



Cardinal Gibbons Assembly 783
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REFLECTIONS FROM PRESIDENT GEORGE WASHINGTON

If the freedom of speech is taken away then dumb and silent we may be led, like sheep to the slaughter.

Truth will ultimately prevail where there is pains to bring it to light.

It is far better to be alone, than to be in bad company.

Brainy Quote

<https://www.brainyquote.com/authors/george-washington-quotes>

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

Our Assembly will be supporting Wreaths Across America. This program gives us a chance to remember and honor those individuals who served our Nation. The point of contact for this program is Past State Deputy Colin Jorsch. More information on this program is available at the following link:

<https://wreathsassamerica.org/pages/165678>

ASSEMBLY MEETINGS

The next Assembly meeting scheduled for 15 November 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.

REPETITIVE PRAYER

Faithful Scribe Christopher R. Cooper

An accusation often leveled against the Catholic Faithful is engaging in repetitive pagan like prayer. Many Protestants misinterpret the Sermon on the Mount in the Gospel of St. Matthew 6:7 “In praying, do not babble like the pagans, who think that they will be heard because of their many words.” (The New American Bible - St. Joseph Edition, 1986) On the surface it appears the Catholic Faithful is guilty as charged, but upon further reading in the Bible Sacred Scripture supports repetitive prayer. Why the inconsistency? The key word is “misinterpret.”

Anyone who accuses the Catholic Faithful of praying like pagans with repetitive prayer has not studied Biblical history. During the time of Christ pagans would use lengthy prayers “... to alert a god through magic formulas or through the invocation of his [deity’s] name.” (Echert, 2002) The pagans hope using a lengthy prayer would gain their god’s attention and the god would grant them their wish. Our Father in Heaven is omniscient. He knows our needs without us using a lengthy rambling magical formula. Prayers to God are for our benefit. It is time for us to reflect on God and the blessings He bestows upon us. An example would be praying the Rosary. The Faithful recount different parts of Christ life while praying the Rosary. The Joyful Mysteries are based on Christ’s life prior to his ministry. The Luminous Mysteries recount Christ’s ministry. The Sorrowful Mysteries are based on Christ’s path to Calvary and the sacrifice He made for our sins. The Glorious Mysteries are a history after the Resurrection.

Are there specific examples in the Bible of repetitive prayers? The answer is yes. One example is the Agony in the Garden in the Gospel of St. Mark 14:39 “And again he went away, and prayed, and spake [spoke] the same words.” (Holy Bible - King James Version, 1976) In this passage Christ uses repetitive pray to petition His Heavenly Father. The next example is in The Apocalypse of St. John the Apostle 4:8 “And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all round and within, and day and night they never cease to sing: Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!” (The Holy Bible - Douay-Rheims Version, 2005) In this example the angels are praising God with repetitive prayer that never ceases.

The accusation that the Catholic Faithful engage in repetitive pagan like prayer is a bogus claim. Misinformed individuals have drawn the wrong conclusion from the Gospel of St. Matthew 6:7. Christ chastised the pagans on their long prayers to summon their deities. Repetitive prayer is for human benefit as the Rosary reminds us of Christ’s life on earth. The Bible supports repetitive prayers. Christ himself used repetitive prayer in Gethsemane to petition His Heavenly Father. The Angels in Heaven recite the same pray of praise without end;

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Omnipotens!

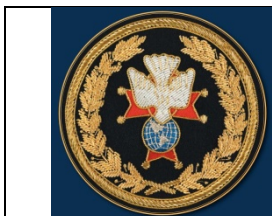
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CARDINAL GIBBONS ASSEMBLY HONOR GUARD

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):

No Events Scheduled.

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 2020

October 12	Columbus Day
October 15	Family of the Month Form Due
October 25	Tar Heel Knight Articles Due

November 2020

November 1	All Saints Day
November 2	All Souls Day
November 11	Veterans Day

DATES TO REMEMBER (Continued)

November 2020

November 15	Family of the Month Form Due
November 25	Tar Heel Knight Articles Due
November 26	Thanksgiving Day

December 2020

December 8	Immaculate Conception
December 15	Family of the Month Form Due
December 25	Christmas Day
December 25	Tar Heel Knight Articles Due
December 31	Program Award Submission Due

January 2021

January 8-9	DD Mid-Year Meeting 2021
January 15	Family of the Month Form Due
January 25	Tar Heel Knight Articles Due
January 31	Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728) Due
January 31	Special Olympics Partnership Form 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/ceremonials/degrees/>

Degree Exemplifications On-Line: <https://kofcnc.org/ceremonials/upcoming-online-exemplifications/>

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

November 2020

<u>Date</u>	<u>Start Time</u>	<u>Council – Location</u>
November 1	3:00 PM	On-Line
November 7	3:00 PM	On-Line
November 21	8:00 PM	On-Line
November 22	8:00 PM	On-Line

December 2020

December 5	3:00 PM	On-Line
December 12	3:00 PM	On-Line

FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATIONS

There is a Fourth Degree Exemplifications scheduled for 21 November 2020 in Gastonia, NC. This exemplification is hosted by the Judge William Gaston Assembly 2531.

THE DAYS OF THE DEAD (LOS DÍAS DE LOS MUERTOS)

Faithful Scribe Christopher R. Cooper

“The Days of the Dead” may sound ominous, but it is a very benign holiday celebrated in Latin America particularly in Mexico. (Craw, 2015) It is the combination of All Saints Day and All Souls Day. There are differences of how the United States and Mexico observes these Feast Days. In both countries the Faithful attended Mass; however, in Mexico it also a day of celebration to remember loved ones who have passed from this life.

All Saints Day in the United States and Mexico is celebrated on the first of November. (Hall-Quest, 1963) In the United States it is a Holy Day of Obligation. In Mexico All Saints Day is also known as El Día de los Inocentes (The Day of the Innocents). (Craw, 2015) The Day of Innocents remembers children who have been called from this life.

All Souls Day is celebrated in both countries on the second of November. (Hall-Quest, 1963) In the United States the Faithful prayer for the souls in purgatory. (Craw, 2015) In Mexico All Souls Day is also known as El Día de los Muertos (The Day of the Dead). (Craw, 2015) The Day of the Dead remembers adults who have been called from this life.

In Mexico the Faithful visit family cemeteries to remember their departed family members. (Craw, 2015) Usually the family has a picnic and tells stories about their ancestors. Food is also set out for the departed. In the urban areas it may be impractical to visit the family cemetery. The Faithful build small alters in their homes to remember their loved ones. In many areas it is a public celebration with large alters built. Many of the Faithful wear colorful masks or face paint. These public celebrations at times appear to resemble Mardi-Gras in New Orleans, LA.

The Days of the Dead is a not a morbid occasion, but a time of celebration for the Faithful’s ancestors.

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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.