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## Columbus Day - October 10th, 2011

Dear Brother Sir Knights and Ladies:

The transition continues as we move into October. Summer is over and we look forward to shorter days and longer nights. And so goes the rhythms of our transitory lives. We do not, however, dwell upon the negatives of this transition since the positives overwhelmingly outweigh any negatives.

During this phase, we look forward toward many celebrations of life. Perhaps the largest is Advent and the Nativity of the Lord. During this month of October, however, we celebrate the month of the Holy Rosary, which as has been said translates as "Crown of Roses". When we pray the Rosary, we honor Mary by crowning her with roses. What could be a more fitting prayer to honor our mother and patroness? All are invited to participate in the Family Rosary Day on October 16<sup>th</sup>. Please see the pilots report for more details.

Another fitting and appropriate celebration during the month of October is that of our namesake, Christopher Columbus. On the 10<sup>th</sup> of this month our entire nation celebrates the contribution this great man has made to our nation and specifically to our community and our order. On that day, we are invited to celebrate by participating at Columbus city hall with our color guard. Again, please consult our pilot's report for more details.

Allow me, at this point, to invite every Sir Knight and his lady to participate in a welcoming home of one of the upcoming HONOR FLIGHTS this month. These flights honor the last of the "greatest generation" by taking these aging World War II veterans to Washington DC for the day. For many of them, this is the first time they will have visited the capital of a grateful nation that they so gallantly served. During that day, these senior warriors visit the sights and are honored at several special events. After a long (and for some an arduous) day, they return to Port Columbus exhausted but excited. Many in the community and Sir Knights in regalia welcome them home. If you've never been there to welcome home an HONOR FLIGHT, I would highly recommend that you do so. It is an inspiring experience.

It is with a degree of sadness that we accept the resignation of our assembly Pilot Sir Knight Phil Siedlecki. Because of changing work and family commitments, Phil found that he is unable to continue to perform this duty as proficiently as he has done for the past several years. I ask each Sir Knight in this assembly to prayerfully consider stepping up to serve in that post. Of course, plenty of help is available to the new Pilot. Please be prepared to offer nominations - you may nominate yourself - at our October 19th meeting.

Unfortunately, we were unable to attract enough golfers to proceed with our September 24<sup>th</sup> golf outing. I do, however, wish to thank our committee team for the herculean effort they made in this regard. Thank you to Sir Knights Bud Joos, Terry Reine, Mike Croyle, and Shawn Ansbro for that effort.

As we look forward to the coming months, may we all continue to exercise and experience the foundational tenants of our order: CHARITY, UNITY, FRATERNATY, and PATROITISM?

Fraternally,

*C. W. Higdon*

Faithful Navigator

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## Business Meeting Minutes - August 17, 2011

Meeting opened promptly at 7:30 pm by FN Charlie Higdon:

**Roll of Officers:** Faithful Friar, Faithful Trustee 3 year and Faithful Trustee 1 year Excused

**Reading of minutes:** A motion was made by Fred Barwick to accept the minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Bud Joos and passed by all.

**Faithful Friar's Report:** No report

**Faithful Navigator's Report:** As C.W. and Gordon Pickett cannot attend the Provincial ... Shawn Ansbro and Charlie Giametta will serve as ample replacements. The Exemplification is scheduled for November 5<sup>th</sup>. Charlie then reminded all that we have a brother in distress and asked that anyone with some free time, please stop over for a visit with Ed Loch. Please call before visiting. C.W. then posed the question of us forming two drill teams for our different services to make appearances more formal. It was thought a tremendous idea and Charlie will offer this for other Assemblies members as well.

**District Master's Report:** No report.

### Reading of Bills & Communications:

**Communications:** Charlie read a letter from the Diocese thanking us for our contribution to the Catholic Department of Education in regards to helping set the High School framework for furthering evangelization. Charlie then read a letter from the District Master establishing Terry Fitzpatrick as the Marshal of District 3 with our own Jerry Lowery stepping back to the position of Assistant Marshall ... due to time constraints and his urge to vacation and ride his horse at this time of the year. .

**Bills:** Total revenue for the past month was \$XXXX. Total expenses came in at \$XXXX. We experienced a whopping gain of \$XXXX. We are still in positive financial status.

