



Cardinal Gibbons Assembly 783
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REFLECTIONS FROM PRESIDENT THEODORE “TEDDY” ROOSEVELT

A thorough knowledge of the Bible is worth more than a college education.

To educate a man in mind and not in morals is to educate a menace to society.

A vote is like a rifle; its usefulness depends upon the character of the user.

From: Brainy Quote

https://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/authors/t/theodore_roosevelt.html

DEACONATE PROGRAM

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

FAITH ALONE vs. GOOD WORKS & GRAVEYARD SHIFT

Sir Knight Chris R. Cooper

Prior to retiring from the United States Air Force I was on graveyard shift at the 618th Tanker/Airlift Control Center located at Scott AFB, IL. Things were a bit slow and I was catching up on paperwork when one of my Evangelical co-workers asked me a question, “Does Faith alone make you a good Christian or do Good Works?” Well I knew where this was going. My co-worker knew I attended Divine Liturgy at St. Raymond’s Maronite Catholic Cathedral in St. Louis, MO. I would have to listen to him proselytize how the Catholic Church has it wrong about Good Works and how his church has it right. Well, after too many years of doing “mind-numbing” staff work I gave him his answer with four references, two Protestant and two Catholic:

1. *King James Bible*, The General Epistle of James, Chapter 2: 14 – 26 (Protestant)
2. *Good News Bible*, Book of James Chapter 2: 14 – 26 (Protestant)
3. *The New American Bible St Joseph Edition*, The Letter of James, Chapter 2: 14 – 26 (Catholic)
4. *The Holy Bible Douay – Rheims Edition*, The Catholic Epistle of St James the Apostle, Chapter 2: 14 – 26 (Catholic)

Here is the passage from *The New American Bible St Joseph Edition*:

14 What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? 15 If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, 16 and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well,” but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it? 17 So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead. 18 Indeed someone might say, “You have faith and I have works.” Demonstrate your faith to me without works, and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works. 19 You believe that God is one. You do well. Even the demons believe that and tremble. 20 Do you want proof, you ignoramus, that faith without works is useless? 21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered his son Isaac upon the altar? 22 You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by the works. 23 Thus the scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness,” and he was called “the

friend of God.” 24 See how a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. 25 And in the same way, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she welcomed the messengers and sent them out by a different route? 26 For just as a body without a spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead.

After reading my response he looked at me with a “shell – shocked” look and said, “Thank you for being so thorough. I guess it is a myth Catholics don’t read their Bibles.” I just smiled and turned back to my paperwork.



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.

SIR KNIGHT NORMAN DUBREUIL

Faithful Navigator Chris Cooper thanks the Sir Knights who participated for the Honor Guard Details for SK Norman Dubreuil’s Funeral Mass. Special thanks goes out to Past Faithful Navigator John Handley who volunteered to be Honor Guard Commander (HGC), to the volunteers from Father William J. Dillon Assembly 2069 and to the volunteers from Fr. Joseph F. Bumann Assembly 2238.

PFN	John Handley (HGC) – Assembly 783	SK	Stanley Milewski – Assembly 2238
PFN	Jim Anderson – Assembly 2069	SK	Dave Rich – Assembly 2238
SK	Jim Ceaser – Assembly 2238	FN	Bob Robbins – Assembly 2069
FN	Chris Cooper – Assembly 783	PFN	Jose Santos – Assembly 783
PFN	Bill Conklin – Assembly 2238	SK	Leonard Scott – Assembly 2238
SK	Jim Coyle – Assembly 2238	SK	Edward Seaman – Assembly 783
PFN	Jack Clemer – Assembly 2238	PFN	Paul Tomacelli – Assembly 783
SK	Jim Dietrich – Assembly 2238		

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

Third Degree Ceremony: 7 November 2015. Location: Council 9560, Charlotte, 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/>

Third Degree Ceremony: 14 November 2015. Location: Council 3574, Jacksonville, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: <http://kofcnc.org/>

First and Second Degree Ceremony: 17 November 2015. Location: Council 2838, Fayetteville, 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/>

First and Second Degree Ceremony: 9 January 2016. Location: Council 15250, Pope AAF, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: <http://kofcnc.org/>

