

# 2900 Assembly News

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## Happy New Year !

### Dear Brother Sir Knights and Ladies:

We had a wonderful Banquet for our December meeting. Sir Knight Dave Baker and Lady Kathy provided a wonderful ham dinner with a huge assortment of side. Everything was delicious. For the gift exchange we collected a great assortment of gifts for the veterans and the Crystal Globe and Parrot are now in the hands of new caretakers for the next year.

Thanks to all for helping out our veterans.

If you wish to further help some of our currently active servicemen and women you might want to check out [www.letsaythanks.com/Home1280.html](http://www.letsaythanks.com/Home1280.html). This Website sponsored by Xerox allows you to create a thank you card that they will print and send out to one of our active servicemen along with care packages provided by the non profit organization Give2thetroops- [www.give2thetroops.org](http://www.give2thetroops.org).

As we begin the New Year we begin a new season of recruiting. We need to increase our numbers so that we can increase our visibility throughout the parish and city. Be sure to invite and encourage any fellow third degree Knights to go on to the 4<sup>th</sup> degree in our upcoming Spring Exemplification. In addition to new recruits we will need new sponsors for the Exemplification as well. Be sure to pick a copy of the Ad form on the Website and ask some your local merchants to consider placing an ad

Be sure to regularly check the website [www.kofcassembly2900.org](http://www.kofcassembly2900.org), and your e-mail for the latest on events throughout the month. For information on upcoming state events please be sure to check out [www.kofcoho.org](http://www.kofcoho.org).

Fraternally yours in Christ

*Terry Reine,*

Faithful Navigator

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# Business Meeting Minutes

Meeting opened at: 7:30 pm

## Roll of Officers:

Faithful Comptroller, Inner Sentinel, Outer Sentinel and 2 year trustee - excused

**Reading of the minutes:** A motion was made to accept the minutes as published. Motion was seconded and passed by all.

**Faithful Friar's Report:** Deacon Hector Raymond went to the funeral of Ruth Klima, mother of Father Jim Klima . He spoke about vocations, and congratulated Norbert Smithberger's son on being a Deacon. He also spoke about Advent 18 December and his Homily.

**Faithful Navigator Report:** Thanks to everyone for being here tonight. Thanks to the Captain for the meal tonight a great Christmas feast. He hopes that everyone is looking forward to the gift exchange after the meeting. We will try to keep it short tonight so we don't keep everyone here too late. He was not able to attend the Ohio District 3 meeting this year as he was on vacation that weekend. But would like to call out a few things from the minutes. First he would like to officially if belatedly congratulate Sir Knight Jerry Lowery on receiving the District 3 Sir Knight of the Year. The Newsletter of the Year was won by Monsignor J. Colby Grimes Assembly 3037. The Spring Exemplification will be May 2nd at Cherry Valley Lodge. It will be preceded by the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Father McGivney Dinner Dance on Friday evening. Please take the time to invite any potential new members new because as an added incentive any member with forms and money turned in by April 17<sup>th</sup> will get 1 free ticket to the dance. In support of the Exemplification please start considering any ad sales now. The new Annual Fraternal Survey has gone out, please take time to complete.

If you are a First Degree and have taken the Second and Third Degrees, you are exempt from the 6 month rule if you did all within 6 months.

Help us sell Ads for the May Exemplification and you can print an ad from the website.

The Faithful Navigator handed out the 2008 Annual Fraternal Survey for everyone to fill out at the meeting and collected after that.

## Reading of Bills & Communications:

**Communications:** Letter from VAOP Clinic for donation of XXXX and they thanked Jerry Lowery and the Assembly for remembering veterans.

**Bills:** Stamped Label and envelopes for dues XXXX. Bills to be given to Trustees for payment. A motion to give Trustees Bills for payment was made by Shawn Ansbro and seconded by Tom Denning. Motion passed by all.

