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Dear Brother Sir Knights and Ladies:

On behalf of the officers of our Assembly, I wish to extend to all our Sir Knights, your Ladies and your families a **Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Holy New Year.**

I begin this article with sadness and hope. On November 15th, the Lord saw fit to call one of our brother Sir Knights home to himself. Sir Knight William C. (Bill) Saling has gone on to his reward.

As we embark upon a new liturgical year, we celebrate the season of Advent. During these four weeks we are called upon to prepare ourselves for the celebration of the birth of Christ. Although our lives are made very busy with preparations, both spiritually and temporally, we must not lose sight off the real “reason for the season”. Our Almighty God has blessed us with the presence of his only son to take up our nature and be one with us. The grace He grants us by doing so unquestionably demonstrates the essence of his love for us. The least we can do is to thank Him and acknowledge that grace as we go about our activities with family and friends during this holy season.

During this season, we also celebrate the feast of the Immaculate Conception of our mother and patroness on December 8th. We set aside that day as a remembrance of the unique grace that God bestowed on Mary by exempting her from carrying the original sin of our human nature. The Church finds this event so significant that it has deemed that day a Holy Day of Obligation.

On December 7th, we also remember and honor those who lost their lives at Pearl Harbor some seventy years ago. Few of us remember that “day that will live in infamy” but all of us were defined in some way by it.

For our monthly gathering on December 21st, after a short business meeting, our Faithful Captain has planned a Christmas program. Rather than exchanging gifts, all are asked to bring unwrapped packs of underwear, socks, and toiletries to be donated to the patients at the VA hospital. A more comprehensive list of appropriate donation items can be found at our web site at www.kofcassembly2900.org.

At this gathering we will also present the SK Joseph Rossi memorial globe to a new custodian for the coming year. The traveling parrot will also be presented to a new unfortunate soul for safekeeping during the coming year. I encourage every Sir Knight and his Lady and family members to join us for this fun-filled gathering.

Fraternally,

C. W. Higdon

Faithful Navigator



Know Your Knight

Sir Knight Deacon Hector J. Raymond and Lady Mary-Lloyd are members of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Pickerington, OH. Deacon Hector has held all chair positions of his council through Worthy Grand Knight. Prior to ordination to the Permanent Deaconate, he was involved with the color guard, the chair offices in the council and lecturer. He was Grand Knight of Waynesboro, PA KofC Council 2068 in the mid 1990s - a Knight since 1981 and a Sir Knight since 1983.



Hector is originally from Old Town, Maine while Mary-Lloyd is from Grand Rapids, Michigan. They now make their home in Pickerington. They have four children, one grandchild with another due in January 2012.

Both are fully involved in parish activities. Mary-Lloyd sings with the Resurrection Choir at funerals and is also in charge of the sacristans. Hector is a full-time pastoral minister and ordained Deacon. He might be found anywhere from helping with RCIA, Baptism preparation; participating in the annual Pro-Life March for Life in Washington DC with parish members or attending Knights of Columbus meetings.

A Vietnam veteran, Deacon Hector served 3 years with the Army. He also retired from federal government service with 36 years as a Systems Analyst and Program Inspection Specialist with the Defense Information Systems in Columbus.

As a Permanent Deacon and Pastoral Minister, Hector now serves full time for the Diocese of Columbus in his own Seton parish. He began part-time prior to his ordination at the Liturgy office of the Diocese and then full-time at Seton for a total of more than 5 years

Hector enjoys running. He has run 40 marathons including five Boston marathons. He also spent many years as a radio announcer. His favorite sports teams are anything Boston. He also likes the Indians when they are not playing the Red Sox. Spending time with their children is Mary-Lloyd's favorite pastime but she also has started again playing the piano and hopes to attempt to scrapbook their last 28 years together.

Deacon Hector is the youngest of twelve children - eight boys and four girls - two of whom have passed on. His brother Fr. Wilfred Raymond, C.S.C. (Holy Cross) is the national director of the Family Theater in Hollywood, CA.

His favorite bible verse is Galatians 2: 19-20: “I have been crucified with Christ, I live no longer I but Christ lives in me.”

It peeves Deacon Hector to have to wonder why people can not find the time to spend at least one hour with the Lord on Sunday morning. One out of 168 is not too much to ask for.

