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## School Time!!!

Dear Brother SKs and Ladies:

Do you have any relatives or friends who serve or have served in the military? We have mentioned Honor Flights before, but September is a busy month for them. On both September 7<sup>th</sup> and September 28<sup>th</sup>, veterans will be returning from a trip to Washington DC. If you have never greeted these veterans on their return, here is your chance. Arrive at the airport after 8:30pm and go to the baggage area.

As a reminder, our raffle has one grand prize of \$1000.00. **Only 200 tickets** will be sold for \$10 each and will be available during September and October. All tickets must be turned in by November 9th, 2013 to be included in the drawing. The Drawing will be held on November 20th. Proceeds will go toward supporting our military veterans and other Assembly projects. Contact one of the Assembly officers if you are interested in buying (and selling) tickets.

You are always welcome to join us at our monthly meeting. This is a way to get to know some of your brother Knights. If you have thoughts on how we can make our assembly better, please let me know.

Our Assembly will grow only when we ask a brother Knight to join. If you do not ask him, who will? Although there is an exemplification in the spring, why wait until then? Ask him today, you will be glad you did.

Mahatma Gandhi said, "There is nothing that wastes the body like worry, and one who has any faith in God should be ashamed to worry about anything whatsoever". Our faith is an integral part of why we are Knights. Working together with brother Knights and their families, we continue to set an example of that faith for our parish and community. Thank you for all you continue to do for our Assembly.

Fraternally Yours,

*SK Stephen J. Dodaro*

Faithful Navigator

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2900 Assembly News

Pope John Paul II Assembly 2900, Pickerington, Ohio USA



## Business Meeting Minutes - August 21, 2013

The meeting was started promptly at 7:30pm by Faithful Navigator Steve Dodaro.

**Roll call** of officers was taken and the only one missing to this Scribe's knowledge was the Scribe. PFN George Schneider happily agreed to take notes and here is my best effort at deciphering.

**No communications** were mentioned.

The minutes were corrected to list the District Meeting in September rather than June. They were then motioned to be approved as corrected, voted upon and approved.

**Our Faithful Friar** (now Spiritual Advisor) then spoke on how we should guide others as evangelists of our faith. He mentioned Father Backes and how we should share our faith by our acts in public. We should strive to be like Mary and be the light of Christ.

**Our Faithful Navigator** then reminded everyone of our upcoming raffle and that Gordon will be the Chair and C.W. Higdon will assist.

**Our District Master** then spoke on the following items. As noted above, our Faithful Friar will now forevermore be known as our Spiritual Advisor. We have a new Vice Supreme Master in Donald Hall.

Our next Provincial is scheduled for October 11, 2013. Our next Exemplification is scheduled for November 9, 2013 at Bridgeport. The year 2014 will be the last served by our D.M. Charles Giametta. Thank you for all of your work and dedication, Charlie!

**Our Faithful Comptroller** read a list of bills, covering dinner expenses and the purchase of our storage cabinet. These were then motioned to be sent to the Trustees for payment, voted on and passed. He also noted that we are now 102 members strong.

**Our Faithful Captain** reported thirty eight people were in attendance for the dinner tonight. \$99 was collected with expenses of \$37.23. The Captain mentioned that shirts can be purchased for \$30 if anyone needs spiffed up. He also mentioned our need to remove deceased members from any email distribution lists. And finally, next month will be Italian Night in regards to dinner.

**Our Faithful Purser** spoke on our funds and revenue and we are in fine financial straits.

**Our Faithful Scribe** had no report.

**The Faithful Pilot** reminded everyone of the Labor Day Parade on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Meet at Pickerington Central High School between 8:30 and 9:30AM.

**Our Faithful Admiral** reported that he would have our raffle tickets ready for distribution at our next meeting. They will need returned to him ... with money of course ... by November 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Our Faithful Trustees** had no report.

**Report of the 3rd Degree:** Council 11187 will be working the Food (and more) at the Seton Festival on September 6 - 8. They are also the distributor of Keep Christ in Christmas magnets and the *new* "He is Risen" magnet which is in the shape of a cross. They will also be celebrating their 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a Council on October 19<sup>th</sup>. The actual Anniversary date is 10/12.

