

# Serving Councils 5253, 11187, and 11354



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## Veterans Day - 11/11/2013 Thanksgiving Day - 11/28/2013

### Dear Brother SKs and Ladies:

I just attended the Provincial meeting and am pleased to report that the new Vice Supreme Master of the Hennepin Province, Sir Knight Don and Lady Elaine Hall, are from our own District 3. In addition, we have the honor of Sir Knight Shawn and Lady Dee Ansbro representing our Assembly as the provincial secretary. **“The fourth degree starts with the first degree”**. Please remember that we are not separate, but all one organization and we need to encourage all Knights to go through all the degrees. As a fourth degree Knight, we are the visible part of the Knights of Columbus and our actions often reflect that of all our unseen and unsung Brother Knights

At our next Assembly meeting, November 20<sup>th</sup>, we will have a memorial service for the deceased members of our assembly. We will have dinner at 6:45 with the service to follow. Tux and social is the dress for the evening. Please take the time to attend this service. If we do not honor our deceased Brother Knights, who will?

Each of us knows a veteran who is either a member of their family, community or assembly. Many of us also have Veterans Day as a holiday. During November, please take the time to thank all veterans for their service. Without their sacrifice, we would not enjoy all the freedoms we have.

Do not forget to set your clocks back one hour on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and to vote on November 5<sup>th</sup>. As American citizens and especially as members of the fourth degree, performing this civic duty is not only a privilege, but a responsibility.

As mentioned in our last newsletter, there is a monthly social at Bob Evans in Pickerington. This event takes place on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at 9am. Come enjoy breakfast with other members of the assembly.

Ronald Reagan said, “Freedom prospers when religion is vibrant and the rule of law is acknowledged under God”. As your Faithful Navigator, I see what freedom means to each of you by the sacrifices you make to maintain that freedom for your family, church and community. Our individual efforts, when joined together, really do make a difference.

Fraternally Yours,

*SK Stephen J. Dodaro*

Faithful Navigator

### In Memoriam

To our Brother Sir Knights  
who have gone to be with our Father.



Larry H Lotz  
Joseph J. Rossi Sr.  
Dr. Richard H Arnett  
Robert A. Mulholand  
George C. Yurt  
Edward D. Loch



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2900 Assembly News

Pope John Paul II Assembly 2900, Pickerington, Ohio USA



## Business Meeting Minutes - August 21, 2013

Meeting commenced at exactly 7:30PM by F.N. Steve Dodaro

**Roll of Officers:** Faithful Friar, Faithful Patron - Excused

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

**Reading of Minutes:** The minutes were motioned to be approved as entered by Shawn Ansbro, seconded by Wayne Patterson, voted on and passed.

**District Master's Report:** Our District Master Charlie Giametta then addressed the following:

He first thanked us for corrections to the newsletter and necessary title changes.

He then mentioned the cancellation of the exemplification on 11/9 as only two candidates were registered.

Next he gave the numbers outlining the growth in his district over the last four years complete with age categorization and number of lifetime members. For our Assembly we are at 102 members with seven as lifetime members.

Finally he thanked our Faithful Navigator for all of the assistance he "willingly provided" at the Provincial. Way to step up, Steve!

**Bills and Communications:** Bills were motioned by Wayne Patterson and seconded by Norbert Smithberger to be sent on for review and payment to the Trustees. This was voted on, approved, and completed. As for communications, we received a letter from the Chapter thanking us for our donation to the Family Rosary Day.

**Faithful Navigator's Report:** SK Steve Dodaro listed the following items:

He first recognized SK Shawn Ansbro for his appointment as Provincial Secretary!

The next topic was a reminder to attend the next Honor Flight return. This is scheduled for 10/19 at the airport.

FN Dodaro then announced that our goal for membership of ten has already been attained ... thanks mostly to 5253 for the new gentlemen now bearing the title of Sir Knight. Let's keep it going.

