

# Serving Councils: 5253, 11187 and 11354



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## Summer Time is Here!!!

Dear Brother SKs and Ladies:

As we are concluding the Fraternal Year and my last letter to you as your Faithful Navigator. I want to say how proud I am to all that made this year one of the best. The Exemplification this year we gained 12 new Sir Knights which I want to list:

Mark Ficocelli  
Donald Fisher  
Michael Gohr  
Kenneth Higdon  
Jason McCarley  
Daniel Murphy

Patrick Murphy  
Andrew Ortiz  
Kevin Peters  
Harry Reed  
William Richards  
Ernest Winnestaffer

Congratulations and welcome.

Assembly 2900 has something to also be proud of, District 3 Master Shawn Ansbro, Executive Secretary District 3 Stephen Dodaro and District 3 Marshal Phil Siedlecki. You are an inspiration to this Assembly and all Fourth Degree Sir Knights. Thank You for all you do!

I want to thank all the Ladies, Especially Lady Dee Ansbro, for all you do for the success of the Assembly. You all helped make this a great year.

I can not forget Our Captain, Mike Elston, for making the food menu for our social every month and hosting our hospitality room for the Exemplification. I can still smell those barbeque meatballs.

And to all our Officers: Mike Elston, Gene Ebert, George Schneider, Frank Hare, Gordon Burke, Chris Coppus, Larry Armstrong, Gordon Pickett Jr, Phil Siedlecki, Stephen Dodaro, Ralph Blamer, and my new successor to Faithfull Navigator Wayne Patterson (to be elected).

Fraternally Yours,

*SK Dominic Nocera*

Faithful Navigator

### Captain's Corner

The April Assembly Social and Meeting will be on Wednesday June 21st.

Pulled pork sandwiches are on the menu. The meal starts at 6:45pm and the meeting starts at 7:30pm. Feel free to bring a side dish or a dessert.

May god bless you and your family.

Thanks for your support and brotherhood.

*SK Mike Elston*

Faithful Captain

## Assembly Business Minutes - May, 17, 2016

The meeting started at 7:30pm by SK Stephen Dodaro with normal procedure and prayer.

**Roll call** of officers followed and those excused this month included **our Faithful Friar and Faithful Navigator.**

SK Blamer motioned, and Sir Knight Siedlecki seconded approval of the meeting minutes as posted. Voting upon the minutes and approval followed.

SK Dodaro provided information on SK Nocera's wife's funeral arrangements. Visiting hours will be 5/23/2017 from 6-8 p.m. at the Pfeifer Funeral Home in Reynoldsburg. Funeral Service will be Wednesday, 5/24/2017 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Pius.

### Reading of Applicants: First Reading

Harry Reed  
Donald Fisher, Jr.  
William Richards  
Michael Gohr  
Daniel Murphy  
Mark Ficocelli  
Andrew Ortiz  
Kevin Peters  
Ernest Winnestaffer  
Kenneth Higdon

The meeting was then closed and reopened.

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

**Our Faithful Master SK Shawn Ansbro** reminded of the Spring Exemplification June 3 and dance June 2. The fall meeting is being arranged. The prayers have been appreciated. State Convention is Memorial Day weekend and attire is regalia.

**Our Faithful Captain** SK Elston reported there were 50 in attendance for tonight's meeting, \$XXX was collected and the cost of the meal was \$XXX. The dinner next month will be barbeque pork.

**Our Faithful Comptroller** SK Hare reported that the \$XXX for the Eyes of Freedom was approved. \$XXX was collected for the Exemplification fund, \$XXX for new members and taxes were filed for 2016.

**Our Faithful Purser** SK Gordon Burke reported on our still strong financial standing. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was accepted and sent to the Purser.

**Our Faithful Admiral** no report.

**Our Faithful Pilot** SK Ebert gave appreciation for the Honor Guard at the First Communion and Confirmation at Seton Parish.

**Our Veterans Affair Liaison** SK Blamer said the check was cut and sent out for the Eyes of Freedom.

### Report of the Committees:

People are needed for the Memorial Services Committee  
Suggestions needed for the raffle

### Reading of Applicants: Second Reading

Harry Reed  
Donald Fisher, Jr.  
William Richards  
Michael Gohr  
Daniel Murphy  
Mark Ficocelli  
Andrew Ortiz  
Kevin Peters  
Ernest Winnestaffer  
Kenneth Higdon

### Unfinished Business:

### Election of Officers

Faithful Navigator:	Wayne Patterson
Faithful Captain:	Mike Elston
Faithful Admiral:	Dominic Nocera, PFN
Faithful Pilot:	Gene Ebert
Faithful Purser:*	Gordon Burke
Faithful Comptroller:	Frank Hare
Faithful Scribe:	Christopher Coppus
Faithful Inside Sentinel:	Larry Armstrong
Faithful Outside Sentinel:	Gordon Pickett, Jr.
Faithful 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Trustee:	George Schneider, PFN
Faithful 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Trustee:	Phillip Siedlecki, PFN
Faithful 1 <sup>st</sup> Year Trustee:	Stephen Dodaro, PFN
Faithful Patron*:	Bud Joos

\*Appointed

**Old Business** none at this time

### New Business

Motion for full page ad for exemplification voted on and approved;

Motion for \$XXX rebate for exemplification candidates voted on and approved;

New cabinet for regalia at a cost of \$XXX;

New 4<sup>th</sup> Degree candidates were introduced; and,

3-year website hosting fee of \$XXX is due.