**Faithful Captain's Report:** The social was deemed successfully for the evening with donations accepted to the total of \$XXXX. Costs were limited to \$XXXX for cheese. Even Bog seemed impressed. Brats and ice cream are on the menu for October. Chicken or Beef with noodles is set for November. Yum.

**Faithful Pilot's Report:** Lots of events are coming up:

District Meeting at St. Leonard's, Sunday, October 16 ... gather at 1:30 pm

Circleville Pumpkin Festival Friday, October 21 ... 6:00 pm start time

Honor Flight at the Airport, Saturday, October 22 ... 8:30 pm assemble time in baggage area

Exemplification in Dover, Friday, November 5 ... 8:00 am start.

Memorial Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Sunday, November 6 after 11:15 am Mass

Veteran's Day Parade, downtown November 10

On a final note, Faithful Pilot Phil Siedlecki tendered his resignation due to increased family and work commitments. C.W. reluctantly accepted the resignation and gratefully thanked Phil for all he has done for the assembly and office. Phil will hold the position until a replacement is nominated and elected. Charlie asks that all not on office prayerfully consider filling this role.

Nominations can be sent to him or offered at the next meeting. You can nominate yourself.

**Faithful Admiral's Report:** We have one new member scheduled for full knighthood ... Stephen Patterson is ready for the ceremony.

**Faithful Comptroller's Report:** We have two members ready to transfer in ... Rob McGonigle and Richard Mason. The paperwork is in the mail.

**Faithful Scribe's Report:** No report.

**Report of Committees:** Sadly, the Golf Outing was cancelled. Not enough participation for foursomes was the cause. Bud Joos, long time veterinarian, surmised that with his past experience it seems that is about time to stop beating this dead horse and we need to explore other money making ventures. Those in charge of entry fees, gift and tee signs were asked to return all with apologies as appropriate.

S.K. Glavan discussed the Memorial Mass celebration following the 11:15AM Mass at Seton on November 6. He hoped all will help make this a big event ... as we would wish the same if we were being memorialized. Tux and social is the outfit of request. The ceremony runs 17 minutes exactly according to Bog ... and it will be on the clock ... with donuts and coffee following in Herrmann Hall.

The next business dealt with the disposition of the \$XXX donation left the Assembly by S'K. George Yurt. Four major proposals were spiritedly discussed including: total donation to the Chapter for their distribution in \$10 increments to different groups at many different veteran centers; one large donation of the entire amount to one center TBD, a partial or total donation to Cup O' Joe ... an organization giving a cup of coffee to any soldier, any time, for free in the world; and finally the donation to J.O.I.N. which was the motion eventually raised by Bud, seconded by George and passed. This motion was for the entire amount to be given to the Joint Organization of Inner city Needs, a group within Catholic Charities that will arrange for the distribution in sums of \$50 increments to veterans living in the inner city and in need of assistance. We all thought S'K. Yurt would be pleased with this decision.

**Unfinished Business:** Jerry Lowery motioned that we purchase a \$XXXX advertisement for the Provincial and a \$XXXX advertisement for the exemplification. Norbert seconded. The motion passed.

Jerry also asked everyone to update their directive on how to handle sword, cape, chapeau and services upon our passing. Please check KofCOhio.org and go to help and Member Only to sign in. Select our assembly once logged in, find yourself on the roster and change as necessary. The Recorder will also keep paper and electronic versions for records.

**Report of Trustees:** No report.

**New Business:** Jerry Lowery motioned that the check from Council 11187 of \$XXXX be designated those wishing to attend the Military Appreciation Night on November 10. Bog seconded and the motion was passed.

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Gordon Pickett then motioned that all funds designated above be used for tickets for veterans ... from our assembly or others. The motion was seconded by Wayne, discussed, and passed.

S.K. Gene Ebert then brought up an event running at the Ohio Historical Society on a Tribute to Soldiers. The tribute runs Wednesday through Saturday from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm and Sunday's from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm. The cost is \$10.00 for those 13 - 59 years of age and \$9.00 for seniors. It may be a worthwhile trip and a fitting tribute, no doubt.

**Report of the Third Degree:** No report.

**Lecturer's Report:** No report.

**Good of the Order:** Rita Draudt, Bob Dougherty, Ryan Schneider, Mark Bailey (deceased), Aimee Bailey and family, Bill Saling, David McClellan, Kevin McClellan, Caroline Hare, Carrie Ebert, Jesse Garcia, Maureen Patterson, Charles Higdon, Jr. ... and as always our priests and our military.