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Business Meeting Minutes - November 16, 2011

Meeting opened promptly again at 7:30PM by Faithful Navigator, Charlie Higdon:

Roll of Officers: Faithful Friar, Faithful Outer Sentinel; Faithful Trustees (3rd, 2nd and 1st) all excused

Reading of minutes: Last business notes were motioned to be accepted by Gordon Pickett, seconded by Fred Barwick, voted upon and passed by all.

Faithful Friar's Report: No report

Faithful Navigator's Report: Faithful Navigator Charlie Higdon happily acknowledged our two new SK's, Stephen Patterson and Lou Borth. Stephen recently completed his exemplification and Lou is a transfer. Be sure to welcome and congratulate both as you see them.

C.W. then referenced a letter from Karl Kroske on behalf of the Veteran's thanking us for our donation. It was mentioned that items are still needed as gifts for the Chillicothe VA Hospital celebration on 10/29.

We received a note of thanks from Ruth Beckerman of J.O.I.N. for our donation.

We also should remember we have a SK in distress who would appreciate visitors ... as you can find the time.

An unfortunate announcement was read then on the passing of SK Bill Saling and a listing of the calling hours and funeral proceedings which were hopefully well attended.

Gordon Burke was listed as our "Knight to Know" for our newsletter. Deacon Hector Raymond is scheduled for inclusion next month.

Our Faithful Navigator's final item asked us to place April 27 and 28 on our calendars for the Spring Exemplification. Duly noted.

Reading of Bills: Read and passed on to the Trustees for payment.

Communications: Managed during the F.N. report.

Bills: Bills were received from the Captain's Dinner of \$XXXX ... mostly for ongoing supplies. Funds of \$XXXX were collected from the dinner. We are still in positive financial status.

Faithful Captain's Report: Faithful Captain, Gordon Pickett stated the chicken/beef and noodles were wonderful...despite saying they may have been a tad dry. A ham type menu will be the offering for our December meal...with salad on the side. Lady Knights are requested to bring their potato dishes for the other sides.

Faithful Comptroller's Report: Faithful Comptroller, Steve Valentine listed our membership at 95 strong. We are working on another transfer of Doug Childs into our Assembly. Membership cards are in for all new members and new dues notifications will go out at the end of the month. It will also include a request for a directive for you to complete if one is not already on file for you.

Faithful Purser's Report: Faithful Purser, Gordon Burke read a listing of our funds. We are still running well... but need to investigate future money-making events.

Faithful Pilot's Report: Faithful Pilot, Gene Ebert listed the many events are coming up

Confirmation is scheduled for 11/9.

November 20 will see St. Joe's and Assembly 809 conduct their Memorial Service.

November 20 will also see a solemnity celebrated at the Josephinum with an honor guard requested at 9:45AM

Also on November 20, St. Timothy's will have a 30 year celebration with an honor guard requested at 4:30 PM

On December 7, St. Joan of Arc will have a Vigil Mass in celebration of Immaculate Mary. An honor guard is requested at 6:00PM

Viewing and funeral arrangements for Sir Knight Bill Saling were then covered.

Faithful Admiral's Report: Faithful Admiral Bog Glavan then spoke:

The topic of the Memorial Service came up and questioned if it should continue. It was deemed a great experience and agreed by all that it should continue as an event. The Admiral then suggested this be an ongoing duty of the Admiral and the Captain.

A social will be tentatively planned again for February...with the possible involvement of the councils. Last year we had dinner at Rule 3.

The next exemplification is scheduled for April...all are encouraged to attend.

No applications are available for reading at this time.

Faithful Scribe's Report: No report ... you are reading it now.

Report of Committees: Sir Knights Barwick and Samborsky discussed events to replace the Golf Outing as our fund-raising event. Suggestions of Flea Markets, Steak Dinners, Valentine's Day Dance, Wine Tasting, Car Show, Bingo, Monte Carlo, Raffles, Mystery Dinner, 5K Race/Walk and a Men/Women's conference were offered. Sirs Barwick and Samborsky will explore more and questioned two things...would one event be enough and will we have the manpower to run these events. Stay tuned.

