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Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Dear Brother Sir Knights and Ladies:

March continues to be a month of transition. During the entire month, we continue to prepare the way for our Lord's resurrection by our Lenten observances of prayer and fasting, faith and good works. As the days get longer and we see more sunshine, we are reminded to look with anticipation toward the warmth of the beautiful celebration of Easter. But, just as Our Lord had to endure the burden of His passion of the cross before his glorious resurrection, we recognize that we too must face certain burdens in our everyday lives before we may be with him in His fullness. I believe that is one of the main lessons our Holy Church teaches us as we go through the season of lent.

On March 17th we celebrate the feast of Saint Patrick. Although a beloved figure, there is much conjecture and myth about the details of St Patrick's life. It is generally accepted that St Patrick lived in the 5th century. As a boy of about 16, he was captured and taken to Ireland as a slave and was held as such for about six years. He then escaped but later returned there to convert his former captors. In the modern day, there is an entire set of programs and practices which surround this feast day. Parades and parties abound – and, of course, the wearing of the green.

We also celebrate the feast of Saint Joseph, husband of Mary and foster father of Jesus. While not much is known about St Joseph, we do know from sacred scripture that he *personally* provided for and protected Mary and Jesus. All of us, especially we husbands and fathers, should strive to follow Saint Joseph's example. Since it is assumed that he died in the arms of Mary and Jesus, he is looked upon throughout Christianity as the patron of a happy death. Unlike Saint Patrick, St Joseph's feast day is not surrounded with much fanfare. Since their respective feasts are literally within days of each other, I have often wondered why Saint Joseph gets so little attention. Personally, I think it should be the other way around.

I would again like to encourage each Sir Knight in this assembly and his Lady to consider attending our 4th degree Exemplification. The Exemplification is held at the Cherry Valley Lodge in Newark, Ohio on April 27/28. On the evening of the 27th (Friday) the Father McGivney/PFN dinner and dance will be held. This is a great opportunity to re-acquaint with fellow Sir Knights and we invite all our brother knights, regardless of degree, to attend this dinner/dance. See the Master's web site at http://www.kofcoho.org/master/District_3.htm and click on the EXEMPLIFICATION button for more information,

Fraternally,

C. W. Higdon

Faithful Navigator

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Business Meeting Minutes - December 21, 2011

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

Roll of Officers:

Faithful Friar and Faithful Trustee – Excuse. All other officers present.

Reading of minutes: Last business notes were motioned to be accepted, seconded, voted on by all and passed.

Faithful Friar's Report: No report

Faithful Navigator's Report:

Faithful Navigator Charlie Higdon introduced two new transfer members from Assembly 809. Bob McGonicle and Richard Mason were warmly welcomed.

A communication was read from Tracy L. Washington from the Chalmers P. Wylie Veteran's Hospital thanking us for our donation of \$932.00 in toiletries.

A communication from the Supreme Master changes the order of our meetings. The Faithful Friar will always be given the honor of speaking first.

The Faithful Navigator then solicited articles for our newsletter ... as anyone can submit an article ... but, particularly requested volunteers for the "Know your Knight" offerings. Rumor has it he brow beat the defenseless Scribe into adding his rap sheet to the listing. Read on to see!

Reading of Bills: The only bill received was from Supreme on freight for chalice delivery. It was read and passed on to the Trustees for payment.

Communications: Managed during the F.N. report.

Faithful Captain's Report: Faithful Captain Gordon Pickett stated there was no dinner, thus no expenses, no donations, and no report. He did mention "Chili" ...minus the dogs ... would be the menu for March.

Faithful Comptroller's Report: Faithful Comptroller Steven Valentine then reported we have 95 members strong with only 15 outstanding in the payment of dues.

Faithful Scribe: No report. That guy never has anything to say.

Faithful Purser's Report: Faithful Purser Gordon Burke presented our financial status. We remain financially stable.

Faithful Pilot's Report: Faithful Pilot Gene Ebert had no extensive report except for the reminder of the next exemplification on April 27 and 28 at Cherry Valley Lodge. The address is 2299 Cherry Valley Rd. Newark, OH 43055). Go online at the Assembly website for registration, dress requirements and a full schedule of events.

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

The Social Dinner, is set for February 16 at the 94th Aero Squadron to be followed by Big Band Music and Dancing. More information is listed under Old Business.

Brother Mike Silling is our next candidate for exemplification.

Report of Committees:

Sir Knight Fred Barwick then offered that the "Fund Raising" opportunity seems aimed at the Raffle Sale with two hundred tickets being sold at \$10.00 each offering a \$1,000 prize. Granting all are sold, the return to the Assembly would also be \$1,000. The possibility of a wine tasting was also swirled around. The final determination is to be made next month. Come vote ... or with new ideas.

We then entertained a motion by Bog Glavan, which was seconded by

Mike Silling, after a concern voiced by Shawn Ansbro that we need money allocated to fun the fund raising project. This was voted on by all and passed.

