ceremony: 12 November 2015. Location: Council 6528, Southern Pines, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: <http://kofcnc.org/>

Fourth Degree Ceremony: 21 November 2015. Location: Assembly 778, Raleigh, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: <http://kofcnc.org/>

DATES TO REMEMBER

30 Days

August 1	Service Program Personnel Report #365 Supreme Form
August 4-6	Supreme Convention (Philadelphia)
August 10-16	Order-wide First Degree Week
August 10-16	How do your Councils/District plan to honor the Family during Family Week

August 12	Venerable Michael McGivney's Birthday
August 14	Venerable Michael McGivney's Memorial
August 15	Assumption of Mary
August 15	Semiannual Audit Report # 1295 Supreme Form
August 15	Soccer Challenge Kit Order Supreme Form
August 22	Squires Organizational Meeting St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church
August 23	3rd Degree (Spanish) Council 2546
August 29-30	Corporate Communion

60 Days

September 1	Columbian Squires Officers and Counselors Report #468 Supreme Form
September 1	Notice of Appointment of Round Table Coordinator # 2629 Supreme Form
September 1	Substance Abuse Awareness Supreme Form
September 8	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
September 11-12	Eucharistic Congress – Charlotte, NC
September 19	3 rd Exemplification, Cardinal Gibbons Council 2838, Fayetteville, NC
September 20-25	Pope Francis visit to USA
September 26	State Bocce Tournament Winston-Salem

90 Days

	Early October Families for Life Program
October 1	Catholic Advertising Fund
October 2-3	Over the Edge (Raleigh)
October 3 -11	Charitable Service Outreach Week
October 10	Suspension of Council if July Per Capita Tax is not paid
October 10-11	State Golf Tournament Wilmington
October 10 – 18	Order-wide Church Drive
October 30	State Council Service Program Awards
October 30	Council Service Program Matrix Report

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Sir Knight Christopher R. Cooper

Human trafficking is a modern day tragedy. Most nations have laws against this heinous criminal activity. Families are split apart. In many cases the victims become slaves and are treated no better than a pack animal or worse. Unfortunately, the most innocent among us suffer the most. Baby factories use surrogate mothers to furnish infertile couples with a baby. It sounds good on paper, but it is not. Human trafficking exists not only abroad, but also domestically. The first item for review is what is human trafficking?

By the very name “human trafficking” implies moving human beings from one place to another for an intended purpose. The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) has a more precise definition:

Article 3, paragraph (a) of the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons defines Trafficking in Persons as the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of persons, by means of the threat or use of force or other forms of coercion, of abduction, of fraud, of deception, of the abuse of power or of a position of vulnerability or of the giving or receiving of payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person, for the purpose of exploitation. Exploitation shall include, at a minimum, the exploitation of the prostitution of others or other forms of sexual exploitation, forced labour or services, slavery or practices similar to slavery, servitude or the removal of organs. (UNODC, 2015)

This definition address the sinister part of human trafficking. Victims are forced or deceived into becoming human merchandise to be exploited and cast aside when they are no longer useful. The victims are used for sexual exploitation, forced labor, organ harvesting, or whatever the twisted minds of their captors can devise. Since the victims are so brutalize why is it so difficult to bring the perpetrators to justice?

There are two major reasons why bringing human trafficking criminals to justice is so difficult. The first is it is difficult to get accurate numbers. (Zurita, 2014). Human trafficking, by the nature of this heinous activity, is a

clandestine operation. The preferred method of the perpetrators is to operate under the cover of darkness and in remote areas. This method reduces the likely hood of law enforcement or a bystander witnessing the perpetrators in the act. The remote areas also reduce the chance that the victims will try to flee due to their unfamiliarity with the local area. The second reason is fear. The perpetrators instill fear in their victims to prevent them from reporting what has happen to them or becoming witnesses for law enforcement. Victims fear bodily harm, retribution against family, or deportation to their home nation. Many victims have an innate fear of law enforcement due to institutional corruption in their home nation.

Is any nation immune from human trafficking? Unfortunately, the answer is no. Human trafficking is a problem in foreign countries and domestically in the United States. An example of a foreign nation is Turkey. (Zaman, 2006) Many women from the former Soviet Union were lured to Turkey with the promise of jobs. Once in Turkey the perpetrators confiscated the women's passports. After the passports are confiscated the women are legally prevented from leaving the country. The women are pressed into slave labor, the sex trade, or both. The United States is not immune from this problem. Long Island, NY is a problem area in the United States. (Mead, 2006) New York City is a major port of entry for commercial aircraft and maritime traffic. The sheer volume of people and cargo entering New York City overwhelms local law enforcement. It is difficult for law enforcement to closely scrutinize everyone and especially every cargo container entering the port. A particular problem in Long Island is Asian women being forced into the sex trade. As bad as it is with women forced into the sex trade it gets worse.

Human trafficking affects the most innocent among us, babies. Improvements in medical technology have caused an increase in surrogate motherhood. (Taylor, 2015) Infertile couples can hire an agency specializing in surrogate mothers. The surrogate mothers are generally from a third world nation. India is prime country. Donor material is provided by the infertile couple and/or through the agency. Doctors in India perform the procedure on the surrogate mother to implant fertilized embryos. What is not told to the infertile couple is multiple embryos are implanted into the surrogate mother. This procedure results in multiple births. The infertile couple receives their baby: male or female which ever one is requested. The other babies have an uncertain future. If the baby is desirable he or she is sold on the black market. If the baby is undesirable the surrogate mother may take care of the baby, the organs maybe harvested or the baby is "discarded" as undesirable. Undesirables are the sad result of these baby factories.

Human trafficking is a very heinous crime. The victims are subject to an unknown fate. The fate could be forced servitude, sex trade, body organs harvested, or something worse. The clandestine aspect of human trafficking makes estimating the number of victims difficult to estimate and to bring the perpetrators to justice. Fear instilled in the victims hampers law enforcement efforts to control human trafficking. No nation is immune from human trafficking, not even the United States. The worse aspect of human trafficking is it affects the most innocent among us, babies.

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IN MEMORIAM:

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

Fred and Rome Zahran

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.