



2900 Assembly News
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Happy New Year

Dear Brother SKs and Ladies:

The holiday season is behind us and I hope it was enjoyable for you and your family. If you were unable to attend our Christmas party, you missed a good time.

Assemblies are dedicated to assisting our veterans. We will be discussing new opportunities for supporting our veterans at our next meeting. Two of these opportunities are described below.

The Knights of Columbus has established a new scholarship program to help fund the education of seminarians preparing to become Catholic chaplains in the U.S. Armed Forces. The program will distribute \$1 million in scholarship money to the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, over a period of five years at a rate of \$200,000 per year. These funds, in turn, will help produce a new generation of much-needed Catholic chaplains to minister to U.S. military personnel and their families. Fundraising for the Order-wide project will be led by the Fourth Degree, the patriotic degree of the Knights.

We have also received information from the Resurrecting Lives Foundation. This foundation has been set up to assist in the recovery and reintegration of veterans with traumatic brain injuries. They are raising funds for research and to connect veterans to possible resources.

As we begin the New Year we begin a new season of recruiting. Increasing our membership increases our visibility throughout the parish and city. Be sure to invite and encourage any fellow third degree Knight to participate in our upcoming Spring Exemplification. We will also need to sell Ads, so please get a copy of the Ad form on the Website and ask some of your local merchants to consider placing an ad.

Albert Einstein said, "Setting an example is not the main means of influencing another, it is the only means". I appreciate the example each of you set as a reminder to our church and our community what it means to be a Knight of Columbus. Each month I write this column, I am reminded of all the things we do for our church and community and I thank you for the example each of you set and the work each of you do.

Fraternally Yours,

SK Stephen J. Dodaro

Faithful Navigator

Business Meeting Minutes - December 18 2013

Memorial Service replaced the Business meeting.

SK Mike Croyle

Faithful Scribe

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Respect Life: The Value of Life

During the Christmas season we celebrate a very special birth. Two thousand years ago, the birth of a single baby changed the world forever. The birth of Jesus, through the most important “unexpected” pregnancy in all of history, is truly a timeless joyful story. Simply hearing the word Christmas, children’s eyes instantly open wide, their faces aglow with anticipation and joy. Visions of toys, candy, festive lights, special meals, and Christmas trees enrapture their innocent minds.

Christmas really celebrates the birth of a baby. It is the culmination of a pregnancy. Birth is a milestone in the saga of life.

Tragically, today in our “modern,” “sophisticated,” “rationalized,” world, we have “legalized” the power to end life before birth through abortion. The atrocity of abortion should be viewed as an unthinkable act of violence against human life at its most vulnerable stage of development. Since 1973, in the United States alone more than 55 million babies have been denied birth.

The tyrannical dictator Joseph Stalin stated, “One death is a tragedy; one million is a statistic.” Our answer to this is, “No, Comrade Stalin, you were totally wrong. One death is a tragedy, one million deaths are one million tragedies; each individual death is a personal tragedy, a loss to our society and rejection of a special gift from God.”

The Knights of Columbus are dedicated to ending these unconscionable attacks on all innocent human life. Defending LIFE is our most important issue and task. Despite the relentless anti-life attacks by the well-funded abortion industry and the mass media, we must continue the fight for life from conception until natural death.

You can help us continue this fight by joining us on the bus trip to DC for the March for Life. We still have seats available on the bus for additional riders. **This is a great opportunity for YOU to attend this wonderful trip with us!**

We will leave early Tuesday morning, January 21, and return late Wednesday night, January 22. We will go directly to the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception for the vigil Mass. If you have never been there, you MUST come see this gorgeous Basilica and the Knights of Columbus bell tower. The vigil Mass is like no other Mass you have ever attended - there are so many Cardinals, Bishops, priests, deacons, and seminarians that the entrance procession alone takes 30 minutes.

After Mass our bus will take us to the hotel where we will have a pizza party and visit with our fellow riders before going to bed. The next morning, after breakfast at the hotel (included), the youth will go to the Youth Rally and Mass for Life while the other riders can go to any of the many Pro-Life events going on that morning. Priests for Life, 40 Days for Life, and many other groups have displays, speakers, and events we can attend.

Around noon, we will meet the youth as they return from the Youth Mass and go to the March itself. They have many great speakers and representatives at the rally before the March. Once the March begins, we will walk up Constitution Avenue to the Supreme Court building, where there are additional speakers. Those who wish can then go across the street to the Capitol building for a reception hosted by congressional representative Jim Jordan and other Ohio congressmen. Senator Rob Portman often attends as well. This is a great opportunity to meet some of our

congressmen.

After that, we will meet our bus for the trip home. You get all this for only \$170 per person (double occupancy). Please contact me if you are interested in this trip or get the registration/information form on the Seton Parish website.

Another way to continue the fight is to join us in prayer on the sidewalk in front of Dr. Samuel’s local facility, Complete Women’s Health Care, on Mondays and Tuesdays from 3 to 5pm and Saturdays from 10 to noon. We need to let Dr. Samuels know we don’t want them in Pickerington!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Edd Chinnock

Respect Life coordinator

Captain’s Report

Thank you to all for your donations to the patients at the VA hospital. We had 2 full tables of items that CW Higdon delivered on behalf of Assembly 2900.

Roasted pork loin and gravy will be our main dish for the January meal. The New Year’s custom of eating pork is based on that pigs symbolize progress. The animal pushes forward, rooting itself in the ground before moving. Also thanks to its rich fat content, it signifies wealth and prosperity. Please bring your choice of a side dish or dessert. Some side dish suggestions: sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, applesauce, dinner rolls.

Wishing all a very happy and healthy 2014, Lady Diane and Faithful Captain Frank Hare

An evening out for the Assembly:

Our plans for the Assembly 2900 evening out is moving along well as 20 folks have signed up so far. The event is 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. The show for that evening will be Wiggled-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?”

Please RSVP to Frank or Diane Hare at the January social or 740 964 3580 or frank.hare@centurylink.com or dhare@student.csc.edu as soon as possible to get our group reservation in place.

S K Frank Hare

Faithful Captain

January 2014

15	Assembly Business Meeting and Social 6:30pm
1	Happy New Year
20	MLK Birthday
22	Bob Evan's Breakfast 9:30am

February 2014

19	Assembly Business Meeting and Social 6:30pm
14	Valentine's Day
16	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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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

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Prayer Corner



Under the Good of the Order we ask prayers for: All that are sick and in need, our military, police and firefighters. All our Clergy, Deacons, Sisters and Laypeople.

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