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REFLECTIONS FROM GENERAL OF THE ARMY OMAR N. BRADLEY

If we continue to develop our technology without wisdom or prudence, our servant may prove to be our executioner.

Leadership is intangible, and therefore no weapon ever designed can replace it.

Bravery is the capacity to perform properly even when scared half to death.

Brainy Quote

<https://www.brainyquote.com/authors/omar-n-bradley-quotes>

THE LAST FIVE STAR GENERAL – OMAR N. BRADLEY

Faithful Scribe Christopher R. Cooper

Omar N. Bradley was a humble man who was given the nickname “the GI General” by the famous World War II news correspondent Ernie Pyle. (History.com Editors, 2018) General Bradley earned this nickname because of his low-key style and always extending courtesy to everyone regardless of rank. The nickname is also a reflection of General Bradley’s beginning.

Clark, MO was the birth place of General Bradley. (Nash, 1982) He arrived in this world on 12 February 1893. At the age of thirteen his father who was a school teacher passed away. His father’s passing put family in financial hardship. Education beyond high school would be unlikely. However, General Bradley’s Sunday school superintendent advised him to apply for entrance into U.S. Military Academy at West Point, NY and he was accepted.

General Bradley graduated from West Point in 1915 in the class that became known as the “class the stars fell on”. (Nash, 1982) His class earned this expression of praise because thirty members became general officers. After graduation then Second Lieutenant Bradley married Mary Elizabeth Quayle who was a high school classmate in December 1916. General Bradley did not participate in military operations in World War I. He served in various posts and training assignments until 1941 when he was promoted to Brigadier General. General Bradley was the first of his class to be promoted to general officer.

In 1943 General Bradley became commander of Second U.S. Army Corps in North Africa. (Nash, 1982) Under General Bradley’s leadership his troops defeated the German Forces in North Africa. From North Africa his troops went on to oust the German Forces in Sicily. After North Africa and Sicily military campaigns General Bradley was called to London, U.K. to assist in planning Operation OVERLORD, the invasion of northern France. (History.com Editors, 2018)

After the launch of the Normandy invasion on 6 June 1944 General Bradley was on the ground in northern France within twenty-four hours. (Nash, 1982) He devised Operation COBRA, the breakout of U.S. Armed Forces from the Cotentin Peninsula into the rest of France. (History.com Editors, 2018) General Bradley and his troops carried their march all the way into Germany. They met up with Soviet Union Forces on 25 April 1945. (Nash, 1982) Hostilities in Europe officially ended on 8 May 1945 (West) or 9 May 1945 (East). (Rapp, 1969) During this time General Bradley earned an important distinction, “As an army group commander from August 1, 1944, to V-E

Day in May 1945, Bradley commanded more troops than any general in American history: four armies, twelve corps, forty-eight divisions—in all, over 1.3 million troops.” (History.com Editors, 2018)

After World War II General Bradley became Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army from 1948 to 1953. (Nash, 1982) He went on to serve as Joint Chief of Staff. During his tenure as Joint Chief he was promoted to General of the Army (five-star general).

General Bradley entered civilian life in 1953. (History.com Editors, 2018) He worked at the Bulova Watch Company as the chairman of the board of directors starting in 1958. (Nash, 1982) In 1965 his wife, Mary Elizabeth, passed away. He remarried in 1966 to Ester Buhler. General Bradley spent his remaining years at Fort Bliss, TX. As an individual who holds the rank of five-star general he did not officially retire from active duty.

General Bradley was called from this life on 8 April 1981 at the age of 89, and 70 years of military service to his country. (Nash, 1982) Upon his death, General Omar N. Bradley became The Last Five Star General.

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CARDINAL GIBBONS ASSEMBLY HONOR GUARD

REGALIA UPDATE

The old Regalia (chapeau and cape) will officially be retired by the Order on 30 June 2019. The new Regalia will be the only uniform approved by the Knights of Columbus starting on 1 July 2019. Further details are available in Attachment 1 of this newsletter. Sir Knights who want to purchase the new Regalia the information is at: <https://kofcuniform.com/CustomPage/OrderNow>

UPCOMING HONOR GUARD EVENT(S):

No Events Scheduled

DATES TO REMEMBER

August 2019

August 1	Service Program Personnel Report Due
August 15	Family of the Month Form Due
August 15	Semiannual Council Audit Report Due
August 17	4 th Degree, Assembly 781, Ashville, NC
August 25	Tar Heel Knight Articles Due
August 31	Knighthood (3 rd) Degree, Council 9039, Shallotte, NC