**The 50/50 Drawing Winner:** Gene Ebert ... who immediately returned his winnings to the Assembly. Thanks Geno!

**50/50 Amount:** \$XXXX

**Pennies for Heaven:** \$XXXX

Meeting ended at: 8:40 pm

*Mike Croyle*

Faithful Scribe

## Know Your Knight

SK Jesus (Jesse) V. Garcia III and Lady Lucretia are members of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton parish. They have two lovely daughters, Maria and Angela. Jesse has worked at the Defense Supply Center, in Columbus for over twenty nine years as an electronics technician and with Advanced Auto Parts for seven years.



A longstanding fourth degree SK, Jesse has held numerous offices in his Council (11187) and Assemblies 809 and 2900. These include Grand Knight of Council 11187, Faithful Navigator of Assemblies 809 and 2900, Faithful Captain and Scribe of Assembly 809, as well as Trustee of both his current Council and Assembly. Jesse has also provided support to the Master's staff, working on the program book.

Born at Eglin AFB in Florida to a career military dad, Jesse is a citizen of the world. (*editor's note: as a retired member of the Air Force, I can relate*).

Jesse is also active in his parish. He is a Catechist for Religious Education with the sophomore and senior grades and with the Seton Parish Youth (SPY) leadership team.

It peeves him to seeing men wearing hats inside buildings tends to raise his hackles.

## September, 2011

Pope John Paul II's beatification to sainthood is meaningful not only to the world and to the Church but also to the Knights of Columbus. This month is the fourth in a series of eight addresses by John Paul II to the Knights of Columbus.

"A particular critical concern in the Church is the well being of the family. While we can take heart that many families are vital and strong and are the channels of many graces and blessings, no one is unaware of the numerous threats to family life which arise in contemporary society. As the Church seeks to respond to the needs of married couples and families, she depends to a great extent on organizations like the Knights of Columbus to meet the urgent problems and pressing needs, to protect and to promote family values. I am aware of the many programs which you have already undertaken in this regard...I offer you my grateful support and encourage you never to lose heart. For the family is the basic cell of human society. Upon it depends the stability and health of our communities, and even the future of the world."

*---Message to 104<sup>th</sup> Supreme Convention, Chicago, 1986*

Respectfully submitted;

*Bud Joos, PGK*

Lecturer

## Officer Nomination

Gentlemen:

As you know, SK Phil Siedlecki submitted his resignation as Pilot of our Assembly. SK Gene Ebert has accepted the nomination to fill that post

*C W Higdon*

Faithful Navigator

## 40 Days for Life Vigil

The Local Knights are planning a Vigil in front of Planned Parenthood on Cleveland Ave Just North of 161 on **Wednesday October 26 at 12 Noon to 1PM**. You can park at St. John Chrysostom in the back at 5858 Cleveland Ave and walk North a short distance on the same side of the Street. Please share this with your Brother Knights

## Captain's Report

The social was very successful and profitable since most of the spaghetti dinner food was provided at no cost. This month we are having Brats and ice cream.

*Gordon E. Pickett*

Faithful Captain

## **Respect Life : October is Respect Life Month**

October is Respect Life month and I am writing this on Respect Life Sunday, October 02, 2011. Respect Life means respecting ALL life, from conception until natural death, so this article will review various ideas, news, events, and suggestions on how YOU can respect life.

### **Conception**

Artificially preventing or terminating conception interferes with the life giving nature of sacramental marriage, so the Catholic Church forbids these practices. Furthermore, most people don't realize that the birth control pills used by so many women - Catholic and non-Catholic alike - often will abort an embryo by preventing it from attaching to the uterine lining. The Church was way ahead of its time when it first banned these pills.

It is a proven scientific fact that life begins at conception and the embryo has its own unique DNA, but that hasn't stopped our government from legalizing abortion and embryonic stem cell research. Embryonic stem cell research hasn't yielded a single viable treatment while adult stem cell research has produced many treatments currently being used (with many more in the near future). Strangely, this fact hasn't lessen the funding for embryonic stem cell research or increased funding for adult stem cell research.

