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REFLECTIONS FROM PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future.

The greater our knowledge increases the more our ignorance unfolds.

As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words,
but to live by them.

Brainy Quote

<https://www.brainyquote.com/authors/john-f-kennedy-quotes>

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

Past State Deputy Colin Jorsch

Thanks to everyone who supported the Wreaths Across America project last month. We set a goal of 100 wreaths and actually supported 132 wreaths, so very well done.

Due to COVID, many restrictions were in place and limited the ability to work as a group. However, LD Sullivan, Jesse Ramirez and wife, Colin Jorsch, wife and friend were able to group and place wreaths. I know many others had intentions or purchased “grave specific” wreaths and were able to place during that time period. Truly a beautiful site to see all the greenery on the gravesites of our patriots.

Praying that next year will see a diminishing of restrictions and we can get out there as an assembly to place the wreaths. Our page is still active, so if you feel the patriotism swell, please feel free to purchase wreaths for next December.

ASSEMBLY MEETING

The next Assembly meeting scheduled for 17 January 2021 at 2:30 PM at St. Patrick Roman Catholic Church, 2840 Village Drive, Fayetteville, NC. The date and location may change depending on guidance from K of C Supreme and local directives.

FALSE ABORTION ARGUMENTS

Faithful Scribe Christopher R. Cooper

There are many pro-abortion arguments out there. Pro-abortionists like to use terminology to make their argument sound more benign or noble. Individuals in the pro-abortion cadre rely on false comparisons to promote their cause. Champions of abortion play on emotions to push their agenda. These arguments are false as false can be.

What is in a name? When a name is examined closely it reveals quite a lot. The term fetus is bantered about by the pro-abortion mob. It is their way of dehumanizing an unborn baby. Aborting a fetus to the pro-abortion horde sounds more benign than ending the life of an unborn baby. This tactic was also employed by NAZI Germany. The word “Jew” or “Jude” in German became a word to designate people of Jewish heritage as less than human or in some cases not human at all. (Childs, 1963) It made it easier for the NAZIs to justify exterminating the Jewish

population of the European areas they controlled. Pro-abortionists want to be called pro-choice. Pro-choice sounds more noble and helpful to women. The Communist Party in Spain implemented this tactic during the Spanish Civil War. (Ramsey & González-López, 1963) The Communist Party used the term “progressive” and “freedom fighter” to sound more benevolent to the population. It actually resulted in the mass murder of the civil population especially the Catholic clergy who did not agree with the communist totalitarian objects. No matter what pro-abortionists call themselves or the terminology they use they still support a cause that results in the end of an innocent human life.

Another tactic of the pro-abortion rabble is to use a non sequitur to bolster their flimsy argument. (Childs, 1963) One example is,

“A fetus [unborn baby] cannot survive on its own unlike born human beings. It is fully dependent on the mother’s body.”

Any parent can see the stupidity of this argument. A new born baby cannot take care of himself or herself. The baby is fully dependent of the mother and father for survival. An infant still needs nourishment from the mother. A father and a mother of a newborn infant will be quick to remind a pro-abortionist of the 2:00 A.M. feeding. They will also bring up the constant around the clock general care a new born baby requires. The pro-abortionist horde always conveniently forgets these facts.

Pro-abortion lackeys like to play on people’s emotions. (Childs, 1963) An example is,

“Pregnancy is a huge responsibility and not everyone can handle it”.

When I was in high school many years ago I learned the first part of this argument quite differently in sex education class.

“The primary purpose of sex is procreation. It leads to pregnancy. Pregnancy is a huge responsibility. It leads to an eighteen year commitment or twenty-one years if your child goes to college. If you do not want to undertake this commitment do not engage in sex.”

This statement got everybody’s attention in the classroom both the boys and the girls not to go down a road they were not ready for. The instructor of the class went on to say,

“REMEMBER, YOUR ACTIONS HAVE CONSEQUENCES!”

“If you are not ready to undertake the responsibilities of being an adult do not engage adult activities.”

Then the instructor continued the class from this point with all the science. Pro-abortion lackeys want to dismiss these opening statements as inadequate and antiquated. These statements are anything, but inadequate and antiquated. They are very succinct and get right to the point. When these words are followed ***an abortion is not necessary*** because pregnancy is a huge responsibility and it is the first step to a very long commitment of raising a child. If you are not ready to raise a child do not engage sex. Why?

“REMEMBER, YOUR ACTIONS HAVE CONSEQUENCES!”

The instructor felt this point needed constant repeating during the class.