DATES TO REMEMBER (Continued)

September 2019

September 2	Labor Day
September 6-7	Eucharistic Congress – Charlotte Diocese, NC
September 14	Day of Reflection with State Chaplain Fr. Bill, Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 1024 W Main St, Forest City, NC 28043
September 15	Family of the Month Form Due
September 25	Tar Heel Knight Articles Due
September 28	Day of Reflection with State Chaplain Fr. Bill, St Mildred's Catholic Church, 653 Old Hammock Rd, Swansboro, NC 28584

October 2019

October 5	4 th Degree, Assembly 7450, St. James the Greater Rectory, 139 Manor Ave SW, Concord, NC 28025
October 14	Columbus Day
October 15	Family of the Month Form Due
October 25	Tar Heel Knight Articles Due
October 26	4 th Degree, Assembly 3574, Infant of Prague Catholic Church, 205 Chaney Ave, Jacksonville, NC 28540
October 26	4 th Degree, Assembly 9499, Holy Family Catholic Church, 4820 Kinnamon Rd, Winston-Salem, NC 27103

November 2019

November 9	State Soccer Challenge 2019 – St Thomas More Catholic Church, 940 Carmichael St, Chapel Hill, NC 27514, USA
November 11	Veteran's Day
November 15	Family of the Month Form Due
November 15	IRS Form 990 Due
November 16	4 th Degree, St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, 6828 Old Reid Rd, Charlotte, NC 28210
November 23	3 rd Degree, Council 11966, St Elizabeth Catholic Church, 259 Pilgrims Way, Boone, NC 28607
November 25	Tar Heel Knight Articles Due
November 28	Thanksgiving Day

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/>

Fourth Degree: <https://kofcnc.org/4th-degree/4th-degree-exemplification/>

<u>Degree</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Start Time</u>	<u>Council – Location</u>
<u>Second</u>	3 August 2019	12 Noon	Council 1074, Wilmington, NC
<u>First</u>	5 August 2019	7:00 PM	Council 12654, Huntersville, NC
<u>Fourth</u>	17 August 2019	11:30 AM	Assembly 781, Ashville, NC
<u>Third</u>	31 August 2019	12 Noon	Council 9039, Shallotte, NC
<u>Second</u>	10 September 2019	7:00 PM	Council 7450, Concord, NC
<u>Third</u>	5 October 2019	12 Noon	Council 7450, Concord, NC
<u>Second</u>	12 October 2019	9:00 AM	Council 9499, Clemmons, NC
<u>Third</u>	26 October 2019	12 Noon	Council 9499, Clemmons, NC
<u>First</u>	28 October 2019	7:00 PM	Council 8750, Kill Devil Hills, NC

DEGREE CEREMONIES (Continued)

<u>Degree</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Start Time</u>	<u>Council – Location</u>
<u>First</u>	28 October 2019	7:00 PM	Council 6451, Hickory, NC (Spanish)
<u>First</u>	29 October 2019	7:00 PM	Council 1074, Wilmington, NC
<u>First</u>	3 November 2019	12:30 PM	Council 16442, Raleigh, NC
<u>First</u>	4 November 2019	7:30 PM	Council 10495, Albemarle, NC
<u>First</u>	5 November 2019	6:00 PM	Council 15085, Waynesville, NC
<u>First</u>	5 November 2019	7:00 PM	Council 9709, Raleigh, NC
<u>Second</u>	5 November 2019	6:30 PM	Council 5487, Goldsboro, NC
<u>First</u>	7 November 2019	7:00 PM	Council 13236, Greensboro, NC
<u>First</u>	7 November 2019	7:00 PM	Council 12654, Huntersville, NC
<u>First</u>	8 November 2019	7:30 PM	Council 4507, High Point, NC
<u>Second</u>	8 November 2019	7:30 PM	Council 4507, High Point, NC
<u>First</u>	11 November 2019	6:00 PM	Council 9039, Shallotte, NC
<u>First</u>	12 November 2019	7:00 PM	Council 12119, Fuquay Varina, NC
<u>First</u>	13 November 2019	5:30 PM	Council 13812, Durham, NC
<u>Second</u>	13 November 2019	6:00 PM	Council 11605, N. Wilkesboro, NC
<u>Second</u>	16 November 2019	9:00 AM	Council 11101, Greensboro, NC
<u>Fourth</u>	16 November 2019	11:30 AM	Assembly 780, Charlotte, NC
<u>First</u>	19 November 2019	6:30 PM	Council 8509, Kernersville, NC
<u>First</u>	19 November 2019	6:30 PM	Council 12610, Advance, NC
<u>Third</u>	23 November 2019	12 Noon	Council 11966, Boone, NC
<u>First</u>	4 December 2019	6:00 PM	Council 12537, Southport, NC
<u>First</u>	5 December 2019	6:30 PM	Council 10504, Winston-Salem, NC
<u>First</u>	5 December 2019	7:00 PM	Council 6970, Eden, NC
<u>Third</u>	7 December 2019	12 Noon	Council 5487, Goldsboro, NC (Spanish)
<u>First</u>	9 December 2019	6:30 PM	Council 7259, Newton Grove, NC
<u>First</u>	10 December 2019	6:30 PM	Council 11406, Mount Airy, NC
<u>First</u>	12 December 2019	7:00 PM	Council 11101, Greensboro, NC
<u>First</u>	16 December 2019	7:30 PM	Council 12167, Kannapolis, NC
<u>First</u>	21 December 2019	9:00 AM	Council 6700, Gastonia, NC
<u>First</u>	8 January 2020	7:00 PM	Council 12481, Lexington, NC
<u>Second</u>	8 January 2020	7:00 PM	Council 12481, Lexington, NC
<u>First</u>	9 January 2020	7:30 PM	Council 10891, Asheboro, NC

