



Cardinal Gibbons Assembly 783
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REFLECTIONS FROM GREEK PHILOSOPHER PLATO

The beginning is the most important part of the work.

The greatest wealth is to live content with little.

There is no harm in repeating a good thing.

From: *Brainy Quote*

<https://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/authors/p/plato.html>

SAINT GOBAIN, MARTYR

Faithful Navigator Christopher R. Cooper

There is little known about Saint Gobain especially in his early life. (World Heritage Encyclopedia, 2017) His birth place is modern day Ireland. The date of his birth is some time in the earlier seventh century A.D. Saint Gobain was also known as “Goban”. He studied under Saint Fursey in modern day England. After his studies Saint Gobain was ordained a priest by Saint Fursey and took the vows to become a Benedictine monk. (Butler, 2010)

Saint Gobain traveled to France after his ordination to the priesthood. (Butler, 2010) He visited Corbeny and Laon before retiring to the wilderness along the Oise River. Over time a Church was erected at the site he chose in the wilderness. It eventually became known as St. Gobain Church. The local king, Clotaire III, was one of St. Gobain’s patrons and made the land grant for the Church’s site.

Saint Gobain continued to serve God and the Church until his death in 670 A.D. (World Heritage Encyclopedia, 2017) German barbarians invaded the area and captured Saint Gobain. (Butler, 2010). The barbarians beheaded him. He was laid to rest in the Church he founded. In a bizarre incident during one of the civil wars instigated by the Calvinists Saint Gobain’s body was removed from the Church. It was never recovered. His head is still kept in the Church as a relic.

Saint Gobain’s feast day is 20 June. (World Heritage Encyclopedia, 2017)

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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:

SPECIAL OLYMPICS APRIL 2017

More Details to Follow

MEMORIAL DAY WREATH LAYING CEREMONY MAY 2017

More Details to Follow

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 2017

February 4	Knighthood (3rd) Degree – Raleigh, NC (Council 2546)
February 11	Knighthood (3rd) Degree – Franklin, NC (Council 8363)
February 14	State Basketball Tournament Registration Due
February 15	Semi-Annual Audit – Due
February 15	Family of the Month – Due
February 18	Knighthood (3rd) Degree – Clemmons, NC (Council 9499)
February 22	Convention Ads – Due
February 24-25	Ignited by Truth – Raleigh Convention Center
February 25	State Basketball Tournament
	District Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest Judging

March 2017

March 1	Ash Wednesday
March 4	Catholic Men's Conference – Charlotte, NC
March 11	State Free Throw Competition – Burlington, NC
March 11-12	Council Church Drive
March 12	Knighthood (3rd) Degree – Newton Grove, NC (Council 7259) Spanish
March 15	Program submissions – Due
March 15	Matrix Form – Due
March 15	NC State Per Capita – Due
March 15	Family of the Month – Due
March 15	State of the Year Nominations – Due
March 18	Knighthood (3rd) Degree – Wilmington, NC (Council 1074)
March 24	Convention registration – Due
March 25	Fourth Degree Exemplification – Kernersville, NC

April 2017

April 1	Necrology Report – Due
April 1	Credentials – Due
April 8	Knighthood (3rd) Degree – Raleigh, NC (Council 9709)
April 10	Convention Hotel Registration – Due

DATES TO REMEMBER (Continued)

April 15	Raffle Tickets Due
April 15	Family of the Month
April 16	EASTER

DEGREE CEREMONIES

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/upcoming-degree-ceremonies/>

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/upcoming-degree-ceremonies/>

First Degree Ceremony: 15 February 2017. Location: Council 16247, Red Springs, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: <http://kofcnc.org/upcoming-degree-ceremonies/>

First Degree Ceremony: 18 February 2017. Location: Council 11683, Fayetteville, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: <http://kofcnc.org/upcoming-degree-ceremonies/>

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

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/upcoming-degree-ceremonies/>

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/upcoming-degree-ceremonies/>

Third Degree Ceremony: 12 March 2017. Location: Council 7259, Newton Grove, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: <http://kofcnc.org/upcoming-degree-ceremonies/>

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/upcoming-degree-ceremonies/>

Fourth Degree Ceremony: 25 March 2017. Location: _____, Kernesville, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: <http://kofcnc.org/4th-degree/4th-degree-exemplification/>

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/upcoming-degree-ceremonies/>

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/upcoming-degree-ceremonies/>

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/upcoming-degree-ceremonies/>

Third Degree Ceremony: 3 June 2017. Location: Council 11266, Garner, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: <http://kofcnc.org/upcoming-degree-ceremonies/>

ST. MARIA GORETTI

Christopher R. Cooper

The life of St. Maria Goretti is an example in the lesson of forgiveness. She was born October 16, 1890 A.D. in Corinaldo, Italy. (Martins, 2015) Her parents were poor tenant farmers. (Catholic Online, 2017) In search of work her father moved the family to Ferrier di Conca which is not far from the city of Anzio. Unfortunately, her father passed away. St. Maria's mother went to work in the fields to earn enough money to support her and her siblings. While her mother was away at work St. Maria stayed at home to take care of the domestic chores and look after her younger sister. In addition to these tasks St. Maria did domestic chores for a neighboring family.

One member of the neighboring family became lustful towards St. Maria. (Catholic Online, 2017) He made explicit remarks to her until one day he tried to force himself upon her. St. Maria Goretti resisted his attack. In a fit of rage he stabbed her numerous times. Her family took her to a hospital, but the surgeon was unable to help her due to the seriousness of the wounds. St. Maria Goretti was called from this world on July 6, 1902 A.D. (Martins, 2015) Before her death St. Maria Goretti forgave her attacker.

St. Maria Goretti was beatified April 27, 1947 A.D. and was canonized June 24, 1950 A.D. by Pope Pius XII. (Martins, 2015) She is the youngest canonized Saint. St. Maria Goretti's feast day is July 6. "She is the patron saint of chastity, rape victims, girls, youth, teenage girls, poverty, purity and forgiveness." (Catholic Online, 2017)

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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.