



**Cardinal Gibbons Assembly 783**  
**Newsletter**  
**June 2022**



**REFLECTIONS FROM GENERAL GEORGE S. PATTON**

Better to fight for something than live for nothing.

If a man does his best, what else is there?

A pint of sweat, saves a gallon of blood.

*Brainy Quote*

<https://www.brainyquote.com/authors/george-s-patton-quotes>

**ASSEMBLY MEETING**

The next Assembly meeting scheduled for 16 June 2022 at 6:30 PM. The location is Samios Italian Restaurant, 2623 Raeford Rd, Fayetteville, NC 28303.

**PRAYER FOR THE SICK**

Dear Jesus, Divine Physician and Healer of the Sick,  
we turn to You in this time of illness.

O dearest comforter of the troubled,  
alleviate our worry and sorrow with Your gentle love,  
and grant us the grace and strength to accept this burden.

Dear God, we place our worries in Your hands.

We place our sick under Your care  
and humbly ask that You restore  
Your servant to health again.

Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge  
Your holy will and know that whatsoever You do,  
You do for the love of us.

*Amen.*

From: *The Catholic Devotional*



**Icon of the Ascension of Our Lord**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY ELECTED ASSEMBLY OFFICERS FOR  
FRATERNAL YEAR 2022 – 2023**

Faithful Navigator:	Dave Benes	Faithful Scribe:	Chris Cooper
Faithful Comptroller:	Rod Komlofske	Inner Sentinel:	Vacant
Faithful Friar:	Fr. Jack Morrison	Outer Sentinel:	Frank Pollak
Faithful Captain:	Michael J. Roomain	Faithful Trustee:	William M. Passick
Faithful Admiral:	Colin Jorsch	Faithful Trustee:	Robert M. Testa
Faithful Purser:	Colin Jorsch	Faithful Trustee:	Frank Pollak
Faithful Pilot:	Chris Kendziera	Honor Guard Commander:	Vacant



**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**

**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 2022**

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 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

## **September 2022**

September 5	Labor Day
September 15	Family of the Month Form Due
September 15	Assembly Meeting
September 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

## **CONVERTS TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Faithful Scribe Christopher R. Cooper

Many people convert to the Catholic Church for various reasons. Some people like the structure of the Mass or Divine Liturgy. Other converts find the Catholic Church fills a need in their life the secular world cannot provide. For other converts the Catholic Church brings them a sense of peace. Whatever the reason the Catholic Church provides a path for them to God. There are four notable converts over the past one hundred years: Tim Conway, John Wayne, Gary Cooper, and Dr. Gavin Ashenden.

Who can forget the talented actor and comedian, Tim Conway? He is best remembered for the various characters he played on the 1970s variety show, *The Carol Burnett Show*. (Conway, 2013) Tim Conway's father was a cradle Catholic born in Ireland. His mother was born into the orthodox Christian Church in Romania. He was originally baptized in the Romanian Orthodox Church.

Tim Conway always believed in God, but he admits he was never really religious. (Conway, 2013) The event that started him on his road to the Catholic Church happened in his youth. Tim Conway suffered a back injury playing college football. At the time he did not realize he had suffered a broken vertebra. Years later during a routine medical examination his doctor discovered the broken vertebra. The doctor said Tim Conway was lucky he did not suffer permanent paralysis from the injury. Tim Conway thanked God for still being able to walk and to live a normal life.

Tim Conway became more religious after finding out about the news of his injured back. (Conway, 2013) As he grew in his faith and religious beliefs he entered the Catholic Church. He stated that he liked the structure of the Mass and the Catholic Church.

“Tomorrow is the most important thing in life. Comes into us at midnight very clean. It’s perfect when it arrives and it puts itself in our hands. It hopes we’ve learned something from yesterday.” (Brainy Quote, 2021)

The above quote is from legendary actor, John Wayne. He was born Marion Robert Morrison on 26 May 1907 in Winterset, Iowa. (McNamara, 2020) John Wayne was raised protestant, but he had many Catholic acquaintances throughout his life. His first wife, Josephine Saenz, was born into the Catholic Church. She prayed that one day he would enter the Catholic Church. They raised their two children, Michael and Patrick, in the Catholic Faith. John Wayne’s mentor was director John Ford. Mr. Ford was raised in the Catholic Church. Many of Mr. Ford’s movies which John Wayne starred in reflected his Catholic upbringing. These movies greatly influenced John Wayne.

Just prior to John Wayne’s passing he made the conversion to the Catholic Church. (McNamara, 2020) According to John Wayne’s grandson, Father Matthew Munoz of the Orange Diocese,

“My grandmother [Josephine] was very devout and so was my mother. In fact, my grandfather ... was very true to God. He always believed in God, but he wasn’t much of a church attendee. I really think my grandfather’s admiration of my grandmother is what made him take that spiritual step and say yes. I also believe my grandmother’s prayers were heard.”

Another legendary actor who made his way to the Catholic Church is Gary Cooper. (Kendall, 2011) He was born on 7 May 1901 in Helena, Montana. Gary Cooper intentionally moved to California seeking employment as a commercial artist and to be closer to family.

As with many things life took an interesting twist for Gary Cooper. He did not become a commercial artist, but found his calling as an actor. (Kendall, 2011) He started out as a stunt man. Gary Cooper’s first role was in 1925 and from here it launched an acting career that spanned thirty-six years.

Gary Cooper’s road to Catholicism began when he married a devout Catholic, Veronica “Rocky” Balfe. (Kendall, 2011) The next big mile stone occurred on 26 June 1953. While on a promotion tour for his latest movie Gary Cooper met Pope Pius XII who had a profound effect on him. After meeting Pope Pius XII Gary Cooper realized his womanizing was putting undue stress on his family. He mended his ways and started going to Church regularly with his wife and daughter, Maria Cooper Janis. Gary Cooper became friends with the local Parish Priest, Father Harold Ford. Father Ford helped Gary Cooper make the final leap to the Catholic Church. He converted to Catholicism on 9 April 1959. After his entrance into the Catholic Church Gary Cooper was diagnosed with cancer. He passed away on 13 May 1961.

Doctor Gavin Ashenden is an interesting convert to the Catholic Church. Dr. Gavin Ashenden is a former Anglican Bishop in the Church of England. (Gomes, 2019) It should also be noted Dr. Ashenden served as chaplain to Queen Elizabeth II. There are several factors why Dr. Ashenden found his way to the Catholic Church.

The first factor is the reading from a passage in the Koran denying the Divinity of Christ on the Feast of the Epiphany in 2017 AD at St. Mary’s Episcopal Cathedral, Glasgow, Scotland. (Gomes, 2019) Allowing this passage denying the Divinity of Christ to be read in an Anglican Church demonstrated how far the Church of England had drifted from its Christian heritage and traditions.

Another event is the appearance of the Blessed Virgin Mary to the children of Garabandal, Spain in 1963. (Gomes, 2019) Dr. Ashenden discerned the children were not faking. As Dr. Ashenden explains it best, “From then, I found that Our Lady’s apparitions, beginning with Gregory Thaumaturgus in the 3rd century through to Zeitoun in Cairo in 1968 and indeed the present day, deeply compelling.”

Dr. Ashenden became a convert to the Catholic Church on 22 December 2019 which was the Fourth Sunday of Advent. (Gomes, 2019)

To find out more about Dr. Ashenden visit his website, *Gavin Ashenden*: <https://ashenden.org/>

The four converts to the Catholic Church listed in this article have different and similar reasons for entering communion with the Catholic Church. However, they all have one common reason. The Catholic Church provided answers they were looking for.

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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).