



**Cardinal Gibbons Assembly 783**  
**Newsletter**  
**June 2020**



**REFLECTIONS FROM AMERICAN FOOTBALL LEGEND**

**COACH TOM LANDRY**

If you eliminate our way of life, the American way of life, what is the effect... what are the alternatives?

Character is the ability of a person to see a positive end of things. This is the hope that a man of character has.

I know that life is really finding the right relationship between yourself and God.

*Brainy Quote*

[https://www.brainyquote.com/search\\_results?q=Tom+Landry](https://www.brainyquote.com/search_results?q=Tom+Landry)

**ASSEMBLY MEETINGS**

The next Assembly meeting scheduled for 19 July 2020 at 2:30 PM at St. Patrick Roman Catholic Church, 2840 Village Drive, Fayetteville, NC is **TENTATIVE**. The date and location may change depending on guidance from K of C Supreme and local directives.

**ASSEMBLY OFFICERS FOR FRATERNAL YEAR 2020-2021**

Congratulations to our Assembly officers for fraternal year 2020-2021.

**Faithful Navigator:**

Frank Pollak

**Faithful Captain:**

David Rosero

**Faithful Pilot:**

Gerard Lewis

**Outer Sentinel:**

Michael J. Roomain

**Faithful Trustee (3):**

Bob Testa

**Faithful Comptroller:**

Rod Komlofske

**Faithful Admiral:**

Paul Tomacelli

**Faithful Scribe:**

Chris Cooper

**Faithful Trustee (1):**

John Handley

**Honor Guard Commander:**

Vacant

**Faithful Friar**

Vacant

**Faithful Purser:**

Colin Jorsch

**Inner Sentinel:**

Neil Vince

**Faithful Trustee (2):**

Jose Santos



## **CARDINAL GIBBONS ASSEMBLY HONOR GUARD**

### **4<sup>TH</sup> DEGREE UNIFORM**

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

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

### **UPCOMING HONOR GUARD EVENT(S):**

No Events Scheduled.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

#### **June 2020**

June 11	District Deputy Training
June 15	Family of the Month Form Due
June 18	EAST – Virtual Regional Council Leadership Training
June 25	Tar Heel Knight Articles Due
June 27	WEST - Virtual Regional Council Leadership Training
June 30	Columbian Award Application (SP7) Due

#### **July 2020**

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

#### **August 2020**

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

#### **September 2020**

September 15	Family of the Month Form Due
September 25	Tar Heel Knight Articles Due

### **DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATIONS**

#### **IMPORTANT! PLEASE READ!**

**3/14/2020 – Governor Roy Cooper has issued an executive order banning mass gatherings of 100 people or more. Before attending any of the Degree Ceremonies listed below, please contact the host council to be sure that the event will still be held.**

Further details for upcoming degree ceremonies are available on the K of C State Council Website:

Degree Exemplifications: <https://kofcnc.org/>

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Start Time</u>	<u>Council – Location</u>
3 June 2020	7:00 PM	Council 14767, High Point, NC
8 June 2020	6:30 PM	Council 7259, Newton Grove, NC
9 June 2020	6:30 PM	Council 9499, Clemmons, NC
9 June 2020	7:30 PM	Council 3498, Graham, NC
11 June 2020	7:00 PM	Council 11101, Greensboro, NC
13 June 2020	10:00 AM	Council 12537, Southport, NC
20 June 2020	9:00 AM	Council 6717, Gastonia, NC
20 June 2020	9:00 AM	Council 6700, Gastonia, NC
20 June 2020	10:30 AM	Council 6700, Gastonia, NC
23 June 2020	7:00 PM	Council 11911, Asheville, NC
8 July 2020	7:00 PM	Council 12481, Lexington, NC
18 August 2020	6:30 PM	Council 8509, Kernersville, NC

#### **FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATIONS**

There are no Fourth Degree Exemplifications scheduled at this time.

#### **POWER OF THE CROSS**

Faithful Scribe Christopher R. Cooper

Why does the Cross strike fear into the enemies of Christianity? Father Sam Najjar of St. Michael the Archangel Maronite Catholic Church posed this question during his sermon at the beginning of the Season of the Holy Cross. Father Sam's question was intriguing. I always considered the people who made complaints about the Cross or any reference to Christianity as just a bunch of whiney malcontents who have too much time on their hands and are not happy unless they have something to complain about. However, the subject is not that simple. The Cross as a Christian symbol goes back to Biblical times with the ministry of St. Paul the Apostle. St. Paul explains why people fear the Cross. Even in today's overly politically correct society the Cross still triumphs.