**Old Business** – The election for Pilot was held and Bud Joos graciously accepted the nomination and was unanimously elected. S.K. Phil Siedlecki agreed to remain on as Faithful Commander, with S.K. Wayne Patterson as his Vice Commander.

**New Business** – Our Provincial meeting is October 11 -13 and we are looking for someone to attend. S.K. Wayne Patterson noted that deceased S.K. Ed Loch donated his regalia to Council 11187 and Assembly 2900 and that we need to order a tag for our Memorial Stone. Edd Chinnock then spoke on Right to Life issues and happily announced that the PDHC has opened in Pickerington ... which is good news. Unfortunately the Abortion Clinic is still open and help is requested for praying out in front in spiritual protest.

**The Good of the Order** list was not available at the time of this entry ... so, I will list some past requests and ask that you prayerfully insert other names in your mind: Chris Burke, Mary Burke, Msgr. Clagett, Barb Metz, Jeff Samborsky, Debbie Boggs, Charles Higdon, Jr., Maureen Patterson, Jim and Margie Patterson, Dick and Mary McComb, our priests and clergy, as well as our military and veterans.

The 50-50 drawing was held and the winner of \$17.00 was Norbert!

Pennies for Heaven Fund received \$17.00.

Respectfully submitted (as transcribed from notes offered by S.K. George Schneider) by

*S.K. Mike Croyle*

Faithful Scribe

## Respect Life: Right to Life News

### Respect Life: An Amazing Woman

In August an amazing young woman from Seton Parish won the Catholic Woman of the Year award. Liz Christy is the wife of Aaron and daughter of Chuck and Pat Gray, also from Seton. Because she is so involved with Respect Life, I thought you should know about this remarkable young woman.

Elizabeth Ann Christy is a wife, a mother of two, and an active member at Seton Parish in Pickerington. She was named after St. Elizabeth Ann Seton who was canonized a few months before her birth. She is a certified nurse midwife who has delivered over 1,200 babies. If you are one of these families, you will undoubtedly always remember Liz. She brings a calmness and compassion to every delivery, but more importantly she brings her faith. She prays the Chaplet of Divine Mercy as she drives in for the delivery. She secretly crosses the head of every baby that emerges. If the family asks, she will pray in the delivery room with them. She wants them to ask.

But with the joy of bringing life comes the enormity of handling decisions against life: pregnant mothers asking about abortion options, desperate women asking for fertility treatments, and of course the looming need for birth control. These are not infrequent conversations. These are every patient, everyday. This is part of the societal expectation for having an appointment with an OB-GYN practice.

When Liz was a student midwife, she felt her faith would fit perfectly in line with her profession. What could possibly be more pro-life than delivering babies? But very gradually, small decisions began to sneak in. Just learn how to write this prescription. Just help with these fertility treatments. She thought she always had the power to eventually opt out of these choices, but things snowballed. She soon found herself with a job that was severely disjointed with her faith.

Liz desperately struggled with this conflict between the Catholic teaching and the expectations of her job. She felt that the positive difference she was making was being undone by the obligation she felt in prescribing birth control. Spiritually, she felt in constant turmoil. She became busy with her job and stopped singing in the choir - something she had always loved to do. She had a well paying job, a house, a strong marriage, and two beautiful children. She had everything society said should make her happy, but inside she was a mess. She looked around and saw a world that simply did not lean toward the Catholic view on procreation and she had no idea how to emerge from underneath the enormous weight of her decisions.

One day in a grocery parking lot, she heard a Catholic radio program on contraception and the effects on society. Liz hit bottom and broke down. She started saying out loud, "I know what I am doing is wrong, but this is too hard. I don't know what to do. Just show me and I'll do it." God did not wait long. The next day, a friend casually mentioned in general conversation that her OB-GYN provider did not prescribe birth control at all. Every light bulb turned on. This changed everything. Liz immediately began researching, planning, and preparing how she could implement the same thing within her own work.

After many weeks of careful preparation, she stepped into the office of the physician who owned the practice and stated that she could no longer in good conscience provide birth control or

fertility treatments for patients. She knew that she might be fired from a job she loved, but she could not let her work obligations tear her away from her faith. She had to begin living her faith in all aspects of her life. Work could not be an exception.

