



Cardinal Gibbons Assembly 783
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REFLECTIONS FROM ABOLITIONIST FREDERICK DOUGLASS

I am a Republican, a black, dyed in the wool Republican, and I never intend to belong to any other party than the party of freedom and progress.

There is not a man beneath the canopy of Heaven who does not know that slavery is wrong for him.

The soul that is within me no man can degrade.

Brainy Quote

<https://www.brainyquote.com/authors/frederick-douglass-quotes>

ASSEMBLY MEETING

The next Assembly meeting scheduled for 21 July 2021 at 6:30 PM. The location is Sammio's Italian Restaurant 2623 Raeford Rd, Fayetteville, NC 28303.

Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit

The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are, according to Catholic Tradition, heroic character traits that Jesus Christ alone possesses in their plenitude but that he freely shares with the members of his mystical body (his Church). These traits are infused into every Christian as a permanent endowment at his baptism and sealed in the sacrament of confirmation.

Wisdom – Wisdom is considered the first and the greatest of the gifts. It acts upon both the intellect and the will. It both illumines the mind and instills an attraction to the divine

Understanding – Understanding helps one relate all truths to one's supernatural purpose. It gives us a profound appreciation for God's providence.

Counsel – Counsel functions as a sort of supernatural intuition, to enable a person to judge promptly and rightly, especially in difficult situations.

Fortitude – The gift of fortitude allows people the firmness of mind that is required both in doing good and in enduring evil.

Knowledge – The gift of knowledge allows one, as far as is humanly possible, to see things from God's perspective. It allows us to perceive the greatness of God and his love for his creatures through creation.

Piety – Piety accords us with reverence. A person with reverence recognizes his total reliance on God and comes before God with humility, trust, and love

Fear of the Lord – Fear of the Lord is akin to wonder (or awe). With the gift of fear of the Lord, one is made aware of the glory and majesty

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<https://www.stmichaelsmaronite.net/bulletin.html>



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

July 2021

July 1	Report of Officers Due
July 4	Independence Day
July 9-11	DD Meeting
July 15	Family of the Month Form Due
July 18	Assembly Meeting
July 18	Retention Meeting
July 25	Tar Heel Knight Articles Due

August 2021

August 1	Service Program Personnel Report (#365) Due
August 1	St Joseph Seminary Welcome Event
August 8	200th Anniversary Celebration at St. Patrick Roman Catholic Church, Fayetteville, NC
August 15	The Assumption
August 15	Family of the Month Form Due
August 15	Retention Meeting
August 16	Drive Out Hunger Golf Tournament
August 25	Articles for the Tar Heel Knight Due

September 2021

September 6	Labor Day
September 15	Family of the Month Form Due
September 17-19	Eucharistic Congress
September 19	Retention Meeting
September 25	Articles for the Tar Heel Knight Due

October 2021

October 11	Columbus Day
October 15	Family of the Month Form Due
October 24	Membership Meeting via Zoom
October 25	Articles for the Tar Heel Knight Due
October 31	Halloween

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

None scheduled at this time.

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” in Spanish 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” in Russian 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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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.