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REFLECTIONS FROM PRESIDENT ANDREW JACKSON

Americans are not a perfect people, but we are called to a perfect mission.

You must pay the price if you wish to secure the blessing.

Take time to deliberate; but when the time for action arrives, stop thinking and go in.

From: *Brainy Quote*

https://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/authors/a/andrew_jackson.html

WHY DO I HAVE TO GO TO CHURCH?

Faithful Navigator Christopher R. Cooper

Why do I have to go to Church? It is a question most young people ask. The response of parents is, "Because I said so!" I remember this conversation from my youth. Fortunately I out grew this childhood irresponsibility about not wanting to attend Mass. The Holy Bible addresses this issue. There are numerous passages stating the necessity of keeping the Sabbath day holy and the need for Christian fellowship.

The Holy Bible first addresses the requirement of Church attendance in the Old Testament in the Book of Exodus chapter 20 verse 8, "Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day." (Loreto, 2005) The Word of God reminds the Faithful six days are for work and to tend to their worldly endeavors. The Sabbath day is for rest and to give thanks to God for all the blessings He bestows. In the Book of Deuteronomy chapter 5 verse 12 Moses reminds the Faithful to keep the Sabbath day holy with these words, "Take care to keep holy the Sabbath day as the Lord, your God, commanded you." (USCCB, 1986) Moses further explains the Faithful shall give thanks to God on the Sabbath for delivering them from their captivity in Egypt. Today the Faithful is encouraged to give thanks to God on the Sabbath for His Blessing; family, good health, steady employment, etc.

The Holy Bible encourages the Faithful to pray and keep the Sabbath holy not only as individuals, but also in groups of two or more. This concept is stated in the Gospel of St. Matthew chapter 8 verse 25, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (USCCB, 1986) Praying in groups lets individual members of the Faithful know they are not alone in their devotion to God. In his Epistle to the Hebrews St Paul states the need of group support for the Faithful in chapter 10 verses 24 and 25, "And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." (Regency, 1976) St. Paul promotes gathering at meetings to pray in fellowship for the blessings from God. He explains that the meeting encourages the Faithful to perform good works as a physical sign of their Christianity to the world. St. Paul goes on to admonish those who miss the meetings. They are at great risk of succumbing to temptation and drifting away from God.

The Holy Catholic Church has names for the meetings of the Faithful and the day on which the meeting is held. In the Western Church the term Mass is used and Divine Liturgy for the Eastern Church. (Merriam-Webster, 1993) The meetings are to give thanks to God and celebrate the Holy Eucharist as commanded by Christ at the last supper. (USCCB, 1986) The early Church Fathers chose Sunday as the day for the Faithful to meet. (USCC, 1994) Sunday is the day of the Resurrection. Sunday reminds the Faithful of Christ' victory over death and his gift of eternal life to His followers.

The Word of God instructs the Faithful of why attending Church is necessity. The Faithful should take time to give thanks to God and take a day of rest from worldly concerns such as work. The Holy Bible explains the necessity of praying in groups and to avoid missing Church Services. Sunday it the day of Sabbath because it is the day of Christ' Resurrection and remind the Faithful of His gift of eternal life in heaven with the Blessed Trinity.

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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

DATES TO REMEMBER (Continued)

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
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/>

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.