



Cardinal Gibbons Assembly 783
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REFLECTIONS FROM PRESIDENT THOMAS JEFFERSON

Honesty is the first chapter in the book of wisdom.

Whenever you do a thing, act as if all the world were watching.

Truth is certainly a branch of morality and a very important one to society.

Brainy Quote:

https://www.brainyquote.com/authors/thomas_jefferson

WHY SUFFERING?

Faithful Navigator Christopher R. Cooper

“Why does God allow so much suffering?” This question is one I have heard from atheist throughout the years. It is a question atheist use to justify their philosophical position on the concept of God. An earthly answer is from the German philosopher Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche, “That which does not kill us makes us stronger.” (BrainyQuote, 2018) This concept is reiterated throughout The Holy Bible. Suffering makes the Faithful stronger in their Christian Faith. Does that mean people should go out and seek suffering or look for ways to be miserable? No, it means we should follow God’s plan and not any of our self-serving desires.

Joseph from the Old Testament had to endure suffering at the hands of his brothers. His brothers became jealous of Joseph because their father, Jacob, favored him the most. As the story goes Joseph’s brothers sold him into slavery. Joseph had to endure years of suffering as a slave and separation from his family especially separation from his father. According to God’s plan Joseph was rewarded for his faithfulness and elevated to be the highest official in ancient Egypt only second to the Pharaoh. Joseph saved countless lives in ancient Egypt by preparing for the seven years of the great famine. When Joseph spoke to his brothers in Genesis 50:20 he acknowledged his suffering was part of God’s plan: “Even though you meant harm to me, God meant it for good, to achieve this present end, the survival of many people.” (USCCB, 1986) In this example from The Holy Bible Joseph became stronger in this life.

Saint Paul addresses suffering making the Faithful stronger by gaining riches in the next life in 2 Corinthians 4:16-18:

Therefore, we are not discouraged; rather, although our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this momentary light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to what is seen but to what is unseen; for what is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal. (USCCB, 1986)

Saint Paul stresses our earthly bodies will wither away because of suffering, but our souls will become stronger and gain riches in the next life.

Christ also taught his followers they would endure suffering, but would be blessed and strengthened inwardly as stated in the Gospel of Saint Matthew 5:11-12:

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you [falsely] because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven. Thus they persecuted the prophets who were before you. (USCCB, 1986)

Suffering makes us stronger and helps us gain riches in heaven. Our souls become stronger as well as our faith in God.

It is not always easy to endure suffering. The loss of a loved one especially a child is never easy. God gives us words in The Holy Bible to help us through these times and to strength 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.

UPCOMING HONOR GUARD EVENT(S):

No Events Schedules

DATES TO REMEMBER

August 2018

August 15	Council Semi-annual Audit – Due
August 15	Family of the Month Form – Due
August 18	State Golf Tournament – Herford, NC
	Notice of Appointment of Round Table Coordinator 2629 – As needed
August 25	Tar Heel Knight Articles - Due
All August	District Meetings

September 2018

September 1	1st Half of Program year ends – Due
September 1	Matrix Form is due
	Hold Soccer Challenge this month
September 3	Labor Day
September 7-8	Eucharist Congress – Charlotte, NC
September 15	State Per Capita Invoices Due
September 15	Liability Insurance Invoices Due
September 15	Family of the Month Form Due

DATES TO REMEMBER (Continued)

September 2018

September 25 Tar Heel Knight Articles - Due

October 2018

October 6 Knighthood (3rd) Degree – Council 7450, Concord, NC
October 8 Columbus Day
October 8-14 Charitable Service Outreach Week
October 13-14 Church Membership Drive
October 15 Family of the Month Form Due
October 20-21 Church Membership Drive
October 25 Tar Heel Knight Articles - Due

