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REFLECTIONS FROM HELEN KELLER

Life is an exciting business, and most exciting when it is lived for others.

The only thing worse than being blind is having sight but no vision.

Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.

From: *Brainy Quote*

https://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/authors/h/helen_keller.html

SERVITE MONASTIC ORDER

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The Servite Monastic Order is a mendicant order founded in 1233 A.D. (Fish Eaters, 2014) The full name of the Order is the Order of the Servants of Mary (O.S.M.). (Encyclopedia Britannica, 2014) The founders of the Order wanted to leave the secular world. They devoted their lives to prayer. The Order adopted the *Rule of St. Augustine* to follow for their community. The Mission of the Servite Order is preaching the word of Christ, administering parishes, missionary work, and devotion to the Blessed Mother. The Servites have spread throughout the world and have internet resources. First, let's look at the founding of the Servite Order.

The Servite Order was not founded by one individual, but seven. These seven men are known as the Seven Holy Founders or Servite Seven Founders. (Encyclopedia Britannica, 2014) The Founders came from wealthy families of Florence in modern day Italy. They were Buonfiglio Monaldo, (their leader) Alexis Falconieri, Benedict dell' Antella, Bartholomew Amidei, Ricovero Uguccione, Gerardino Sostegni, and John Buonagiunta. (EWTN, 2014) They withdrew outside the Walls of Florence to devote their lives to prayer and penance.

While praying on the Feast of the Assumption the Servites has a vision of the Blessed Mother. (EWTN, 2014) They decided to live in seclusion after the vision. After a short time they could not continue their lives as hermits due to all the people who visited them for prayer request. The Servites decided to move to an isolated area on Mt. Senario in Tuscany, Italy. Around April 13, 1240 A.D. the Servites received another vision from the Blessed Mother accompanied by an Angel with a scroll inscribed with the words "Servants of Mary". She held in her hand a black habit for the Servites to adopt and told them they would be her servants. The Blessed Mother instructed them to follow the *Rule of St. Augustine*. The Servites received formal recognition from the Vatican on February 11, 1304 A.D. from Pope Benedict IX. (Griffin, 1912)

The Servites Order grew throughout the years and first made its appearance in the United States in 1852 A.D. (Friar Servants of Mary, 2014) Fr. Antoninus Grundner of the Servite Order attended to the Pastoral needs of German speaking Catholics in New York City and later in eastern Pennsylvania. Father Grundner passed away in 1876 A.D after serving as Pastor to the Faithful of St. Alphonsus Roman Catholic Church, Philadelphia, PA. There was no permanent presence of the Servite Order in the United States at the time of his death. In 1870 AD Bishop Joseph Melcher of the Diocese of Green Bay, Wisconsin invited the Servites to in his Diocese. Bishop Melcher put the Servites in charge of St. Charles Church in Menasha, Wisconsin. Bishop Foley of the Diocese of Chicago,

Illinois, requested the Servites become part of his Diocese in 1874 A.D. Chicago became the hub of the Servite presence in the United States and was formally recognized in 1909 A.D.

The Servites have resources on the internet. The monastery the Servites founded on Mt. Senario is still there and is called Monastery of Montesenario. There is a YouTube video about the area around the monastery: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j2ZuPbnJpxQ>. The website for the Servite American Province is <http://www.servite.org/>. I did not find any monasteries or convents in the North Carolina, but any of the clergy or nuns who have O.S.M. following their name is a member of the Servite Order.

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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:

NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

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

DATES TO REMEMBER (Continued)

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/>

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/>

DEGREE CEREMONIES (Continued)

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.