



**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>

**ST. MARIA GORETTI**

Faithful Navigator 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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## **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):**

#### **NO EVENTS 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
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

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

### **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

## **THE CENTURIONS**

Faithful Navigator Christopher R Cooper

In the New Testament centurions are mentioned many times. By reading the Holy Scriptures a person is able to deduce a centurion was a soldier in the Roman Empire's military. But who exactly were these individuals? More importantly why would the Bible mention them so many times? Also, who were some of the centurions?

First things first, who were the centurions? According to the New Advent a centurion was an individual who commanded a century or a company of soldiers.<sup>1</sup> The number of soldiers in the century varied from 50 to 100 individuals. All centurions were not equal. Centurions had a ranking system. This system was based on what part of a legion the centurion commanded.

The next question to consider is the Bible mentioning the Centurions. The website Bible History Online states, "The backbone of the Roman army were the centurions." Reading further, "They worked their way up the ranks as soldiers, and were promoted for their dedication and courage."<sup>2</sup> The centurions were leaders among men. Their leadership was based on hard work and valor and not corruption. A fact the authors of the New Testament were familiar with. What a centurion said or did would carry weight in the military and civilian community during Biblical times.

Two centurions of note are written in the Gospel of St. Matthew. The first is the centurion at Capharnaum. In chapter 8 verse 8 the centurion made his statement of faith, "... Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant shall be healed." The centurion understood Christ authority and power over all things. The second centurion is St. Longinus. According to Catholic Online St. Longinus is the centurion who proclaimed at the Crucifixion, "Indeed, this was the Son of God" (Mark 15:39) St. Longinus is also the soldier who thrust the spear into Christ body and out flowed blood and water (John 19:34).<sup>3</sup>



Statue of St. Longinus at the Vatican

1. *Centurion*, The New Advent, <http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/03535a.htm>
2. *Roman Centurion*, Bible History Online, <http://www.bible-history.com/sketches/ancient/roman-centurion.html>
3. *St. Longinus 1st Century Martyr*, Catholic Online, [http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint\\_id=11](http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=11)

### **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).