Third Degree Ceremony: 23 January 2016. Location: Council 9030, Laurinburg, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: <http://kofcnc.org/>

First Degree Ceremony: 1 February 2016. Location: Council 11683, Fayetteville, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: <http://kofcnc.org/>

Third Degree Ceremony: 6 February 2016. Location: Council 2546, Raleigh, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: <http://kofcnc.org/>

Third Degree Ceremony: 20 February 2016. Location: Council 8363, Franklin, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: <http://kofcnc.org/>

First Degree Ceremony: 15 March 2016. Location: Council 2838, Fayetteville, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: <http://kofcnc.org/>

Third Degree Ceremony: 19 March 2016. Location: Council 9499, Clemmons, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: <http://kofcnc.org/>

First Degree Ceremony: 21 March 2016. Location: Council 15250, Pope AAF, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: <http://kofcnc.org/>

Third Degree Ceremony: 2 April 2016. Location: Council 15264, Candler, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: <http://kofcnc.org/>

Third Degree Ceremony: 16 April 2016. Location: Council 13236, Candler, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: <http://kofcnc.org/>

Third Degree Ceremony: 23 April 2016. Location: Council 9709, Raleigh, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: <http://kofcnc.org/>

First Degree Ceremony: 2 May 2016. Location: Council 11683, Fayetteville, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: <http://kofcnc.org/>

First Degree Ceremony: 16 May 2016. 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: 17 May 2016. Location: Council 2838, Fayetteville, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: <http://kofcnc.org/>

DATES TO REMEMBER

30 Days

October 12-18	Order-wide First Degree Week
October 17	Region #1 Meeting – Swansboro
October 25	THK Articles Due
October 31	Region #6 Meeting – 12640 Fayetteville

October 31 State Council Service Program Awards
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60 Days

November 7 Third Degree, Charlotte, NC
November 8 State Soccer Challenge East
November 11 Veteran's Day
November 14 State Soccer Challenge West Belmont Abbey College
November 21 4th Degree Regional Exemplification (One Day), Raleigh, NC
November 25 THK Articles Due

90 Days

December 25 THK Articles Due
January 8-10 Mid-Year West – Mooresville, NC (St. Therese Catholic Church)
January 29-31 Mid-Year East – Fayetteville, NC (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church)

PURGATORY

Sir Knight Christopher R. Cooper

Where does the term Purgatory come from? It is not mentioned by name in the Bible. The name, Purgatory, comes from Latin, "purgare", to make clean or to purify. Does the Bible support the concept of Purgatory? Yes, it does.

First, what is Purgatory? According to Pope John Paul II in his discussion, *Heaven, Hell and Purgatory*, "...the term purgatory does not indicate a place, but a condition of existence, where Christ removes ... the remnants of imperfection..."¹ Purgatory is the condition Christ uses to cleanse us of venial sin so we can achieve a state of perfection.

Now for the question, "Does the Bible support the concept of Purgatory?"

The first passage to consider is 2 Machabees 12:46, "It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins."² The Israeli commander, Judas, prays and makes atonement for his fallen troops. His hope is God will cleanse or purify them from sin.

The second passage for review is Matthew 12:32, "And whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven; but whoever speaks against the holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come."³ Christ is speaking of this life and passage into the next life. He is pointing out some sin (venial) will be cleansed after passage into the next life.

The third passage for us to ponder is 1 Corinthians 3:15 "If any man's work burn, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved, yet so as by fire."⁴ St. Paul refers to venial sin as "man's work" and fire as the cleansing agent. Christ uses the condition of Purgatory to burn or purify sin from our souls.

In case you run into any of our diehard Evangelical brethren who still want to argue the point about Purgatory remind them the term "Rapture" never appears in the Bible either.

¹ *Heaven, Hell and Purgatory*, Pope John II, <http://www.ewtn.com/library/papaldoc/jp2heavn.htm>.

² *The Holy Bible*, Douay-Rheims Edition, 2 Machabees 12:46, page 959.

³ *New American Bible*, St Joseph Edition, Mathew 12:32, page 30.

⁴ *The Holy Bible*, Douay-Rheims Edition, 1 Corinthians 3:15, page 168

IN MEMORIAM:

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