



**Cardinal Gibbons Assembly 783**  
**Newsletter**  
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**REFLECTIONS FROM PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY**

We are not here to curse the darkness, but to light the candle that can guide us thru that darkness to a safe and sane future.

My fellow Americans, ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country.

Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other.

Brainy Quote:

[https://www.brainyquote.com/search\\_results?q=John+F+Kennedy](https://www.brainyquote.com/search_results?q=John+F+Kennedy)

**THE LITTLE SCAPULAR**

Faithful Navigator Christopher R. Cooper

Several years ago a friend at St. Louis Byzantine Mission Parish gave me a little Brown Scapular. I remembered the Scapular from when my childhood Catholic Catechism classes. There are several types of little Scapulars depending on which monastic order they are derived from. The Carmelite Brown Scapular is the most widespread among the Catholic Laity. Pope John Paul II wore one with him at all times.

The little Scapular worn among the Catholic faithful originated from the monastics orders. (Hilgers, 1912) The term Scapular comes from Latin; *scapula*, shoulder. The monastic Scapular is a large piece of cloth. It is shoulder width or about 14 to 18 inches wide. The Scapular extends almost to the feet of the wearer both front and back. Over time this vestment became the small Scapular consisting of the two small woolen pieces of cloth connected by two pieces of strings or bands. The cloth pieces are about two inches wide and two and three quarters in length. Names or icons are embroidered onto the cloth pieces. The strings or bands should be long enough for the wearer to have one cloth piece on the breast and one the back. There are several types of small Scapulars. The most widespread is the Carmelite Little Brown Scapular.

Among the Catholic Faithful the Carmelite Little Brown Scapular is the most widespread of the little Scapulars. The Little Brown Scapular became a universal Catholic Devotion in the seventeenth century. (Ceroke & Carm). The Brown Scapular I have has an icon of Saint Simon Stock on one of the cloth pieces. This Scapular Devotion began when he received a Scapular from St. Mary in a vision around 1251 AD. St. Mary promised him that wearing the Scapular is a sign of salvation and quick release from Purgatory. (Brown Scapular History). The following is a picture of the Brown Scapular.



*Carmelite Little Brown Scapular*

Many of our Church leaders wore a Brown Scapular. A prime example is Pope John Paul II. After he received wounds from an attempted assassination in 1981 AD he requested the doctors not to remove the Brown Scapular from him. (The Brown Scapular) Pope John Paul II stated the Brown Scapular is one of the two most recommended devotions of the Church. His devotion began at an early age. The following picture is Pope John Paul II (Karol Wojtyla) when he was a young man as a factory worker. In the picture he is wearing his Scapular.



*Pope John Paul II (Karol Wojtyla)*

The Scapular has a long history. The little Scapular the Catholic Faithful wears evolved from the monastic Scapulars. The most popular and widespread is the Carmelite Scapular. Our Church Leaders express a devotion to the Scapular. One example is Pope John Paul II. For more information on the little Scapular a good website is *The Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel*: <http://www.freebrownscapular.com/index.html>.

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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 Schedules**

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

#### **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/>

<b><u>First Degree</u></b>	1 November 2018	6:30 PM	Council 10504, Winston-Salem, NC
<b><u>First Degree</u></b>	7 November 2018	7:00 PM	Council 2546, Raleigh, NC
<b><u>First Degree</u></b>	8 November 2018	7:00 PM	Council 11265, Clayton, NC
<b><u>Second Degree</u></b>	9 November 2018	7:00 PM	Council 4507, High Point, NC
<b><u>First Degree</u></b>	13 November 2018	7:00 PM	Council 15265, Candler, NC
<b><u>Second Degree</u></b>	17 November 2018	11:00 AM	Council 6700, Kings Mountain, NC

### **DEGREE CEREMONIES (Continued)**

<b><u>Third Degree</u></b>	17 November 2018	12 Noon	Council 9499, Clemmons, NC
<b><u>Fourth Degree</u></b>	17 November 2018	12 Noon	Assembly 2047, Wilmington, NC
<b><u>Third Degree</u></b>	1 December 2018	12 Noon	Council 5487, Goldsboro, NC
<b><u>First Degree</u></b>	2 December 2018	7:00 PM	Council 8363, Franklin, NC
<b><u>Third Degree</u></b>	8 December 2018	12 Noon	Council 5487, Goldsboro, NC

### **DATES FOR CHRISTMAS AND EASTER**

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Most Feast Days of the Catholic Church are celebrated on the same day each year. Christmas is one example. Why does the date for Christmas not move from year to year like Easter? The Church uses two different calendars to establish the dates for Christmas and Easter. (Rumble, 2014)

The date for Christmas is established by the Roman calendar. This calendar is based on a solar year; hence, the date stays the same from year to year. The date for Easter is based on the Jewish calendar. This calendar is based on the lunar cycle. Since the lunar cycle varies it makes the date for Easter change from year to year.

The use of two different calendars leads to another question. Why? The early Church Fathers wanted the death and resurrection of Christ our Savior to coincide with the Jewish celebration of the Passover. (Rumble, 2014) The two feasts mark the transition from the Old Testament to the New Testament. Passover marks the Jew's deliverance from oppression under the Egyptians in the Old Testament. The death and resurrection of Christ delivered us from the power of Satan and sin in the New Testament.

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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 Navigator Chris Cooper at the next Assembly meeting or send it via email to [COOP5614@yahoo.com](mailto:COOP5614@yahoo.com).