**Faithful Captains Report:** He thanked everyone for coming tonight and bringing food. XXXX Captain Fund bill for food, XXXX for donations. Chili next month's dinner and chicken noodle soup. A-L Side dish and M-Z deserts.

**Faithful Pilots Report:** Faithful Pilot summarized events for 10 January, and 1 February.

**Faithful Admiral's Report:** No Report.

**Faithful Comptroller's Report:** None.

**Faithful Purser's Report:** Report attached. He went over the Fund Record for 30 November 2008 and the Revenue and Expense Report for the month ending 30 November 2008.

**Faithful Scribe's Report:** Please turn in your Directive. Will report each month on who has submitted a directive.

## Report of Committees:

Golf Outing 2009: Please start praying about participation as leaders of this important fundraiser.

A motion was made to donate money from the Golf Fund. XXXX. A motion was made to give 50% to vets.

Golf outing XXXX profit. Half is XXXX to vets and other half to General Fund. Voted and passed motion by all.

PFN Dinner – Jerry Lowery will wait until after the first of the year to put out more information. PFN dinner will be at Seton, and a D. J. The date is for June 13, 2009.

## Unfinished Business:

**Report of Trustee's:** No Report

**Challenge Coins cooperation with other assemblies.** No report.

**New Business:** Jerry Lowery spoke about donating ink cartridges. Otherwise no other new business

**Patron Report:** No report.

**Good of the Order:** Father Jim Klima's mother and Family, Maureen Paterson, All of our Priest and Lay ministers, all our missionaries throughout the world, Jeff Samborsky, Jack Blake Family, Kathleen Liejense, Deacon Hector's Mother in Law, Charlotte Zimmerman, Charles Higden Jr., John DeVoy, Marlene Burns, Tom Burns' wife, Former Master George Galoff, Clarence Eckstein's , father of Past State Director Gary Eckstein.

**The 50/50 Winner Drawing:** Tim Kujawa. Winner was not present to receive money.

50/50: XXX and Pennies for Heaven: XXXX.

Meeting ended at 8:15 PM

*Steve McClellan*

Faithful Scribe



## Captain Report

**Happy New Year!** We hoped everyone had a Blessed Holiday Season and are ready for the start of a brand new year. The Holiday dinner was a wonderful meal with all the tasty desserts and sides that were brought in by all. And as always, everyone enjoyed the VA gift exchange. I am sure that all the veterans will get pleasure from the gracious gifts donated by the Assemble.

On **January 21<sup>st</sup>**, we will start the New Year with some chili. We will provide 2 types: **Mild and not so mild** (for the real men in the group). What could be better in those cold months to warm the soul? For those who just can not take the heat of chili, we will also provide some chicken noodle soup. Please bring a side to pass or a dessert to share.



**For the Ladies Social in January:** Last year – The Ladies of the Assembly made knotted blankets for Join. If you are interested in the project again this year, please be looking for material. A small blanket requires 1 yd, and an adult blanket requires 2 yds. Don't forget to watch the ads and Sunday paper for coupons to JoAnn Fabrics. Bring your blanket material and some sharp scissors next month and we can knot and chat while helping someone stay warm.



The February meeting is **on February 18<sup>th</sup>**. We will be having a **cherry dessert contest** and serving **BBQ beef sandwiches**. Bring your best cherry dessert and enjoy the month of Love.



We are looking forward to celebrating the New Year with everyone in the Assembly. It continues to be our pleasure providing the food and social events for 2009. If you have any questions or need to reach us, please call Lady Kathy at 614-861-1580 or 614-216-0216.

