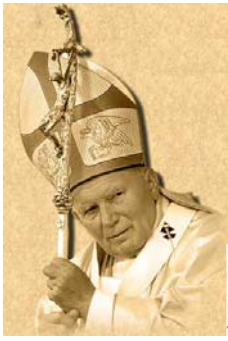


Serving Councils: 5253, 11187 and 16561



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Happy Birthday America

Dear Brother SKs and Ladies:

For those who have not made a meeting recently allow me to introduce myself as your new Faithful Navigator. This is not a position I had envisioned filling when I joined, but here I am. I am from Saint John XXIII Parish, and Council 16561, where I have been a Knight since April 2017, and a member of the Assembly since June 2020. I am a lifelong Roman Catholic, hailing from Western Central Ohio (Mercer County, in particular Saint Henry--Parish and village).

As for where I intend to lead us this year, I don't plan to ask us to make too many changes from the previous Fraternal Year. I expect that with the coronavirus behind us (hopefully with no flare ups this Autumn), that just getting back to a "normal" rhythm of in person and face-to-face activities will be enough change. That said, I don't expect that we will just sit idle, and I do have a few suggestions for directions we as an Assembly can head.

This is the time of year where we should be working on program activities and the budget to support those activities. We still have an ample amount of funds in the accounts, so we should look for ways to use those resources--and our people resources--to create positive change. Please come to the next meeting with your budget suggestions, to let myself or the Faithful Comptroller know of your request. The budget will be developed over the next few weeks to be voted upon by the membership at the July and August meetings.

I also encourage each of you who have not, to purchase the Regalia. There should be opportunities to show off our new look. With that, I ask each of you who have the Regalia to let the Faithful Commander know so we have an idea of how many Sir Knights we may be able to muster for any requested event. Also, if you have any restrictions, such as not feeling comfortable in a procession, etc., please let the Faithful Commander know that. Knowing which of you may be able to serve at any particular event will make the Faithful Commander's job much easier.

It is also time to think about another social event, as has been enjoyed by many in past years. Please bring your ideas for timing and potential venues to the next meeting so that planning can be started. I expect it might be difficult to find space for a while as there are probably many groups looking to do something similar after being kept socially distanced for the past 16 months.

It is also the time to bring our fellow Sir Knights out of the woodwork. If you know someone who has not been attending events please invite them to join us. Offer them a ride, if needed, or let another Sir Knight know and let's see if we cannot get more faces together once again.

If anyone needs to reach me, my preference is E-mail at eversdp64@yahoo.com. I can also be reached via cell phone at (614) 209-4593.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our July meeting. We'll find seats for all 160 of you! Don't forget your ice cream toppings!

In parting I offer this prayer for the new Fraternal Year:

God, as we embark on this journey which is a new Fraternal Year, please provide each of us as Individuals, as Councils, and as an Assembly the wisdom, patience, and courage to do what is your will and not act selfishly to enact our own individual wills.

Respectfully

SK David Evers

Faithful Navigator

Captain's report

Ice Cream Social this month

SK John Hentz

Faithful Capain

Assembly Business Minutes - 6-16-2021

The meeting started at 7:30 p.m. by Faithful Navigator SK Ken Higdon with normal procedure and prayer.

Roll call of officers followed and excused this month were Faithful Comptroller and Faithful Outer Sentinel.

Our Faithful Friar: Open, no report. The approval of the 5/19/21 minutes were motioned and seconded. Voting ensued and approval followed.

Reading of bills and Communications: The bills were motioned, seconded, and passed to the Trustees for approval and payment. Voting ensued and approved followed.

Our Faithful Master: Excused, no report.

Our Faithful Navigator: SK Ken Higdon thanked everyone for this past year as we had a successful VA raffle, on line Memorial ceremony to recognize our deceased Sir Knights, flag retirement, several got the new uniform for the Honor Guard, had 2 successful VA drives, got the Memorial Stone updated, and had a good recruiting year. There will be a live-in person exemplification this fall on Saturday, October 16th, in Ironton.

