



**Cardinal Gibbons Assembly 783**  
**Newsletter**  
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**REFLECTIONS FROM PRESIDENT JOHN ADAMS**

Old minds are like old horses; you must exercise them if you wish to keep them in working order.

Because power corrupts, society's demands for moral authority and character increase as the importance of the position increases.

Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.

From: *Brainy Quote*

[http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/authors/j/john\\_adams.html](http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/authors/j/john_adams.html)

**STATE COUNCIL JOB OPENINGS**

State Deputy Colin Jorsch has posted job openings on for the State Council. See attachment 1 for the list of job openings. If you are interested in filling any of the job openings contact the Grand Knight of your Council.

**DUM VITA EST SPES**

Sir Knight Christopher R. Cooper

Dum vita est spes is Latin for "while there is life there is hope." Depending on the source this quote is attributed to one of two individuals: the Roman writer Terence (195 B.C – 159 B.C?) or the Roman statesman Cicero (106 B.C. – 43 B.C.). (Merriam-Webster, Inc., 1993) The question is, "What does this Latin phrase from antiquity have to do with the modern world?" For the pro-life movement it is an essential linchpin. No pro-abortion argument can defeat the phrase "while there is life there is hope." As long as the most innocent among us are allowed to keep their life there is hope for them, for their parents, and society. Are there any effects on the mother if this sage advice is not followed? Unfortunately the answer is yes. There are many people whose parents considered aborting them, but their parents chose life bringing the world much joy.

According to Dr. Theresa Burke, "Abortion is a wound to the soul." (Burke, 2005) Dr. Burke as a student studied eating disorders among women. She made a startling discovery that many of the women in the study had a common event that linked them together. The common event was they had an abortion. Women who had an abortion also suffered from other destructive conditions besides eating disorders. Dr. Burke noted many of the women suffered from panic attacks, feelings of paranoia, or flashbacks reliving the dreadful event. Abortion is not only destructive to the most innocent among us, but is equally devastating to the mother who chooses this heinous act.

A woman who chooses life and hope brings about better results. One example is the actor, Jack Nicholson. (Chapman, 2013) Mr. Nicholson's mother, June Frances Nicholson, became pregnant with him at age 17. His grandmother urged her not to have an abortion. Ms. Nicholson chose life which blessed society with a very talented man. Mr. Nicholson has had a long career as an actor entertaining millions of people. No one can forget his memorable line from the movie, *The Shining*, based on the novel by Stephen King, "Here's Johnny!" There are other people whose mothers considered abortion, but chose life instead. They are Justin Bieber, Tim Tebow, Congressman Marlin Stutzman, Cher, Pope St. John Paul II, Celine Dion, and Nick Cannon. (Seman, 2014) One of these names in

particular, Pope St. John Paul II, has touch and inspired the lives of countless people. It would have been a great loss to the world if his mother did not choose life.

Dum vita est spes, where there is life there is hope. This phrase from antiquity is just as important today as it was in the days of Terence and Cicero. Not choosing life eliminates hope with destructive consequences. Choosing life brings hope for the lowly among us to the greatness among us, but most importantly to the most innocent among us.

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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](mailto:rod.komlofske@gmail.com).

**UPCOMING HONOR GUARD EVENT:**

**SPECIAL OLYMPICS 2016**

There will be an Honor Guard Detail for Special Olympics 2016 at Methodist University 22 April 2016. Sir Knights who are interested in volunteer for this event sign up at the following link: <http://cardinalgibbonsassembly783.weebly.com/presentation-of-the-colors-at-special-olympics.html>

