



Cardinal Gibbons Assembly 783
Newsletter
October 2022



REFLECTIONS FROM GREEK PHILOSOPHER PLATO

A good decision is based on knowledge and not on numbers.

No one is a friend to his friend who does not love in return.

We are twice armed if we fight with faith.

Brainy Quote

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

ASSEMBLY MEETING

The next Assembly meeting scheduled for 17 November 2022. The location is Saint Patrick Roman Catholic Church, 2840 Village Drive, Fayetteville, NC 28304. Dinner starts at 6:30 PM. The meeting will start at 7:00 PM.

PRAYER FOR FAITH

Father Gerald Keefe

My Jesus, how often I feel very small and inadequate before great tasks and responsibilities. What can I do but bring all that I have, even though it isn't much, and place all this in Your hands, wait for Your blessing, breaking, thanking and receive back again with amazing power to reach all who depend on me, fill them with goodness and still have more than what I started with. May I never hold back my gifts from You. May I believe that Your blessing multiplies my smallest gifts to maximum powers. May I rejoice that You return the task to me and I have the personal thrill of seeing many satisfied by my ministrations. I adore. Your wisdom, Your power, Your sharing.

Amen.

From: *The Catholic Devotional*

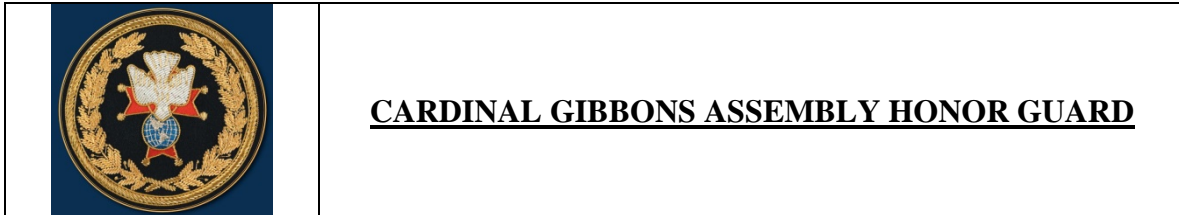


ONLINE DUES PAYMENT METHODS

Faithful Navigator Dave Benes

You can pay your dues online with a credit or debit card. Go to our Assembly webpage – <https://cardinalgibbonsassembly783.weebly.com/>. Click pay dues. Or click the QR code.

Puede pagar sus cuotas en línea con una tarjeta de crédito o débito. Vaya a nuestra página web hispana de la Asamblea <https://sites.google.com/view/spanish-home-page/home>. Haz clic en pagar cuotas. O haga clic en el código QR.



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

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

November 2022

November 1	All Saints Day
November 2	All Souls Day
November 11	Veterans' Day
November 12	4 th Degree Exemplification – Hickory, NC
November 15	Family of the Month Form Due
November 24	Thanksgiving Day
November 25	Articles for the Tar Heel Knight Due

December 2022

December 8	Immaculate Conception
December 15	Family of the Month Form Due
December 25	Christmas
December 25	Articles for the Tar Heel Knight Due

DATES TO REMEMBER (Continued)

January 2023

January 1	Circumcision of Jesus
January 6	Epiphany
January 15	Family of the Month Form Due
January 25	Articles for the Tar Heel Knight Due
January 31	Fraternal Survey 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

The next 4th Degree Exemplification is 12 November 2022 in Hickory, NC.

St. Sharbel Makhlof

Faithful Scribe Christopher R. Cooper

St. Sharbel Makhlof is a saint of the Maronite Catholic Church. Some references spell this saint's name "Charbel". As with many saints he came from humble origins, but left a worldwide legacy. He joined one of the monastic orders and became an ordained priest. St. Sharbel led an austere life until his death. After St. Sharbel Makhlof's death he credited with many miracles he petitioned God to bestow on the Faithful.

St. Sharbel Makhlof was born in northern Lebanon on 8 May 1828 A.D. (Monastery Saint Maron, 2016) His parents baptized him Youssef Antoun Makhlof. He was the oldest of five children; two brothers and two sisters. St. Sharbel Makhlof felt the calling to the priesthood at an early age. He studied Arabic and Syriac in his youth. While not attending to his studies he would take the family's herd to graze in the outlying grasslands. St. Sharbel Makhlof would pray at a local grotto during his time out in the fields.

After St. Sharbel Makhlof completed his studies he started his journey to become a monk in 1851 A.D. (Monastery Saint Maron, 2016) He first started at Lady of Mayfouk for his initiation into the monastic life. When he completed his initiation St. Sharbel Makhlof moved onto St. Maroun's Monastery-Annaya. At St. Maroun's Monastery-Annaya he entered the Corps of the Lebanese Maronite Order. He took the name of Sharbel after a martyr from the early Church. In 1853 A.D. he took his monastic vows and continued his theological studies at Monastery of Saints Kouberyanous and Justina. St. Sharbel Makhlof received the Sacrament of Holy Order on 23 July 1859 A.D. Father Sharbel Makhlof served as a priest for sixteen years before becoming a hermit at the St. Peter & Paul Hermitage which is part of the Monastery of Saints Kouberyanous and Justina. Here, St. Sharbel Makhlof lived as a hermit for twenty-three years until his death on 24 December 1898 A.D.

After St. Sharbel Makhlof death many miracles are attributed to his intercessions. (Monastery Saint Maron, 2016) Lights were viewed by the Faithful around his grave. His grave was opened by the monks. St. Sharbel Makhlof's body had not decayed and emitted a sweet smelling liquid. The monks changed his clothes and placed his body in a new tomb. In 1925 A.D. a petition was to Rome to start the canonization of process of St. Sharbel Makhlof. In 1950 A.D. his grave was reexamined by Church officials confirming that his body was still intact and emitting the sweet smelling liquid. St. Sharbel Makhlof was beautified in 1965 A.D. and canonized in 1977 A.D. by Pope Paul VI.

Today St. Sharbel Makhoul is revered worldwide by Christians and non-Christians alike. Many Maronite Catholic Churches are named after him. His relics are view throughout the world and attributed to the intercessions of many miracles.

Works Cited

Monastery Saint Maron. (2016). *St. Charbel*. Retrieved February 20, 2016, from Monastery Saint Maron:
<http://www.saintcharbel-annaya.com/home.php?lgid=0>

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.