Our Faithful Admiral: SK Ralph Blamer asked members to continue to recruit new members.

Our Faithful Captain: SK John Hentz collected \$XXX for the hamburger meal this evening, spent \$XXX, 20 attendees. Open for suggestions for next month's meal.

Our Faithful Comptroller: SK Ken Higdon reported he will be depositing dues, Captain Funds, and SOS monies. They will be working on having the Audit.

Our Faithful Purser: SK Gordon Burke, no report.

Our Faithful Commander: SK Wayne Patterson has ordered a new uniform and expects the Honor Guard to start again in the next month. All new 4th degree SKs need to complete a Directive Form that upon your death if you are requesting an Honor Guard at your funeral and where you want your chalice in your name to go, either a local priest or a missionary priest.

Our Faithful Pilot: SK Victor Sogah will start again sending out the report to the Assembly.

Our Veteran's Affair Liaison: SK Ken Higdon reported that the VA item collection occurred at all 3 parishes and he will coordinate with SK CW Higdon to get the items to the Vets at the VA in Chillicothe.

Reading of Applications: No Applications.

Report of Committees:

Culture of Life: No report.

Memorial Stone: SK Wayne Patterson ordered 10 name plates and found 4 more deceased Brothers that need names which will then get the stone updated.

Zoom Meetings: Two members were on the Zoom meeting this month and discussion occurred in regards to spending a year to renew Zoom, it was decided to eliminate using Zoom after this meeting.

Trustees Report: SK Wayne Patterson thanked all officers that ran for their position and indicated the Audit is due in August.

Slate of Officers for 2021/2022: Trustee SK Wayne Patterson read the list of nominations for Officers and asked for any additional nominations for the upcoming FY, starting July 1st.

Faithful Navigator	David Eavers
Faithful Captain	John Hentz
Faithful Admiral	Kenneth Higdon, PFN
Faithful Pilot	Victor Sogah

Faithful Purser	Michael Covey
Faithful Comptroller	Charles Higdon, Jr.
Faithful Scribe	Vince Pulles
Faithful Inside Sentinel	Gordon Pickett Jr
Faithful Outside Sentinel	Tom (Doc) Holliday
Faithful 3 year Trustee	Ralph Blamer, PFN
Faithful 2 year Trustee	Stephen McClellan, PFN
Faithful 1 year Trustee	Wayne Patterson, PFN

The above slate of Officers for 2021/2022 were approved by the attending members.

Unfinished Business: SK Charles Higdon Jr. has reviewed the original By-Laws for Assembly 2900 that were established when the Assembly was formed 15 years ago and we will need to change/update them to confirm with the template that Supreme has available to use for Assembly By-Laws. The Communication section needs to be updated to following Best Business Practices.

Wayne Patterson had presented some information that still needs to be discussed with the Faithful Navigator on the Ohio National Guard Yellow Ribbon program that helps part time soldiers who have financial crisis.

Plan to again collect flags up to Memorial Day for a Flag Retirement ceremony in early summer, no date is set. SK Phil Siedlecki for 5253, SK Wayne Patterson for 11187 and SK David Eavers for 16561 will promote/collect flags for each Council.

SK Michael Covey would like the Assembly to consider a Wounded Warrior parking spot project for a Purple Heart recipient at each of the 3 parishes, can obtain 3 signs, no cost except for \$XX for handling and shipping. He will investigate it further and report at the next meeting.

Budget for fraternal year 2021/2022 will not occur until new Faithful Navigator is in place.

New Business:

Motion: Motion made by SK Wayne Patterson to spend up to \$XXX to purchase 4 Memorial Bronze Plaques, cost is \$XXX each, 2nd by Ralph Blamer, voted on and passed that it be published in the next newsletter since the amount is over \$XXX.

SOS (Support our Seminarians): \$XX was collected this evening.

