



St. Maron Council 12640 Newsletter

April 2018



REFLECTIONS FROM NORMAN COUSINS

If something comes to life in others because of you, then you have made an approach to immortality.

Cynicism is intellectual treason.

Life is an adventure in forgiveness.

Brainy Quote

https://www.brainyquote.com/authors/norman_cousins

CHOIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Francis Younger of our Council and Parish Choir Director request volunteers to sing in the choir. Interested Knights should contact Brother Francis before or after the Sunday 10:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

Individuals who are not able to make it to Safe Environment Training there is an online alternative. The link for this sight is: <http://www.preventchildabusenc.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=cms.page&id=1047>

This training is mandatory for Council Officers per K of C Supreme.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) requires this training for anyone who works in the Catholic Church's Youth Programs.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Unfortunately, there have been paperwork issues with Parish supporting The Love Lunch at the Salvation Army Kitchen on Alexander St., Fayetteville, NC. The Parish will now support the Breakfast Program at INASMUCH. More details will follow.

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 2018

April 1	Easter
April 8	Knighthood Degree (3 rd Degree) – Council 7259, Newton Grove, NC
April 8	NC State Raffle tickets due to District Deputy (DD)
April 14	4 th Degree Exemplification – Assembly 2552, Raleigh, NC
April 15	Family of the Month Due
April 28	Knighthood Degree (3 rd Degree) – Council 13236 Greensboro, NC
April 28	District Master's Meeting

DATES TO REMEMBER (Continued)

May 2018

May 1	Council Officer Elections begin
May 4-6	NC State Convention – Hickory, NC
May 10	Ascension Thursday
May 15	Family of the Month Due
May 28	Memorial Day

June 2018

June 2	Knighthood Celebration – Council 11266 Garner, NC
Council Leadership Training Sessions:	
June 9	Region 1 – Council 3574, Jacksonville, NC
June 9	Region 3 – Council 11101, Greensboro, NC
June 16	Region 6 – Council 4600, Rocky Mount, NC
June 16	Region 6 – Council 8857, Hope Mills, NC
June 23	Region 4 – Council 12832, Mint Hill, NC
June 23	Region 2 – Council 3390, Durham, NC
June 30	Region 5 – Council 7184 Hendersonville, NC

July 2018

July 4	Independence Day
July 13-15	DD Organizational Meeting, Durham, NC

DEGREE CEREMONIES

Further details for upcoming degree ceremonies are available on the K of C State Council Website:
First, Second, and Third Degree: <https://kofcnc.org/upcoming-degree-ceremonies/>
Fourth Degree: <https://kofcnc.org/4th-degree/4th-degree-exemplification/>

<u>Fourth Degree</u>	14 April 2018	11:30 AM	Assembly 3552, Raleigh, NC
<u>Third Degree:</u>	28 April 2018	12 Noon	Council 13236, Greensboro, NC
<u>First Degree</u>	2 May 2018	7:00 PM	Council 2546, Raleigh, NC
<u>First Degree:</u>	3 May 2018	7:00 PM	Clayton 11265, Concord, NC
<u>Third Degree</u>	2 June 2018	11:00 AM	Council 11266, Garner, NC

WISDOM: THE ORIGINAL LIFE COACH

Financial Secretary Christopher R. Cooper

Today, a person cannot watch television without a charlatan pushing some modern version of snake oil to cure all of life's problems. The modern version of snake oil ranges from clothing, automobiles, pills, lawyers (to obtain money as a result of the side effects of the pills), programs to help cope with life's problems, and a host of others. The one that is of interest is the programs to cope with life's problems also known as the life coach industry. The life coach industry caters to people trying to find answers to cope with the challenges in their lives. People spent a lot of money to fuel this industry. Our Heavenly Father provided mankind with a life coach, Wisdom, long before the advent of modern snake oil drummers. The Old Testament of The Holy Bible contains Wisdom's message. The instruction of Wisdom comes from antiquity, but the message is still relevant for the modern world.

There are many people who offer life coaching services all of which come with a price tag and big promises. An internet search reveals prices starting at approximately \$800.00 and up. One site promises how a life coach can get ten clients in thirty days. According to Harvard Business Review this industry is a \$1 billion dollar a year money maker. (Pagliarini, 2011) A lot of money is being spent when the advice and instructions to sort out problem in life

can be obtained for free. It is very easy to find. The advice and instruction are in the Bible and the best life coach is Wisdom.

Wisdom is found in the Old Testament. The seven books concerning Wisdom are: The Book of Job, The Book of Psalms, The Book of Proverbs, The Book of Ecclesiastes, The Song of Songs, The Book of Wisdom, and The Book of Sirach (Ecclesiasticus). (New American Bible, 1986) In these books Wisdom is personified as female. Wisdom is quoted or referenced in these books, but she sometimes speaks in the first person. An example of Wisdom speaking in the first person is in the Book of Sirach 24, "1. Wisdom sings her own praises, among her own people she proclaims her glory. 2. In the assembly of the Most High she opens her mouth, in the presence of his host she tells of her glory: 3. From the mouth of the Most High I came forth, and covered the earth like a mist." In this passage Wisdom states her origin is from God and she covers the earth to help mankind. What are the lessons Wisdom uses to help mankind?

There are many lessons Wisdom uses to guide mankind. These lessons are pertinent even today. One such lesson is from Ecclesiastes 3:1, "There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens." Wisdom counsels mankind to have his priorities in order. This passage applies to finances: bills paid, food on the table, housing, etc. If a man does not follow Wisdom's advice financial turmoil will follow. Another good lesson from Wisdom is in Proverbs 20:3, "It is honorable for a man to shun strife, while very fool starts a quarrel." Wisdom stresses for mankind to keep his mouth under control. This message is a recurring theme from Wisdom. A wise man chooses his battles wisely. Not every point needs to be proved. Many times things will sort themselves out on their own. A fool has point to be proved at every turn no matter how trivial the issue causing him disgrace and scorn from the community. A third important lesson from Wisdom is Proverbs 18:10, "The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the just man runs to it and is safe." Here Wisdom tells mankind no matter how bad events in life go always trust in the Lord.

Wisdom is the original life coach. Her advice is free. There is no price tag or grandiose promises. The Old Testament of the Bible has all her words of sound advice to guide us through life in this world. Only three of her lessons were covered in this article, but there are many more. These lessons are still relevant today as they were in ancient times. I will leave you with one last thought from Wisdom, Proverbs 19:20, "Listen to counsel and receive instruction that you may eventually become wise."

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New American Bible. (1986). *The New American Bible - Saint Joseph Edition*. New York: Catholic Book Publishing Co.

Pagliarini, R. (2011, December 20). *Top 10 Professional Life Coaching Myths*. Retrieved March 14, 2015, from CBS News: <http://www.cbsnews.com/news/top-10-professional-life-coaching-myths/>

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayer all our deployed military members especially
Christians in the Middle East.
The victims of human trafficking.

ARTICLES FROM THE COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

Any Brother Knight who wants to add his article to the Newsletter, submit the article to Financial Secretary Chris Cooper, at the next Council meeting or send it via email to COOP5614@yahoo.com.