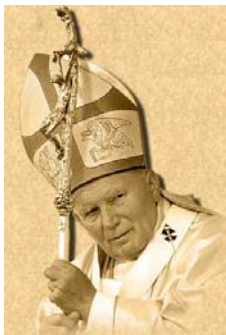


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Dear Brother SKs and Ladies:

July 4th and Father's Day

We will enjoy the 4th of July before our next meeting. As patriotism is part of the Knights priority I thought I would include an interesting fact:

The Continental Congress approved the final wording of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. They'd been working on it for a couple of days after the draft was submitted on July 2nd and finally agreed on all of the edits and changes.

July 4, 1776, became the date that was included on the Declaration of Independence, and the fancy handwritten copy that was signed in August (the copy now displayed at the National Archives in Washington, D.C.) It's also the date that was printed on the Dunlap Broadside, the original printed copies of the Declaration that were circulated throughout the new nation. So when people thought of the Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776 was the date they remembered.

Happy Father's Day to all Sir Knights. Hopefully you all will have a wonderful Father's Day with your family.

Location change for June Social and Meeting: Remember Sir Knights and Ladies that this next meeting, Wednesday, June 15th will be held at St. Pius X. Social at 6:45pm – Meeting at 7:30pm

SK George Schneider

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 with normal procedure and prayer. This was the first meeting at Pius as Seton Parish undergoes a new church and facility build!

Roll call of officers followed and those excused this month included our Friar, Comptroller, Purser, and Outer Sentinel.

Our Faithful Friar, was excused and thus no report.

Wayne Patterson motioned and Phil Siedlecki seconded the approval of the April meeting minutes as posted due to the fact we had no May meeting. The minutes will include the Officer's slate for the upcoming year. Remember this historically. Have we ever cancelled a meeting before? Voting upon the minutes and approval followed.

No comptroller and Purser were present so no bills reading occurred. Those holding bills and/or any money to turn in, will hold until next month.

Our Faithful Master ... SK Shawn Ansbro emphasized the baskets at the Exemp help defray many costs ... and prevent more need to dip into his own pocket. He mentioned our District Meeting in Septemberscheduled at New Philadelphia. It will be casual dress, not full regalia. Provincial is Oct. 7 -9. Installation of officers is coming at the Cathedral with TAT for dinner and celebration afterwards.

Our Faithful Navigator, SK George Schneider then listed the following items:

- ~ SK Schneider thanked all for dealing with the new meeting location and expressed appreciation for all who came.
- ~ Rob Allen is still in need of a lift chair. Peace United Church hands these things out. Their ministry handles this. SK Ebert informed SK Allen of this benefit.

Reading of applicants: None at this time

Our Faithful Captain, SK Frank Hare thanked all for the support of the past three years. In addition, we thank him and the lovely Lady Diane for providing this service during this period! Our Faithful Master politely reminded all that money collected for dinner is intended to raise money to defray costs for Exemp and more. The money is not just to feed us. More discussion ensued on all of the costs necessary to run and serve as State officers. These men are moved to serve and can use all the assistance we can provide. SK Hare thanked all with help on the move of equipment from Seton to Pius. SK Hare continued with the money collected and disbursed for the evening and Pizza Dinner Deluxe! We had 28 in attendance. Next month we move onto a Spanish – Colombian flare of a Chicken and Rice Dinner provided by our new Captain (following elections, of course) JC Morales and his wife.

Our Faithful Comptroller, Fred Barwick was absent and there was no report.

Our Faithful Purser, SK Gordon Burke was absent and there was no report, but we are still financially solvent.

Our Faithful Commander, Wayne Patterson reported that he had no report. This could also be a first time event. All SKs in attendance gave appropriate grief to our dear Commander.

Our Faithful Pilot, Gene Ebert asked all to look on the District Pilot's Report for upcoming events and comments covered by our Admiral for the two upcoming, crucial events.

Our Veteran's Affair Liaison, SK Ralph Blamer reported that he is taking care of the money to disburse to the Chillicothe Summer Fest, but the donation option was unavailable. Our Faithful Master assured him of acceptance of the money. SK Blamer added his wish to check in on the VA Hospital to see if they have any needs.

Our Faithful Admiral, SK Phillip Siedlecki reported about a Marriage Encounter Mass on June 26 at St. Andrews parish beginning at 2:30. This is in Upper Arlington. Full regalia is requested. Religious

Freedom Mass is June 29 at 5:15.

Right to Life, SK Edd Chinnock reported on a new city order proposed by Columbus. It intends to prevent people from praying outside of Abortion Clinics and other such facilities. The Columbus Right to Life group is trying to start a postcard blitz to oppose the ordinance ... to begin possibly by the end of the month. Greater Columbus Right to Life has a petition to sign on their website as well. SKs signed postcards SK Chinnock provided for inclusion in the effort.

The Trustees SKs Dodaro, Higdon, and Blamer reported that Honor Flights for the upcoming year include 8/29, 9/19, and 10/10.

Elections of Officers took place. All listed below accepted nominations in the proper procedure.

Navigator	Dominic Necora
Captain	JC Morales
Pilot	Gene Ebert
Admiral	George Schneider
Comptroller	Frank Hare
Purser	Gordon Burke
Scribe	Chris Coppus
Inner Sentinel	Larry Armstrong
Outer Sentinel	Gordon Pickett, Jr
3 Yr Trustee	Phil Siedlecki
2 Yr Trustee	Steve Dodaro
1 Yr Trustee	Ralph Blamer
Commander	Wayne Patterson
Vice Commander	Steve Valentine
Patron	Francis Joos

Ralph Blamer and Wayne Patterson motioned all for approval by acclamation. This passed and these new officers will provide our leadership for the coming year. Gentlemen ... we thank you in advance for your service.