The immature thinking of the pro-abortion mob is stunning. They like using terminology to make their argument sound more benign when actually it is not. They still support a cause that ends a human life without due process of the law. The pro-abortion rabble often uses a non sequitur or false comparison to bolster their flimsy narrative that falls apart under close examination. Playing on a person’s emotion is another tactic of pro-abortion lackeys. This tactic is shattered to minute pieces when simple truth and logic are applied. The simple truth and logic are always worth pointing out again and again:

“REMEMBER, YOUR ACTIONS HAVE CONSEQUENCES!”

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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

January 2021

January 6	Epiphany
January 8-9	DD Mid-Year Meeting 2021
January 15	Family of the Month Form Due
January 16	Right to Life Rally and March, Raleigh, NC
January 17	MLK Day
January 25	Tar Heel Knight Articles Due
January 31	Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728) Due
January 31	Special Olympics Partnership Form Due

February 2021

February 1	Resolutions Due to State Advocate
February 1	State Award Submissions Due (OTY, Website, Newsletter, Scrapbook, etc.)
February 15	Family of the Month Form Due
February 15	Semiannual Council Audit Report Due
February 15	Presidents Day
February 15	Ash Monday (Maronite)
February 17	Ash Wednesday (Roman)
February 25	Tar Heel Knight Articles Due

March 2021

March 15	Family of the Month Form Due
March 20	Charlotte Men's Conference
March 25	Tar Heel Knight Articles Due
March 28	Palm Sunday
March 28	Hosanna Sunday

DATES TO REMEMBER (Continued)

April 2021

April 4	Easter Sunday
April 15	Family of the Month Form Due
April 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/ceremonials/degrees/>

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

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

March 2021

March 5	5:00 PM	Council 12537, Southport, NC
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June 2021

June 5	12:00 PM (Noon)	Council 12537, Southport, NC
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FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATIONS

6 March 2021 @ 11:00 AM, Assembly 2017, Wilmington, NC

THE GRADUAL PSALMS

Faithful Scribe Christopher R. Cooper

The Gradual Psalms are a group of fifteen Psalms. (Corbett, 1909) Depending on the version of *The Holy Bible* the reader is using the Gradual Psalms will be either Psalms 119 – 133 or 120 – 134. A different name is applied to the Gradual Psalms also depending on which translation of *The Holy Bible* is used. *The Holy Bible – Douay-Rheims Version* uses Psalms 119 – 133 and refers the Gradual Psalms as “A Gradual Canticle”. (Loreto, 2005) *The Holy Bible - King James Version* uses Psalms 120 – 134 and references the Gradual Psalms as “A Song of Degrees”. (Regency, 1976) *The New American Bible – Saint Joseph Edition* also uses Psalms 120 – 134 and names the Gradual Psalms as “A Song of Ascents”. (Catholic Book, 1986)

There are three possible origins of the Gradual Psalms. (Catholic Book, 1986) One possible origin is that these fifteen Psalms were sung by pilgrims. The pilgrims would sing these psalms as they made their way to Jerusalem for “the great annual feast”. The second possible origin is exiles who were returning from their captivity in Babylon back to Jerusalem sang these Psalms. The third possible origin is the Levite priests sang these psalms at the temple in Jerusalem. The Levite priests sang them as they ascended the steps from the “Court of the Women” on to the “Court of the Israelites”.

Following this article the Gradual Psalms and associated prayers are arranged based on the article entitled, “If You Can’t Sleep, Pray the Gradual Psalms” by Kevin Di Camillo. (Di Camillo, 2017) In his article Mr. Di Camillo is not being tongue-in-cheek by suggesting the Gradual Psalms are so boring they will cure insomnia. All Mr. Di Camillo is suggesting that it is better to read the Gradual Psalms than “staring at the ceiling”. I agree with Mr.

Di Camillo. In my opinion reading the Gradual Psalms will relax a restless mind and most important keep it out of mischief.

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<u>The Gradual Psalms</u>	
Sign of the Cross	In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
Psalm 120	1 The LORD answered me when I called in my distress: 2 LORD, deliver my soul from lying lips, from a treacherous tongue. 3 What will he inflict on you, O treacherous tongue, and what more besides? 4 A warrior's arrows sharpened with coals of brush wood! 5 Alas, I am a foreigner in Meshech, I live among the tents of Kedar! 6 Too long do I live among those who hate peace. 7 When I speak of peace, they are for war.
Psalm 121	1 I raise my eyes toward the mountains. From whence shall come my help? 2 My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth. 3 He will not allow your foot to slip; or your guardian to sleep. 4 Behold, the guardian of Israel never slumbers nor sleeps. 5 The LORD is your guardian; the LORD is your shade at your right hand. 6 By day the sun will not strike you, nor the moon by night. 7 The LORD will guard you from all evil; he will guard your soul. 8 The LORD will guard your coming and going both now and forever.

