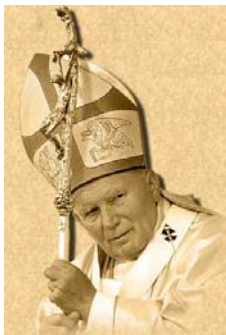


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## Dear Brother SKs and Ladies:

Thank you, Sir Knights, for serving on the Honor Guard and saying goodbye to one of ours, SK Harold E. Clyburn. His death reminds me of *tempus fugit memento mori*. He so wanted to become a Faithful Navigator, and I know that our founder, Fr. McGivney, has given him that title in Heaven.

My name is Dominic Nocera, and, as your new Faithful Navigator, both my wife, Lady Danna, and I want to extend our appreciation for the confidence that you have given to me this fraternal year.

As this newsletter goes out, I ask that you all attend our meetings. You can help us make this fraternal year a great one.

Our District Master, Shawn Ansbro, and his wife, Lady Dee, will be having a One Day Exemplification on Saturday, November 12, 2016, in Dover, Ohio. I would like for you all to get the word of this event out to your Councils for the members who are Third Degree. Let's work to get them fully knighted to the Fourth Degree.

Please keep in mind how quickly time flies, and work hard together to get it done.

Fraternally Yours,

*SK Dominic Nocera*

Faithful Navigator

2900 Assembly News

Pope John Paul II Assembly 2900, Pickerington, Ohio USA

## Business Meeting Notes - June 15, 2016

The meeting started at St. Pius at 7:30pm by Faithful Navigator George Schneider and the gavel was passed to SK Dominic Nocera or the 2016/17 fraternal year

**Roll call:** Scribe absent

**Our Faithful Friar:** was excused and thus no report.

The approval of the April meeting minutes as posted. Voting upon the minutes and approval followed.

**Our Faithful Master:** No Report

**Our Faithful Navigator:** No Report

**Reading of applicants:** No Report

**Our Faithful Captain:** Ice Cream Social for the August meeting.

**Our Faithful Comptroller:** Financial report accepted

**Our Faithful Purser:** no entry

**Our Faithful Commander:** 19 attended the funeral for SK Joseph Drignat and thanks for the attendance in the cross burial.

**Our Faithful Pilot:** No Report

**Our Veteran's Affair Liaison:** SK Ralph Blamer reported that Reynoldsburg High School is taking donations for a Veterans Memorial. Engraved bricks can be bought for \$100 to be placed in the memorial walkway.

**Our Faithful Admiral:** Exemplification on November 12, New Philadelphia

October 20th - 2nd/3rd degree at 11:30 am

**Right to Life:** No entry

**The Trustees:** No entry

**Report of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree:** No entry

**Old and New Business** none at this time

**For the Good of the Order** We list and keep in our prayers Jim and Fr Frank Higdon, Pat Barnes, Harry Clyburn, Maureen Patterson, Jm and Maggie Pattersonm Joe Drignat, Carrie Ebert, Sandra Blamer, Tom Joos, Shawn Ansbro, Gordon Picket Sr, Carol Puhlman Schneider, our priests and religious, and of course our military and veterans

**Faithful Patron,** Sir Bud Joos Catholic Eye Opener reading

Respectfully submitted by,

*SK Dominic Nocera* for SK Chris Coppus

Faithful Scribe

## Culture of Life: Moral Values vs. Feelings

### *Supporting Life From Conception Until Natural Death*

Ohio has “informed consent” laws requiring that any woman considering abortion must be given information about the risks of abortion, alternatives like adoption or help during pregnancy and after the child is born, and parental notification is required for minors considering abortion. Of course, the so-called “pro-choice” groups adamantly oppose any and all informed consent laws. Why is this?

First and foremost, because they are not really “pro-choice” – they are “pro-abortion” because of the huge profits this industry generates and because they really don’t value human life. And why don’t they value human life?

In recent years many people stopped looking to traditional sources of moral standards to decide what is right and wrong. Instead of being guided by the Bible and religion, they look elsewhere for moral and social guidelines. For many in America and Western Europe these guidelines are feelings – personal feelings have supplanted universal standards. That is why most of the media today refers to terrorists as “freedom fighters” or “insurgents” – as though beheading innocent people and blowing up children is morally equivalent to attempting to overthrow murderous tyrants.

The “animals and humans are equivalent” movement is based entirely on feelings. People see animals being killed for food or sport and abandon thought completely when they equate their supposed suffering to that of a person in similar circumstances. Many educators are more worried about hurting a child’s feelings or “self-esteem” than actually teaching them something, so the public schools are dismal failures in many cities.

The secular preoccupation with whether America is loved or hated is also entirely feelings-based. They want to be loved while religious believers want to do what is right and deem world opinion fickle at best and immoral at worst.

In the secular view, the entire worth of the human fetus is determined by the mother's feelings. If she feels the human life she is carrying is worth nothing, it is worth nothing. If she feels it is infinitely precious, it is infinitely precious.

While religious people are not immune to using feelings in determining right and wrong – after all, patriotism is largely a feeling and religious faith is often dictated by emotion – far more of their positions are based on “What is right?” rather than on “How do I feel?” That is why a religious woman who is pregnant but does not wish to be is far less likely to have an abortion than a secular woman in the same circumstances. Her values are higher than her feelings. And that, in a nutshell, is what our culture war is about -- Judeo-Christian values versus secular feelings.

As pro-life Knights, we must support political candidates and judges who will reject moral relativism and support unchanging moral standards as given to us by God and accepted by all societies in the past.

## Edd Chinnock,

Culture of Life Chairman

## For more information on Pro-Life Activities

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## Newsflash

We are working on establishing an email system for the Assembly (@kofcassembly2900.com). This will allow for the officers to have a unique email that will not change (no matter who is holding the office). We will also establish an “allmembers” email that anyone can use to contact the Assembly.

Stay tuned...

*Frank Piper*

*Jesus Garica*

Council/Assembly Webmasters

## Captain’s Corner:

The August 17th gathering we will be at St. Pius X - 1051 Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg.

We will be gathering in the school cafeteria starting at 6:45. Our dinner will feature **Ice Cream Social**. Please bring ice cream toppings so we can have a nice social event.

Thanks as always,

*Juan Carlos and Lady Gloria Isabel*

Faithful Captain

August 2016	
17	Assembly Meeting: 6:30 Social/7:30Meeting
September 2016	
21	Assembly Meeting: 6:30 Social/7:30Meeting
5	Labor Day
5	Labor Day Parade (Pickerington) gather at 9:30 at PCHS

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**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.

*SK George Schneider*  
 Your Faithful Navigator

**Prayer Corner**

We list and keep in our prayers: Master Shawn Ansbro, Gordon Pickett, Sr., Maureen Patterson, Jordan Patterson, Jim and Margie Patterson, Patsy Barnes, Carrie Ebert, Fr. Frank Higdon, Pat Higdon, John Samborsky, Jeff Samborsky, Bud Joos, Fred Barwick and wife, Joe Drignat, Ryan Schneider, Carrie Ebert, Sandra Blamer, Caroline Hare, Lorraine Sharon, Paul Thoburn (deceased) and family, Officer Steve Smith (deceased) and family, and all of our military and veterans and priests