



Cardinal Gibbons Assembly 783
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REFLECTIONS FROM EXPLORER CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS

No one should fear to undertake any task in the name of our Saviour, if it is just and if the intention is purely for His holy service.

By prevailing over all obstacles and distractions, one may unfailingly arrive at his chosen goal or destination.

Riches don't make a man rich, they only make him busier.

From: *Brainy Quote*

https://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/authors/c/christopher_columbus.html

MOTHER'S DAY

Faithful Navigator Christopher R. Cooper

Mother's Day is the day we all remember our moms. In the United States Mother's Day is the second Sunday of May. (Sechrist, 1969) It is a day children think about all the sacrifices their mother made for them. For adult children we wonder why our mom did not put us into an earlier grave for some of the mischief we engaged in. The question at hand is what is the history of Mother's Day?

The origin of Mother's Day can be traced back to ancient Greek and Rome. (History.com Staff, 2011) Feasts were held to the mother goddess, Rhea and Cybele. As time progressed into the Christian era Mothering Sunday evolved in England. (Sechrist, 1969) Mothering Sunday was celebrated on the fourth Sunday of Lent. (History.com Staff, 2011) The Catholic Faithful would return to their mother parish for a special Mass. On this day the Catholic Faithful would also honor their mothers. This custom spread to other European countries.

The first known observance of Mother's Day in the United States was in 1872 A.D. under the guidance of Julia Ward Howe. (Sechrist, 1969) Ms. Howe chose 2 June as the date to celebrate Mother's Day. It was a local celebration. Anna Jarvis took up the cause to have Mother's Day recognized on a national level. She is credited as the founder of Mother's Day because of her work and dedication. Ms. Jarvis picked the second Sunday of May to celebrate Mother's Day. President Woodrow Wilson signed a resolution on 9 May 1914 A.D. to recognize Mother's Day on a national level. 9 May 1915 A.D. is the first Mother's Day celebrated nationwide.

One final thought on Mother's Day there are many customs secular and non-secular associated with Mother's Day. One custom is wearing a carnation on Mother's Day. (Sechrist, 1969) If a person's mother is alive a colored carnation is worn. If a person's mother is deceased a white carnation is worn.

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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:

MEMORIAL DAY WREATH LAYING CEREMONY MAY 2017

Location: Freedom Memorial Park across the street from the Airborne & Special Operations Museum, 100 Bragg Blvd., Fayetteville, NC 28301

Date: 29 May 2017

Show Time: 9:30 AM

Start Time: 10:00 AM

Completion Time: 11:00 AM

Sir Knights who are able to participate in this event sign-up on the Assembly website:

<http://cardinalgibbonsassembly783.weebly.com/memorial-day-wreath-laying-ceremony-2017.html>

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 2017

May 1 – June 15	Council Officer Elections
May 5-7	NC State Convention
May 6	Bishop Fund Check
May 6	Culture of Life Check
May 6	Columbian Award Report SP-7 (Requested)
May 14	Mother's Day
May 15	Family of the Month
May 20	Knighthood (3 rd) Degree – Greensboro (13236)
May 20	State Bocce Tournament – (Postponed to Fall)r
May 28	Ascension of Our Lord
May 29	Memorial Day

June 2017

	Council Leadership Training Session
June 10	Region 1 – Council 1074
June 10	Region 2 – Council 13812
June 17	Region 6 – Council 6600
June 24	Region 3 – Council 11101
June 24	Region 4 – Council 10389
June 24	Region 5 – Council 7184
June 24	Region 6 – Council 2838
June 15	Family of the Month
June 15	Election of Council Officers Ends

DATES TO REMEMBER (Continued)

June 18 Father's Day
June 30 Columbian Award App. – Form SP7 Due

July 2017

July 1 Report of Chosen Officers – Form 185 Due
Approve Council Budget – July Council Business Meeting
July 14-16 DD Organizational Meeting – For RMPCs, DDs and State Directors
July 15 Family of the Month
July 29-30 5th Sunday Rosary
Early July Order Soccer Challenge Kit, Essay Contest Kit and Church Drive Kit

