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REFLECTIONS FROM THOMAS A. EDISON

Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time.

Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work.

There is no substitute for hard work.

Brainy Quote:

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THE PROPHET MALACHI

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Malachi is one of the lesser prophets of the Old Testament in The Holy Bible. The last book takes its name from the prophet Malachi. His writings appeared in Israel after the Babylonian exile in the 5th century B.C. In the Jewish Bible the Book of Malachi is composed of three chapters. Depending on the translation of The Holy Bible it may be four chapters. The Book of Malachi is divided into three sections: 1) sins of the priests, 2) sins of the people, and 3) God's continuing covenant with his people.

Who was Malachi? There is little historical documentation about him. (Graubart, 1963) Malachi was the one of the twelve Minor Prophets from the Old Testament. His writing is dated to the post-Babylonian exile period of Israel approximately 455 B.C. (USCCB, 1986) Part of the historical record suggests he was a contemporary of the prophets Ezra and Nehemiah. (Graubart, 1963) Malachi and Ezra may have been the same person.

Due to the uncertainty of Malachi's identity he is considered the anonymous writer of the last book in the Old Testament. (USCCB, 1986) In *The New American Bible – St. Joseph Edition* this book is called "The Book of Malachi" and is composed of three chapters. In *The Holy Bible – Douay-Rheims Edition* this book is called "The Prophecy of Malachias" and is composed of four chapters. (Loreto, 2005) Malachi's work is divided into three sections. (USCCB, 1986) The first two sections focus on the Faithful turning away from God. The first section addresses the failure of the priesthood and section two is concerned with the transgressions of the people. The final section renews God's covenant with his people.

The sin of the priests Malachi expounds on is offering substandard sacrifices on the altar. (USCCB, 1986) Malachi 1:6-8 states:

A son honors his father, and a servant fears his master;

If then I am a father, where is the honor, due to me?

And if I am a master where is the reverence due to me? —

So says the Lord of hosts to you, O priests, who despise his name.

But you ask, "How have we despised your name?"

By offering polluted food on my altar!

Then you ask, "How have we polluted it?"

By saying the table of the Lord may be slighted!

When you offer a blind animal for sacrifice, is this not evil?)

Malachi chastises the priests of Israel for not following Mosaic Law concerning animal sacrifices. Mosaic Law is very clear about an animal presented for sacrifice on the altar of the Lord. The animal must be free of defects. The priests of Israel ignored this requirement and kept the choice animal for themselves; thus slighting the Lord.

Malachi chastises the people of Israel for ignoring the marriage laws as specified in Mosaic Law. (USCCB, 1986) Malachi 2: 11 and 16 states:

Judah has broken faith; an abominable thing has been done in Israel and in Jerusalem.

Judah has profaned the LORD's holy place, which he loves, and has married a daughter of a foreign god.

For I hate divorce, says the LORD, the God of Israel,

And the one who covers his garment with violence, says the LORD of hosts.

You should be on guard, then, for your life, and you must not break faith.

The Israelites started to marry women who served another god. This intermarriage was an abomination. Mosaic Law did allow marriage to another person who did not serve the God of Israel. Malachi further warns the men of Israel not to divorce their wives on a whim. Any divorce proceedings must follow Mosaic Law.

In the third section of Malachi's work he writes about God's covenant with his people. (USCCB, 1986) He writes of a messenger, John the Baptist, and the Savior, Jesus Christ, who will follow. Malachi 3:1-2 states:

Lo, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me;

And suddenly there will come to the temple the Lord whom you seek,

And the messenger of the covenant whom you desire.

Yes, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts.

But who can endure the day of his coming?

And who can stand firm when he appears?

For he will be like a refiner's fire, or like fuller's lye.

John the Baptist is the forerunner who prepares the way for the Savior, Jesus Christ. Malachi further writes those who keep faith in the Lord will find peace. He warns the ones who turn from the Lord that they will find punishment.

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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
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
<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

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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.