Report of Trustees: It is time for the slate of officers to be formed to govern us through our next fiscal year. Shawn Ansbro mentioned they are most in need of a Captain.

Report of the 3rd Degree: We were reminded of a potential 2nd and 3rd Degree to be held on February 26 at St. Andrews if anyone is interested. Council 5253 now has a certified 3rd Degree team! Another degree may be scheduled for April. Fish Fries are being conducted. Council 11187 mentioned their upcoming Wives Appreciation Dinner and their ongoing Fish Fries as well. And if you have no plans for St. Patrick's Day, they are hosting a party at Seton Parish with corned beef and cabbage, Irish Music, Irish Step Dancers, and all the usual blarney.

Old Business: We are scheduled to have our next Social Outing with dinner at the 94th Aero Squadron on Thursday, February 16 beginning at 7:00PM. This will be a pay as you go event ... meaning the Assembly is not forking over the cash for attendance. There will be dancing to Big Band Music afterwards for all to engage in. Please make an effort to not only come, but invite Council members as well.

New Business: The next Past Faithful Navigator's Dinner is scheduled for 7:00PM on April 27th preceding the Saturday Exemplification at Cherry Valley Lodge. The dinner menu is lasagna. A motion was made by Bog Glavan and seconded by Gene Ebert to subsidize the cost of those attending. The price would subsidize one attendee \$15.00 and a couple \$30.00, with the overall amount of subsidization not to exceed \$500. The motion was discussed, voted upon and passed.

Those wishing to attend should have their money, payable to the Assembly, turned in by the March Meeting. The attendance form is on the Assembly 2900 web site.

As for the usually gala, Hospitality Suite at the celebration, Shawn Ansbro intends to contact several other Assemblies to combine forces and reduce costs.

Lecturer's Report: My love and respect for our worthy Lecturer prevents me from publishing his February monthly offering.

Good of the Order: Fr. Frank Higdon, Charlie Higdon, Jr., Caroline Hare, Tom Lindgren, Bob Donahue, Debbie Boggs, Bob Doherty, Carrie Ebert, Jesse Hopkins, Joan Marie Trainer, Scott Mucha, Jeff Samborsky, Martin Croyle... and as always our priests and military.

Pennies for Heaven: Missed this.

The 50/50 Drawing Winner: Missed this too.

Meeting ended at a remarkable: 8:09 PM

Faithful Scribe

Mike Croyle

Faithful Scribe

March, 2012 - Kids Just Don't Care, I Hear It All The Time

I had finished a morning session at the Midwest Veterinary Conference last Saturday and I decided to have a coffee and a muffin to tide me over. The area was buzzing with the cheerleading competition that is held annually at the same time at the Convention Center.

I went through the line and turned to find a place to sit. However, all the chairs at the only empty table were gone. I noticed that they were removed by the cheerleaders and crowded around another table.

I was not upset by this because after 3 hours of lectures my skinny butt did not need more sitting. And also the chairs were heavy wrought iron with no padding. I did however, see an empty chair at a distance and I did not want to drag the heavy chair across the floor. This reinforced my decision to remain standing.

I had no sooner taken a bite of muffin when I heard a screeching noise beside me. I looked to the direction of the noise. There was this tiny grade school cheerleader dragging this chair that was almost as tall as the girl. She nodded her head and smiled and darted back to her chair to join the group. Evidently she felt she had to get me a chair since, I suspect, the chair was originally from my table and she felt obliged to get another for me.

I felt surprised, humbled, and amazed by this act of kindness. This act has lifted my spirits every day since last Saturday and I hope for days to come because there are many caring people still with us.

Bud Joos, PGK

Lecturer

For more information on Pro-Life Activities

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Assembly Shirts:

The polo or dress shirts can now be ordered through Council 11187, the cost remains the same and should provide a quicker turn around time.

Please contact Mark Borys at (740) 862-6142 or by email at markb@copper.net to place your order.

Jesus Garcia



Know Your Knight

Sir Knight C.W. (Charlie) and Lady Norma Higdon have made their home in Pickerington, Ohio for nearly twenty years, moving to central Ohio from Iowa Park, Texas in 1992. As members of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton parish, they are both active in parish life. Lady Norma volunteers in the parish office one day a week doing various tasks, but mostly posting parishioners' contributions to the parish books.



C. W. is an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, serving the homebound. He is also a member of a men's small faith sharing group. He has been a weekday Mass coordinator and alter server. Both currently serve as Mass greeters. SK Charlie and Lady Norma also sponsor three children in Guatemala and visits them every couple of years.

C. W. took his 1st, 2nd, and 3rd degrees in the diocese of Fort Worth, TX. A charter member of council 11187 in Pickerington, C. W. served as Advocate in that council. In his Assembly, he served five years as Faithful Comptroller, a year as Faithful Captain, and currently serves as Faithful Navigator.