DEGREE CEREMONIES

Further details for upcoming degree ceremonies are available on the K of C State Council Website:
First, Second, and Third Degree: <https://kofcnc.org/upcoming-degree-ceremonies/>
Fourth Degree: <https://kofcnc.org/4th-degree/4th-degree-exemplification/>

<u>Third Degree:</u>	3 June 2017	12 Noon	Council 11266, Garner, NC
<u>First Degree:</u>	6 June 2017	7:00 PM	Council 9709, Raleigh, NC
<u>Second Degree</u>	6 June 2017	7:00 PM	Council 4660, Wilson, NC
<u>First Degree:</u>	13 June 2017	7:00 PM	Council 11848, Clinton, NC
<u>First Degree:</u>	18 June 2017	5:30 PM	Council 13812, Durham, NC
<u>First Degree:</u>	25 June 2017	3:00 PM	Council 16247, Red Springs, NC (Spanish)
<u>First Degree:</u>	16 July 2017	5:30 PM	Council 13812, Durham, NC
<u>Second Degree:</u>	16 July 2017	7:00 PM	Council 11265, Clayton, NC
<u>First Degree:</u>	20 August 2017	5:30 PM	Council 13812, Durham, NC
<u>Fourth Degree</u>	26 August 2017	12 Noon	Assembly 781, Asheville, NC
<u>First Degree:</u>	17 September 2017	5:30 PM	Council 13812, Durham, NC
<u>Third Degree:</u>	3 February 2018	12 Noon	Council 9499, Clemmons, NC
<u>Third Degree</u>	28 April 2018	12 Noon	Council 13236, Greensboro, NC

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Faithful Navigator Christopher R. Cooper

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is a timed honored tradition in the Holy Catholic Church. It is time for the Faithful to reflect on all the blessings God has bestowed on them. During Adoration the Faithful sometimes petition God to aid them through troubling times. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament has its roots in the beginning of the Church. Over time Adoration evolved into the ceremony of today.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins with the Eucharist. What is the Eucharist? “The Eucharist is ‘the source and summit of the Christian life’”. (USCCB, 1994) This sacrament unites the Faithful with God. Christ instituted the Blessed Sacrament at the Last Supper:

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving it to his disciples said, “Take and eat; this is my body.”

Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins.

I tell you, from now on I shall not drink this fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it with you new in the kingdom of my Father.” (USCCB, 1986)

Christ proclaims the Eucharist is the new covenant. When the bread and wine are consecrated they become Christ’ body and blood, the Eucharist, they still retain their physical characteristics. This process is called transubstantiation. (USCCB, 1994) Today the Blessed Sacrament is displayed in a Monstrance during Adoration. (Catholic-Church.org, 2017) The Monstrance is placed on the altar so the Blessed Sacrament can clearly be seen by all the Faithful during Adoration.

There are several reasons to attend Adoration. One reason was expressed by Pope Paul VI, “To visit the Blessed Sacrament is... a proof of gratitude, and expression of love, and a duty of adoration toward Christ our Lord”. (USCCB, 1994) The Faithful should always express their thankfulness to God. One way is to take time out to attend Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Taking time out is reminiscent of Christ’ words to the apostles before he was betrayed, “So you could not keep watch with me for one hour?” (USCCB, 1986) This passage is the basis for many Catholic parishes having the Holy Thursday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Depending on the parish the Adoration may be a few hours or extend to noon on Good Friday. Attending Adoration is a way to rest from worldly burdens. Christ instructs the Faithful, “Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.” (USCCB, 1986) In this hurry-up and get it done yesterday world attending Adoration is a good way for the Faithful to clear their mind of worldly clutter.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament varies depending on location and time of year. At some Catholic parishes the Rosary and Benediction follow Adoration. On Holy Thursday Adoration follows the Washing of the Feet Service. Usually no group prayers are said during this Adoration. One prayer of thanksgiving is consistent from parish to parish:

O, SACRAMENT MOST HOLY! O, SACRAMENT DIVINE!

ALL PRAISE AND ALL THANKSGIVING BE EVERY MOMENT THINE!

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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.