

# Serving Councils: 5253, 11187 and 11354



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Dear Brother SKs and Ladies:

## Memorial and Mary

In this month of May...as we pay tribute and memorialize the soldiers from the past, the present and the future... those still with us and those that have fallen. Let us place them all in the care of the Blessed Mother for her guidance and help.

The Memorare is a prayer that reminds us that we have a wonderful advocate and protector in the mother of our Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.**

*Remember to pray the Rosary.*

**First Communion/Confirmation:** Thank you to all who helped with the First Communions and Confirmations in both parishes. These are days that the children and young people will remember all their lives. Having the Sir Knights there definitely adds to the importance of these ceremonies.

**Location change for May Social and Meeting:** Remember Sir Knights and Ladies that this next meeting, Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> will be held at St. Pius X. Social at 6:45pm - Meeting at 7:30pm

*SK George Schneider*

Faithful Navigator

**The May Assembly meeting has been cancelled due to scheduling problems. The June meeting will take place on June 15 at St. Pius X at the normal meeting time.**

## Officers Needed

Assembly 2900 is looking for a few good men with a desire to serve. If you are willing to serve as an officer of the Assembly for the fraternal next year, please contact one of the trustees. Thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter.

2900 Assembly News

Pope John Paul II Assembly 2900, Pickerington, Ohio USA

## Business Meeting Notes - April 20, 2016

The meeting started at 7:35pm by Faithful Navigator George Schneider with normal procedure and prayer.

**Roll call** of officers listed the following as absent, but excused. Faith Friar, 3 Year Trustee, and Faithful Patron.

**Our Faithful Friar** as excused, had no report. Wayne Patterson motioned and Mike Shilling seconded the minutes for approval as posted. Voting commenced and approval followed.

**Bills** reading commenced and concluded. Wayne Patterson motioned and Mike Shilling seconded the passing of bills to the Trustees for approval. Voting commenced and approval followed. Some concern arose as to rebates for those who attended the Exemplification.

**Our Faithful Master** was not present and we had no report. He was a "force" at the Exemplification and all were happy to see him!

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

The Exemplification as awesome and gets better year after year. The Hospitality suite was well done. SK Coppus received the honor of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree. He proclaimed the event as "interesting".

We still need to get more interest in having our 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree members of our Councils attain their 4<sup>th</sup> Degree status. Discussion ensued and these items were included...We intend to improve communication by sending out flyers with our dues bills. Then we can work on adding more. We need to push patriotism! It is a brotherhood. Knights just need to get involved and see what you can get out of it!

Questions arose as to our absence at the funeral of Officer Smith. We could not take part this time... due to the number in attendance.

M\*A\*S\*H (a new service and house) in Grove City is a place taking homeless vets. We may consider funding them after more exploration.

Seton renovation begins in May...as will our Assembly Meetings taking place at St. Pius until building completes...hopefully by Christmas. We look forward to a brief change in scenery!

**Our Faithful Admiral**, SK Phillip Siedlecki reported on the Exemplification. All were happy that SK Ansbro was there! On a sad note, Robert Dougherty passed away in Florida and we are having a service from 6 - 8:00pm at Pfeiffer's on East Main. His ashes will be honored and we will stand guard. Please attend if you can. We will work on our Directives! Our next Exemplification will be in November. Dates will follow.

**Reading of applicants:** None

**Our Faithful Captain**, SK Frank Hare reported on the Chicken Caesar Salad meal tonight. We collected \$XX with 30 in attendance. Next month's meal is Pizza. We will be at St. Pius! Bring sides. We need help moving our tools to St. Pius during renovation. Flags may be a concern. A date for the move is coming. For our meetings, we will meet in the cafeteria area...the entrance across from the church. As for the Exemplification, things were great and all were happy. The basket for raffle was a success! If you have any suggestions for improvement, let SK Frank know. As for the Mat meeting, SK Hare will need to be absent. SK Schneider will work with the folks over at Pius for the dinner...and whoever our new Captain might be.

**Our Faithful Comptroller** SK Barwick read all bills. There were many for the Exemplification. We reviewed that paybacks for those attending the event were \$XX for members and \$XX for candidates.

**Our Faithful Purser**, SK Gordon Burke reported on our funds and we still in good standing. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter totals are available for review.

**Our Faithful Commander**, SK Wayne Patterson spoke and asked

all to get ready for the first communions and confirmations. We need bodies!

April 30 - Seton's Communion

May 2 - Seton's Confirmation

April 30 - Pius' Communion

May 16 - Pius' Confirmation

The parents and children really appreciate our involvement!

**Our Faithful Pilot**, Gene Ebert asked that we attend the funeral of Robert Dougherty. Please review the Pilot's Report (3 pages long). **PLEASE** attend as many of the communions and confirmations in Regalia as you can!

**Our Veteran's Affair Liaison**, SK Thom Laughery has stepped down from this position. SK Ralph Blamer is taking over this responsibility. Chillicothe VA party is seeking a donation to take care of the vets. SK Phil Seidlecki will find out about Honor flights.

**The Trustees** SK's Blamer, Dodaro, and Higdon reminded all of the Officer's slate for next month. Nominations will be next month. June will be the voting. Please consider stepping up.

**Our Faithful Scribe**, Mike Croyle did not get to report, but he does have all Directives...and then some. He will take all others received and combine. Please return all new directives to him soon. Make things easier on your family and your SK's when our maker calls you. See Mike for copies. And **PLEASE** make sure your signature is legible!