**Faithful Captain's Report:** SK Frank Hare then informed all of the attendance and take from tonight's meal. 32 people were in attendance. He next went on to offer next month's menu of our traditional Thanksgiving feast! He also reminded us that gifts to donate to the VA would be accepted at that time. SK Hare ended with our idea of a formal "social" with wives (of course singles are welcome too) to be held at Spaghetti Warehouse on February 11, 2014 for Valentines Day. The SW puts on a dinner theatre on these nights. It should be a good time. Mark your calendars now.

**Faithful Comptroller's Report:** SK Terry Reine our total membership at 102 strong! He then informed all that bills would be coming out next month. I believe a round of boos emanated from the crowd.

**Faithful Scribe:** No report ... he was just writing away?

**Faithful Purser's Report:** SK Gordon Burke reported on our funds and we are financially sound.

**Faithful Pilot's Report:** SK Phil Siedlecki then gave a Pilot's Report and the closest events of the Circleville Pumpkin show and the parade on Friday ... and the Veterans Day Parade. Attend as you can.

**Faithful Admiral's Report:** SK C.W. Higdon then reported we still have roughly 25 – 30 Raffle Tickets to buy and sell. Take it nation-wide if you have to!

**Report of Committees:** See above! This is our only committee at this time!

**Report of Trustees:** The Trustees brought up ideas to support our veterans. These included:

Send someone from our Assembly or area on an Honor flight.

Donating or assisting at Chalmers P. Wylie Hospital

Taking with our VA rep, Bob Neider, for other suggestions.

**Report of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree:** Council 11187 spoke of their Family Fest scheduled in October 26; their donation of \$250 to the Assembly for use supporting our vets; and their first Pancake Breakfast of the season on November 10<sup>th</sup>. We were reminded of the next 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Degree to be held at St. Andrew's on 10/27. Council 5253 mentioned their First Degree on October 23<sup>rd</sup>; their Stewardship Weekend on October 26-27; and the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Ceremony to be held at St. Andrew's on October 26<sup>th</sup>. And then they mentioned November events of a council Memorial and Breakfast on November 3<sup>rd</sup>; a council Card Social on November 5<sup>th</sup>; collection for Pennies for Heaven on November 16-17; and A Spaghetti Dinner after the 5:30 Mass on November 16<sup>th</sup>. Prices run from six dollars for adults to five dollars for seniors and down to four dollars for the little ones.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** Discussion ensued on whether we should again hold a Memorial Mass for the Assembly. It was finally decided (as time is passing) to hold the Memorial in conjunction with our November Meeting. We will eat first, run the Memorial, and conduct any *really* necessary business and then head back to the hall for after dinner delights. Our significant others and the wives of our deceased members will be part of this celebration of life. Invitations are being quickly dispatched.

**Good of the Order:** Under the Good of the Order we ask prayers for: Rick Humphries, Maureen Patterson, Dick & Mary McComb, Charles Higdon Jr., Barb Metz, Bud Joos, Mike Sillings, Msgr. Noon, Fr. Maynard, Gene Ebert, Marte Wigal ... our priests and military.

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

**Pennies for Heaven:** \$XX were collected and turned in.

**The 50/50 Drawing Winner:** SK Glen Williams won the 50/50 raffle.

Faithful Navigator Steve Dodaro officially called to a close to the meeting at 8:45PM.

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*SK Mike Croyle*

Faithful Scribe

## Respect Life : Abortion Rate Update

Early in October the Ohio Department of Health released the **2012 Ohio Abortion Report** (it takes almost a year to compile the figures). After the historic 12 percent drop in abortions in 2011, abortions in 2012 remained near the lowest levels ever, even with a slight rise in from 2011. The 25,473 abortions is the second lowest level since 1976.

The 2012 report also reveals a:

5.3 percent overall increase within the African American community.

1.7 percent overall decrease within the white community.

30 percent decrease in abortions after 19 weeks gestation.

Decrease in teen abortions and increases in age groups older than 20.

Increases in major metropolitan areas of Cuyahoga, Franklin, Hamilton counties.