Report of Trustees: No report ... and as none were in attendance we needed to pass an emergency motion for all bills to be approved and paid. This was tendered by Lee Brock, seconded by George Schneider, discussed, voted on and passed. The bills were paid.

Report of the 3rd Degree: St. Pius mentioned their "free breakfast" with Santa Claus on Saturday December 3rd from 8 - 11:00AM. Seton mentioned their next pancake breakfast on Sunday, December 11th following all Masses and noted Santa would be in attendance there as well. The guy cannot be in two places at once.

Old Business: Election for the Outer Sentinel position were conducted. Fred Barwick won and accepted the position. Lee Brock motioned for the ballots to be destroyed. This was seconded by George Schneider and voted on and passed.

New Business: Nothing came up at this time!

Lecturer's Report: No report.

Good of the Order: Bill Saling (deceased), Danielle Saling, Marjorie Miller, Anna Malott, Ryan Schneider, Carrie Ebert, Gene Ebert, Steve Patterson, Maureen Patterson, Margie Patterson, Scott Mucha, Jeff Samborsky, Jim Brock, Charlie Higdon, Jr., Msgr. Plagett ... and as always our priests and military.

The 50/50 Drawing Winner: Gary Hisey was the winner ... but was not in attendance to collect.

Meeting ended at 8:20pm

Mike Croyle

Faithful Scribe

Respect Life: Merry Christmas

Even though Advent marks the beginning of the liturgical year, as we approach Christmas and the end of the calendar year it is a good time to reflect on what we have done in the past year. As I was getting ready to write this article, I happened to look at all the past Respect Life articles I have written. I wrote my first article in 2003 and this is my 63rd article (I didn't write every month back then). That is a lot of Respect Life information! The articles sometimes report good news, sometimes bad news, and sometimes convey important information about various Respect Life issues. Mostly, though, they remind you that Knights must always Respect Life from conception until natural death.

We began the year by sponsoring a very successful bus trip to Washington, DC, for the March for Life. Thanks to combining our trip with St. Matthews, we had a completely full bus with about 15 teens from SPY and St. Pius. The trip made a great impression on the youth as you could tell from their comments that I put in my February article. The adults on the trip were impressed by the number of young people in attendance and by their contagious enthusiasm.

We are again sponsoring a bus trip to DC for the March. We will leave early Sunday, January 22, and return late Monday, January 23. We stay in a very nice hotel in downtown DC (breakfast included) and attend several events while there. I strongly urge YOU to come with us THIS year - I can promise you will not regret it! Contact me for more information. if you cannot attend this year for some reason, **perhaps you will consider donating money to help someone else attend.** Last year our good friend Jacinta Hooker raised enough money to sponsor two people!

This year we again participated in the 40 Days for Life campaign. Our Respect Life committee agreed to fill one day and we prayed outside the abortion mill on Cleveland Ave. Several Knights attended and we were able to fill most of our hours. Some of us also got to meet the national 40 Days for Life director, who just happened to there during our hour. In November we had a very good turnout to pray at the abortion mill on East Main Street. with Columbus Right to Life.

Sometimes it seems like most of our attention is on abortion, and rightly so, as over 1.2 million babies are aborted each year in the US - over 50 million since abortion was legalized in 1973. All other Respect Life issues pale in comparison, but we actually do spend a fair amount of time on other issues. For example, in the spring we bring flowers to a local nursing home to brighten the rooms of the residents. We usually do this around Mother's Day

so we bring cards made by our religious education students to them. The residents really seem to appreciate our visits.

In December, we always sing Christmas carols and deliver Christmas cards at the nursing home. Again, the residents really like it when we visit. We are going this year on Sunday, December 18. Please join us - we need all the help we can get! You don't have to sing well, just enthusiastically! Meet in Hermann Hall after 11:15 Mass and we will travel together to the nursing home. This is an easy way to show your support for life and it only takes about an hour.

Throughout the year we support life issues by

- contacting our legislators on important life issues
- voting Pro-Life as requested by the American bishops
- supporting our Military Outreach program
- praying the rosary for parishioners, relatives, and friends serving in the Military every Monday at 6:30 PM in the Eucharistic Chapel
- donating baby items for PDHC during Lent
- attending fund raising events for Pregnancy Decisions Health Centers (PDHC), Kinder Women's Care Centers, Columbus RTL, Ohio RTL, and others going to hear Pro-Life speakers when they come to this area.

