



**Cardinal Gibbons Assembly 783**  
**Newsletter**  
**May 2022**



**REFLECTIONS FROM AMERICAN FOLK HERO DAVY CROCKETT**

We have the right as individuals to give away as much of our own money as we please in charity;  
but as members of Congress we have no right to appropriate a dollar of the public money.

I would rather be beaten, and be a man, than to be elected and be a little puppy dog.

Be always sure you are right - then go ahead.

*Brainy Quote*

<https://www.brainyquote.com/authors/davy-crockett-quotes>

**ASSEMBLY MEETING**

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

**PRAYER FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY**

O gentle Heart of Jesus,  
ever present in the Blessed Sacrament,  
ever consumed with burning love  
for the poor captive souls in Purgatory,  
have mercy on them.

Be not severe in Your judgments,  
but let some drops of Your precious Blood  
fall upon the devouring flames.

And, Merciful Savior, send  
Your angels to conduct them  
to a place of refreshment,  
light and peace.

*Amen.*

From: *The Catholic Devotional*



**Icon of Our Lady of Lebanon**



## **CARDINAL GIBBONS ASSEMBLY HONOR GUARD**

### **4<sup>TH</sup> DEGREE UNIFORM**

The 4<sup>TH</sup> 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**

#### **May 2022**

May 8	Mother's Day
May 13-15	State Convention
May 15	Family of the Month Form Due
May 19	Assembly Meeting
May 22	Membership Meeting via ZOOM
May 25	Articles for the Tar Heel Knight Due
May 26	Ascension Thursday
May 30	Memorial Day

#### **June 2022**

June 4	4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification – Assembly 2826, Southport, NC
June 5	Pentecost Sunday
June 15	Family of the Month Form Due
June 16	Assembly Meeting
June 19	Father's Day
June 24-25	DD Meeting
June 25	Articles for the Tar Heel Knight Due
June 26	Membership Meeting via ZOOM
June 30	Columbian Award Due
June 30	Food for Families Due

#### **July 2022**

July 1	Report of Officers Due
July 1	Service Program Personnel Report
July 4	Independence Day
July 15	Family of the Month Form Due
July 21	Assembly Meeting
July 25	Articles for the Tar Heel Knight Due

#### **August**

August 2-4	Supreme Convention
August 5-6	Eucharistic Congress, Charlotte, NC
August 15	Family of the Month Form Due
August 15	Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
August 15	Council semiannual audit due

### August (continued)

August 18	Assembly Meeting
August 20	4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Fayetteville, NC
August 25	Articles for the Tar Heel Knight Due

### DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATIONS

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/>

### FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATIONS

4 June 2022 – Assembly 2826, Southport, NC

20 August 2022 – Assembly 783, Fayetteville, NC

### PASSERBY

Faithful Scribe Christopher R. Cooper

We have all been a passerby at one time or another in our lives. Sometimes we are just causal observers of an event no matter how great or small. At other times we get personally involved. One reason we get involved is to render aid or assistance to someone who is in need. Hopefully, we do not put on blinders and follow the path of the rich man who constantly ignored the poor beggar Lazarus in the Gospel of Saint Luke chapter sixteen versus nineteen through thirty-one. (Cardinal O’Boyle & Hickey, 1986) In *The Holy Bible* there are two examples of passersby who did great acts of kindness the Good Samaritan and Simon of Cyrene.

Before proceeding further a distinction should be drawn between a passerby and a busybody. Passerby has a benign definition. It is defined as, “a person passing by.” (Braham, 1996) Busybody on the other hand has a malignant definition. It is defined as “a person who meddles in the affairs of others.” I believe many passersby do not want to render aid to those in need because of their fear of being labeled a “busybody”. A passerby should never be afraid to help others as long as Christian Charity is their goal.

Two examples about passersby from *The Holy Bible* are the Parable of the Good Samaritan and Simon of Cyrene. (Cardinal O’Boyle & Hickey, 1986) In the Parable of the Good Samaritan from the Gospel of Saint Luke chapter ten verses twenty-nine through thirty-seven Christ tells the story of three passersby. The first two passersby could not be bothered with helping a man who was left for dead by robbers. These passersby were Levite Priests who should have been the examples of charity. However, they chose to ignore the distressed man and passed him by. Then the third passerby, the Good Samaritan, arrives at the scene. The Good Samaritan did not put blinders on and ignore his fellow man. He rendered aid with no expectation of reward or compensation for his efforts. On a side note this parable has inspired the name for the present day “Good Samaritan Laws.” (Katz, 2018)

The second example of a passerby is Simon of Cyrene. Simon of Cyrene is cited in the Gospels of Saints Matthew, Luke, and Mark. (Cardinal O’Boyle & Hickey, 1986) He happened to be passing by when Christ was on his way to Calvary. Each of these Gospels agree he was “pressed into service” to help Christ carry the cross. Does it mean Simon of Cyrene was an unwilling participant? In my opinion the answer is no. The Roman soldiers who were parading Christ to Calvary did not ask for volunteers. They picked the first able bodied man who was closest to them. Anyone who has been in the military can relate to this scenario. Simon of Cyrene happened to be in the right place at the right time to help someone in need. His act of kindness is remembered to this day during Lent at the Fifth Station of the Cross. (Juergens, 1963) It should also be noted that Simon of Cyrene is the Patron Saint of Passersby. (Grondelski, 2017)

Everyone is a passerby from time to time. Most of the time passersby are just casual observers of everyday events. In a few instances a passerby is called to give aid and assistance whether voluntary or compulsory. Most passersby who give aid and assistance will probably not be famous as Simon of Cyrene. However small or great the act of kindness is it should always be given with good Christian Charity.

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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](mailto:COOP5614@yahoo.com).