### The Trustee's:

**Honor Guard** Confirmation at St. Pius X next month  
Priest Ordination 5/27, 10 a.m., arrive by 9 a.m.  
at St. Joseph Cathedral  
Jubilee Mass 6/25 St. Mathews  
3<sup>rd</sup> Degree

**Council 5253:** Food Truck May 20, 10-4 New Albany  
Measure up 5/6 was a success  
1<sup>st</sup> Degree 5/30

**Council 11187:** 1<sup>st</sup> Communion and Confirmation went well.  
Wives appreciation dinner was a success.

**For the Good of the Order** We list and keep in our prayers Gordon Pickett, Sr., Sandra Blamer, Danna Nocera, Joan Lucius, Carol Puhmann, and Jeff Somborsky. Jim Patterson, Maureen Patterson, Carla Schneider, Ryan Schneider, Gordon Pickett Sr., Carrie Ebert, our priests, and of course our military and veterans

**Faithful Patron,** SK Bud Joos no report.

**The 50-50 drawing** winner was SK Phil Siedlecki and rolled back into the 50-50.

The meeting closed in our normal prayerful manner at @ 9 pm.

*SK Chris Coppus*

Faithful Scribe

## Culture of Life: The Light gets Brighter by the Day

An end to abortion is the light at the end of the tunnel and that light burns brighter every day. Oklahoma just passed a resolution declaring abortion “murder” and chastises the supreme court for “overstepping its authority and jurisdiction”. ( See article below) Senator Rob Portman introduces the “Child Custody Protection Act” in the US Senate which would make it a federal offense to transport a minor across a state line for an abortion if it would circumvent a state law requiring parental involvement in that minor’s abortion. Ohio currently has 9 bills working their way through the House and Senate that supports the unborn and mothers who choose life over abortion and many other states are wrestling with the issues surrounding abortion through their legislatures. A full 76% of Americans oppose abortion on demand and 51% oppose abortion for any other reasons other than incest and rape or to save the life of the mother. Much still has to be done before legalized abortion becomes a thing of the past but the light is indeed much brighter these days.

### Oklahoma House declares abortion murder

By Reid Wilson - 05/09/17 09:44 AM EDT

The Oklahoma House of Representatives passed a resolution Monday declaring abortion to be murder and criticizing the U.S. Supreme Court for decisions that have allowed women to seek elective abortions.

The resolution, passed on a voice vote without any debate, carries no force of law. But it takes the remarkable step of specifically accusing the Supreme Court of “overstepp[ing] its authority and jurisdiction” in *Roe v. Wade* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*, two landmark decisions that protected a woman’s right to seek an abortion.

The measure calls on public officials to “stop the murder of innocent unborn children by abortion.” It also orders the Oklahoma Supreme Court to stay out of any future cases involving state abortion law.

Oklahoma has already enacted strict rules aimed at limiting abortions performed in the state.

A woman seeking an abortion must undergo counseling and wait 72 hours before getting an abortion. Health insurance plans offered under the Affordable Care Act may only cover abortions performed if the mother’s life is in danger. Parents of minors seeking abortions must be notified before the procedure takes place. And abortions performed after 20 weeks are banned unless the woman’s life is at risk.

There are only five medical facilities that provide abortion services in Oklahoma, according to the Guttmacher Institute, a pro-abortion rights group that tracks state laws.

Anti-abortion groups have helped shepherd new restrictions through state legislatures this year in Kentucky and Iowa. Ohio Gov. John Kasich (R) signed a 20-week abortion ban into law late last year, and Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam (R) is considering a similar ban passed by the legislature last week.

Pro-abortion rights groups are exploring their legal options in several states, a step that some anti-abortion groups welcome. Those groups say they hope to pass new, more restrictive laws that will create a lawsuit that could make it to the Supreme Court, where they hope justices will reconsider the *Roe* and *Casey* decisions.

Vivat Jesus

*Dave Bushnell and Edd Chinnock*

Culture of Life Chairman

## 2017/18 Nominations

The following nomination list of officers for the Assembly for the next fraternal year was submitted to the Assembly at our April meeting. Nominations will be taken from the floor at our May meeting.

### Assembly 2900 Officers

Faithful Navigator:	Wayne Patterson
Faithful Captain:	Mike Elston
Faithful Admiral:	Dominic Nocera, PFN
Faithful Pilot:	Gene Ebert
Faithful Purser:*	Gordon Burke
Faithful Comptroller:	Frank Hare
Faithful Scribe:	Chris Coppus
Faithful Inside Sentinel:	Larry Armstrong
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Faithful 1 year Trustee:	Stephen Dodaro, PFN
Faithful Patron:*	Bud Joos

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## Patron’s Corner

### Memorial Day 2017

I was feeling remorse for all the fallen heroes in the past wars in which the United States was active and how it affected all of us at the time. Whether imagined or real our feelings are not to be ignored. The rows and rows of the flags on the graves of our fallen brothers, sisters, uncles, fathers, and the list does go on and on.

Whether it be a high school buddy that is still on the side of North Korean mountain and could not be rescued or one of those that we paid our respects and “that they did not die in vain”

Respectfully submitted:

*Francis Joos,*

Faithful Patron

### For more information on Pro-Life Activities

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June 2017	
21	Assembly Meeting: 6:30 Social/7:30Meeting
14	Flag Day
July 2017	
19	Assembly Meeting: 6:30 Social/7:30Meeting
4	Independence Day

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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 Dominic Nocera*  
 Your Faithful Navigator



**Prayer Corner**

We list and keep in our prayers Gordon Pickett, Sr., Sandra Blamer, Danna Nocera, Joan Lucius, Carol Puhlmann-Schneider, and Jeff Somborsky. Jim Patterson, Maureen Patterson, Carla Schneider, Ryan Schneider, Gordon Pickett Sr., Carrie Ebert, our priests, and of course our military and veterans