



St. Maron Council 12640 Newsletter

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REFLECTIONS FROM US CONGRESSWOMAN MARJORIE TAYLOR GREENE

The greatest thing about America is this country is the place everyone wants to be.

The right to keep and bear arms is a God-given right protected by the Constitution.

Abortion is the most vile evil committed in America.

Brainy Quote

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FALSE ABORTION ARGUMENTS

Financial Secretary Christopher R. Cooper

There are many pro-abortion arguments out there. Pro-abortionists like to use terminology to make their argument sound more benign or noble. Individuals in the pro-abortion cadre rely on false comparisons to promote their cause. Champions of abortion play on emotions to push their agenda. These arguments are false as false can be.

What is in a name? When a name is examined closely it reveals quite a lot. The term fetus is bantered about by the pro-abortion mob. It is their way of dehumanizing an unborn baby. Aborting a fetus to the pro-abortion horde sounds more benign than ending the life of an unborn baby. This tactic was also employed by NAZI Germany. The word “Jew” or “Jude” in German became a word to designate people of Jewish heritage as less than human or in some cases not human at all. (Childs, 1963) It made it easier for the NAZIs to justify exterminating the Jewish population of the European areas they controlled. Pro-abortionists want to be called pro-choice. Pro-choice sounds more noble and helpful to women. The Communist Party in Spain implemented this tactic during the Spanish Civil War. (Ramsey & González-López, 1963) The Communist Party used the term “progressive” and “freedom fighter” to sound more benevolent to the population. It actually resulted in the mass murder of the civil population especially the Catholic clergy who did not agree with the communist totalitarian objects. No matter what pro-abortionists call themselves or the terminology they use they still support a cause that results in the end of an innocent human life.

Another tactic of the pro-abortion rabble is to use a non sequitur to bolster their flimsy argument. (Childs, 1963) One example is “A fetus [unborn baby] cannot survive on its own unlike born human beings. It is fully dependent on the mother’s body.” Any parent can see the stupidity of this argument. A new born baby cannot take care of himself or herself. The baby is fully dependent of the mother and father for survival. An infant still needs nourishment from the mother. A father and a mother of a newborn infant will be quick to remind a pro-abortionist of the 2:00 A.M. feeding. They will also bring up the constant around the clock general care a new born baby requires. The pro-abortionist horde always conveniently forgets these facts.

Pro-abortion lackeys like to play on people’s emotions. (Childs, 1963) An example is “pregnancy is a huge responsibility and not everyone can handle it”. When I was in high school many years ago I learned the first part of this argument quite differently in sex education class.

“The primary purpose of sex is procreation. It leads to pregnancy. Pregnancy is a huge responsibility. It leads to an eighteen year commitment or twenty-one years if your child goes to college. If you do not want to undertake this commitment do not engage in sex.”

This statement got everybody's attention in the classroom both the boys and the girls not to go down a road they were not ready for. The instructor of the class went on to say,

“REMEMBER, YOUR ACTIONS HAVE CONSEQUENCES!”

“If you are not ready to undertake the responsibilities of being an adult do not engage adult activities.”

Then the instructor continued the class from this point. Pro-abortion lackeys want to dismiss these opening statements as inadequate and antiquated. These statements are anything, but inadequate and antiquated. They are very succinct and get right to the point. When these words are followed *an abortion is not needed* because pregnancy is a huge responsibility and it is the first step to a very long commitment of raising a child. If you are not ready to raise a child do not engage sex. Why?

“REMEMBER, YOUR ACTIONS HAVE CONSEQUENCES!”

This point bears repeating again.

The immature thinking of the pro-abortion mob is stunning. They like using terminology to make their argument sound more benign when actually it is not. They still support a cause that ends a human life without due process of the law. The pro-abortion rabble often uses a non sequitur or false comparison to bolster their flimsy narrative that falls apart under close examination. Playing on a person's emotion is another tactic of pro-abortion lackeys. This tactic is shattered to minute pieces when simple truth and logic are applied. The simple truth and logic are always worth pointing out again and again:

“REMEMBER, YOUR ACTIONS HAVE CONSEQUENCES!”

