



Cardinal Gibbons Assembly 783
Newsletter
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REFLECTIONS FROM GREEK PHILOSOPHER ARISTOTLE

At his best, man is the noblest of all animals; separated from law and justice he is the worst.

Republics decline into democracies and democracies degenerate into despotisms.

The roots of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet.

Brainy Quote

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

ASSEMBLY MEETING

The next Assembly meeting scheduled for 19 January 2023. The location is Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Roman Catholic Church, 1000 Andrews Road, Fayetteville, NC 28311. Dinner starts at 6:30 PM. The meeting will start at 7:00 PM.

PRAYER of Abandonment

Charles de Foucauld

Father,

I abandon myself into Your hands; do with me what You will.
Whatever You may do, I thank You; I am ready for all, I accept all.
Let only Your will be done in me, and in all Your creatures—

I wish no more than this, O Lord.

Into your hands I commend my soul;

I offer it to You with all the love of my heart for I love You,
Lord and so need to give myself, to surrender myself into Your hands,
without reserve, and without reserve,
and with boundless confidence, for You are my Father.

Amen.

From: *The Catholic Devotional*

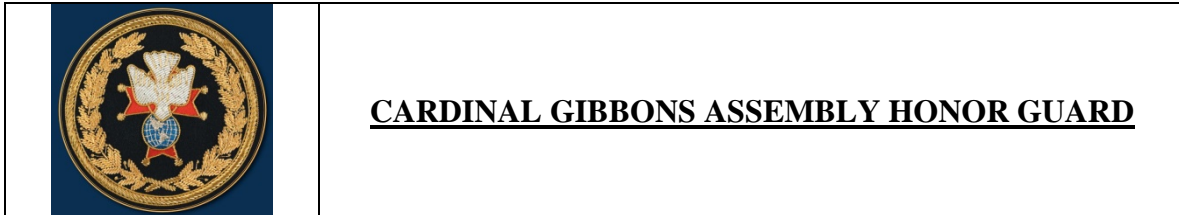


ONLINE DUES PAYMENT METHODS

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

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

January 2023

January 1	Circumcision of Jesus
January 6	Epiphany
January 15	Family of the Month Form Due
January 16	MLK Day
January 25	Articles for the Tar Heel Knight Due
January 31	Fraternal Survey Due

February 2023

February 9	Feast of Saint Maron
February 14	Feast of Saint Valentine

DATES TO REMEMBER (Continued)

February 2023

February 15	Family of the Month Form Due
February 20	Ash Monday (Maronite)
February 20	Presidents' Day
February 22	Ash Wednesday (Roman)
February 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

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

FAIRNESS

Faithful Scribe Christopher R. Cooper

What is fairness? It depends on who you ask. Some people would say fairness is everyone is the same. That line of thinking is very boring. If everyone is the same there would be no one to excel in their chosen profession; military, writing, mechanic/machinist, medicine, and a host of others. Everyone would be the same. Fortunately, people are allowed to excel. One such individual is the late Dr. Jonas Salk who discovered the polio vaccine. (History.com) Now back to the question, "what is fairness?" According to *Webster's Dictionary* fairness is, "free from bias, dishonesty, or injustice." (Braham, 1996) This definition is sage advice to follow. What documents or books expand on this definition? There are three of these that come to mind; the *Declaration of Independence*, the *United States Constitution*, and *The Holy Bible*.

Reviewing American history, Thomas Jefferson penned the *Declaration of Independence*. (Carnes & Garraty, 2003) This document declared the United States' independence from the British Empire. What does the *Declaration of Independence* have to do with fairness? There is one statement that sums it up, "We hold these truths to be self-evident – that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." (Laidlaw, 1888) In this passage the origin of fairness or being equal comes from God, not men. It can be inferred that unfairness occurs when men lose sight of God as the source of fairness. When men try to enforce a human inspired sense of fairness events run amuck. An example is the former Soviet Union under the rule of Joseph Stalin. (Young, 2015) His sense of fairness was whatever benefitted the state and his power. He took God completely out of the picture. The result was countless people executed as the result of show trials or death of millions in the gulags. The indifference and unfairness to human life permeated the Soviet Union and was one of the factors of its demise in 1991.

The next document that expands on fairness is the *United States Constitution* particularly the first ten amendments also known as the *Bill of Rights*. (Carnes & Garraty, 2003) The *Bill of Rights* protects our rights from the God and ensures men are fairly protected from government intrusion. The Founding Fathers fought the War of Independence because of the overreach of Parliament and the British Monarch. They wanted to make sure there are safe guards against these governmental incursions on the citizens' rights. Examples of fairness in the *Bill of Rights* are freedom of religion, freedom of the press, right to bear arms, and protection from unlawful search and seizure. These rights as the Founding Fathers knew come from God to men and not from the government. If men meddle

with these rights events could lead to the negative utopia of the Soviet Union and fairness being defined by man and not God.

Christ provides mankind with the best definition of fairness in the Sermon on the Mount in the Gospel of St. Matthew. The Sermon on the Mount covers chapter 5, 6, and 7. The passage in question is chapter 7 verse 12, "Do to others whatever you would have them do to you. This is the law and the prophets." (USCCB, 1986) Sometime in the 18th century this passage became known as "The Golden Rule." If you treat people how you would like to be treated you will not go wrong and fairness will be achieved. One of the most egregious examples of the violation of The Golden Rule is the Holocaust perpetrated by the Nazis government of Adolf Hitler. (History.com, 2015) Hitler viewed the Jewish people as less than human and a danger to the "Aryan race." The next statement is my opinion. Hitler would not like to receive the same treatment he and his henchmen metered out the Jewish people of Nazis occupied Europe. Hitler devised his man made concept of fairness that resulted in the death of 6 million Jews and other people he deemed not worthy of living.

What is fairness? Manmade concepts of fairness end in disaster. Examples from history are numerous. Two of them are the Soviet Union and the Nazis government of Adolf Hitler. In the Soviet Union a negative utopia emerged. Life was cheap and many perished in the purges of Joseph Stalin. Fairness was defined as the state is supreme and the individual if necessary would be eliminated to protect the state. Under Adolf Hitler a religion and its members were systematically murdered. Fairness was defined to protect the master race. The Founding Fathers of the United States took a different course. They based fairness as coming from God as evident in the *Declaration of Independence* and *The United States Constitution*. People from all over the world make their way to America because of these precepts. Christ in the Bible in the Sermon on the Mount gives mankind the best definition of fairness in the Golden Rule.

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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.

