



**Cardinal Gibbons Assembly 783**  
**Newsletter**  
**July 2016**



**REFLECTIONS FROM MOTHER TERESA**

Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies.

We shall never know all the good that a simple smile can do.

If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one.

From: *Brainy Quote*

[http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/authors/m/mother\\_teresa.html](http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/authors/m/mother_teresa.html)

**PRO-LIFE GOOD NEWS**

Faithful Navigator Christopher R. Cooper

During these trying times of violence and civil unrest it is a relief to get some good news. Pro-Life advocates David Daleiden and Sandra Merritt had the remaining charges against them dropped. (Smith, 2016) For those of you who are not familiar with Mr. Daleiden and Ms. Merritt they are the creators of the undercover films exposing the selling of baby parts by Planned Parenthood.

The charges were dropped because the district attorney mishandled evidence and the grand jury illegally shifted its focus from Planned Parenthood to Mr. Daleiden and Ms. Merritt. The defense attorney for Mr. Daleiden and Ms. Merritt argued these points and the judge dismissed the charges against them on Tuesday, 26 July 2016. Another misdemeanor charge against Mr. Daleiden was thrown out earlier this year.

Work Cited:

Smith, P. J. (2016, July 27). *Videographers Behind Planned Parenthood Expose Beat Felony Charges*. Retrieved from National Catholic Register: <http://www.ncregister.com/daily-news/videographers-behind-planned-parenthood-expose-beat-felony-charges-at-last/>

**SAINT MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA**

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Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska was born on 25 August 1905 in what is now western Poland. (American Catholic, 2016) Her parents named her Helena. She had nine siblings. Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska worked in several jobs as a housekeeper before she joined the religious life in 1925. She became a member of the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy and took the name Maria Faustina.

Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska was very devoted to her duties as a nun. (American Catholic, 2016) Many people thought of God as a harsh judge. However, she received revelations from God. These revelations dispelled God as a harsh judge. They presented God as a loving compassionate father. In one of the revelations she received the Prayer of Divine Mercy. (Divine Mercy, 2016) This prayer is recited by the Faithful at 3:00 p.m. which is the time Christ perished on the cross. The Prayer of Divine Mercy is:

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a Fount of Mercy for us, I trust in You

Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska continued her life as a nun until her death on 5 October 1938 in Krakow Poland. (American Catholic, 2016) She was beatified by Pope Saint John Paul II in 1938 and he canonized her in 2000.

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American Catholic. (2016). *St. Maria Faustina Kowalska*. Retrieved from *American Catholic.org*:

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<http://www.divinemercy.org/3-oclock-prayer/87-3-oclock-prayer.html>



**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).

**MARGIT MARIE MONACO: WIDOW OF SIR KNIGHT STEPHEN G. MONACO**

**WAKE AND VISITATION, FUNERAL MASS, AND BURIAL SERVICE**

Faithful Navigator Chris Cooper thanks Sir Knights Jeff Jankovics and Dennis Cahill for participating in the Honor Guard Detail for Margit Marie Monaco, widow of Sir Knight Stephen G. Monaco.

**UPCOMING HONOR GUARD EVENT:**

**VETERANS DAY PARADE NOVEMBER 2016**

More Details to Follow

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**30 Days**

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| July 23 | Third Degree Exemplification, Council 10495, Albemarle, NC (Degree location Biscoe) (Spanish) |
| July 30 | Third Degree Exemplification, Council 11266, Garner, NC                                       |

**60 Days**

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| August 1   | Service Program Personnel Report (Form 365) |
| August 2-5 | 134th Supreme Convention – Toronto, ON      |
| August 15  | Family of the Month                         |

**90 Days**

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| September 1    | Columbian Squires Officers and Counselors Report |
| September 1    | Notice of Appointment of Round Table Coordinator |
| September 1    | Substance Abuse Awareness                        |
| September 9-10 | Eucharistic Congress – Charlotte, NC             |

## **DEGREE CEREMONIES**

**Third Degree Ceremony:** 30 July 2016. Location: Council 11266, Garner, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: <http://kofcnc.org/>

**First Degree Ceremony:** 6 September 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:** 18 September 2016. Location: Council 9365, Henderson, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: <http://kofcnc.org/>

**First Degree Ceremony:** 23 September 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:** 14 October 2016. Location: Council 6650, Cary, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: <http://kofcnc.org/>

**Third Degree Ceremony:** 15 October 2016. Location: Council 6700, Gastonia, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: <http://kofcnc.org/>

**Third Degree Ceremony:** 22 October 2016. Location: Council 8759, Kill Devil Hills, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: <http://kofcnc.org/>

**Third Degree Ceremony:** 29 October 2016. Location: Council 7459, Concord, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: <http://kofcnc.org/>

**First Degree Ceremony:** 7 November 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:** 15 November 2016. Location: Council 2838, Fayetteville, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: <http://kofcnc.org/>

**Fourth Degree Ceremony:** 19 November 2016. Location: Assembly 783, Fayetteville, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: <http://kofcnc.org/>

**Second Degree Ceremony:** 2 December 2016. Location: Council 12640, Fayetteville, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: <http://kofcnc.org/>

