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REFLECTIONS FROM U.S. ARMY GENERAL NORMAN SCHWARZKOPF

Leadership is a potent combination of strategy and character. But if you must be without one,
be without the strategy.

The truth of the matter is that you always know the right thing to do. The hard part is doing it.

I do not want to be a pawn in a political campaign.

From: Brainy Quote

https://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/authors/n/norman_schwarzkopf.html

INNER SENTINEL

Sir Knight Chris Kendziera has resigned his office of Inner Sentinel due to job commitments. At our Assembly Planning Meeting held on 15 November 2015 the nominations process began to fill this Office. Sir Knight Dennis Cahill is the only nominee thus far. Anyone who wishes to fill this office nominations will be taken up the election at the Assembly Meeting scheduled for 17 January 2016.

WHO DECIDED WHAT BOOKS BELONG IN THE HOLY BIBLE?

Sir Knight Christopher R. Cooper

Who decided what books belong in the Bible? This question is most intriguing. In the early Holy Catholic Church there was no Holy Bible as the Faithful know it today. This period lasted for approximately 400 years. (Akin) In the late fourth century A.D. Pope Damasus I at the Council of Rome in 382 A.D. affirmed what books belonged in the Holy Bible. The decision of the Council of Rome was also affirmed at later Church Councils. The Holy Catholic Church determined the books of the Holy Bible. So, why is there so much controversy? Taking a look at history will reveal these answers. The first item to look at is defining terms related to the Holy Bible.

Several terms to define concerning the Holy Bible are the word bible itself, protocanonical, deuterocanonical, apocrypha, and Septuagint. The word bible comes from the Greek term “τὰ βιβλία” meaning “the books”. (Collier's Encyclopedia, 1963) From the beginning the early Church Fathers planned for the Holy Bible to be a collection of books. Protocanonical and deuterocanonical are terms associated with the Old Testament. (Akin) Protocanonical refers to the books of the Old Testament that were always accepted by the Church. The protocanonical books of the Old Testament were first written in ancient Hebrew. Deuterocanonical refers to the books of the Old Testament that were not fully accepted at first, but after debate were accepted as canonical. The deuterocanonical books were written in ancient Hebrew and ancient Greek. The Septuagint is the complete Old Testament translated into Greek. (Akin) The Septuagint was used in the early Church and Jewish communities outside of the Holy Land. The term apocryphal is a Greek term meaning “hidden things.” (The Folio Society, 2007) The apocryphal books are those books of the Septuagint rejected by the Jewish Council of Javneh (also called Jamina) in 90 A.D. (Akin) These books are Baruch, Sirach, 1 and 2 Maccabees, Tobit, Judith, Wisdom of Solomon, and parts of Esther and Daniel.” (The Folio Society, 2007) Now that terms are defined the next question is when did the controversy start?

The controversy started at the Jewish Council of Javneh (also called Jamina) in 90 A.D. (Akin) To combat the spreading Christian movement Rabbis met at the city of Javneh to determine the books that would comprise the

Torah. They rejected the books that became to be known in the Protestant Churches as the apocryphal. The apocryphal books taught Christian beliefs the Council of Javneh wanted to reject. During the Protestant Reformation of the 16th century A.D. Martin Luther used the Council of Javneh to remove the apocryphal books from the Old Testament because they taught Catholic doctrine. He placed them in an appendix. By removing these books Martin Luther was forced to remove the New Testament Books of Hebrews, James, Jude, and Revelation. These books also supported Catholic doctrine and made references to the apocryphal books. Later followers of Martin Luther restored the New Testament by placing the removed books back to their proper place, but left the apocryphal books out of the Old Testament. They based their decision on the Jewish Council of Javneh.

A brief time line of the history of the Holy Bible starts in 382 A.D at the Council of Rome. (Akin) The books of the Holy Bible were established at this Council. Later Councils of the Holy Catholic Church up held the decision of the Council of Rome. The Holy Bible remained unchanged for approximately 1,200 years until the time of the Protestant Reformation. In response to Martin Luther altering the Holy Bible the Church convened the Council of Trent in 1546 A.D. The Council of Trent reaffirmed the books of the Holy Bible that were decided upon in 382 A.D. at the Council of Rome. It should be noted some Protestants believe the Holy Catholic Church add books to the Holy Bible at the Council Trent. This ludicrous notion is easily dispelled as this quick history lesson proves.

There is one last question to answer. How can the Faithful determine what is an approved translation of the Holy Bible? The Faithful should always look for the Imprimatur mark. (Cooper, 2015) The Imprimatur mark is usually found after the title page. It declares nothing is contrary to the teachings of the Holy Catholic Church.

Who decided what books belong in the Bible? The members of the Council of Rome convened by the Holy Catholic Church under Pope Damasus I determined what books belong in the Holy Bible. Later Church Councils upheld the decision of the Council of Rome. There are several terms that are associated with the Holy Bible. Knowledge of these terms and their definitions help clarify the history of the Holy Bible. The Imprimatur mark distinguishes an approved translation of the Holy Bible from an unapproved translation. One final note, when in doubt read the Holy Bible because it is full of answers to navigate the challenges of life.