**MEMORIAL DAY WREATH LAYING CEREMONY 2016**

More Details To Follow

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

### **30 Days**

April 1	State Per Capita Due
April 1	State Credential Report
April 1	Council Service Programs Matrix Report Due
April 1	State Program Report Due
April 1	State Knight of the Year Write Up Due
April 1	State Family of the Year Write Up Due
April 1	State Golden Knight of the Year Write Up Due
April 1	State Rookie of the Year Write Up Due
April 1	Priest of the Year Chaplain Award
April 1	Necrology Report
April 1	All Council Resolutions
April 2	3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree, Council 15265, Candler, NC (Spanish)
April 2	4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Biannual Meeting, Greensboro, NC
April 15	Family of the Month Due
April 16	3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree, Council 13236, Greensboro, NC
April 23	3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree, Council 9709, Raleigh, NC
April 24	Convention Registration is due
April 30	4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification, Assembly 2417, Mooresville, NC

### **60 Days**

May 1	State Raffle Tickets
May 13	FINAL day for 2016 Convention registration
May 15	Family of the Month
May 20-23	2016 State Convention Information
May 28-29	Corporate Communion weekend
May 30	Memorial Day

### **90 Days**

June 5	3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree, Council 7225, Lumberton, NC
June 11	Council Leadership Training Sessions Region #1 – Council 12017, Wilmington, NC Region #4 – Council 12654, Huntersville, NC Region #6 – Council 9364, Washington, NC
June 15	Family of the Month
June 16-18	Support the NC Columbian Squires Convention -(Belmont Abbey College)
June 18	Council Leadership Training Session Region #2 – Council 13812, Durham, NC
June 25	Council Leadership Training Sessions Region #3 – Council 12167, Kannapolis, NC Region #5 – Council 7184, Hendersonville, NC Region #6 – Council 7225, Lumberton, NC

## **DEGREE CEREMONIES**

**First Degree Ceremony:** 13 April 2016. Location: Council 9847, Fayetteville, 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, Greensboro, 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/>

**Fourth Degree Ceremony:** 30 April 2016. Location: Assembly 2417, Mooresville, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: <http://kofcnc.org/>

**First & Second 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/>

## **IMPRIMATUR, NIHIL OBSTAT, AND IMPRIMI POTES**

Sir Knight Christopher R. Cooper

Through the years I found many individuals and organizations defaming the Catholic Church. They claim to be an authority on Catholic doctrine. I have also found many of the individuals and organizations do not have a clue. Several assertions are “I heard on the radio or television,” “a friend told me,” and my personal favorite, “I read it on the internet.” When challenge on the source of the information it is from someone claiming to write on behalf of the Catholic Church. A good method to determine if a source is in accordance with Catholic teaching is to look for one of three terms, Imprimi Potest, Nihil Obstat, or Imprimatur. These terms certify the document does not contain anything contrary to Catholic teaching. (Imprimi Potest, Nihil Obstat, Imprimatur, 2007) These terms are part of a process to certify a document is in line with Catholic doctrine. Some examples are translations of the Bible, missals, and prayer books. The terms are used mostly in the Roman Catholic Churches. The Eastern Catholic Churches may have these terms or use a certification statement. The importance of these statements is essential with translations of the Bible. First let’s look at the terms Imprimi Potest, Nihil Obstat, and Imprimatur and how they fit into the certification process.

Any of the Faithful who writes a document concerning instruction on Catholic doctrine will first submit the document to his or hers diocese. (“Imprimi Potest,” “Nihil Obstat,” and “Imprimatur”, 2014) The diocese censor who is a priest appointed by the bishop reviews the document. If the censor finds the document is in order he declares it, “Nihil Obstat” which is Latin for, “nothing stands in the way.” The bishop now reviews the document. If the bishop finds everything in order he declares it, “Imprimatur” which is Latin for, “let it be printed.” If a member of a religious community such as a monastic community there is a third step. The member of the religious community submits the document to the superior. If the superior finds the document is in order he or she declares it, “Imprimi Potest” which is Latin for, “able to be printed.” This step is accomplished before the document is send to the diocese.