**Third Degree Ceremony:** 4 February 2017. Location: Council 2546, Raleigh, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: <http://kofcnc.org/>

**Third Degree Ceremony:** 11 February 2017. Location: Council 8363, Franklin, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: <http://kofcnc.org/>

**First Degree Ceremony:** 18 February 2017. Location: Council 2838, Fayetteville, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: <http://kofcnc.org/>

**Third Degree Ceremony:** 18 February 2017. Location: Council 9499, Clemons, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: <http://kofcnc.org/>

**First Degree Ceremony:** 6 March 2017. Location: Council 11683, Fayetteville, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: <http://kofcnc.org/>

**Second Degree Ceremony:** 6 March 2017. Location: Council 11683, Fayetteville, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: <http://kofcnc.org/>

## **DEGREE CEREMONIES (Continued)**

**Third Degree Ceremony:** 4 April 2017. Location: Council 9709, Raleigh, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: <http://kofcnc.org/>

**First Degree Ceremony:** 1 May 2017. 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 2017. Location: Council 2838, Fayetteville, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: <http://kofcnc.org/>

**Third Degree Ceremony:** 20 May 2017. Location: Council 13236, Greensboro, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: <http://kofcnc.org/>

## **THE PROPHET MALACHI**

Faithful Navigator Christopher R. Cooper

Malachi is one of the lesser prophets of the Old Testament in The Holy Bible. The last book takes its name from the prophet Malachi. His writings appeared in Israel after the Babylonian exile in the 5<sup>th</sup> century B.C. In the Jewish Bible the Book of Malachi is composed of three chapters. Depending on the translation of The Holy Bible it may be four chapters. The Book of Malachi is divided into three sections: 1) sins of the priests, 2) sins of the people, and 3) God's continuing covenant with his people.

Who was Malachi? There is little historical documentation about him. (Graubart, 1963) Malachi was the one of the twelve Minor Prophets from the Old Testament. His writing is dated to the post-Babylonian exile period of Israel approximately 455 B.C. (USCCB, 1986) Part of the historical record suggests he was a contemporary of the prophets Ezra and Nehemiah. (Graubart, 1963) Malachi and Ezra may have been the same person.

Due to the uncertainty of Malachi's identity he is considered the anonymous writer of the last book in the Old Testament. (USCCB, 1986) In *The New American Bible – St. Joseph Edition* this book is called "The Book of Malachi" and is composed of three chapters. In *The Holy Bible – Douay-Rheims Edition* this book is called "The Prophecy of Malachias" and is composed of four chapters. (Loreto, 2005) Malachi's work is divided into three sections. (USCCB, 1986) The first two sections focus on the Faithful turning away from God. The first section addresses the failure of the priesthood and section two is concerned with the transgressions of the people. The final section renews God's covenant with his people.

The sin of the priests Malachi expounds on is offering substandard sacrifices on the altar. (USCCB, 1986) Malachi 1:6-8 states:

A son honors his father, and a servant fears his master;  
If then I am a father, where is the honor, due to me?  
And if I am a master where is the reverence due to me? —  
So says the Lord of hosts to you, O priests, who despise his name.  
But you ask, "How have we despised your name?"  
By offering polluted food on my altar!  
Then you ask, "How have we polluted it?"  
By saying the table of the Lord may be slighted!  
When you offer a blind animal for sacrifice, is this not evil?

Malachi chastises the priests of Israel for not following Mosaic Law concerning animal sacrifices. Mosaic Law is very clear about an animal presented for sacrifice on the altar of the Lord. The animal must be free of defects. The priests of Israel ignored this requirement and kept the choice animal for themselves; thus slighting the Lord.

Malachi chastises the people of Israel for ignoring the marriage laws as specified in Mosaic Law. (USCCB, 1986) Malachi 2: 11 and 16 states:

Judah has broken faith; an abominable thing has been done in Israel and in Jerusalem.

Judah has profaned the LORD's holy place, which he loves, and has married a daughter of a foreign god.

For I hate divorce, says the LORD, the God of Israel,

And the one who covers his garment with violence, says the LORD of hosts.

You should be on guard, then, for your life, and you must not break faith.

The Israelites started to marry women who served another god. This intermarriage was an abomination. Mosaic Law did allow marriage to another person who did not serve the God of Israel. Malachi further warns the men of Israel not to divorce their wives on a whim. Any divorce proceedings must follow Mosaic Law.

In the third section of Malachi's work he writes about God's covenant with his people. (USCCB, 1986) He writes of a messenger, John the Baptist, and the Savior, Jesus Christ, who will follow. Malachi 3:1-2 states:

Lo, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me;

And suddenly there will come to the temple the Lord whom you seek,

And the messenger of the covenant whom you desire.

Yes, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts.

But who can endure the day of his coming?

And who can stand firm when he appears?

For he will be like a refiner's fire, or like fuller's lye.

John the Baptist is the forerunner who prepares the way for the Savior, Jesus Christ. Malachi further writes those who keep faith in the Lord will find peace. He warns the ones who turn from the Lord that they will find punishment.

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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](mailto:COOP5614@yahoo.com).