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REFLECTIONS FROM THOMAS PAINE

I believe in the equality of man; and I believe that religious duties consist in doing justice, loving mercy, and endeavoring to make our fellow-creatures happy.

Government, even in its best state, is but a necessary evil; in its worst state, an intolerable one.

Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom must, like men, undergo the fatigue of supporting it.

From: *Brainy Quote*

http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/authors/t/thomas_paine.html

SAINTS AMONG US

Faithful Navigator Christopher R. Cooper

Our Heavenly Father provides the Faithful with many guides to help us in our daily lives. Some of these guides are the Holy Spirit and the Word contained in the Holy Bible. Another important guide for the Faithful are the Saints. Pope Francis stated the “Saints are contagious examples of everyday Holiness.” (Harris, 2015) The Bishop of Rome defined Saints not only those canonized by the Holy Catholic Church, but those people who are saints among us i.e. friends, family, and fellow Christians. Pope Francis’ commentary on Saints brings up two questions. Who are Saints? How do they guide the Faithful in their daily lives?

Who are the Saints? According to *Merriam Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary* a Saint is defined as, “one officially recognizes especially through canonization as preeminent for holiness.” (Merriam-Webster, 1993) This definition addresses any Saint who has gone through the canonization process of the Holy Catholic Church. One example in Fayetteville, NC is the patron Saint of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Roman Catholic Church. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was the first Saint born in the United States of America. (Catholic Online) She went through the canonization process and was canonized a Saint by Pope Paul VI on 14 September 1975.

The next definition is, “one of the spirits of the departed in heaven.” (Merriam-Webster, 1993) This definition applies to any Christian who died in God’s grace. There is no formal canonization process. One example is the patron Saint of St. Patrick Roman Catholic Church in Fayetteville, NC. Saint Patrick is credited with bring Christianity to Ireland. (Catholic Online) He was never formally canonized. St. Patrick was proclaimed a Saint by early Christians.

Angels are considered to be Saints since they reside in Heaven. (Merriam-Webster, 1993) An example is the patron Saint of Saint Michael the Archangel Maronite Catholic Church in Fayetteville, NC. Saint Michael is God’s warrior angel. (Catholic Online) He was the first Angel to combat Satan. Saint Michael is the patron Saint of soldiers.

Merriam Webster's Collegiate Dictionary also addresses the Faithful who have not been called from this life, "one of God's chosen usually Christian people." (Merriam-Webster, 1993) Who are these chosen people? This definition applies to anyone who does God's will. The Faithful does not have to perform monumental works. It is the everyday charity good Catholic gentlemen do; volunteering for Operation LAMB, at the local soup kitchens, or a kind courtesy to a stranger.

How do the Saints guide the Faithful in their daily lives? They provide examples for the Faithful to follow and they also intercede with prayers on behalf of the Faithful to God. Saints lead virtuous life and do the will of God. St. Patrick was held captive by Irish pirates. (Catholic Online) After his escape he could have plotted revenge against his captors. Instead, St. Patrick brought Christianity to Ireland. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton lost her husband to tuberculosis. She could have fallen into a pit of self-pity. However, she devoted her life to God so she could help others. (Catholic Online) St. Michael the Archangel intercedes to God on behalf of the Faithful. (Catholic Online) The Saints who are still in this world set examples to be followed by their kind acts of Charity.

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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:

VETERANS DAY PARADE NOVEMBER 2016

The Fayetteville Veterans Day Parade is Saturday, 5 November 2016. More details and to sign-up for this Honor Guard Event go to the following link:

<http://cardinalgibbonsassembly783.weebly.com/veterans-day-parade-2016.html>

4TH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION 19 NOVEMBER 2016

Our Assembly will host a regional 4TH Degree Exemplification on Saturday, 19 November 2016. More details and to sign-up for this Honor Guard Event go to the following link:

<http://cardinalgibbonsassembly783.weebly.com/4th-degree-exemplification-19-november-2016.html>

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 2016

November 5	Knighthood (3rd) Degree – Swannanoa, NC
November 5	State Youth Soccer Challenge (WEST) – Belmont Abbey
November 6	State Youth Soccer Challenge (EAST) – Fayetteville
November 8	Election Day
November 11	Veterans Day
November 15	Family of the Month
November 15	IRS Form 990
November 19	4th Degree Exemplification – Fayetteville, NC
November 24	Thanksgiving
November 25	Council Charitable Outreach Day
November 29	Bishop Burbidge Celebrates Last Mass in Raleigh Diocese, St Michael's, Cary, NC

December 2016

December 3	Knighthood (3rd) Degree (Spanish) – Wilson, NC
December 8	Spread the Light of Christ program
POSTPONED	Holy Family Prayer Event
December 15	Family of the Month
December 25	Christmas Day

January 2017

January 7	Mid-Year Meeting (EAST) Kinston, NC
January 7	Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity – #1728 – Due at Mid-Year Meeting
January 7	Partnership Profile Report with Special Olympics – #4584 – Due at Mid-Year Meeting
January 13	Charlotte March for Life
January 14	Mid-Year Meeting (WEST) Morganton, NC
January 15	Family of the Month
January 21	Raleigh Prayer Breakfast
January 21	Love My Life Youth Rally and Mass
January 27	National Right to Life March, Washington, DC
January 28	Jacksonville March for Life

DEGREE CEREMONIES

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 (Spanish): 3 December 2016. Location: Council 4660, Horton, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: <http://kofcnc.org/>

DEGREE CEREMONIES (Continued)

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/>

Third Degree Ceremony: 18 March 2017. Location: Council 1074, Wilmington, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: <http://kofcnc.org/>

Third Degree Ceremony: 8 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 DAYS OF THE DEAD (LOS DÍAS DE LOS MUERTOS)

Faithful Navigator Christopher R. Cooper

“The Days of the Dead” may sound ominous, but it is a very benign holiday celebrated in Latin America particularly in Mexico. (Craw, 2015) It is the combination of All Saints Day and All Souls Day. There are differences of how the United States and Mexico observes these Feast Days. In both countries the Faithful attended Mass; however, in Mexico it also a day of celebration to remember loved ones who have passed from this life.

All Saints Day in the United States and Mexico is celebrated on the first of November. (Hall-Quest, 1963) In the United States it is a Holy Day of Obligation. In Mexico All Saints Day is also known as El Día de los Inocentes (The Day of the Innocents). (Craw, 2015) The Day of Innocents remembers children who have been called from this life.

All Souls Day is celebrated in both countries on the second of November. (Hall-Quest, 1963) In the United States the Faithful prayer for the souls in purgatory. (Craw, 2015) In Mexico All Souls Day is also known as El Día de los Muertos (The Day of the Dead). (Craw, 2015) The Day of the Dead remembers adults who have been called from this life.

In Mexico the Faithful visit family cemeteries to remember their departed family members. (Craw, 2015) Usually the family has a picnic and tells stories about their ancestors. Food is also set out for the departed. In the urban areas it may be impractical to visit the family cemetery. The Faithful build small alters in their homes to

remember their loved ones. In many areas it is a public celebration with large alters built. Many of the Faithful wear colorful masks or face paint. These public celebrations at times appear to resemble Mardi-Gras in New Orleans, LA.

The Days of the Dead is a not a morbid occasion, but a time of celebration for the Faithful's ancestors.

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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.