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Never forget the three powerful resources you always have available to you: love, prayer, and forgiveness.

The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today.

Our character is what we do when we think no one is looking.

Brainy Quote

<https://www.brainyquote.com/authors/h-jackson-brown-jr-quotes>

ASSEMBLY MEETING

The next Assembly meeting scheduled for 21 February 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.

AMEN

DO NOT BE CONFUSED

Faithful Scribe Christopher R. Cooper

The word “Amen” is such a simple word. In a Christian prayer it is used at the conclusion to mean “certainly” or “truly”. (Twombly & Lichtenwanger, 1963) Not surprisingly one of the members of the United States House of Representatives did manage to confuse the meaning of the word “Amen”. (Jacobs, 2021) The congressman in question ended the prayer for the new congress with “...Amen and a woman.” Not only are the words grammatically incorrect the word “Amen” has nothing to do with gender. What is most surprising is our confused congressman is an ordained minister who has served for over thirty seven years in the United Methodist Church. (Rousselle, 2021) Oh, well...let us help our confused congressman out with the word “Amen”.

The first item to sort out is the grammatical usage of the indefinite and definite articles in the English language or misuse in the case of our confused congressman. The indefinite article in English “a” or “an” before a vowel are only used in conjunction with a noun in the singular. (Merriam-Webster, Incorporated, 1993) The definite article in English “the” can be used with a noun in the singular or the plural. Since our confused congressman wanted to bring his version of gender equality at the end of his prayer the only option that would work with “a woman” is “a man”. “A man” at the end of a prayer does not sound quite right.

The word “Amen” and *The Holy Bible* are inseparable. *The Holy Bible* defines “Amen” as, “A Hebrew word meaning, ‘certainly’, ‘truly,’ used to give assent to a statement, a curse, a blessing, a prayer, or the like in this sense of ‘so be it.’” (Catholic Book Publishing Co., 1986) One example is in the Book of Deuteronomy chapter 27 verse 18:

“Cursed be anyone who misleads the blind on their way!”

And all the people shall answer, “Amen!”

The word “Amen” and the name “Adam” are not to be confused either in case anyone makes a feeble attempt to connect these two words together. The name “Adam” originates in the Hebrew language. It is a generic term for man. (Unger, 1969) The name “Adam” also has a double meaning in Hebrew. It can also mean “earth”. (Gutstein, 1963) “Adam” becomes a proper name in the Book of Genesis chapter 4, verse 25. (Catholic Book Publishing Co., 1986) It is never associated with the word “Amen”.

What is the origin of the words “man” and “woman” in the English language? The word “man” comes from the ancient language of Sanskrit. (Merriam-Webster, Inc, 1993) The Sanskrit word is “manu”. The word “woman” is from the old English word “wifman”. It is a compound word of “wif” for wife in old English and man. “Amen” which is of Hebrew origin is not remotely associated with the words “man” and “woman”.

For the sake of argument if the word “Amen” were gender specific as our confessed congressman implied would it not be so in other languages? In two languages the answer is a resounding no. In Spanish the word for man is “hombre” and the word for woman is “mujer”. (Jackson & Rubio, 1984) The word for “Amen” is “Amén”. Ending a prayer with “un hombre y una mujer” is laughable. In Russian the word for man is “мужчина” (muzhchina) and the word for woman is “женщина” (zhenshchina). (Duff & Makaroff, 1962) The word for “Amen” is “Аминь” (amin’). Ending a prayer with “мужчина и женщина” is also just as laughable. On a side note a person cannot say “a man”, “a woman”, “the man (men)”, or “the woman (women)” in Russian. The indefinite and definite articles do not exist in the Russian language.

So, do not be like our confused congressman. Do not confuse the word “Amen”. It is a simple word used at the end of a Christian prayer to mean “certainly” or “truly”. “Amen” has no gender specific qualities whatsoever.