### Report of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree:

**Council 5253** reported the following events

April 25 - First Degree

April 30 - First Communion

May 7 - Road side cleanup/Measure up/Food Truck at New Albany

May 16 - Confirmation. Report at 6:30.

**Council 11187** listed the following events:

April 22 - Blue Coat Dinner

April 27 - First Degree Report at 6:30

April 30 - First Holy Communions 9:30 and 1:30

May 2 - Confirmation. Report at 6:30

May 7 - Measure up

May 8 - Mother's Day celebration of sorts

**Old Business** No news on the bricks for the Reynoldsburg park, or on the name change of our Assembly. We should soon become saintly. We will change our name to St. John Paul II. Voting passed this motion.

**New Business MOTION:** SK Ralph Blamer motioned to donate \$XX Chillicothe VA Summer Fest for soda and such. SS seconded. A quick vote passed this motion.

**For the Good of the Order** 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

**Faithful Patron**, SK Bud Joos, as absent and excused, had no report.

**The 50-50 drawing** winner was Dominic who donated his \$5 winnings to the Veteran's Fund after significant harassment.

**Pennies for Heaven Fund** received \$XX. The meeting closed in our normal prayerful manner at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted by,

*SK Mike Croyle*

Faithful Scribe

## Culture of Life: Mother's Day: *Supporting Life From Conception Until Natural Death*

As Mother's Day approaches I was thinking of how wonderful Mothers are and all they do for their children. While reading the April National Right to Life News, I came across an article about a woman who almost didn't become a mother. She was "having the time of her life partying and just enjoying life as a college student with no responsibilities." She was in a relationship with a special guy and life was easy and fun. Then she found out she was pregnant. She felt she wasn't ready to be a mother and be responsible for a child and her boyfriend agreed with her decision to get an abortion.

She scheduled the abortion at a clinic away from campus and went for the abortion, but couldn't go through with it. She said a little voice in her head told her not to go through with this. She told her boyfriend, and to his credit he accepted her decision. She eventually told her parents and they supported her as well. Her boyfriend got a job and supported her financially as best he could. They got married when the baby was 3 months old and have been married for 20 years. They have four children now, "none of whom would exist had I ended my first pregnancy." They told their oldest daughter this story when she was a college freshman and she is now a pro-life activist. I love happy endings!

Speaking of happy endings, in the same RTL News edition, I read about Kathryn, who posted a picture of her daughter Florence on Facebook. Florence has Down syndrome and is adorable. Kathryn thought she might get a few likes on Facebook and was shocked when the photo went viral. Studies show that anywhere from 60% to 90% of babies prenatally diagnosed with Down syndrome are aborted. Kathryn stated that this is a real shame. "A world without kids like Florence would be a less happy world. I haven't stopped smiling since the day Florence came into my life. She's made my family complete. Since the photo went viral, I still get messages from people all over the world telling me she's made them smile too."

Kathryn already had two boys but really wanted a girl. Every time she had an ultrasound scan the doctor wanted to do a Down's syndrome test but she declined. She always gave the same answer: "It made no difference to me if my baby had Down's syndrome or not. As an auxiliary nurse, I knew how much love and joy a child with Down's syndrome could give a family. That's why I'd declined the test. If my child had special needs, I'd give her extra love." When Florence was born, Kathryn said: "I said hello to my little girl, then looked up at Dan and burst into tears. I kept thanking him for giving me my perfect baby. I felt lucky. I'd wanted a baby girl and now I had a baby girl and an extra chromosome too."

So, to all you mothers out there: **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!**

*Edd Chinnock*

Culture of Life Chairman

## Captain's Corner:

The May meeting has been cancelled, stay tuned for the June meeting details.

Thanks as always,

*Lady Diane and Frank Hare*

Faithful Captain

## Nominations for Assembly Officers

It's that time of year again ... to elect our Assembly officers. All positions (w/exception of the Faithful Friar, Purser, Commander/Vice Commander and Patron) are available.

### Position

Faithful Friar\*

Faithful Navigator

Faithful Captain

Faithful Pilot

Faithful Admiral

Faithful Comptroller

Faithful Purser\*

Faithful Scribe

Faithful Inner Sentinel

Faithful Outer Sentinel

Faithful 3 Year Trustee

Faithful 2 Year Trustee

Faithful 1 Year Trustee

Faithful Commander\*

Faithful Vice Commander\*

Faithful Patron\*

### Proposed

Monsignor Funk

Rev Mr Raymond

Harry Clyburn

J C Morales

Gene Ebert

George Shneider

Gordon Burke

Mike Croyle

Chris Coppus

Gordon Pickett, Jr

Phil Siedlecki

Steve Dodaro

Ralph Blamer

Wayne Patterson

Steve Valentine

Francis Joos

\*Appointed

Nominations will be open at the June Assembly meeting.

## 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

### For more information on Pro-Life Activities

Email us at [prolife@uscgb.org](mailto:prolife@uscgb.org)  
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May 2016	
18	Assembly Meeting <del>CANCELLED</del> Social/7:30 Meeting
30	Memorial Day
June 2016	
15	Assembly Meeting: 6:30 Social/7:30 Meeting
14	Flag Day

Comments or Articles  
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SK Frank Hare	(740) 964-3580
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<b>Faithful Outer Sentinel</b>	
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<b>Faithful Patron</b>	
SK Francis Joos	(614) 837-7211

**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