



**Cardinal Gibbons Assembly 783**  
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**REFLECTIONS FROM PRESIDENT DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER**

Peace and justice are two sides of the same coin.

A people that values its privileges above its principles soon loses both.

There's no tragedy in life like the death of a child. Things never get back to the way they were.

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**DUM VITA EST SPES**

Sir Knight Christopher R. Cooper

Dum vita est spes is Latin for “while there is life there is hope.” Depending on the source this quote is attributed to one of two individuals: the Roman writer Terence (195 B.C – 159 B.C?) or the Roman statesman Cicero (106 B.C. – 43 B.C.). (Merriam-Webster, Inc., 1993) The question is, “What does this Latin phrase from antiquity have to do with the modern world?” For the pro-life movement it is an essential linchpin. No pro-abortion argument can defeat the phrase “while there is life there is hope.” As long as the most innocent among us are allowed to keep their life there is hope for them, for their parents, and society. Are there any effects on the mother if this sage advice is not followed? Unfortunately the answer is yes. There are many people whose parents considered aborting them, but their parents chose life bringing the world much joy.

According to Dr. Theresa Burke, “Abortion is a wound to the soul.” (Burke, 2005) Dr. Burke as a student studied eating disorders among women. She made a startling discovery that many of the women in the study had a common event that linked them together. The common event was they had an abortion. Women who had an abortion also suffered from other destructive conditions besides eating disorders. Dr. Burke noted many of the women suffered from panic attacks, feelings of paranoia, or flashbacks reliving the dreadful event. Abortion is not only destructive to the most innocent among us, but is equally devastating to the mother who chooses this heinous act.

A woman who chooses life and hope brings about better results. One example is the actor, Jack Nicholson. (Chapman, 2013) Mr. Nicholson’s mother, June Frances Nicholson, became pregnant with him at age 17. His grandmother urged her not to have an abortion. Ms. Nicholson chose life which blessed society with a very talented man. Mr. Nicholson has had a long career as an actor entertaining millions of people. No one can forget his memorable line from the movie, *The Shining*, based on the novel by Stephen King, “Here’s Johnny!” There are other people whose mothers considered abortion, but chose life instead. They are Justin Bieber, Tim Tebow, Congressman Marlin Stutzman, Cher, Pope St. John Paul II, Celine Dion, and Nick Cannon. (Seman, 2014) One of these names in particular, Pope St. John Paul II, has touch and inspired the lives of countless people. It would have been a great lose to the world if his mother did not choose life.

Dum vita est spes, where there is life there is hope. This phrase from antiquity is just as important today as it was in the days of Terence and Cicero. Not choosing life eliminates hope with destructive consequences. Choosing life brings hope for the lowly among us to the greatness among us, but most importantly to the most innocent among us.

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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](mailto:rod.komlofske@gmail.com).

**UPCOMING HONOR GUARD EVENT(S):**

**NONE SCHEDULED**

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**October 2017**

	Admission Celebration
	Formation Celebration
October 1	1st Half of Program year ends – Program write-ups are due
October 1	Matrix Form is due
October 1	Life Chains
October 7-8	Church Membership Drive
Cancelled	State Golf Tournament
October 9	Columbus Day
October 14-15	Knighthood (3rd) Celebration-16442 Sapphire
October 15	Family of the Month
October 21	Knighthood (3rd) Celebration-12537 Southport
October 28	Knighthood (3rd) Celebration – 9570 Lenoir
October 31	Halloween

**November 2017**

Admission Celebration  
Formation Celebration

## **DATES TO REMEMBER (Continued)**

### **November 2017**

November 1	All Saints Day
November 11	Knighthood (3rd) Celebration–7450 Concord
November 11	Veteran’s Day
November 18	NC State Soccer Challenge – Chapel Hill
November 23	Thanksgiving Day

### **December 2017**

	Admission Celebration
	Formation Celebration
	Keep Christ in Christmas
December 2	Knighthood (3rd) Celebration – 5487 Goldsboro – Hispanic
December 8	Feast of Immaculate Conception
December 25	Christmas Day

### **January 2018**

	Admission Celebration
	Formation Celebration
January 1	New Year’s Day
	Fraternal Survey – Due at Mid-Year meeting
January 6	Mid-Year East – Kinston
January 12	Charlotte Right to Life March
January 13	Raleigh Right to Life March
January 27	Mid- Year West – Salisbury
January 27	Jacksonville Right to Life March

## **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/>

<b><u>Third Degree</u></b>	21 October 2017	11:00 AM	Council 12537, Southport, NC
<b><u>Second Degree:</u></b>	25 October 2017	7:00 PM	Council 2546, Raleigh, NC
<b><u>Fourth Degree</u></b>	18 November 2017	11:30 AM	Assembly 1541, Jacksonville, NC
<b><u>Third Degree:</u></b>	2 December 2017	11:00 AM	Council 5487, Goldsboro, NC
<b><u>Third Degree</u></b>	10 February 2018	11:00 AM	Council 2546, Raleigh, NC
<b><u>Third Degree:</u></b>	3 March 2018	11:00 AM	Council 1074, Wilmington, NC
<b><u>Third Degree:</u></b>	28 April 2018	11:00 AM	Council 13236, Greensboro, NC
<b><u>Third Degree:</u></b>	2 June 2018	11:00 AM	Council 11266, Garner, NC