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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.

UPCOMING HONOR GUARD EVENT(S):

SPECIAL OLYMPICS 2016

More Details to Follow

MEMORIAL DAY WREATH LAYING CEREMONY 2016

More Details to Follow

DATES TO REMEMBER

30 Days

December 30	Last day for Knights to register for Mid-Year Meeting East
January 1	Circumcision of Our Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)
January 8-10	Mid-Year West – Mooresville, NC (St. Therese Catholic Church)
January 15	Right to Life March – Charlotte, NC
January 15	Family of the Month
January 16	Right to Life March – Raleigh, NC
January 16	Love My Life Youth Rally – Raleigh, NC
January 16	Prayer Breakfast for Life (Raleigh)
January 22	Right to Life March – Washington, DC
January 23	Right to Life March – Jacksonville, NC
January 23	Third Degree – (9030 Laurinburg)
January 29-31	Mid-Year East – Fayetteville, NC (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church)
January 31	Survey of Fraternal Activity (Form 1728)
January 31	Special Olympics Partnership (Form 4584)

60 Days

February 6	Third Degree, Council 256 (Raleigh)
February 6	Third Degree, Council 11817 (Castle Hayne)
February 10	Ash Wednesday (40 Cans for Lent)
February 15	Semi Annual Council Audit – due
February 15	Family of the Month
February 20	Third Degree, Council 8363 (Franklin)
February 27	Fourth Degree Exemplification, Council 3303 (New Bern)
February 27	Charlotte Men's Conference (Charlotte)

90 Days

March 5	State Free Throw
March 12-13	Order-wide Church Drive
March 14-20	Order-wide First Degree Week
March 13	3rd Degree Council 7259 Newton Grove, NC (Spanish)
March 19	3rd Degree Council 9499 Clemmons, NC
March 24-26	Holy Triduum
March 27	Easter
March 28-April 3	Order-wide Outreach Week

DEGREE CEREMONIES

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/>

Fourth Degree Ceremony: 27 February 2016. Location: Council 3330, New Bern, 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/>

INDIFFERENCE

Sir Knight Christopher R. Cooper

Indifference can be an insidious sin to trip up the Faithful. By its very nature indifference does not take any effort or work to ignore our brethren in need. Simply being lazy is enough to fall into the trap indifference sets for the Faithful. Going through life with blinders on whether intentionally or unintentionally can lead the Faithful down the path of ignoring the needy. The Holy Bible warns the Faithful against indifference to our brothers and sisters in need. Does the Holy Catholic Church teach the Faithful to take on the weight of the world? The answer is no. However, each person is bestowed with gift from God to help the less fortunate. What is indifference and what is the opposite, charity?

There are several definitions for the terms indifference and charity. For this discussion the definitions will be limited to rendering aid to the needy. Indifference defined is, “marked by a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or concern of something: APATHETIC (~ to suffering and poverty)”. (Merriam-Webster, 1993) This definition points out indifference and apathy are synonymous. Indifference is a lack of concern for those who are suffering and in poverty. Charity has two definitions that pertain to this article. (USCCB, 1987) The first definition is, “...designates a very elevated and pure love similar to the love of God for men and the love of Christians for God and their brothers.” The second definition is, “...the sense of almsgiving, or charitable work.” When the Faithful show the love God bestows on them to their brethren in need with charitable works the sin of indifference will be avoided. What does the Holy Bible say about indifference?

The most poignant example in the Holy Bible is the Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus from the Gospel of St. Luke. (Loreto, 2005) Christ illustrates the sin of indifference with the Rich Man. The Rich Man does not go out of his way to harm Lazarus or to alleviate his suffering. He simply ignores Lazarus and does nothing. The Rich Man reaps his reward in the afterlife for his indifference and lack of charity to his fellow man. His is a reward of eternal suffering while Lazarus' reward is eternal life. What guidance does the Holy Bible give to avoid the Rich Man's fate?

Guidance is provided from the Old Testament and the Epistles of the New Testament. From the Book of Sirach chapter 4 verse 3, "Do not exasperate the downtrodden; delay not to give to the needy." (USCCB, 1987) The Holy Bible counsels the Faithful to render aid and not to ignore the needy or make their suffering worse. From the Epistle of St. James chapter 2 verse 14, "What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him?" St. James points out that works of charity by the Faithful to the needy are an outward sign of faith in God. Both examples from the Holy Bible illustrate how to avoid the pitfall of indifference by performing charitable works. Should the Faithful take on the weight of the world? The answer is no. The Holy Bible in St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians chapter 12 elaborates the Holy Spirit bestows on individual certain gifts. The Faithful is expected to help the needy within the boundaries of these gifts from God.

Indifference is a sin that sneaks up on the Faithful. Some of the Faithful suffer from indifference without even realizing it. Others commit indifference knowingly, but do not care. The Holy Bible provides guidance on how to avoid indifference by performing charitable works to help the needy. St. Paul counsels the Faithful to assist the needy with the gifts the Holy Spirit provides. Charity is the Faithful's best defense from the sin of indifference.

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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 Navigator Chris Cooper at the next Assembly meeting or send it via email to COOP5614@yahoo.com.