

Have Blessed Christmas!



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## Merry Christmas

Dear Brother SKs and Ladies:

### The Nativity Story ...

About two thousand years ago, in the town of Nazareth, there lived a young woman named Mary. She was engaged to be married to Joseph, a carpenter. One day an angel appeared before her and told her she had been chosen to have a special baby. The baby would be God's son and she must call him Jesus.

Soon after the angel's visit, Mary and Joseph were married. Mary was due to have her baby when they were told they had to go on a long journey to Bethlehem, which was where Joseph came from. This was because they had to pay a special tax. Mary had to ride on a donkey for a few days over the hills of Galilee.

At last Mary and Joseph arrived in Bethlehem. It was crowded with other people who needed to pay their taxes. Mary was very tired and needed a place to stay. At each inn, the story was the same. There was no room for them. Eventually, one kind innkeeper said he had a stable where he kept his animals. They were welcome to stay there.

And so it was that a few hours later, Mary gave birth to her son in that stable. She wrapped Jesus in strips of cloth and laid Him in a manger full of hay.

At the same time, on a hillside overlooking Bethlehem, some shepherds were watching over their sheep. A bright light appeared in the sky. They were very afraid. It was an angel sent by God. The angel told them not to be afraid, because he had some good news. He said the Son of God had been born and they would find Him in Bethlehem.

The shepherds wanted to go and see the baby. When they arrived at the stable, they were filled with joy at seeing Jesus lying in the manger. They knelt down and worshipped Him. They told Mary and Joseph how the angel had appeared in the sky and told them that Jesus was to be the Savior of the world.

A New Star in the Sky Far away in the East, three wise men named Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar, saw a new star shining high in the sky. These men, who were kings, studied the stars and they knew this was a very special star. They studied their scrolls where it said that whenever a bright new star appeared it meant that a great ruler had been born.

The three wise men decided to find this new ruler. They went to Jerusalem to see King Herod, as they thought the baby would be in the palace. They asked to see the child that would be King of the Jews. The king was troubled. He thought this new king may take away his throne. He told them to return when they had found the baby so that he could worship the child himself.

The wise men set off to find the baby. They were guided by the star to the stable in Bethlehem. Here they knelt down and worshipped Jesus. They gave him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. That night, the three men had the same dream where an angel warned them that King Herod wanted to kill Jesus and told them not to go back to his palace.

The wise men went back to their own country without calling to see Herod. Soon after Joseph had a dream where an angel told him to take Mary and Jesus to Egypt as King Herod had ordered that Jesus be killed. They left Bethlehem right away. When the wise men did not return, Herod ordered that baby boys in Bethlehem be killed. They did not find Jesus as he was safe.

May God Bless us as we respect human life in all it's stages,

*SK R. Wayne Patterson*

Faithful Navigator

### Captain's Corner

The Assembly Social will be on Wednesday December 20th. This month's social will feature Spiral Glazed Ham with Candied Sweet Potatoes.

Those whose names begin with A through K please bring a side dish to share. Letters L through Z bring a side dessert to share.

As always we will kick things off around 6:45pm

Thanks for your support and brotherhood.

*SK Mike Elston*

Faithful Captain



2900 Assembly News  
Pope John Paul II Assembly 2900, Pickerington, Ohio USA

## Assembly Business Minutes - 11/15/2017

No Business meeting minutes

Respectfully submitted,

*SK Chris Coppus*

Faithful Scribe

## Faithful Comptroller's Desk -

Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity

Every December we are asked to submit a form regarding our Fraternal Activity. Below are the areas we need to submit total volunteer visits and hours for our membership. I'm sure all of us have great works that should be accounted for and recognized. Please take a minute and drop me a note - for any time you may have associated with the following. Thanks in advance for your replies!

Number of visits to:

Sick - caring for the sick/nursing homes/hospitals.

Bereaved - visits of condolence.

Number of blood donations - number of times that members served as blood donors.

Habitat for Humanity Projects - number of projects involved in during year

Estimated hours of community volunteer service:

Church Activities - volunteer service in all Church related activities.

Community Activities - volunteer service in all community related activities.

Youth Activities - volunteer service in all youth related activities.

Habitat for Humanity - volunteer services to these projects

Culture of Life Activities - volunteer service in all activities that support pro-life

VAVS (Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service)

Food For Families

Special Olympics

Miscellaneous Activities - volunteer service in any areas not outlined above.

Sick/disabled members and their families - household chores, transportation, tutoring, counselling, etc.

Thanks as always,

*Frank Hare*

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## It is that Time of Year

2018 Dues statements will be mailed in December - Your prompt replies are appreciated

Thanks as always,

*Frank Hare*

## 25 December - The Birth of Our Savior

From: Days Of Devotion: Daily Meditations from  
Pope John XXIII.

This meditation was written by the Sheppard of our Assembly; he could be speaking directly to us. He has written:

No philosophical studies and no great effect of modernization of techniques will be of any avail unless our hearts are opened to receive light and grace from Him. The truth of the Beatitudes proclaimed on the Mount is felt with particular poignancy at Christmas, demanding the attention of all.

The Child born at Bethlehem is humble and lowly of heart, poor and innocent; He has come to bring peace, and in this cause He is already preparing for the supreme sacrifice.

This is the way for every man who accepts the divine message with willing balance, at whatever cost of effort and personal sacrifice.

At Bethlehem, beloved children, the course of history took a new turn, for the greater glory of all civilization, but this new course of history is entrusted to the responsibility of every one of us.

In fact, because of the natural law human brotherhood; and because of the Christian doctrine of the Mystical Body, human dignity, freedom and justice depend on us all, individually and collectively.

Bethlehem teaches us to apply its lessons to the problems of our social life: to the defeat of selfishness, the intelligent awareness of the needs of others, and to the wider observation of the law of forgiveness, the *law of forgiveness*, the triumph of perfect brotherhood.

*"Come, ye nations, and adore the Lord, for this day a great light hath descended upon the earth. Alleluia!"*

Submitted by;

*Bud Joos.*

Faithful Patron



December 2017	
20	Assembly Meeting: 6:30 Social/7:30Meeting
25	<b>CHRISTMAS</b>
31	New Year's Eve
January 2018	
17	Assembly Meeting: 6:30 Social/7:30Meeting
1	<b>New Years Day</b>
15	<b>MLK Birthday</b>

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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 R Wayne Patterson*  
 Your Faithful Navigator

**Prayer Corner**

Master Shawn Ansbro and family, Sandra Blamer, Gordon Pickett, Maureen Patterson, Jim Patterson, Jeff Samborsky, Father Frank Higden, Athena Thesing, Bill Sasuer, Carol Pahlman, Carrie Ebert and all the victims of hurricanes and wildfires in CA and of course our priests, military and veterans

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