



Cardinal Gibbons Assembly 783
Newsletter
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REFLECTIONS FROM PRESIDENT THEODORE ROOSEVELT

Never throughout history has a man who lived a life of ease left a name worth remembering.

The only man who never makes a mistake is the man who never does anything.

The government is us; we are the government, you and I.

Brainy Quote

<https://www.brainyquote.com/authors/theodore-roosevelt-quotes>

ASSEMBLY MEETING

The next Assembly meeting scheduled for 21 July 2022 at 6:30 PM. The location is Samios Italian Restaurant, 2623 Raeford Rd, Fayetteville, NC 28303.

PRAYER FOR Healing

Lord, look upon me with the eyes of Your mercy,
may Your healing hand rest upon me,
may your life-giving powers flow into every cell of my body
and into the depths of my soul,
cleansing, purifying, restoring me to wholeness
and strength for service in Your Kingdom.

Amen.

From: *The Catholic Devotional*



Icon of Saint Michael the Archangel

VOLUNTEERS REQUESTED FOR THE 4TH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION
20 AUGUST 2022

Faithful Navigator Dave Benes requests volunteers to help out with the 4th Degree Exemplification our Assembly is hosting on 20 August 2022 at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Roman Catholic Church, Fayetteville, NC.

If you are able to volunteer please send an email to COOP5614@yahoo.com with time you are available.



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 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 th 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

October 2022

October 10	Columbus Day
October 15	Family of the Month Form Due
October 20	Assembly Meeting
October 25	Articles for the Tar Heel Knight Due
October 31	Halloween

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

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.