



**St. Maron Council 12640 Newsletter**  
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**Reflections From Thomas A. Edison**

Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time.

Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up.

Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work.

*BrainyQuote*

<https://www.brainyquote.com/authors/thomas-a-edison-quotes>

**The Little Scapular**

Financial Secretary Christopher R. Cooper

Several years ago a friend at St. Louis Byzantine Mission Parish gave me a little Brown Scapular. I remembered the Scapular from my childhood Catholic Catechism classes. There are several types of little Scapulars depending on which monastic order they are derived from. The Carmelite Brown Scapular is the most widespread among the Catholic Laity. Pope John Paul II wore one with him at all times.

The little Scapular worn among the Catholic faithful originated from the monastics orders. (Hilgers, 1912) The term Scapular comes from Latin; *scapula*, shoulder. The monastic Scapular is a large piece of cloth. It is shoulder width or about 14 to 18 inches wide. The Scapular extends almost to the feet of the wearer both front and back. Over time this vestment became the small Scapular consisting of the two small woolen pieces of cloth connected by two pieces of strings or bands. The cloth pieces are about two inches wide and two and three quarters in length. Names or icons are embroidered onto the cloth pieces. The strings or bands should be long enough for the wearer to have one cloth piece on the breast and one the back. There are several types of small Scapulars. The most widespread is the Carmelite Little Brown Scapular.

Among the Catholic Faithful the Carmelite Little Brown Scapular is the most widespread of the little Scapulars. The Little Brown Scapular became a universal Catholic Devotion in the seventeenth century. (Ceroke & Carm). The Brown Scapular I have has an icon of Saint Simon Stock on one of the cloth pieces. This Scapular Devotion began when he received a Scapular from St. Mary in a vision around 1251 AD. St. Mary promised him that wearing the Scapular is a sign of salvation and quick release from Purgatory. (Brown Scapular History). The following is a picture of the Brown Scapular.



### *Carmelite Little Brown Scapular*

Many of our Church leaders wore a Brown Scapular. A prime example is Pope John Paul II. After he received wounds from an attempted assassination in 1981 A.D. he requested the doctors not to remove the Brown Scapular from him. (The Brown Scapular) Pope John Paul II stated the Brown Scapular is one of the two most recommended devotions of the Church. His devotion began at an early age. The following picture is Pope John Paul II (Karol Wojtyla) when he was a young man as a factory worker. In the picture he is wearing his Scapular.



*Pope John Paul II (Karol Wojtyla)*

The Scapular has a long history. The little Scapular the Catholic Faithful wears evolved from the monastic Scapulars. The most popular and widespread is the Carmelite Scapular. Our Church Leaders express a devotion to the Scapular. One example is Pope John Paul II. For more information on the little Scapular a good website is *The Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel*: <http://www.freebrownscapular.com/index.html>.

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### **INASMUCH BREAKFAST PROGRAM**

The next date is 6 December 2022 @ 7:00 AM. This date may change depending on guidance from Operation INASMUCH and local directives.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

### **November 2022**

November 1 All Saints Day  
November 2 All Souls Day  
November 11 Veterans' Day  
November 15 Family of the Month Form Due  
November 24 Thanksgiving Day  
November 25 Articles for the Tar Heel Knight Due

### **December 2022**

December 4 Council Meeting  
December 8 Immaculate Conception  
December 15 Family of the Month Form Due  
December 25 Glorious Birth of Our Lord  
December 25 Articles for the Tar Heel Knight Due

### **January 2023**

January 1 World Peace Day  
January 6 Feast of the Epiphany  
January 15 Family of the Month Form Due  
January 16 MLK Day  
January 25 Articles for the Tar Heel Knight Due  
January 31 Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728)

### **February 2023**

February 9 Feast of Saint Maron  
February 14 Feast of Saint Valentine  
February 15 Family of the Month Form Due  
February 15 Council Semiannual Audit Due  
February 20 Ash Monday  
February 21 Presidents' Day  
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/>

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

## **FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATIONS**

None Scheduled At This Time.

## **Catholic Clergy Who Stood Up To Hitler**

Financial Secretary Christopher R. Cooper

During World War II the Catholic Church was not complicit with the NAZI government of Adolf Hitler in spite of all the political correctness attempting to rewrite history. Many Catholic Church officials stood up against fascist tyranny that ran unabated in Europe in WWII. Some paid with their lives for standing on Christian Catholic principles. Countless Jewish lives were spared from the concentration camps. The Catholic Clergy prevented the death of many medically and mentally infirmed people who would have otherwise been euthanized as not being worthy of life. Allied troops benefitted from the bravery of the Catholic Clergy. Instead of languishing for years as prisoners of war the Catholic Clergy sheltered and helped them return to allied lines. Three examples of these brave clergymen are Pope Pius XII, Blessed Vilmos Apor, and Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty.

Pope Pius XII led the Catholic Church during WWII. Through his guidance approximately 860,000 Jewish people were saved from the horrors of the NAZI government. (Michael Journal, 2002) No other organization, religious, government, etc., can claim to have saved this many Jewish people from the atrocities of Adolf Hitler and his henchmen. Unfortunately, malcontents with a political agenda as far back as 1963 A.D. have borne false witness against Pope Pius XII. These malcontents have claimed Pope Pius XII either turn a blind eye to the Holocaust or collaborated with NAZI officials. None of these accusations are true. Here is a quote from Albert Einstein who fled his native Germany because of NAZI-ism, "Only the [Catholic] Church stood squarely across the path of Hitler's campaign for suppressing the truth...I never had any special interest in the [Catholic] Church before, but now I feel great affection and admiration...and am forced thus to confess that what I once despised, I now praise unreservedly."

Blessed Vilmos Apor was Bishop of Győr, Hungary when Hitler's forces invaded Hungary. (Columbia, 2015) He offered shelter to the Jewish people. Blessed Apor decried the force removal of the Jewish people to the NAZI death camps. When the Red Army arrived in Győr Blessed Apor sheltered refugees from the drunken soldiers. When these vagabonds demanded the young ladies who Blessed Apor sheltered, he stood in their way and they responded with gun fire. Blessed Apor saved the young ladies from being assaulted, but he paid with his life. He died from his wounds on Easter Monday 2 April 1945.

Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty has been dubbed a Scarlet Pimpernel-esque Vatican priest. (Lewis, 2011) He was in Rome, Italy during WWII. Monsignor O'Flaherty organized a network that sheltered approximately 4,000 allied troops who otherwise would have spent the remainder of the war in a prisoner of war camp. He played a game of cat and mouse with the NAZI authorities. A movie was made about Monsignor O'Flaherty called *The Scarlet and the Black* starring Gregory Peck.

Many Catholic Church officials from Priest, to Bishop, to Pope stood up to the tyranny of Adolf Hitler. Many Jewish people and allied troops benefitted from their bravery and opposition to NAZI rule. Some died for their principles while other survived WWII. Unfortunately, political correctness from malcontents and enemies of the Catholic Church defamed the efforts of these good men. The truth will preserve in the end. To end this article here is a quote from Sir Winston Churchill on standing up to tyrants, "You have enemies? Good. That means you've stood up for something, sometime in your life."

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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](mailto:COOP5614@yahoo.com).