Mike Gonidakis, President of Ohio Right to Life had this to say: "As the first African American president, Barack Obama acted with complete irresponsibility and dangerous disregard by campaigning for and bringing business to an organization that has historically targeted minority communities. The results speak for themselves: abortions among whites went down while abortions among African Americans increased."

To view the complete report, go to this website:

<http://www.ohiolife.org/polls-and-reports/2013/10/1/2012-ohio-abortion-report.html>

On another note, my wife and I just returned from a wonderful trip to South Korea and Thailand. My Air Force son is stationed in Korea and we went to see him and his family. While there, we also went to Thailand with them for a family vacation. Both countries are beautiful with warm, friendly people. Both countries are about 95% Buddhist, which frowns on killing any living thing. So it is no surprise that abortion is illegal in both countries, except for rape, incest, if a mother's life is in danger, or for severe fetal abnormalities. What is a surprise is that both countries have among the highest abortion rates in Asia. Apparently, their governments are not enforcing anti-abortion laws very well, though some Pro-Life doctors are challenging that.

Human trafficking is a problem in both countries, especially Thailand, which has some of the highest rates in the world. South Korea is a modern country with bustling cities and a high standard of living, but Thailand is much poorer. Even though women are making progress in Thailand - their Prime Minister is a woman - the desire for male offspring and the low regard for girl children leads some families to sell girl children to get money to survive. Once sold, the life of these girls is harsh and cruel with little option to ever escape it. We need to pray for these unfortunate girls while we work to stop human trafficking wherever it occurs.

Finally, the bus trip to DC is not too far away. The SPY leadership team is generating enthusiasm for the trip and expects to have a lot of response. The Mount Carmel of Buckeye Lake youth group is doing the same. If they achieve their expected results, we will only have a few seats available on the bus for other adult riders, **so if you are interested in going on this great trip with us, please let me know ASAP.** The cost this year is \$170/person, based on staying

two to a room. The cost includes the bus trip, hotel, and breakfast at the hotel.

**Please come join us in prayer at the sidewalk in front of the Complete Women's Health Care clinic on Mondays and Tuesdays from 3 to 5pm and Saturdays from 10 to noon. We need to let Dr. Samuel know we do not want them in Pickerington!**

*Edd Chinnock*

Respect Life coordinator

## Calling All Knights!

We need men to pray outside the abortion mill on Hill Rd at the following times:

Monday: 2:30-4:30pm (several churches cover, Seton welcome)

Tuesday: 2:30-6:00pm (Seton covers Tuesday)

Saturday: 10:00-12:00 noon (for public awareness)

Please take one hour to come and pray to stop this travesty from staying in our community only one block from Seton.

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!**

NEW WEB PAGE

<http://www.kofc11187.org/Right to Life.htm>



## For more information on Pro-Life Activities

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

Pro-Life Activities

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ST. GABRIEL

CATHOLIC RADIO

AM 820



## Pilot's Report

Editor's Note: Pilot's schedule

<http://www.kofccolumbus.org/PilotsReport.htm>

The link to the Pilot's report gives the latest news and events.

Email alerts are sent out when events arise that are not scheduled

*SK Bud Joos*

Faithful Pilot

## YOU COULD WIN \$1,000.00 DOLLARS

Announcing our Pope John Paul II Assembly (2900)  
Annual Fundraiser

Sir Knights and Ladies and brother Knights: An opportunity for a major prize is coming your way. Our Assembly has approved a raffle with a grand prize of \$1000.00. *Only 200 tickets* will be available for a donation of \$10 each and will be available during September and October 2013. All tickets must be turned in by November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013 to be included in the drawing. The Drawing will be held at our regular assembly meeting on November 20, 2013. You need NOT be present to win. The winner will receive \$500 in December 2013 and \$500 in January 2014.

Proceeds will go toward supporting our military veterans and other Assembly projects.