She carefully laid out an alternate strategy where she could attend to pregnant patients and those that did not need birth control. She explained how the office could adapt to her needs and still be just as productive. He was confused and didn't understand. He tried to debate her and convince her that the decision was misguided. "Can't I have a chance to talk you out of it?" he asked. Liz said, "This is being directed by someone bigger than me and I have to go along with it. I need to know if we can make this work. Can I stay here or do you need me to leave?" He said, "Let's not get crazy here. Let me have time to process and think. I have questions to ask, but we can work this out." He finally agreed, but left it up to Liz to explain her decision to others and ensure the implementation.

When you take such a public risk to realign your life to Christ, you become a witness. People notice. Staff, patients, nurses, other physicians, and even friends begin asking questions. Difficult questions. However, like in most things, Liz not only prays, she prepares.

Why does she follow this antiquated, burdensome Church teaching on birth control? Liz explains the Church teaching on not the simple "rule", but the Catholic reasoning that supports it. In doing so, she shines light on an alternate path that is not predicated on inclusion of birth control. Why would the Church be so callous to deny an infertile couple the right to have a baby? Liz discreetly teaches Pope Paul VI's *Humanae Vitae* using her own life and previous patients as reference. Patients ask about whether they should test for genetic defects. Liz bluntly explains that there are two kinds of people: those who want to know this answer to terminate their baby's life and those that believe the knowledge can help them prepare. Mothers stop, take a step back, and are forced to examine their conscience. Seeing these kinds of actions and hearing an educated explanation demands a response.

Patients ordinarily ignored and disregarded in everyday society are treated with such kindness and respect that after several visits with Liz, one recent patient named her newborn daughter "Elizabeth Christy". Fellow midwives ask questions about Catholic devotion to Mary. Liz introduces them to Mary, and the next day buys them rosaries and an instructional booklet so that they can begin their own journey. One of these recipients has since decided to become Catholic and baptize her children. People find a high level of comfort with Liz and begin publicly opening up about their faith -- asking questions, looking for guidance. One Baptist physician asked Liz to sing at her mother's Catholic funeral. Whether they are aware or not, Liz is slowly beginning to pull them towards the Church. When a physician told Liz that he needed some kind of sign before going back to Church, Liz smiled, calmly looked up at him and said, "Why do you think I am here?"

These are not ordinary reactions. These are not people deciding what flavor of coffee to buy. These are people making drastic changes to their lives through explicit examples of love and conviction. Catholics, prior Catholics, people with no religious affiliation, friends, family, patients -- all of them see something

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amazing in Liz. Someone courageous. Someone no longer willing to compromise her faith. A woman whose actions toward everyone she meets is clearly being led by someone else. And when you see someone like this, you can't help but want it for yourself. You begin to see yourself in her actions.

Making a significant life change has no choice but to bleed into your spiritual life and participation within your parish. Liz continues to be an active member of the Music Ministry and a routine cantor at Sunday mass, weddings, and funerals. The Lord has blessed her with a beautiful singing voice that always comes across with feeling, meaning, and a wondrous calm. At a pro-life prayer rally that was held inside the Ohio State House, Liz showed up and as they were ready to begin reciting the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, she asked if they would like someone to sing it instead. Hearing her voice echoing off the cold walls of the statehouse was an extremely moving and prayerful experience.

At this year's vacation bible school, Liz led the music program, encouraging 130 young children to sing and follow hand motions for songs describing God's love in their lives. The children could not help responding to her gentle, loving, and spirit-filled presence on the stage. She also works through the parish Respect Life committee where she shares her story as a witness and delivers meals to the Bethesda Healing Ministry.

Her efforts have served as a springboard to help the Pregnancy Decision Health Center where she volunteers in their offices. In addition she has served as the coordinator for the Seton "Baby Bottle" fund raising campaign and voiced the radio promotion for their Pickerington location fund raiser on AM 820. During Respect Life Month, she assembled a program on pro-life issues and presented it to the religious education program at Seton. She is involved with all pro-life activities in the parish and includes her husband and two children whenever the activity allows it.