## **IMPRIMATUR, NIHIL OBSTAT, AND IMPRIMI POTEST**

Sir Knight Christopher R. Cooper

Through the years I found many individuals and organizations defaming the Catholic Church. They claim to be an authority on Catholic doctrine. I have also found many of the individuals and organizations do not have a clue. Several assertions are “I heard on the radio or television,” “a friend told me,” and my personal favorite, “I read it on the internet.” When challenge on the source of the information it is from someone claiming to write on behalf of the Catholic Church. A good method to determine if a source is in accordance with Catholic teaching is to look for one of three terms, Imprimi Potest, Nihil Obstat, or Imprimatur. These terms certify the document does not

contain anything contrary to Catholic teaching. (Imprimi Potest, Nihil Obstat, Imprimatur, 2007) These terms are part of a process to certify a document is in line with Catholic doctrine. Some examples are translations of the Bible, missals, and prayer books. The terms are used mostly in the Roman Catholic Churches. The Eastern Catholic Churches may have these terms or use a certification statement. The importance of these statements is essential with translations of the Bible. First let's look at the terms Imprimi Potest, Nihil Obstat, and Imprimatur and how they fit into the certification process.

Any of the Faithful who writes a document concerning instruction on Catholic doctrine will first submit the document to his or hers diocese. ("Imprimi Potest," "Nihil Obstat," and "Imprimatur", 2014) The diocese censor who is a priest appointed by the bishop reviews the document. If the censor finds the document is in order he declares it, "Nihil Obstat" which is Latin for, "nothing stands in the way." The bishop now reviews the document. If the bishop finds everything in order he declares it, "Imprimatur" which is Latin for, "let it be printed." If a member of a religious community such as a monastic community there is a third step. The member of the religious community submits the document to the superior. If the superior finds the document is in order he or she declares it, "Imprimi Potest" which is Latin for, "able to be printed." This step is accomplished before the document is sent to the diocese.

Some examples of the use of these terms are in translations of the Bible, missals, and instructions. The *New American Bible – St. Joseph Edition* and *The Holy Bible – Douay-Rheims* have the Nihil Obstat and the Imprimatur approvals. (USCCB, 1986) (The Holy Bible - Douay-Rheims, 2005) I have three Roman Missals I use for research. Two are the *New St. Joseph Daily Missal and Hymnal* and the *New St. Joseph Sunday Daily Missal*. (USCCB, 1966) (USCCB, 1999) Both have the Nihil Obstat and the Imprimatur approvals. The third one is *The New Marian Missal*. It has only the Imprimatur approval. (Juergens, 1963) I found Imprimi Potest in one Catholic instruction book, *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. (USCCB, 1994)

Imprimi Potest, Nihil Obstat, and Imprimatur are used mostly in the Roman Catholic Church. (Imprimi Potest, Nihil Obstat, Imprimatur, 2007) In the Eastern Catholic Churches the terms may be used or the document may have certification statement. The new Maronite Catholic Missal titled the *Book of Offering* and the missal for the Byzantine Catholic Church Ruthenian Tradition has certification statements. The *Book of Offering* is certified by the Maronite Patriarch and the Bishops of the four English speaking Eparchies. (Maronite Catholic Church, 2005) The Byzantine Missal has a certification statement from the four Byzantine Catholic Bishops in the United States whose eparchies (dioceses) use this missal. (Byzantine Catholic Metropolitan Church, 2006) However, one example of Nihil Obstat and Imprimatur used in an Eastern Catholic document is in the *Eyes of the Heart Weekday Prayer*. (Beshara, 2000)

Why are the Imprimi Potest, Nihil Obstat, and Imprimatur so important? As stated earlier in this article one area is in translations of the Bible. The Catholic translation of the Bible has more books in the Old Testament. (USCCB, 1986) The books are Tobit, Judith, Wisdom, Sirach, Baruch, 1 and 2 Maccabees and some parts of Ester and Daniel. Judaism and Protestantism do not recognize these books. A Catholic Bible will not receive the Imprimatur approval if these books are missing. Another example is the *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures* (2013 Revision) used by the Jehovah's Witnesses religion. One case in point is in the Gospel of St. John 1:1,

Jehovah's Witnesses, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was a god." (Jehovah's Witnesses, 2014)

Catholic Church, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." (USCCB, 1986)

The Jehovah's Witnesses version is used to support their assertion that Jesus is not God. (Jehovah's Witnesses, 2008) This belief is an echo from the distant past known as the Arianism heresy which denied the divine nature of Jesus. (Encyclopedia Britannica, 2014)

Imprimatur, Nihil Obstat, and Imprimi Potest are useful terms to identify if a document has been vetted by a competent authority within the Catholic Church. They identify each step a document has gone through during the vetting process. The terms are usually after the title page. These approvals are usually used in the Roman Catholic Church. Sometimes they are used by the Eastern Catholic Church. If not, the Eastern Catholic Churches use a certification statement. There are numerous examples of these terms used to approve Catholic documents. The most important is the Bible. Protestant Bibles are missing books from the Old Testament. Imprimatur, Nihil Obstat, and Imprimi Potest guard against mistranslation of the Bible used to support anti-Catholic doctrine.

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**IN MEMORIAM:**

Please keep in your prayers for the repose of the soul 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 Scribe SK Chris Cooper at the next Assembly meeting or send it via email to [COOP5614@yahoo.com](mailto:COOP5614@yahoo.com).