DEGREE CEREMONIES (Continued)

<u>Degree</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Start Time</u>	<u>Council – Location</u>
<u>First</u>	14 January 2020	6:30 PM	Council 2829, Winston-Salem, NC
<u>First</u>	17 January 2020	6:30 PM	Council 12267, King, NC
<u>First</u>	18 January 2020	11:00 AM	Council 7406, Mooresville, NC
<u>Third</u>	18 January 2020	12 Noon	Council 3498, Burlington, NC
<u>First</u>	21 January 2020	6:30 PM	Council 12610, Mocksville, NC
<u>First</u>	23 January 2020	7:00 PM	Council 8684, Greensboro, NC
<u>Third</u>	1 February 2020	12 Noon	Council 2546, Raleigh, NC
<u>First</u>	5 February 2020	7:00 PM	Council 14767, High Point, NC
<u>Second</u>	5 February 2020	7:00 PM	Council 7547, Elizabeth City, NC
<u>First</u>	6 February 2020	7:00 PM	Council 13236, Greensboro, NC
<u>First</u>	11 February 2020	6:30 PM	Council 9499, Clemmons, NC
<u>First</u>	11 February 2020	7:30 PM	Council 3498, Graham, NC
<u>First</u>	13 February 2020	7:00 PM	Council 12654, Huntersville, NC
<u>First</u>	18 February 2020	6:30 PM	Council 12610, Mocksville, NC
<u>Second</u>	3 March 2020	7:30 PM	Council 3498, Graham, NC
<u>First</u>	9 March 2020	6:30 PM	Council 7259, Newton Grove, NC
<u>First</u>	10 March 2020	6:30 PM	Council 11406, Mount Airy, NC
<u>First</u>	12 March 2020	7:00 PM	Council 11101, Greensboro, NC
<u>Third</u>	14 March 2020	12 Noon	Council 13236, Greensboro, NC
<u>First</u>	16 March 2020	7:00 PM	Council 13532, Siler City NC
<u>First</u>	17 March 2020	6:30 PM	Council 8509, Kernersville, NC
<u>First</u>	18 March 2020	7:00 PM	Council 9249, Thomasville, NC
<u>First</u>	21 March 2020	9:00 AM	Council 6700, Gastonia, NC
<u>Second</u>	21 March 2020	10:30 AM	Council 6700, Gastonia, NC
<u>Third</u>	21 March 2020	12 Noon	Council 6700, Gastonia, NC
<u>First</u>	2 April 2020	6:30 PM	Council 10504, Winston-Salem, NC
<u>First</u>	2 April 2020	7:00 PM	Council 6970, Eden, NC
<u>Third</u>	2 April 2020	12 Noon	Council 9709, Raleigh, NC
<u>First</u>	17 April 2020	6:30 PM	Council 12267, King, NC
<u>First</u>	17 April 2020	7:30 PM	Council 4507, High Point, NC
<u>Second</u>	17 April 2020	7:30 PM	Council 4507, High Point, NC
<u>First</u>	18 April 2020	11:00 AM	Council 7406, Mooresville, NC