It becomes clear that at some point, your Catholic faith is going to directly collide with some competing aspect of your personal life. It may be your work, your friends, or even your spouse making it seem that the societal choice is the only one to be made. Liz has shown that you always have another option. She demonstrates through her actions that it is possible to find the courage to realign yourself with Christ and in doing so, touch countless lives by your example. With God's grace, you can become a witness and a teacher. Without question, Liz Christy is both.

Excerpted from Liz's Catholic Woman of the Year nomination letter.

*Edd Chinnock*

Respect Life coordinator

### For more information on Pro-Life Activities

Email us at [prolife@usccb.org](mailto:prolife@usccb.org)  
Pro-Life Activities  
3211 4th Street, N.E.,  
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**RALLY FOR LIFE**  
Saturday, September 28  
10:30—11:30 a.m.  
692 Hill Road North  
(Winfree, Ruff & Associates Lawn)  
Parking available on McLeod Parc in Melrose

Prayer Service, Speakers  
& Refreshments  
All are welcome!

**PICK**life  [www.pick-life.com](http://www.pick-life.com)  
 [facebook.com/PickLifePickerington](https://facebook.com/PickLifePickerington)

### 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>



## 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:

*SK Gordon Pickett*, PFN  
614-378-4673  
Pope John Paul II Assembly 2900

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Pope John Paul II Assembly 2900



## 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



## Captain's Report

The August Assembly get-together featured the "summer picnic" theme and pulled pork from SK Shawn Ansbro. The Ladies contests featured first place winners: Sandy Lowery - OSU Corn Hole and Dee Ansbro - Picnic Word Search.

Our theme for the September get-together is an Italian night. The menu will feature pasta with meat sauce and sausage peppers and onions. We look forward to our Ladies "Italian" themed side dishes and desserts.

*SK Frank Hare*  
Faithful Captain

## Assembly 2900 Manual of the Month

The Fourth Degree Program Manual

This Month's Manual of the Month is the Fourth Degree Program Manual. To quote directly from the forward

"This Fourth degree program manual outlines ways by which Assemblies or individuals can take part in the preservation and the perpetuation of freedom. Every individual man, woman and child; Company; union; religious, civic, fraternal and patriotic organization has a part to play. Learn what you can do in the name of patriotism and do it- every day!"

The manual is 40 pages long and is an idea guide to operating programs in an assembly and living as a 4<sup>th</sup> degree Knight. It has sections on recruitment, and what supplies are available, Squires and how the 4<sup>th</sup> degree can support them. It talks about planning a program calendar, monthly bulletins, community nights, and essay contests.

For individuals it has information about how individuals can write your representative, how to set up talks with local government officials to better understand their purpose. It talks about how to encourage voting, and what resources the Knights provide to do so.

Several sections cover a variety of ways to support patriotic holidays, and support of our veterans, detailing ideas and what resources are available through the 4<sup>th</sup> degree. The last few sections detail all of the certificates and awards the 4<sup>th</sup> degree makes available, and there are many, to support veterans and promote patriotism.

If you have a desire to increase you participation in the 4th degree Knights, this manual will give you plenty of ideas as well as point you to additional materials you can order to support them.

Let me know if you are interested in a copy let me know by at our next meeting or drop me an e-mail at [boilers4us@att.net](mailto:boilers4us@att.net)

*SK Terry Reine*

Faithful Comptroller



<b>September 2013</b>	
<b>18</b>	Assembly Business Meeting and Social 6:30pm
<b>2</b>	Labor Day
<b>2</b>	Pickerington Labor Day Parade Gather 8:30 @ PCHS Step off at 10:00
<b>October 2013</b>	
<b>16</b>	Assembly Business Meeting and Social 6:30pm

**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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- Faithful Patron**

**Prayer Corner**

Good of the Order we listed: Martin Croyle, Chris Burke, Mary Burke, Msgr. Clagett, Barb Metz, Jeff Samborsky, Debbie Boggs, Charles Higdon, Jr., the deceased and injured in the Boston Bombing, Maureen Patterson, Jim and Margie Patterson, Dick and Mary McComb, our priests and clergy, as well as our military and veterans.