



Cardinal Gibbons Assembly 783
Newsletter
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REFLECTIONS FROM C. S. LEWIS

Of all tyrannies a tyranny sincerely exercised for the good of its victims may be the most oppressive.

The task of the modern educator is not to cut down jungles, but to irrigate deserts.

Joy is the serious business of Heaven.

Brainy Quote

<https://www.brainyquote.com/authors/c-s-lewis-quotes>

ASSEMBLY MEETING

The next Assembly meeting scheduled for 19 January 2022 at 6:30 PM. The location is Sammio's Italian Restaurant 2623 Raeford Rd, Fayetteville, NC 28303.

Morning Prayer

In rising, I wish my first thought to be of Thee.

I thank Thee for guarding me during the night.

During this day, please keep my body from accident, and my soul from sin.

I am far from my family, surrounded by new temptations; please lead and protect me.

Bless, please, my commander and my comrades, and above all, bless our country.

May I serve today as a good soldier.

Amen.

Fulton Sheen's Wartime Prayer Book

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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 2022

January 1	World Peace Day
January 6	Feast of the Epiphany
January 15	Family of the Month Form Due
January 17	MLK Day
January 25	Articles for the Tar Heel Knight Due
January 31	Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728)
January 31	Special Olympics Partnership Form Due

February 2022

February 9	Feast of Saint Maron
February 14	Feast of Saint Valentine
February 15	Family of the Month Form Due
February 15	Council Semiannual Audit Due
February 21	Presidents' Day
February 25	Articles for the Tar Heel Knight Due
February 28	Ash Monday (Maronite)

March 2022

March 2	Ash Wednesday
March 15	Family of the Month Form Due
March 17	Feast of Saint Patrick
March 25	Articles for the Tar Heel Knight Due
March 27	Membership Meeting via ZOOM

April 2022

April 10	Palm Sunday
April 15	Good Friday
April 15	Family of the Month Form Due
April 17	Easter Sunday
April 25	Membership Meeting via ZOOM
April 25	Articles for the Tar Heel Knight 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/>

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

FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATIONS

None scheduled at this time.

THE CALLING

Faithful Scribe Christopher R. Cooper

“The Calling” is what the Faithful hear when God calls them to join the clergy or religious life. Some of the Faithful, give up fortune and fame to join these vocations of the Holy Catholic Church. A few became famous after entering these vocations. One question that comes about is “The Calling” based in the Holy Bible. The answer is yes. “The Calling” is not a concept from the good old days. It is still alive and well in our present age. First let’s look at what the Holy Bible says about “The Calling.”

The Holy Bible has many references for “The Calling.” One reference is St. Paul’s Epistle to the Ephesians chapter 4, verses 11 and 12, “And he gave some apostles, and some prophets, others some evangelists, and some pastors and some doctors: For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:” (Loreto, 2005) In this passage St. Paul states God calls certain individuals to various vocations of the Holy Catholic Church to minister to the Faithful. Both men and women are called to fill these career paths.

Ladies first, there are several examples of women who answered the call. One of the most notable women in the United States is Mother Angelica, founder of Eternal Word Television Network. (EWTN, 2015) Mother Angelica, a cloistered Poor Clare Nun, started her evangelical work by writing pamphlets in the early 1960’s. Her work led to the founding of EWTN and elevated her to a household name throughout America. There are examples of women who left glamorous careers to answer the calling. (ChurchPOP Editor, 2015) Dolores Hicks (stage name Dolores Hart) was an actress. She starred in the 1957 movie, *Loving You*, with Elvis Presley. At the age of 24 she heard the call to become a nun. When a friend asked her why Ms. Hart responded, “If you heard what I hear you would come, too.” Olalla Oliveros and Amada Rosa Pérez were both successful models in Spain and Columbia respectfully. They joined religious communities. Olalla Oliveros became a nun stating the Lord is never wrong as the reason for her decision. Amada Rosa Pérez lost part of her hearing. She saw this as a sign to follow the Lord’s calling.

Now for the gentlemen, there are two examples. Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen could have had a successful career as an actor. (Fulton J. Sheen Company, Inc., 2015) However, he answered the Lord’s call and joined the clergy. Archbishop Sheen used his talent first in radio. He hosted the coast to coast broadcast, *The Catholic Hour*. From radio Archbishop Sheen went to television with several shows. The first was *Life is Worth Living*. The last of his shows was *The Fulton Sheen Program*. The second example is Fr. Mitch Pawca. Fr. Pawca is a very intelligent and educated man. (Ignatius Productions , 2015) He chose to answer God’s call and use his talents to benefit the Faithful of the Holy Catholic Church. Fr. Pawca speaks twelve languages. Also, of special note he is bi-ritual. Fr. Pawca is qualified to pray the Roman Catholic Mass and the Maronite Catholic Divine Liturgy.

“The Calling” is alive and well. It’s not some old practice from days gone by. Many people give up famous and prosperous careers to follow the Lord’s call. Others become famous because of the work they perform for the Faithful. In the end it is what God calls us to do.

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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.