### **Abortion**

Over 50 million babies have been aborted since the Supreme Court legalized abortion in its 1973 Roe v Wade and Doe v Bolton decisions. Every year since then, hundreds of thousands of people gather in Washington, DC, to protest that decision and affirm the right of EVERY baby to live. According to the March for Life website, 250,000 young people attended the March this January – if you want to join this awesome outpouring of enthusiasm for Life, join us this January!

Our Council is again sponsoring a bus to Washington DC for the annual March for Life. This trip is a great opportunity for YOU to come to DC with us – you only have to take one day off work or school as we leave on Sunday and return Monday night. This is a great trip that will inspire you to truly respect life as well as let our legislators know that. Contact me for trip details.

During Lent, we will again be collecting baby layette items for Pregnancy Decisions Health Centers to help pregnant women chose Life instead of abortion. PDHC has saved the lives of many babies by offering pregnant women the help they need so they don't feel forced to get an abortion.

### **Helping the Less Fortunate**

While abortion and Pro-Life get a lot of headlines, helping those in need is also part of Respecting Life. We have many opportunities to help others at Seton - like the annual Crank's Creek shoe drive. The Portsmouth Outreach campaign will be starting soon.

Jesus tells us that when we help those in need, we help Him. Many Seton parishioners volunteer at the Griffin Center at Christ the King parish, and many more donate to the Griffin Center. This food pantry and clothing source supply many people down on their luck with badly needed food, clothing, and household goods. When you work there you really see the need and the gratitude of those we help. We can always use more volunteers.

### **Military**

We support the brave men and women serving in the military through our Military Outreach, which sends care packages to wounded soldiers. Every Monday in the Adoration Chapel at 6:30pm we say a rosary for Seton members, children, relatives, and friends who are serving in the military, especially those overseas. Please join us.

### **Elderly**

Respecting Life from conception to natural death means that we take care of our elders and do nothing to hasten their deaths. Assisted suicide and euthanasia are now legal in three states, but we must fight this wherever we can. We can be sure that more states will try to legalize this under the guise of "improving their quality of life" or "lessening their suffering". While we all long for heaven, we cannot hasten our arrival in this way.

Every year our Respect Life group goes to a nursing home to sing Christmas Carols and distribute Christmas cards made by the children in our religious education program. Please join us - we can always us more voices and anyone can sing Christmas songs. We also bring flowers to the nursing home in the spring - the residents really appreciate the way our small token brightens their rooms. Again, your help is appreciated.

### **Death Penalty**

The Catholic Church does not forbid the execution of certain convicts after appropriate legal proceedings, but says it should only be used as a last resort. The Church believes that as long as the condemned can be safely incarcerated execution should not be used. In today's world, that means that in the US, Canada, Europe, and most of the developed world the death penalty should never be used. Only a few third world countries should allow it, and then only after extensive judicial review and certain guilt. We must petition our elected leaders to end this practice.

*Edd Chinnock,*

Council Respect Life Coordinator

### **For more information on Pro-Life Activities**

Email us at [prolife@uscgb.org](mailto:prolife@uscgb.org)

Pro-Life Activities

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### **Need a Hand?**

Jim Doty and his team are ready and willing to give you a hand. If you need help with a project or chore, something moved, the use of a pickup truck or trailer or just a ride give Jim a call. We are looking forward to giving you a hand. Just call 614-367-6344

## 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

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***“FOR MORE THAN A HUNDRED YEARS the Knights of Columbus have distinguished themselves by their love for and loyalty to the Church, by their service to the poor and needy, by their defense of the handicapped and unborn, and by their strong support of family life. You stand forth as a shining example of the role of the laity in the life and the mission of the Church. The financing and maintenance of the façade of Saint Peter’s Basilica and the colossal statues above is yet one more symbol of the dedicated spirit of your esteemed organization and of your devotion and fidelity to the successor of St. Peter.***

--Pope John II's speech during ceremony for the completion of renovations on the façade of St. Peter's Basilica, Feb. 23, 1987

Respectfully submitted;

*Bud Joos*, PGK

Lecturer

### 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

### 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>



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October 2011	
19	Assembly Business Meeting and Social
1-2	Provincial Meeting
16	District Meeting
November 2011	
6	Memorial Mass following 11:15 Mass
16	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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