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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.

INASMUCH BREAKFAST PROGRAM

The next date is 5 April 2022 @ 7:00 AM. This date may change depending on guidance from Operation INASMUCH and local directives.

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 2022

April 10	Palm Sunday
April 15	Good Friday
April 15	Family of the Month Form Due
April 17	Easter Sunday
April 25	Membership Meeting via ZOOM
April 25	Articles for the Tar Heel Knight Due

May 2022

May 8	Mother's Day
May 13-15	State Convention
May 15	Family of the Month Form Due
May 22	Membership Meeting via ZOOM
May 25	Articles for the Tar Heel Knight Due
May 26	Ascension Thursday
May 30	Memorial Day

June 2022

June 4	4 th Degree Exemplification – Assembly 2826, Southport, NC
June 5	Pentecost Sunday
June 15	Family of the Month Form Due
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 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/>

<u>Date</u>	<u>Start Time</u>	<u>Council – Location</u>
None.	None.	None.

FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATIONS

4 June 2022 – Assembly 2826, Southport, NC

SAINT VERONICA

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One Saint who is always remembered during Lent is Saint Veronica. She is named at the sixth Station of the Cross. Her act of kindness is she wiped the face of Jesus on his way to Calvary. The name “Veronica” has an

interesting history. An interesting question is does the name “Veronica” appear in *The Holy Bible*? Another question is what happened to the veil she wiped the face of Jesus with?

Saint Veronica’s name is the Latin version of the Greek name, Βερενίκη, (Berenikē). (World Heritage Encyclopedia, 2020) Berenikē also has another form in Greek known as Beronike. The English equivalent is “Bernice”. The Greek name literally means “*Bearer of Victory*”. “Veronica” comes from two Latin words. The first word is *vera* which means “true” or “authentic”. The second word is *icon* which means “image”. Putting *vera* and *icon* together results in the term “true image”. The name “Veronica” at first was used to name the veil which has the image of Christ’s face on it because it contains the true image of Christ. “Veronica” gradually through the centuries became associated with the name of the woman who wiped Christ’s face at the sixth station.

Saint Veronica’s name does not appear anywhere in the canonically approved Bibles. (World Heritage Encyclopedia, 2020) However, her name appears in an apocryphal writing called the “Acts of Pilate”. The Acts of Pilate is also known as “The Gospel of Nicodemus”. (James, 1924) In this setting the Jewish leadership brought Christ before Pontius Pilate. They are bringing false criminal charges against Christ which corresponds to the canonically approved Gospels. One difference between the canonically approved Gospels and The Gospel of Nicodemus is witnesses come forward on behalf of Christ and address Pontius Pilate. Saint Veronica is one of the witnesses:

“And a certain woman named Bernice (Beronice Copt., Veronica Lat.) crying out from afar off said: I had an issue of blood and touched the hem of his garment, and the flowing of my blood was stayed which I had twelve years. The Jews say: We have a law that a woman shall not come to give testimony.”

The hemorrhaging woman in the canonically approved Gospels is never mentioned by name, but here she is identified as Saint Veronica. On his way to Calvary, Christ encounters some of the women of Jerusalem. (USCCB, 1986) None of the women are mentioned by name. Catholic tradition over time identified one of the women as Saint Veronica. (Catholic-United Methodist Dialogue, 2020) During the Stations of the Cross Christ meets the of the women of Jerusalem at the sixth station. At this station Saint Veronica wipes the face of Christ with her veil and the image of the face of Christ remained on it.

Today the Veil of Saint Veronica is kept at the Vatican. (Prause, 2020) The Veil is only on display for special occasions. One of these occasions is every year on the fifth Sunday of Lent.

The Feast Day of Saint Veronica is the July 12. On this day she is remembered for her act of kindness. (Prause, 2020) How Saint Veronica is best remembered is summed up best by Pope Saint John Paul the II, “In fact the Saviour leaves his imprint on every single act of charity, as he did on Veronica’s cloth.” (Pope Saint John Paul, 2000)

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KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Deployed military members
Christians in the Middle East
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.