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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

February 2021

February 1	Resolutions Due to State Advocate
February 1	State Award Submissions Due (OTY, Website, Newsletter, Scrapbook, etc.)
February 14	Council Meeting
February 15	Family of the Month Form Due
February 15	Semiannual Council Audit Report Due
February 15	Presidents Day
February 17	Ash Monday
February 21	Retention Meeting
February 25	Tar Heel Knight Articles Due

March 2021

March 7	Council Meeting
March 15	Family of the Month Form Due
March 21	Retention Meeting
March 25	Tar Heel Knight Articles Due
March 28	Hosanna Sunday

April 2021

April 4	Easter Sunday
April 11	Council Meeting
April 15	Family of the Month Form Due
April 18	Retention Meeting
April 24-25	Day of Reflection & Membership
April 25	Tar Heel Knight Articles Due

May 2021

May 9	Mother's Day
May 14-16	NC State Convention
May 15	Family of the Month Form Due
May 16	Retention Meeting
May 25	Tar Heel Knight Articles Due
May 31	Memorial Day

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/>

<u>Date</u>	<u>Start Time</u>	<u>Council – Location</u>
None.	None.	None.

FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATIONS

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

SAINT VERONICA

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One Saint who is always remembered during Lent is Saint Veronica. She is named at the sixth Station of the Cross. Her act of kindness is she wiped the face of Jesus on his way to Calvary. The name “Veronica” has an interesting history. An interesting question is does the name “Veronica” appear in *The Holy Bible*? Another question is what happened to the veil she wiped the face of Jesus with?

Saint Veronica’s name is the Latin version of the Greek name, Βερενίκη, (Berenikē). (World Heritage Encyclopedia, 2020) Berenikē also has another form in Greek known as Beronike. The English equivalent is “Bernice”. The Greek name literally means “*Bearer of Victory*”. “Veronica” comes from two Latin words. The first word is *vera* which means “true” or “authentic”. The second word is *icon* which means “image”. Putting *vera* and *icon* together results in the term “true image”. The name “Veronica” at first was used to name the veil which has the image of Christ’s face on it because it contains the true image of Christ. “Veronica” gradually through the centuries became associated with the name of the woman who wiped Christ’s face at the sixth station.

Saint Veronica’s name does not appear anywhere in the canonically approved Bibles. (World Heritage Encyclopedia, 2020) However, her name appears in an apocryphal writing called the “Acts of Pilate”. The Acts of Pilate is also known as “The Gospel of Nicodemus”. (James, 1924) In this setting the Jewish leadership brought Christ before Pontius Pilate. They are bringing false criminal charges against Christ which corresponds to the canonically approved Gospels. One difference between the canonically approved Gospels and The Gospel of Nicodemus is witnesses come forward on behalf of Christ and address Pontius Pilate. Saint Veronica is one of the witnesses:

“And a certain woman named Bernice (Beronice Copt., Veronica Lat.) crying out from afar off said: I had an issue of blood and touched the hem of his garment, and the flowing of my blood was stayed which I had twelve years. The Jews say: We have a law that a woman shall not come to give testimony.”

The hemorrhaging woman in the canonically approved Gospels is never mentioned by name, but here she is identified as Saint Veronica. On his way to Calvary, Christ encounters some of the women of Jerusalem. (USCCB, 1986) None of the women are mentioned by name. Catholic tradition over time identified one of the women as Saint Veronica. (Catholic-United Methodist Dialogue, 2020) During the Stations of the Cross Christ meets the of the women of Jerusalem at the sixth station. At this station Saint Veronica wipes the face of Christ with her veil and the image of the face of Christ remained on it.

Today the Veil of Saint Veronica is kept at the Vatican. (Prause, 2020) The Veil is only on display for special occasions. One of these occasions is every year on the fifth Sunday of Lent.

The Feast Day of Saint Veronica is the July 12. On this day she is remembered for her act of kindness. (Prause, 2020) How Saint Veronica is best remembered is summed up best by Pope Saint John Paul the II, "In fact the Saviour leaves his imprint on every single act of charity, as he did on Veronica's cloth." (Pope Saint John Paul, 2000)

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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.