Report of the 3rd Degree: (missed much here ... time for old two-fingers to step down)

Council 5253 reported the following events:

- ~Food truck is travelling on July 10.
- ~Food truck at Reynoldsburg Fireworks and Pataskala Festival
- ~8/5 and 6 is the Festival

Council 11187 listed the following events:

- ~The Seton Festival is coming ... early September
- ~We have a First Degree on 7/16 ... a Saturday to accommodate men who work the night shift, yet wish to join!

Old and New Business none at this time

For the Good of the Order We list and keep in our prayers Jim and Margie Patterson, Maureen Patterson, Harry Clyburn, Carla Schneider, Ryan Schneider, Gordon Pickett Sr., Charlie Giametta, Maria Giametta, Ralph Blamer, Carrie Ebert, Chris Coppus, Edd Chinnock, Mark Borys (deceased), Geri Capwill (deceased), Joe Drignat, Fr. Frank Higdon, Pat Barnes, Jimmy Higdon, Shawn Ansbro, Tom Joos, our priests, and of course our military and veterans

Faithful Patron, Sir Bud Joos first asked all for a display of our rosaries. Only a few had to pay. He then asked the following deep questions for consideration. (Sorry guys, I missed a few of these gems, but the rest follow.)

Why do banks leave vault doors open and chain their pens?

Why can't women put on mascara with their mouths closed?

Why do you never hear on the news ... "Psychic wins the lottery?"

Respectfully submitted by,

SK Mike Croyle

Faithful Scribe

Culture of Life: Down the Slippery Slope

Slavery

Dred Scott, 1857
7-2 Decision
Black Non-Person
Property of Owner
Choose to buy-sell-kill
Abolitionists should not impose morality on slave owners
Slavery is legal

Abortion

Roe vs. Wade, 1973
7-2 Decision
Unborn Non-Person
Property of Owner (mother)
Choose to keep or kill
Pro-Lifers should not impose morality on mother
Abortion is legal

Isn't it conceivable that the Supreme Court got it wrong again?
(from 'Why Can't We Love Them Both', by Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilke)

The Supreme Court took the first step on the slippery slope of moral relativism when it invented a new "right to privacy" that isn't stated or even implied in the Constitution in order to legalize abortion. It accelerated the slide down the slope shortly thereafter with its "Doe" decision legalizing abortion throughout the entire nine months of pregnancy. Since then it has continued ever faster down the slippery slope with decisions that erode respect for life and support the culture of death. The decisions made by liberal judges across the country are now being based on moral relativism – moral standards based on what society now considers correct – rather than on the strict set of unchangeable God given morals that our country was founded on. These 'shifting sands' undermine the laws that govern our society – what was illegal today may be legal tomorrow and vice versa.

We live in a society that is radically changing the internal attitude about how we look at human life. In "The Catholic Way", Pittsburgh Bishop Donald Wuerl describes this attitude shift:

"Increasingly public policy reflects a disregard for God's dominion over life and attempts to substitute our own power. This is the most significant single attitudinal change in modern history. Our culture and civilization are based on the principle that God alone has dominion over human life, and neither individually nor collectively are we free to destroy innocent human life. Opposing this truth is the contention that we are the lords of life and that, if we decide we have good reason, we can make legal the taking of innocent human life.

"Nothing has more advanced this false vision of life than the case for legalized abortion. At the heart of the abortion argument is the belief that we have dominion over human life and can take that life if it becomes inconvenient to us. Scrape away all of the rhetoric, and at the core of the abortionist movement is the rejection of the injunction, 'You shall not kill'.

"The effects of the culture of death are not confined to the unborn. The elderly and disabled of our society are more and more considered as burdens. The disrespect for human life that began with the very first legal abortion has now grown into a culture where people will have to meet a 'quality of life' standard in order to justify their continued existence.

"The assumption that to be old, disabled, or dying renders you worthless has fostered a terrible premise that seeks to eliminate the 'imperfect' from our society. Masked by a false mercy, euthanasia is often promoted as the right and good thing for society to do. Many are actively working to legalize euthanasia, already a reality in one state. [Note: Since Bishop Wuerl wrote this, at least two other states have legalized euthanasia. EJC]

"The word 'euthanasia' means a 'happy' or 'easy death'. Today in our culture the word is translated as 'mercy killing'. Most of the media emphasis is now on *mercy*, but we must never forget that the action is *killing*. Advocates of assisted suicide, carried out either by a physician or by a family member, challenge the Church's teaching. They say, in effect, 'I can end life if I have the intention of doing it with mercy.' Yet suicide and euthanasia are 'false mercy.' We do not respect human life by destroying it." From "The Catholic Way", Bishop Donald W. Wuerl, Chapters 71-72.

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

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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 July 20th 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 **Arroz con Pollo (chicken w/ rice)**. Those with last names A-L please bring side dishes. If the last names of M-Z could please bring desserts, we should have quite a nice dinner w/some Latin seasoning.

Thanks as always,

Juan Carlos and Lady Gloria Isabel

Faithful Captain

July 2016	
20	Assembly Meeting: 6:30 Social/7:30Meeting
4	Independence Day - 240 years!!
August 2016	
17	Assembly Meeting: 6:30 Social/7:30Meeting

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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