Report of the 3rd Degree:

Council 5253 Had 3 Council members deaths in June and 2 in May; participating in the Reynoldsburg 4th of July parade; and 7/6/21 will be the installation of Council Officers for the new fraternal year.

Council 11187 The Council grilled hamburgers -hotdogs for Seton's "Welcome Back Picnic" on 6/13/21, served 350 people; plan on having a spaghetti dinner at St. Pius for the Gospel Road youth event; plan on serving dinner for Father Jim's retirement on 7/10/21; and Seton's Fall Festive will be 8/13 to 8/15.

Council 16561 Friday, 6/16/21, will have a Praying with Fire event, bon fire for all men of the parish; collected \$900 for SOS on the 5th Sunday in May; passing out "St. Joseph The Worker" prayer card on Father's Day.

For the Good of the Order: We list and keep in our prayers: Charles Higdon Jr., Melissa Higdon, Mark McPeak, Carrie Ebert, Sandra Blamer, Gerald Crane, Gordon W. Burke, Judy Wahl, Maureen Patterson, Stephen Patterson, Jeff Samborsky, Deacon Greg Waybright, Ann Marie Holliday, Rolan Dean Miles (RIP), Gabriel Garcia, Father Jim Klima, Father Leo Connolly and Father Stephen Ondrey.

Faithful Patron: SK Tom (Doc) Holliday attended the funeral for Dean Miles in his 4th degree uniform and had the choir for his service. Currently has 53 people that he emails the 'Daily Reflections' and if interested let Doc know or email him at 3.holliday.3@gmail.com. He read a special verse from today's Daily Reflections and reflected upon it.

SK Ken Higdon thanked the members for the privilege of serving as Faithful Navigator this past year, encouraged members to get the new 4th degree uniform, start thinking of the budget for the new FY and then turned the gravel over to our new Faithful Navigator David Eavers who closed the meeting in our normal prayerful manner at 8:35 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for July 21st.

Respectfully submitted,

SK Vince Pulles

Faithful Scribe

Right to Life - Human Trafficking

Human Trafficking and the Right to Life

Human trafficking is the modern day practice of slavery. Victims of human trafficking are often forced or coerced into labor or sexual exploitation for the financial gain of another person. It comprises the fastest growing criminal industry in the world and it is the third most profitable criminal industry, behind drug and weapon trafficking. Sex trafficking victims, on average, are first exploited by their trafficker at the age of 13.

Right to Life

Much like abortion, human trafficking thrives because of society's general lack of respect and value for the inherent dignity of human life. Just as the abortion industry uses the unborn child for profit, the trafficker also profits off of the vulnerable woman who he sees as disposable.

In addition:

Human trafficking harms women, men and children and takes away their right to their own lives.

Human trafficking is a threat to the right to life of unborn children

Human trafficking enables forced abortions to thrive, especially in a society that does not hold abortion clinics accountable for under reporting sexual abuse.

Ohio

Each year, 3,016 domestic Ohio youth are at-risk for sex trafficking because of their vulnerable status as runaways or homelessness. Another 1,078 youth have already been trafficked into the sex trade.

In 2010, Toledo was listed among the worst cities for human trafficking in the United States. Given the city's population in comparison to other human trafficking hubs, such as Miami, Sacramento, Portland and Las Vegas, Toledo can be considered one of the worst of its kind per capita.

Get Help

If you or someone you know needs help, call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center (NHTRC) toll-free hotline, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at **1-888-373-7888** to speak with a specially trained NHTRC Call Specialist.

These calls really do make a difference! Since 2007, 6,660 calls have been made with reference to Ohio.

Submitted by

Mike Gohr

Right to Life

July 2021	
21	Assembly Meeting - TBD
4	Independence Day
August 2021	
18	Assembly Meeting - TBD

Knights of Columbus
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Prayer Corner

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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 David P. Evers
 Faithful Navigator

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