DEGREE CEREMONIES (Continued)

<u>Degree</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Start Time</u>	<u>Council – Location</u>
<u>First</u>	23 April 2020	7:00 PM	Council 8684, Greensboro, NC
<u>Third</u>	25 April 2020	12 Noon	Council 13236, Greensboro, NC
<u>First</u>	7 May 2020	7:00 PM	Council 13236, Greensboro, NC
<u>First</u>	12 May 2020	6:30 PM	Council 2829, Winston-Salem, NC
<u>First</u>	14 May 2020	7:30 PM	Council 10891, Asheboro, NC
<u>First</u>	14 May 2020	7:00 PM	Council 12654, Huntersville, NC
<u>First</u>	19 May 2020	6:30 PM	Council 12610, Mocksville, NC
<u>First</u>	20 May 2020	7:00 PM	Council 9249, Thomasville, NC
<u>First</u>	3 June 2020	7:00 PM	Council 14767, High Point, NC
<u>Second</u>	3 June 2020	7:00 PM	Council 14767, High Point, NC
<u>Third</u>	6 June 2020	12 Noon	Council 11266, Garner, NC
<u>First</u>	8 June 2020	6:30 PM	Council 7259, Newton Grove, NC
<u>First</u>	9 June 2020	6:30 PM	Council 9499, Clemmons, NC
<u>First</u>	9 June 2020	7:30 PM	Council 3498, Graham, NC
<u>First</u>	11 June 2020	7:00 PM	Council 11101, Greensboro, NC
<u>First</u>	20 June 2020	9:00 AM	Council 6717, Gastonia, NC
<u>First</u>	20 June 2020	9:00 AM	Council 6700, Gastonia, NC
<u>Second</u>	20 June 2020	10:30 AM	Council 6700, Gastonia, NC
<u>First</u>	8 July 2020	7:00 PM	Council 12481, Lexington, NC
<u>First</u>	18 August 2020	6:30 PM	Council 8509, Kernersville, NC

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is a timed honored tradition in the Holy Catholic Church. It is time for the Faithful to reflect on all the blessings God has bestowed on them. During Adoration the Faithful sometimes petition God to aid them through troubling times. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament has its roots in the beginning of the Church. Over time Adoration evolved into the ceremony of today.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins with the Eucharist. What is the Eucharist? “The Eucharist is ‘the source and summit of the Christian life’”. (USCCB, 1994) This sacrament unites the Faithful with God. Christ instituted the Blessed Sacrament at the Last Supper:

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving it to his disciples said, “Take and eat; this is my body.”

Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins.

I tell you, from now on I shall not drink this fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it with you new in the kingdom of my Father.” (USCCB, 1986)

Christ proclaims the Eucharist is the new covenant. When the bread and wine are consecrated they become Christ' body and blood, the Eucharist, they still retain their physical characteristics. This process is called transubstantiation. (USCCB, 1994) Today the Blessed Sacrament is displayed in a Monstrance during Adoration. (Catholic-Church.org, 2017) The Monstrance is placed on the altar so the Blessed Sacrament can clearly be seen by all the Faithful during Adoration.

There are several reasons to attend Adoration. One reason was expressed by Pope Paul VI, "To visit the Blessed Sacrament is... a proof of gratitude, and expression of love, and a duty of adoration toward Christ our Lord". (USCCB, 1994) The Faithful should always express their thankfulness to God. One way is to take time out to attend Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Taking time out is reminiscent of Christ' words to the apostles before he was betrayed, "So you could not keep watch with me for one hour?" (USCCB, 1986) This passage is the basis for many Catholic parishes having the Holy Thursday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Depending on the parish the Adoration may be a few hours or extend to noon on Good Friday. Attending Adoration is a way to rest from worldly burdens. Christ instructs the Faithful, "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." (USCCB, 1986) In this hurry-up and get it done yesterday world attending Adoration is a good way for the Faithful to clear their mind of worldly clutter.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament varies depending on location and time of year. At some Catholic parishes the Rosary and Benediction follow Adoration. On Holy Thursday Adoration follows the Washing of the Feet Service. Usually no group prayers are said during this Adoration. One prayer of thanksgiving is consistent from parish to parish:

O, SACRAMENT MOST HOLY! O, SACRAMENT DIVINE!
ALL PRAISE AND ALL THANKSGIVING BE EVERY MOMENT THINE!

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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 Chris Cooper at the next Assembly meeting or send it via email to COOP5614@yahoo.com.