Some examples of the use of these terms are in translations of the Bible, missals, and instructions. The *New American Bible – St. Joseph Edition* and *The Holy Bible – Douay-Rheims* have the Nihil Obstat and the Imprimatur approvals. (USCCB, 1986) (The Holy Bible - Douay-Rheims, 2005) I have three Roman Missals I use for research. Two are the *New St. Joseph Daily Missal and Hymnal* and the *New St. Joseph Sunday Daily Missal*. (USCCB, 1966) (USCCB, 1999) Both have the Nihil Obstat and the Imprimatur approvals. The third one is *The New Marian Missal*. It has only the Imprimatur approval. (Juergens, 1963) I found Imprimi Potest in one Catholic instruction book, *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. (USCCB, 1994)

Imprimi Potest, Nihil Obstat, and Imprimatur are used mostly in the Roman Catholic Church. (Imprimi Potest, Nihil Obstat, Imprimatur, 2007) In the Eastern Catholic Churches the terms may be used or the document may have certification statement. The new Maronite Catholic Missal titled the *Book of Offering* and the missal for the Byzantine Catholic Church Ruthenian Tradition has certification statements. The *Book of Offering* is certified by the Maronite Patriarch and the Bishops of the four English speaking Eparchies. (Maronite Catholic Church, 2005) The Byzantine Missal has a certification statement from the four Byzantine Catholic Bishops in the United States whose eparchies (dioceses) use this missal. (Byzantine Catholic Metropolitan Church, 2006) However, one example

of Nihil Obstat and Imprimatur used in an Eastern Catholic document is in the *Eyes of the Heart Weekday Prayer*. (Beshara, 2000)

Why are the Imprimi Potest, Nihil Obstat, and Imprimatur so important? As stated earlier in this article one area is in translations of the Bible. The Catholic translation of the Bible has more books in the Old Testament. (USCCB, 1986) The books are Tobit, Judith, Wisdom, Sirach, Baruch, 1 and 2 Maccabees and some parts of Ester and Daniel. Judaism and Protestantism do not recognize these books. A Catholic Bible will not receive the Imprimatur approval if these books are missing. Another example is the *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures* (2013 Revision) used by the Jehovah's Witnesses religion. One case in point is in the Gospel of St. John 1:1,

Jehovah's Witnesses, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was a god." (Jehovah's Witnesses, 2014)

Catholic Church, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." (USCCB, 1986)

The Jehovah's Witnesses version is used to support their assertion that Jesus is not God. (Jehovah's Witnesses, 2008) This belief is an echo from the distant past known as the Arianism heresy which denied the divine nature of Jesus. (Encyclopedia Britannica, 2014)

Imprimatur, Nihil Obstat, and Imprimi Potest are useful terms to identify if a document has been vetted by a competent authority within the Catholic Church. They identify each step a document has gone through during the vetting process. The terms are usually after the title page. These approvals are usually used in the Roman Catholic Church. Sometimes they are used by the Eastern Catholic Church. If not, the Eastern Catholic Churches use a certification statement. There are numerous examples of these terms used to approve Catholic documents. The most important is the Bible. Protestant Bibles are missing books from the Old Testament. Imprimatur, Nihil Obstat, and Imprimi Potest guard against mistranslation of the Bible used to support anti-Catholic doctrine.

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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 Scribe SK Chris Cooper at the next Assembly meeting or send it via email to [COOP5614@yahoo.com](mailto:COOP5614@yahoo.com).

### **Country Store Chairman**

Description: Physically maintain country store inventory, set up and sell country store items at three (currently) separate state meetings (Mid-Year East and West, Convention). Work with the State Secretary to order items needed for country store. Retail experience preferred, but not an absolute requirement. Work sales days with Squires.

### **Coats for Kids Chairman**

Description: Have a loving heart for helping those less fortunate. Encourage councils in the State to participate in this Supreme sponsored program. Provide direction and serve as program guide. Work with Public Relations Chairman to publicize program

### **Traveling Gavel Chariman**

Description: Have a loving heart for the spread of Fraternity within our state. Maintain inventory of gavels working with Regional Membership and Program Consultants (RMPC) to insure participation by all Districts and Councils. Ensure RMPCs report monthly progress within their Regions and District. Collect the gavels at Annual Convention and reissue at Organizational Meeting.