If you haven't been involved in any of these events and actions, WHY NOT? As Knights of Columbus we are supposed respect ALL life from conception until natural death. The Seton Respect Life committee tries very hard to sponsor events that all of you can participate in - all we need is for YOU to show up! So stop waiting for someone else to do it - step up to the plate NOW and commit to doing something pro-life.

From all of us on the Respect Life committee, **Merry Christmas** and **Happy New Year!**

Edd Chinnock

Council Respect Life Coordinator

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Announcement to Mary

December, 2011

The Knights of Columbus Devotion to the Rosary - A Challenge!

I challenge my fellow knights to say the Third Joyful Mystery on Christmas day.

Christian ingenuity and love delights in finding ways to express the message of Christmas. Masterpieces and artists and the works of poets and musicians continually add their tribute to the Christ Child. The Emmanuel of Isaiah has become, for us, the Incarnate Son of God, a living force in history, a real presence in the Eucharist and in His Church.

But for all that 2000 years have produced, this mystery still beckons forward. And another 2000 years will not exhaust the mystery. The central characters - Jesus, Mary, Joseph, and the supporting cast of Angels, Shepherds, and a little later, the Magi will continue to exercise their fascination.

Even the anonymous innkeeper who "had no room for them in the inn" will be the beginning of many a sermon. And the neighbors? Like women of all ages and places they must have come to help the young mother with her first-born.

The world could not destroy the fact of Christmas with persecution, hatred or indifference, now threatens it with the buying and selling of gifts, and then turning off the Christmas carols as soon as the cash register bells stop ringing.

In the Rosary, we let the spirit of Christmas grow deeper and deeper in our consciousness ever time we pray the mystery.'

This writing is taken from the 'Devotion to the Rosary'

Respectfully submitted;

Bud Joos, PGK

Lecturer



...the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her..."

Matthew 1:20

Captain's Report

A ham type menu will be the offering for our December meal... with salad on the side. Lady Knights are requested to bring their potato dishes for the other sides.

Gordon E. Pickett

Faithful Captain

Fr. Michael J. McGivney Guild

For information on the founder of the Knights of Columbus, please visit the following website:

<http://kofc.org/about/history/founder/index.cfm>

To join the Father Michael J. McGivney Guild, please visit the following website:

<http://kofc.org/about/history/founder/participate/index.cfm>



ATTENTION:

As a reminder, articles for the newsletter are due by the 25th of each month. This allows time for layout and editing and allows the newsletter to be sent out before activities for the month take place.

Thank you for the help in this matter.

Jesus V Garcia III, PFN

Newsletter Editor

PRAYER BEFORE STARTING WORK

My Heavenly Father, as I enter this workplace,
I bring your presence with me.
I speak Your peace, Your grace, Your mercy,
and Your perfect order into this office.
I acknowledge Your power over all that
will be spoken, thought, decided, and done within these walls.
Lord, I thank you for the gifts You have blessed me with.
I commit to using them responsibly in Your honor.
Give me a fresh supply of strength to do my job.
Anoint my projects, ideas, and energy,
so that even my smallest accomplishment
may bring You glory.
Lord when I am confused, guide me.
When I am weary, energize me.
When I am burned out, infuse me with the light of the Holy Spirit.
May the work that I do and the way I do it bring
Faith, joy, and a smile to all that I come in
contact with today. And oh, Lord,
when I leave this place, give me traveling grace.
Bless my family and home to be in order as I left it.
Lord thank You for everything You've done,
Everything You're doing and everything You are going to do.
In the name of Jesus I pray, with much love and
Thanksgiving
Amen

December 2011	
21	Assembly Business Meeting and Social
24	Christmas Eve
25	Christmas
31	New years Eve
January 2012	
1	New Years Day
9	MLK Day
18	Assembly Business Meeting and Social

Meeting Reminder - OFFICERS

Any Officer that can not attend the up-coming meeting needs to call or email me. If no call or email is received you will be marked as unexcused/absent.

CW Higdon

Your Faithful Navigator



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Prayer Corner

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