Psalm 122	<p>1 I rejoiced when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD."</p> <p>2 And now our feet are standing within your gates, Jerusalem.</p> <p>3 Jerusalem, built as a city, walled round about.</p> <p>4 There the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, As it was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD.</p> <p>5 There are the thrones of justice, the thrones of the house of David.</p> <p>6 For the peace of Jerusalem pray: "May those who love you prosper!</p> <p>7 May peace be within your ramparts, prosperity within your towers."</p> <p>8 For the sake of my brothers and friends I say, "Peace be with you."</p> <p>9 For the sake of the house of the LORD, our God, I pray for your good.</p>
Psalm 123	<p>1 To you I raise my eyes, to you enthroned in heaven.</p> <p>2 Yes, like the eyes of servants on the hand of their masters, Like the eyes of a maid on the hand of her mistress, So our eyes are on the LORD our God, till we are shown favor.</p> <p>3 Show us favor, LORD, show us favor, for we have our fill of contempt.</p> <p>4 Our souls are more than sated with mockery from the insolent, with contempt from the arrogant.</p>
Psalm 124	<p>1 Had not the LORD been with us, let Israel say,</p> <p>2 Had not the LORD been with us, when people rose against us,</p> <p>3 Then they would have swallowed us alive, for their fury blazed against us.</p> <p>4 Then the waters would have engulfed us, the torrent overwhelmed us;</p> <p>5 then seething water would have drowned us.</p> <p>6 Blessed is the LORD, who did not leave us to be torn by their teeth.</p> <p>7 We escaped with our lives like a bird from the fowler's snare; the snare was broken, and we escaped.</p> <p>8 Our help is in the name of the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.</p>
Let Us Pray	Eternal Rest, Grant Unto Them O Lord. And Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them.
	Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.
	From the gate of Hell Deliver Their Souls, O Lord: May they rest in peace. Amen.
	O Lord hear my prayer And Let my cry come unto Thee.
	Deliver, Lord, from all the bonds of sin the souls of Your servants and handmaids and of all the faithful departed. In the resurrection, sharing Your glory, may they live again with Your Elect and Your Saints. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Psalms 125	<p>1 Those trusting in the LORD are like Mount Zion, unshakable, forever enduring.</p> <p>2 As mountains surround Jerusalem, the LORD surrounds his people both now and forever.</p> <p>3 The scepter of the wicked will not prevail in the land allotted to the just, Lest the just themselves turn their hands to evil.</p> <p>4 Do good, LORD, to the good, to those who are upright of heart.</p> <p>5 But those who turn aside to crooked ways may the LORD send down with the evildoers. Peace upon Israel!</p>
Psalms 126	<p>1 When the LORD restored the captives of Zion, we thought we were dreaming.</p> <p>2 Then our mouths were filled with laughter; our tongues sang for joy. Then it was said among the nations, “The LORD had done great things for them.”</p> <p>3 The LORD has done great things for us; Oh, how happy we were!</p> <p>4 Restore our captives, LORD, like the dry stream beds of the Negeb.</p> <p>5 Those who sow in tears will reap with cries of joy.</p> <p>6 Those who go forth weeping, carrying sacks of seed, Will return with cries of joy, carrying their bundled sheaves.</p>
Psalms 127	<p>1 Unless the LORD build the house, they labor in vain who build. Unless the LORD guard the city, in vain does the guard keep watch.</p> <p>2 It is vain for you to rise early and put off your rest at night, To eat bread earned by hard toil—all this God gives to his beloved in sleep.</p> <p>3 Certainly sons are a gift from the LORD, the fruit of the womb, a reward.</p> <p>4 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the sons born in one’s youth.</p> <p>5 Blessed is the man who has filled his quiver with them. He will never be shamed for he will destroy his foes at the gate.</p>
Psalms 128	<p>1 Blessed are all who fear the LORD, and who walk in his ways.</p> <p>2 What your hands provide you will enjoy; you will be blessed and prosper:</p> <p>3 Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your home, Your children like young olive plants around your table.</p> <p>4 Just so will the man be blessed who fears the LORD.</p> <p>5 May the LORD bless you from Zion; may you see Jerusalem’s prosperity all the days of your life,</p> <p>6 and live to see your children’s children. Peace upon Israel!</p>