Originally from New Haven, KY, Charlie joined the US Air Force from which he retired in 1982. Eight of those years were spent as a Missile Facilities Technician in an underground missile silo in Oklahoma and California. The rest of his Air Force career was spent as an Accounting and Finance Officer and Comptroller. Further, he later retired from the Defense Finance and Accounting Service in 2003 as a Supervisory Accountant. With these two careers, he and Lady Norma have lived in eight states and two foreign countries. Note: Lady Norma has set up a home for her family twenty five times over these years - a daunting challenge.

SK C. W. and Lady Norma have two sons and one daughter. Additionally, they have six grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Charlie's favorite pastimes are traveling, watching old westerns (especially John Wayne), helping and enjoying the kids and grandkids. He also is a member of the Fairfield County Sheriff's Community Watch program. In that capacity, he and a partner patrol the county (mostly within Violet and Liberty Townships) in a marked Sheriff's car, observing and reporting suspicious situations.

Charlie's pet peeve is tardiness. Of course everyone is late once in a while, but habitual tardiness is **unacceptable**. It says to me that the habitually tardy person is telling me and everyone else who he has kept waiting that his time is more valuable than theirs.

Respect Life - HHS Mandate

As I write this article I am on vacation in Arizona. Last Sunday the pastor at the local church we attended focused his homily on the HHS mandate that requires all institutions to offer contraception, sterilization, and "morning after" abortion drugs at no cost in their health plan coverage. While there is an exception for religious institutions, it is so narrow that Jesus and his disciples would not qualify. Many Catholic institutions, including hospitals, schools, universities, social service agencies, food banks, adoption centers, etc. would have to offer this coverage even though it is contrary to Catholic teaching. When Cardinal elect Timothy Dolan of New York met with President Obama to discuss this issue, the president offered a compromise: he said Catholic institutions (provided they can prove to the government they meet certain religious standards) had a additional year to "find a way to violate our consciences" as Cardinal Dolan so clearly phrased it.

The penalties for not complying with this mandate are so harsh that they would quickly bankrupt any institution that get hit with them. In his homily, the priest quoted Cardinal Francis George of Chicago as saying that within two years of this mandate being enforced, there would be no Catholic hospitals, universities, schools, or social service agencies left in the United States.

The Obama administration wants to make this a contraception issue, apparently believing that because statistics show 99% of Catholics have used birth control at some time in the past the bishops are out of touch with most Catholics. Statistics also show that Catholics lie and commit adultery, but we don't expect the Church to condone these actions. The Obama administration completely misses this point.

The fact is, this is NOT a contraception or even abortion issue. It is a direct attack on religious freedom. The Obama administration wants to decide who can believe what and wants the government to decide what religious beliefs and practices are acceptable. They claim this is about "essential preventive services", but if that is the case, why choose only contraception? Why not tooth brushes and toothpaste? Aren't they "essential preventive services" as well so should be offered free of charge by your health plan?

We need to stand firm with our Bishops, who unanimously oppose this mandate. Listen to what they are saying about this issue and take the actions they suggest. Right now, TODAY, write or call your Senators and Congressman and ask them to co-author and support bills to allow meaningful conscience exceptions to the HHS mandate. Also write Bishop Campbell and thank him for his leadership on this issue, and tell him as Tom Wagner put it in his Catholic Man of the Year speech, that we, as Knights of Columbus, "have your back".

Edd Chinnock

Council Respect Life Coordinator

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Captain's Report

As noted in last month's newsletter, a Social meal was not held prior to the Assembly meeting on February 15th. A Social activity was held on February 16th at the 94th Aero Squadron. There were about 30 SK Knights and Ladies in attendance for the you-pay-as-you-go dinner. The dinner and the social interactions among the attendees were enjoy by all. After dinner, a few (5) SK knights and Ladies continued to enjoy the evening by moving into the Cabaret area of the restaurant to listen and dance to The Big Band music (which didn't require wearing your hearing aids in the relatively small area for "Big Band" music!!)

The meal/theme for the March 21st Social will be a "Chili Cook-off". Favorite types/flavors of Chilies are requested from any of the Ladies and SK Knights who want to participate. Additional foods and "goodies" are requested from the other attendees as usual.

Gordon Pickett

Faithful Captain

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

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

February 2012	
14	Valentine's Day
18	Assembly Business Meeting and Social
20	President's Day
22	ASH WEDNESDAY
March 2012	
21	Assembly Business Meeting and Social
3	Catholic Men's Conference
17	St. Patrick's Party

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

Fr. Frank Higdon, Charlie Higdon, Jr., Carrie Ebert, Ryan Schneider, Joan Marie Trainer, Debbie Boggs, Scott Mucha, the Brock family, Pandora Porcase, Steve Patterson, Maureen Patterson, Margie Patterson, Jeff Samborsky, Lynn Fitzpatrick, Don Schneider (deceased)... and as always our priests and military.

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