*SK.S. David Baker and Lady Kathy*

Faithful Captain

## Pilots Report

**Fri-Sun 9-11 Jan 2009:** Columbus Hilton, Easton Center 12:00PM District Deputies Meeting - Open Session Color Guard

**Sunday, February 8th, 2009:** Villa Milano's, 1630 Schrock Rd. Columbus 6:00PM Clergy Night Color Guard

### Pope John Paul II Assembly 2900 Shirt Order Form

Make Checks Payable to "Quality Stitch" and place in Jesus Garcia's church mailbox

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

		<u>QTY</u>		<u>Cost</u>	=	_____
Polo	_____	x		\$30.00	=	_____
Dress	_____	x		\$30.00	=	_____
Dress only	Long Sleeve	<input type="text"/>				
	Short Sleeve	<input type="text"/>				
					Total	_____
Size	Med	Lrg	XL	2X	3X	(circle one)

# News for Veterans and other upcoming event info

## News for Military Members / Veterans

Go to <http://www1.va.gov/opa/pressrel/index.cfm> and learn more.

### 2008 Military Handbooks Now Available:

ARLINGTON, VA - March 25, 2008 - Military Handbooks has announced the release of its latest 2008 FREE handbooks for military personnel. These handbooks, written specifically for military service members, include a variety of information about pay, benefits, education and transitioning from the military. To receive your own copies of these handbooks, simply go to our website: [www.militaryhandbooks.com](http://www.militaryhandbooks.com).

### Improved Benefits Aid Disabled Veterans in Adapting Homes:

WASHINGTON - The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) will use a locality-based approach in raising ceilings on its no-down payment home loans from the current \$417,000 to as much as \$729,000. The increases are effective immediately under legislation recently enacted with President Bush signing the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008. That law also improved VA's Specially Adapted Housing Program. It raises primary grants from \$50,000 to \$60,000 toward constructing a new home or modifying an existing home to meet adaptive needs of veterans or active duty service members with certain service-connected disabilities.

**Military.com**  
**GI BILL INCREASE, Now Worth up to \$47,566**

On August 1st your GI Bill cash benefit will increase to \$47,566. This is a 17% raise over last year. Now is the time to start using your GI Bill to pay for a college degree or professional certificate.

Find Military Friendly Schools that can offer you:

- College Credit for Military Service and Training
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**Use Your GI BILL BENEFITS NOW**

KofC Launches new website:

<http://www.fathersforgood.org/>

## Veterans of America Volunteer Services (VAVS) fundraiser

The 4<sup>th</sup> Degree of Knights of Columbus, Assembly 2900 continually collects cellular phones, ink jet printer cartridges, DVD movies, DVD video games, portable DVD players, laptop computers, MP3 players, digital picture frames, digital cameras, digital video recorders, GPS devices and video game consoles for recycling & fundraising for Veterans of America Volunteer Services (VAVS) fundraiser.

Funds raised are used to support the VAVS Activities of the VA Chalmers P. Wylie Outpatient Clinic in Columbus Ohio. There is nothing to buy. We are simply asking you to protect the environment by donating used cellular phones, ink jet printer cartridges and digital equipment. Your donations may be tax deductible and will be recycled in accordance with EPA regulations or refurbished and sold. 100% of the proceeds will help fund the Columbus VAVS programs. Items collected can be brought to the monthly Council, Assembly or Columbus Chapter Meetings or call me or your District Deputy for collection. We greatly appreciate your support

Your service in the Military can give you a head start on getting a degree. Below is a list of the top benefits you need to take advantage of today.

- GI Bill – \$47,556 to pay for a degree**
- College credit for training – take fewer classes**
- Military Scholarships – Over \$300 Million for service members**

You may be eligible for **\$1321/month** for school from the GI Bill

Find schools with programs for campus or online learning. Get more information about high-paying degrees like Criminal Justice, IT, Legal Studies and more

### **Get the FREE GI Bill Benefits Guide**

[http://edu.military.com/gibill/?ESRC=july7\\_otherunknown.se](http://edu.military.com/gibill/?ESRC=july7_otherunknown.se)

Use these benefits to secure a better future for you and your family.