November 2018

November 1 All Saints Day
November 1 Soccer Challenge Report 4567 – Due
November 2 All Souls Day
November 15 Family of the Month Form - Due
November 15 IRS Form 990 - Due
November 17 4th Degree Exemplification, Wilmington, NC
November 17 Knighthood Degree, Council 9499, Winston-Salem, NC
November 25 Tar Heel Knight Articles - Due

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>First Degree</u>	25 August 2018	9:00 AM	Council 6700, Gastonia, NC
<u>First Degree</u>	5 September 2018	7:00 PM	Council 2546, Raleigh, NC
<u>Second Degree</u>	5 September 2018	7:00 PM	Council 14767, High Point, NC
<u>First Degree</u>	10 September 2018	6:30 PM	Council 12610, Mocksville, NC
<u>First Degree</u>	11 September 2018	7:00 PM	Council 9499, Clemmons, NC
<u>First Degree</u>	13 September 2018	7:00 PM	Council 11265, Clayton, NC
<u>First Degree</u>	18 September 2018	7:00 PM	Council 15265, Candler, NC
<u>First Degree</u>	6 October 2018	10:00 AM	Council 16442, Sapphire, NC
<u>Third Degree</u>	6 October 2018	12 Noon	Council 7450, Concord, NC
<u>First Degree</u>	9 October 2018	6:30 PM	Council 2829, Winston-Salem, NC
<u>Third Degree</u>	13 October 2018	12 Noon	Council 15265, Candler, NC
<u>First Degree</u>	16 October 2018	6:30 PM	Council 2829, Winston-Salem, NC
<u>First Degree</u>	17 October 2018	7:00 PM	Council 9249, Thomasville, NC
<u>Second Degree</u>	20 October 2018	9:00 AM	Council 9499, Clemmons, NC
<u>First Degree</u>	1 November 2018	6:30 PM	Council 10504, Winston-Salem, NC

DEGREE CEREMONIES (Continued)

<u>First Degree</u>	7 November 2018	7:00 PM	Council 2546, Raleigh, NC
<u>First Degree</u>	8 November 2018	7:00 PM	Council 11265, Clayton, NC
<u>Second Degree</u>	9 November 2018	7:00 PM	Council 4507, High Point, NC
<u>First Degree</u>	13 November 2018	7:00 PM	Council 15265, Candler, NC
<u>Second Degree</u>	17 November 2018	11:00 AM	Council 6700, Kings Mountain, NC
<u>Third Degree</u>	17 November 2018	12 Noon	Council 9499, Clemmons, NC
<u>Fourth Degree</u>	17 November 2018	12 Noon	Assembly 2047, Wilmington, NC
<u>Third Degree</u>	1 December 2018	12 Noon	Council 5487, Goldsboro, NC
<u>First Degree</u>	2 December 2018	7:00 PM	Council 8363, Franklin, NC
<u>Third Degree</u>	8 December 2018	12 Noon	Council 5487, Goldsboro, NC

SAINT MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA

Faithful Navigator Christopher R. Cooper

Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska was born on 25 August 1905 in what is now western Poland. (American Catholic, 2016) Her parents named her Helena. She had nine siblings. Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska worked in several jobs as a housekeeper before she joined the religious life in 1925. She became a member of the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy and took the name Maria Faustina.

Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska was very devoted to her duties as a nun. (American Catholic, 2016) Many people thought of God as a harsh judge. However, she received revelations from God. These revelations dispelled God as a harsh judge. They presented God as a loving compassionate father. In one of the revelations she received the Prayer of Divine Mercy. (Divine Mercy, 2016) This prayer is recited by the Faithful at 3:00 p.m. which is the time Christ perished on the cross. The Prayer of Divine Mercy is:

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of
Jesus as a Fount of Mercy for us, I trust in You

Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska continued her life as a nun until her death on 5 October 1938 in Krakow Poland. (American Catholic, 2016) She was beatified by Pope Saint John Paul II in 1938 and he canonized her in 2000.

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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.