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REFLECTIONS FROM PRESIDENT DONALD J TRUMP

“One of the key problems today is that politics is such a disgrace, good people don’t go into government.”

“Politicians can’t manage. All they can do is talk.”

“When America is united, America is totally unstoppable.”

Brainy Quote

<https://www.brainyquote.com/authors/donald-trump-quotes>

FALSE PROPHETS

Faithful Scribe Christopher R. Cooper

False prophets are sly and cunning individuals. The Gospel of Saint Matthew chapter seven, verse fifteen warns against false prophets, “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but underneath are ravenous wolves.” (USCCB, 1986) The false prophets appear to be charming and wanting nothing, but the best for their victims. In reality false prophets are parasites that only want to feast on their victims’ misery. *The Holy Bible* does instruct the Faithful on how to detect a false prophet. The instruction is in the First Letter of John chapter four, verses one through six,

Beloved, do not trust every spirit but test the spirits to see whether they belong to God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. This is how you can know the Spirit of God: every spirit that acknowledges Jesus Christ come in the flesh belongs to God, and every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus does not belong to God. This is the spirit of the antichrist that, as you heard, is to come, but in fact is already in the world. You belong to God, children, and you have conquered them, for the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. They belong to the world; accordingly, their teaching belongs to the world, and the world listens to them. We belong to God, and anyone who knows God listens to us, while anyone who does not belong to God refuses to hear us. This is how we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of deceit.

The test is straightforward. The false prophet will sooner or later deny Christ. There are two examples from modern history that false prophets promised utopia, but only delivered misery. The two examples are the Peoples Temple and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (U.S.S.R.)

The Peoples Temple of the Disciples of Christ more commonly referred to as the Peoples Temple was founded by Reverend James Warren “Jim” Jones in 1955 A.D. (World Heritage Encyclopedia, 2019) Reverend Jones was a charismatic figure. He preached equality and integration among the races. Reverend Jones and his wife, Marceline Baldwin Jones, were the first white couple in Indiana to adopt black children. It was what Reverend Jones dubbed as his “rainbow family”. The Peoples Temple instituted a number of charitable programs such as “job placement services, free canned goods, clothing, and coal for winter heating”. While the Peoples Temple was still

located in Indiana Reverend Jones became a member of the Indianapolis Human Rights Commission. One of Reverend Jones' goal as a member of this commission was to integrate business.

So far Reverend Jones sounds like a good person who only wants the best for people, but as with all false prophets his true colors began to show. The first sign was his institution of "religious communalism". (World Heritage Encyclopedia, 2019) Reverend Jones required all the members of his congregation to turn over all their possessions and wealth to the Peoples Temple. In turn the Peoples Temple would see to their needs. On the surface it appears as a benevolent gesture by Reverend Jones, but it was just a means of control. When an individual or a family turned everything over to the Peoples Temple it would be more difficult for them to leave.

The second sign of Reverend Jones revealing his true colors occurred around the time of the Peoples Temple relocating from Indiana to California. Reverend Jones began to openly mock *The Holy Bible*. (World Heritage Encyclopedia, 2019) He coarsely remarked *The Holy Bible* was the "...white men's justification to dominate women and enslave people of color." Reverend Jones began to mock God by stating *The Holy Bible* only contained references to a "Sky God" or 'Buzzard God". At this point it is clear Reverend Jones is a false prophet. He also stopped acknowledging Jesus Christ, but he did go one step further. In 1976 AD during a telephone interview with John Maher of the Delancey Street Foundation Reverend Jones admitted he was an atheist. (The Jonestown Institute, 2014)

The consequences of following this false prophet were horrific. Reverend Jones caused the death of 909 people of which 304 were children on November 18, 1978. (World Heritage Encyclopedia, 2019) This event is the infamous Jonestown Massacre. At gun point he forced his followers to ingest fruit punch laced with cyanide. However, a few of the zealots did it voluntarily. One of Reverend Jones' victims was Congressman Leo J. Ryan. He had Congressman Ryan gunned down at an airstrip near Jonestown. To this date Congressman Ryan is the only member of the United States Congress who died in the line of duty.

Not all false prophets bring a religious message. One such case is communism under the U.S.S.R. The false prophet in this instance is Vladimir Lenin who was an admitted atheist along with his successors. (Possony, 1969) Communism in the USSR sounds benevolent. The standard of living increased under communism. (Dallin, 1969) The average Soviet citizen paid less for housing, vacations and leisure than their American counter-part. There were a higher percentage of women in the workplace compared to the United States. A pay gap did exist in the U.S.S.R., but not to the extent as it was in the United States. Communist Party officials, scientists, writers, and performers earned a little more income. Religious freedom was guaranteed under the U.S.S.R. Constitution Article 124:

"In order to ensure to citizens freedom of conscience, the church in the U.S.S.R. is separated from the state, and the school from the church. Freedom of religious worship and freedom of anti-religious propaganda is recognised for all citizens."
(Extraordinary Eighth Congress of Soviets, 1935)

Communism sounds very kind and wanting nothing, but the best for people. In actual practice conditions were very different.

In the U.S.S.R. the state was the highest entity. (Dallin, 1969) The U.S.S.R. often violated its own constitution regarding religious freedom along with other guaranteed rights because the state was all important and everything else was subservient. Practicing religion in the U.S.S.R. would bar an individual from membership in the Communist Party. Career advancement could also be stymied. Depending on who was the U.S.S.R. President at the time, citizens practicing their religion could be put to death or placed in a gulag, a forced labor prison camp. The false prophet, Vladimir Lenin, promised the utopia of a worker's paradise, but only delivered pain and suffering.