## Catholic Radio

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This meditation was written by the Shepherd of our Assembly; he could be speaking directly to us. Pope John writes:

## 6 January THE EPIPHANY

After the shepherds' came the Magi kings, the great ones of the earth, who traveled from far away to honor the divine King and Savior of the world. Just as the shepherds rejoiced to hear the angels' good news, so the Magi too welcomed with joy the sign given them by the Lord: "We have seen his star in the east and have come to worship him."

In the wise king's words we must admire the eagerness and earnestness with which they carried out their purpose, and the generosity of their gifts. They represent all who are endowed with worldly goods and other advantages, and use them according to the holy inspirations they receive from on high.



Considering these wonderful events from the human point of view we may think that the group of Magi kings who came to Bethlehem, representing the rich and powerful of this earth, seem more attractive to the common way of thinking, because they belong to a privileged class. It is obvious that it is more pleasant to give than to beg. And yet we know that the blessed Gospel of Jesus teaches us a sublime lesson about this. Poverty does not signify misfortune or humiliation; and the rich are bound to do many works of mercy, besides satisfying the requirements of justice. For this reason it is easy to understand why at a certain moment Jesus, the Lord of the world, chose from the whole course of his life on earth a state of poverty and want, why he proclaimed the blessedness of those who have no possessions, and those who suffer, and threatened with grave punishments the rich who are unmindful of their duties.

Submitted by;

*Bud Joos*

## Fight FOCA campaign

FOCA is the acronym for the disingenuously named Freedom of Choice Act which is the frightening proposed federal legislation that, if passed in two weeks by Congress and signed by President-elect Obama as promised, **will wipe away all anti-abortion and pro-life legislation enacted over the past 35 years**. Rather than rehash the essence of FOCA again, you can brush up on it on our Ohio State Council Pro-Life homepage via this link

<http://www.kofcoho.org/Pro%20Life.htm>.

And be sure to note what our bishops have said about it.

While on the state pro-life page, you'll find information on the upcoming spring 40 Days for Life as well as information on a Fight FOCA email petition drive sponsored by the American Life League. **But the most urgent reason for this message to you is in regards to the Fight FOCA postcard campaign to which I alluded at the DD meetings**. The campaign has been approved and strongly encouraged by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops for use in parishes. The weekend of January 24-25 has been selected as the postcard signing weekend. Unfortunately, there is not a moment to spare. Information on how to conduct postcard campaigns at parishes is available via this link:

<http://catholicsrespectlife-org.ecatholicchurches.com/documents/FOCA%20%20Postcard%20FW%201-25-09.pdf>.

But action must begin immediately.

One final matter: St. Joseph's Council #11370 is sponsoring a March for Life on Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm at St. Joseph Church in Maumee. For additional details, call Bob Boyer at 419-893-4028. Thanks again for everything you and your councils do to help defend the most innocent among us—from conception to natural death.

Vivat Jesus,

*Gary Anderson*

State Pro-Life Director  
614-402-3842



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UPCOMING EVENTS

January 2009	
1	Happy New Year
21	Social/Business Meeting 6:30 pm
February 2008	
18	Social/Business Meeting 6:30 pm

### Meeting Reminder - OFFICERS

Any Officer who cannot attend any up-coming meeting needs to call or email me. If no call or email is received, you will be marked as unexcused/absent.

*Terry Reine*  
 Faithful Navigator

### 2007/08 Officers Phone List

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Shawn C. Ansbro                                 759-7876
- Faithful Pilot**  
Tom Denning                                        751-8069
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- 1 Year Trustee**  
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- Faithful Commander**  
Cary Hisey                                         868-9002
- Faithful Patron**



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### Prayer Corner



Father Jim Klima's mother and Family, Maureen Paterson, Jeff Samborsky, Jack Blake Family, Kathleen Liejense, Deacon Hector's Mother in Law, Charlotte Zimmerman, Charles Higden Jr., John DeVoy, Marlene Burns, Tom Burns' wife, Former Master George Galoff, Clarence Eckstein's , father of Past State Director Gary Eckstein. All of our Priest and Lay ministers, all our missionaries throughout the world, and our military around the world.