### **Training Chairman**

Description: Have a passion for sharing knowledge to the leadership teams throughout the state. You will be asked to develop Training Programs for the District Deputies (DD Training and Organizational Meeting) and Council Leadership (Regional Training Sessions). Communicate and work with State Officers, Regional Membership and Program Consultants, and District Deputies on training programs beneficial to the State Council. Preferable candidate has some instructional experience and has a firm grasp of the various Council Leadership and District Deputy responsibilities (but not necessary).

### **Council Reactivation Chairman**

Description: Have a desire to help councils that have been inactive for any of a variety of reasons. Work with the Regional Membership and Program Consultant and the District Deputy to identify potential inactive councils that may be reactivated. Work with the local Pastor to identify potential new members and council leadership. Work with a team to reactivate the council.

### **Communication Chairman**

Description: Have a love of media. Your responsibilities will include, but not be limited to: maintain the State Website (WordPress); maintain the State Directory (can be separated) (.hmt); maintain the email distribution list (can be separated)(outlook); maintain the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> degree forms and sheets (can be separated) (google); maintain the State Email system (can be separated); maintain the State Forum (.php); maintain the Guest Book; maintain the State Photo Gallery (shutterfly); State Calendar/Officer Calendar (google); maintain State Officers (only) Directory on server; maintain the on-line forms (ASP & Adobe); and compile and submit monthly website hits report. Again, training and mentorship will be provided.

### **Audio Visual Chairman and Assistant(s)**

Description: Have a desire to make the state council presentations look professional. You will assist the State Warden with the setup of the chamber (audio/visual media) for all large state meetings (DD Organizational Meeting; 2 x Mid-Year Meetings; and the State Convention). You will run the audio/visual presentations during the aforementioned meetings. The Chairman is asked to maintain (keep at his residence) a small portion of the state's audio/visual equipment in order to provide capability in different parts of the state. Presentations are sent to you prior to the meetings for you to properly arrange for the professional presentation the Membership views.

### **Culture of Life Director**

Description: Have a passionate love for human life, from conception to natural death. Develop and implement the State Culture of Life Programs and present at the Organizational meeting. Encourage all councils to be active in life activities. Oversee Culture of Life Regional Chairmen and work with them to promote their program activities. These activities include but are not limited to: Marches; Forty Days for Life; Ultrasound; Work with state, diocesan, and local officials promoting a culture of life.

### **Youth Director**

Description: Have a love for working with our youth. Assist councils with the transition directed by the Supreme Knight by becoming more involved in their Parish's Youth Ministry. Develop and implement the State Youth program and present it at the July Training meeting. Encourage all councils to be active in Youth activities in their church, council and communities. Work with Chairmen to develop their programs to include: Squires State Chief Counselor; Christmas Card Sales Chairman; State Free Throw Chairman; State Soccer Chairman; Poster and Essay Contest Chairman.



### Squires State Chief Counselor

Description: Have a passion for working with our youth and spreading our values to them in a structured manner. Work closely with the existing Circles to ensure they remain active and vibrant. Establish a team of Councilors from the Knights around the State to assist with both active and struggling Circles. Promote intra-Circle activities.

### District Deputy

Description: The District Deputy (DD) is the key to the success of the State Council and is the guide and advisor to the local councils he represents. He should be sensitive to the needs of his councils and go out of his way to assist them as needed. He must thoroughly read and understand the DD handbook, and be familiar with the Supreme and State By-laws.

Some of your responsibilities will include, but not be limited to:

- Perform as specified in the District Deputies handbook.
- Assist the State Warden at all state meetings with set up, tear down, and guard duty as required.
- Work with your councils in completing and submitting, on time, all forms required by Supreme and State.
- Monitor the councils assigned to your district. The council officers must run the council so stay in the background, but guide and advise as necessary.
- Review the council accounts and records if necessary.
- Host a district meeting immediately after the State Organizational & Mid-Year Training meetings.
- Install council officers.
- Attend and **report** all degrees in your district. This includes first, second, and third degrees.
- Encourage councils to have district or area competition or activities.

We promise that training and mentorship will be provided.