We ask every Sir Knight and his Lady, as well as our Council Brothers, to participate in this fundraiser by either procuring tickets or by having your friends and relatives do so. Remember, only 200 tickets will be available so the chances of winning are rather positive.

If you have any questions, or would like tickets, please call the project coordinator:

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## Saluting our Veterans

November 11, 2010 is Veterans day. What is Veterans day?

“**Veterans Day** is an American holiday honoring military veterans. Both a federal holiday and a state holiday in all states, it's always celebrated on November 11th each year. It is also celebrated as Armistice Day or Remembrance Day in other parts of the world, falling on November 11, the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice that ended World War I. (Major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 with the German signing of the Armistice.)”

In 1954 the Holiday was changed from Armistice Day to Veterans Day to honor American Veterans of all wars.

**The difference between Veterans Day and Memorial Day**

Memorial Day honors service members who died in service to their country or as a result of injuries incurred during battle. Deceased veterans are also remembered on Veterans Day but the day is set aside to thank and honor living veterans who served honorably in the military - in wartime or peacetime.

Also did you know that the holiday is commonly printed as *Veteran's Day* or *Veterans' Day* in calendars and advertisements. While these spellings are grammatically acceptable, the United

States government has declared that the attributive (no apostrophe) rather than the possessive case is the official spelling.

We are privileged to have veterans as members of our council. The next time you see one of them, thank them for their service. Without them and the sacrifices they made, we would not live in the greatest country in the world.



## Captain's Report

The November 20<sup>th</sup> Assembly social will feature a Thanksgiving meal. Lady Diane and I will provide turkey, dressing and gravy. Thanksgiving themed side dishes and desserts are needed from our members. Our last couple socials have been dessert heavy with very few side dishes. If those with last names beginning with A thru L could provide desserts and M thru Z bring sides that may provide a more balanced meal.

November's evening will feature our dinner, followed by our Assembly Memorial service (all invited) and wrapping up with coffee and dessert. Assembly members are reminded to dress for the event in TUX with social baldric.



While you are shopping and thinking about the upcoming holidays, please keep our Veterans in mind. Assembly 2900 will again ask for donations to our veterans at our December 18<sup>th</sup> social. As in the past we will be looking for stamps, envelopes, deodorant, underwear, socks, and toiletries to be donated to the patients at the VA hospital.

### An evening out for the Assembly:

Assembly 2900 is planning an evening out Tuesday February 11, 2014 at the Mayhem & Mystery Interactive Dinner Theatre. This will be held at the Spaghetti Warehouse on Broad Street. For the show and dinner the cost is \$25.95 per person plus tax and gratuity. All are invited to this fun filled evening. Please notify Frank or Diane Hare if you'd like seats reserved. The show for that evening will be Wigged-Out Wake. The following is the description of the show - "Friends, family, employees, and former clients of wig designer and creator, Elias Pompadour arrive at his wake with no hair out of place. Elias' former assistant and hair heir, Tawny Quiff has the hair-brained idea to have everyone let their hair down to ease the awkwardness. In the hair-raising fray, Tawny discovers that Elias was murdered. All guests are caught in the crosshairs. Some accusations will make your hair stand on end. Splitting hairs over the inheritance is sure to follow. Suddenly, no one has seen hide nor hair of Tawny. Before you pull your hair out or the big wigs arrive, can you solve this tasseled twister?"

*SK Frank Hare*

Faithful Captain

November 2013	
20	Assembly Business Meeting and Social 6:30pm
27	Bob Evan's Breakfast 9:30am
<b>December 2013</b>	
18	Assembly Business Meeting and Social 6:30pm
25	Bob Evan's Breakfast 9:30am

**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

*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.

*Stephen Dodaro*  
 Your Faithful Navigator

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**Prayer Corner**

Under the Good of the Order we ask prayers for: Rick Humphries, Maureen Patterson, Dick & Mary McComb, Charles Higdon Jr., Barb Metz, Bud Joos, Mike Sillings, Msgr. Noon, Fr. Maynard, Gene Ebert, Ma