The origin of the Cross became a prominent Christian symbol that can be traced back to St. Paul the Apostle's ministry. (Benedict XVI, 2008) To St. Paul the Cross represents the power of God. He states this principle in 1 Corinthians 1:18, "For the word of the cross, to them indeed that perish, is foolishness: but to them that are saved, that is to us, it is the power of God." (The Holy Bible, 2005) The enemies of the Christianity the Cross is a symbol they do not understand. Indicative of human nature people fear what they do not understand. Some of the more arrogant people hide their fear by belittling the Cross as a mere trifle to be dismissed. To the Christian the Cross is the symbol of God's power and his love for mankind. How powerful is the Cross?

According to the Reverend Billy Graham no matter what Church, Catholic or Protestant, all Christians agree on the Cross. (Graham, 1982) Christians may disagree on theological points, but the Cross unites us all. The Cross is a sign of God's love for mankind. (Benedict XVI, 2008) If the Cross is a sign of God's love why do so many people fear the Cross?

In one respect the Cross appears to be a failure. (Benedict XVI, 2008) Crucifixion was a violent and brutal death sentence exercised by the Roman Empire on non-Roman citizens. The purpose was to keep subjugated population in line and not challenge the Roman authorities. This method of execution was the Empire's way of saying to any would be rebels, "If you challenge us, you are doomed to failure. Your failure will be rewarded with the humiliation of crucifixion for the whole world to see in a public execution." St. Paul changed this notion in his

ministry. He preached the Cross is the symbol of God's power and love for mankind. God the Father sent his only son to perish on the Cross for mankind's sins. The Cross emerged as a sign of victory when Christ rose from the dead. Some people still cannot accept this view.

One stumbling block for acceptance of the Cross is human arrogance. A prominent example of human arrogance that has caused much suffering is the communist movement. Here is a passage from *The Communist Manifesto*, "There are, besides, eternal truths, such as Freedom, Justice, etc. that are common to all states of society. But Communism abolishes eternal truths, it abolishes all religion, and all morality, instead of constituting them on a new basis; it therefore acts in contradiction to all past historical experience." (Marx & Engels, 1848) To abolish eternal truth and religion is to abolish the Cross. The Cross is the symbol of eternal truth and God's power. Communism fears this symbol. The misguided philosophy of communism wants to establish its own brand of truth. Establishing one's own truth in opposition to the Cross is a perfect example of human arrogance. The Cross did prevail over communism. This victory occurred in the earlier 1990s when the people of the Soviet Union and many other communist nations rejected the Marxist ideology.

There also recent examples of the Cross prevailing against the enemies of Christianity. The Arkansas State football team placed stickers on the back of their helmets. (Bromberg, 2014) The stickers were in the shape of cross as a memorial for two individuals; defensive tackle Markel Owens and team manager Barry Weyer, Jr. Both individuals recently passed away. As usual some malcontent or malcontents made a complaint that this display of the Cross was unconstitutional. After several lawsuits the judicial system ruled the team players could wear the Cross as long as team member do it voluntarily. A second is example of the Cross prevailing against the enemies of Christianity is a set of steel beams removed from the wreckage of the World Trade Center site. The beams formed a Cross approximately seventeen feet high. (Richey, 2014) This Cross will be part of the World Trade Center Memorial and Museum. The judicial system ruled against the atheist whiners who brought a lawsuit against the Cross. The ruling is based on the Establishment Clause of the U.S. Constitution. The judges ruled the Establishment Clause does not prohibit religious references in a public area especially in historical accounts. The Cross is "...a symbol of hope, faith, and healing..." or in other words the power of God.

In the beginning of the history of the Cross, it was hard to accept at first because of the violent nature of crucifixion. St. Paul changed the meaning when he made it part of his ministry. He used the Cross as a symbol of God's power and love for mankind. The Cross became a unifying symbol for all Christians. Communist due to human ignorance tried to abolish the Cross, but in the end they failed. The Cross made recent victories such as the Arkansas State football and the World Trade Center memorials. One last thought on the power of the Cross, in the Middle East in the area known as the Islamic State the jihadists are using the Arabic Letter "Noon, ن" to identify Christian homes. (Loveluck, 2014) The jihadists use "ن" because it short for Nazarene or Jesus of Nazareth which is a reference for Christians. This reference is not widely known outside of the Middle East. So, why not use the Cross which is a worldwide symbol for Christians or do the jihadists fear the power of the Cross.

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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](mailto:COOP5614@yahoo.com).