Psalms 129	<p>1 Viciously have they attacked me from my youth, let Israel say now.</p> <p>2 Viciously have they attacked me from my youth, yet they have not prevailed against me.</p> <p>3 Upon my back the plowers plowed, as they traced their long furrows.</p> <p>4 But the just LORD cut me free from the ropes of the wicked.</p> <p>5 May they recoil in disgrace, all who hate Zion.</p> <p>6 May they be like grass on the rooftops withered in early growth,</p> <p>7 Never to fill the reaper's hands, nor the arms of the binders of sheaves,</p> <p>8 And with none passing by to call out: "The blessing of the LORD be upon you! We bless you in the name of the LORD!"</p>
Let Us Pray	<p>Kyrie Eleison.</p> <p>Christe Eleison</p> <p>Kyrie Eleison.</p>
	<p>Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.</p>
	<p>Remember your congregation / Which you have possessed from the beginning.</p> <p>O Lord, hear my prayer, and Let my cry come to You.</p>
	<p>To You Alone, O Lord, is it proper always to have mercy and to forgive. Receive our petition. The chains of sin bind us, as they bind all your servants. May your merciful kindness set us all free. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.</p>
Psalms 130	<p>1 Out of the depths I call to you, LORD;</p> <p>2 Lord, hear my cry! May your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.</p> <p>3 If you, LORD, keep account of sins, Lord, who can stand?</p> <p>4 But with you is forgiveness and so you are revered.</p> <p>5 I wait for the LORD, my soul waits and I hope for his word.</p> <p>6 My soul looks for the Lord more than sentinels for daybreak. More than sentinels for daybreak,</p> <p>7 let Israel hope in the LORD, For with the LORD is mercy, with him is plenteous redemption,</p> <p>8 And he will redeem Israel from all its sins.</p>
Psalms 131	<p>1 LORD, my heart is not proud; nor are my eyes haughty. I do not busy myself with great matters, with things too sublime for me.</p> <p>2 Rather, I have stilled my soul, Like a weaned child to its mother, weaned is my soul.</p> <p>3 Israel, hope in the LORD, now and forever.</p>

Psalms 132	<p>1 Remember, O LORD, for David all his hardships;</p> <p>2 How he swore an oath to the LORD, vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob:</p> <p>3 “I will not enter the house where I live, nor lie on the couch where I sleep;</p> <p>4 I will give my eyes no sleep, my eyelids no rest,</p> <p>5 Till I find a place for the LORD, a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob.”</p> <p>6 “We have heard of it in Ephrathah; we have found it in the fields of Jaar.</p> <p>7 Let us enter his dwelling; let us worship at his footstool.”</p> <p>8 “Arise, LORD, come to your resting place, you and your mighty ark.</p> <p>9 Your priests will be clothed with justice; your devout will shout for joy.”</p> <p>10 For the sake of David your servant, do not reject your anointed.</p> <p>11 The LORD swore an oath to David in truth, he will never turn back from it: “Your own offspring I will set upon your throne.</p> <p>12 If your sons observe my covenant, and my decrees I shall teach them, Their sons, in turn, shall sit forever on your throne.”</p> <p>13 Yes, the LORD has chosen Zion, desired it for a dwelling:</p> <p>14 “This is my resting place forever; here I will dwell, for I desire it.</p> <p>15 I will bless Zion with provisions; its poor I will fill with bread.</p> <p>16 I will clothe its priests with salvation; its devout shall shout for joy.</p> <p>17 There I will make a horn sprout for David; I will set a lamp for my anointed.</p> <p>18 His foes I will clothe with shame, but on him his crown shall shine.”</p>
Psalms 133	<p>1 How good and how pleasant it is, when brothers dwell together as one!</p> <p>2 Like fine oil on the head, running down upon the beard, Upon the beard of Aaron, upon the collar of his robe.</p> <p>3 Like dew of Hermon coming down upon the mountains of Zion. There the LORD has decreed a blessing, life for evermore!</p>
Psalms 134	<p>1 O come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD You who stand in the house of the LORD throughout the nights.</p> <p>2 Lift up your hands toward the sanctuary, and bless the LORD.</p> <p>3 May the LORD bless you from Zion, the Maker of heaven and earth.</p>
Let Us Pray	<p>Kyrie Eleison.</p> <p>Christe Eleison</p> <p>Kyrie Eleison.</p>
	<p>Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.</p>
	<p>Save Your Servants / Who Hope in You, My God.</p> <p>O Lord, hear my prayer / And let my cry come unto You.</p>

	Lord, from Your Heavenly Throne stretch out a helping hand to Your Servants and Handmaids. Then they will seek You with all their heart, and in their rightful entreaties they will gain a hearing. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.
Sign of the Cross	In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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.