The Faithful should always be vigilant and on the look-out for false prophets. False prophets are sly and devious. They promise utopia, but deliver pain. *The Holy Bible* teaches the Faithful if someone denies Christ do not follow them. They are a false prophet trying to mislead the Faithful.

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CARDINAL GIBBONS ASSEMBLY HONOR GUARD

4TH DEGREE UNIFORM

The 4TH Degree uniform and accessories are available to order at the following link:

<https://kofcuniform.com/CustomPage/OrderNow>

UPCOMING HONOR GUARD EVENT(S):

Presentation of the Colors at Special Olympic 2020.

More Details to Follow

Memorial Day Wreath Laying Ceremony 2020

More Details to Follow.

DATES TO REMEMBER

<u>March 2020</u>	
March 15	Family of the Month Form Due
March 25	Tar Heel Knight Articles Due
March 28	State Basketball Free Throw Contest
<u>April 2020</u>	
April 15	Family of the Month Form Due
April 18	Ignited By Truth Catholic Conference 2020
April 25	Tar Heel Knight Articles Due
April 30	100 th State Convention
<u>May 2020</u>	
May 1	100 th State Convention
May 2	100 th State Convention
May 3	100 th State Convention

DATES TO REMEMBER (Continued)

<u>May (Continued)</u>	
May 15	Family of the Month Form Due
May 25	Tar Heel Knight Articles Due
<u>June 2020</u>	
June 15	Family of the Month Form Due
June 25	Tar Heel Knight Articles Due
June 30	Columbian Award Application (SP7) Due
<u>July 2020</u>	
July 1	Report of Council Officers Due
July 10-12	DD Organizational Meeting
July 15	Family of the Month Form Due
July 25	Tar Heel Knight Articles Due
<u>August 2020</u>	
August 1	Service Program Personnel Report (#365) Due
August 15	Family of the Month Form Due
August 15	Semiannual Council Audit Report (#1295) Due
August 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/>

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 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

DEGREE CEREMONIES (Continued)

<u>Degree</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Start Time</u>	<u>Council – Location</u>
<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
<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

FREEDOM

Faithful Scribe Christopher R. Cooper

“Why would anyone want to be a Christian and lose their freedom?” This question has been put to me from time to time. My response is, “What freedoms have I lost?” I usually get the “deer in the headlights look”. Occasionally I may get an answer such as, “Well...you are forced to go to Church.” My response is quite simple, “No one makes me go to Church other than me. It is my choice.” Saint Paul answered the question of freedom in The First Letter to the Corinthians chapter 6, verse 12, “Everything is lawful for me, but not everything is beneficial. Everything is lawful for me, but I will not let myself be dominated by anything.” (Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, 1986) Saint Paul is stating Christians have the freedom to make their own choices, but they choose wisely and not become a slave to their choices.

What is freedom? The definition of freedom is “liberation from slavery or restraint or from the power of another: independence”. (Merriam-Webster, Incorporated, 1993) How Christ makes the Faithful free is answered in

St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy, "For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control." (Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, 1986) It is the gifts of love and self-control that keep Christian free from sin. Self-control is defined as the "restraint exercised over one's own impulses, emotions, or desires". (Merriam-Webster, Incorporated, 1993) The gift of self-control strengthens Christians to overcome the primitive nature of sin. Christ answers the question of a lack of self-control and the loss of freedom in the Gospel of St. John 8:34, "Jesus answered them, 'Amen, amen, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave of sin.'" (Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, 1986) By accepting the gift of self-control from the Holy Spirit Christians gain the freedom from the slavery of sin and the consequences sin brings.

There are two lessons on freedom. The first lesson is the American Revolution versus the French Revolution. The American Revolution was based on an acknowledgement of God. Thomas Jefferson stated it in *The Declaration of Independence*, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." (Morris, 1969) By acknowledging God the Americans received the gift of self-control from the Holy Spirit. It was not easy at times, but the American forces under the leadership of General George Washington did succeed in the end achieving freedom for the United States. The French Revolution however took a dark turn. The French disregarded self-control altogether. The Committee of Safety essentially took over the French government. (MacDonald, 1969) The Committee of Safety started what became known as "The Reign of Terror". Thousands of innocent people were executed by the guillotine. The evidence that convicted them was flimsy at best. It could have been innuendo or down right lies. The lack of self-control finally turned on the leaders of The Committee of Safety who sought out each other to be executed. Most notably of the leaders is Maximilien François Marie Isidore de Robespierre who was the architect of The Reign of Terror. He became a victim of his own invention when he met his death on the guillotine. The lack of self-control led to the French people losing their freedom under the dictatorship of Napoleon Bonaparte. It took many years for the French people to recover from the Napoleonic Wars. Eventually the French people were able to regain their freedom and rebuild their nation.

The second lesson is affects the world today and it is illegal drug use. Unfortunately far too many people make the wrong decision and lose their freedom to drug addiction. Former First Lady Nancy Reagan had the right answer when she began the "Just Say No" Campaign. (Blake, 2016) At the beginning of President Ronald Reagan's first term in office on January 20, 1981 sixty-five percent of high school graduates admitted to using illegal drugs. By the end of President Reagan's second term in office in 1989 the number of high school graduates who used illegal drugs was down to just under twenty percent. Ms. Reagan's efforts to help teenagers make good choices and show self-control resulted in a forty five percent reduction in illegal drug use.

Christians are in fact free. Many non-Christians confuse good choices and self-control as a loss of freedom. The gift of self-control from the Holy Spirit is the key to freedom. Self-control keeps Christians out of harm's way. There have been versions of Saint Paul's quote from The First Letter to the Corinthians chapter 6, verse 12. A modern one is from Australian businessman David Dogra which sums up freedom very well, "Just because you can do something, it doesn't mean you need to – restraint is something I admire." (Dogra, 2019)

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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.