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Brother Sir Knights

This has been one of those rollercoaster ride weeks. I want everyone to know that they need to read this and not take it personally.

I think a little history lesson is in order. The 4th Degree, the visible arm of the order, was created when the loyalty of Catholic men was in question. The question: "Were the Knights of Columbus loyal to the United States Government or to the Pope in Rome? The answer was the creation of the 4th Degree, (the patriotic degree) to show loyalty to this country...*To reiterate: "The Fourth Degree is the highest and most prestigious degree within the Knights of Columbus. The primary purpose of your Fourth Degree membership is to foster the spirit of Patriotism in members and the community at large and encourage active Catholic citizenship."*

That being said I am disappointed that an internal matter to our Assembly was made public, and it was because the outcome was not to their liking. This may seem minor but it goes against the Second and Third Degree tenets of our order, Unity and Fraternity. We took these oaths on our journey to becoming Sir Knights. Once the unity is fractured Fraternity starts to breakdown and we stop being an Assembly.

I find this type of action a parallel to society in general. Our Pledge of Allegiance is a prime example of this way of thinking. This country is based upon majority rule and the democratic process. The resolution was researched thoroughly before it was brought to the floor for discussion and vote. The results of the vote stand. Whether or not you agreed with the outcome is immaterial. The most important feature of the process has been accomplished, the resolution was voted upon and passed.

We now have become the victims of one of the biggest games of Telephone I have ever experienced. Do you realize that our Assembly business has become the talk of the town (read state also)? Do you realize that because some gentlemen were disgruntled with the perfectly legal presentation and passage of our resolution that our characters are being questioned and even assaulted? We now have people far and wide weighing in with their opinion in a matter that is none of their business.

To restate a metaphor ..." if the left hand (the Council) is doing just fine, why would the right hand (the Assembly) get involved and duplicate efforts"? I want to make this clear the resolution that was passed does not break any of our tenets as Knights (per the Supreme Advocate).

For the sake of our Assembly this issue will be laid to rest. What goes on inside our Assembly is our business. Speaking negatively reflects upon us all undeservedly.

Remember the First Degree is Charity, the Second Degree is Unity, the Third Degree is Fraternity and finally the Fourth Degree is Patriotism.

And with out the second and third... WE ARE NOTHING.

Jesus V. Garcia III

Your Faithful Navigator



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Brother Sir Knights and Ladies:

For the October 19, 2005 meeting the menu will be casserole night. Be creative or bring an old favorite to share. The Captain will provide dessert for evening. The Captain's table will be open at 7 p.m.

At the September meeting a naturalist from the Metropark system talked to the sparse crowd in attendance. My understanding is that the discussion generated a lot of questions and the program was enjoyed by those in attendance. Lady Shannon will be in San Francisco on a business trip and will miss the meeting. That said, she has picked out an old classic film that will be shown after dinner.

I look forward to seeing you at the October meeting,

Sir Knight Tony and Lady Shannon

**Why me, Lord?
Why Not?**

Brother Sir Knights,

I realize that we all have many interests other than the Fourth Degree and Assembly 2900. At the August meeting, I was disappointed to see only about 15 members of our Council in attendance. I know more than 15 of you joined the Fourth Degree intending to be active in the Assembly. I sponsored many of you into the Assembly. We have done all we can to remove all the obstacles that were preventing you from attending the meetings at St. Lad's with your family. We moved the meeting to Wednesday so as not to conflict with the Council golf league. We formed the Assembly and moved the meetings to Seton so as to make it as convenient and safe as possible. And yet we're still only getting about 25% at the meetings. The Assembly meeting is more than a business meeting. Your wife and family are invited to attend. It's a good opportunity to socialize with others Knights and for your wife to meet other wives. Faithful Captain Tony and Lady Shannon Long are doing a good job of arranging programs that the wives will enjoy while you attend the business meeting.

If you haven't transferred from Assembly 809, then you should immediately file a Form 4 requesting the transfer. Pope John Paul II Assembly 2900 was formed on the east side in response to the many requests to have an Assembly on the east side. It meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm in Bishop Herrmann Hall at Seton.

SK Joe Rossi, PFN

OFFCERS MEETING:

There will be an Officers meeting prior to the regularly scheduled Business Meeting on October 19th at 6:00 pm

Jesus Garcia

Pilot's Report

September 24	St. Joseph's groundbreaking	Plain City Bishop Campbell will be attending 4:00pm
October 1	Council Memorial Mass	Pickerington arrive 8:00 am Rosary 8:30 Mass 9:00 am
October 2	Golf tournament	Players and food servers needed
October 2	Christ the King Church	Family Rosary 2:30 pm Honor guard requested
October 10	Wreath laying	Reception at St John the Baptist afterward
October 10	Flag Retirement Ceremony	Reynoldsburg at dusk around 7:00 pm
October 21	Pumpkin Show	Circleville carpool down
October 30	5 th Sunday Mass	OLPH 9:30 pm
November 5 th & 6 th	Homecoming	Masses on Sat 11:15am & Sun. 7:30 am
November 11	Veteran's Day Parade	Columbus
November 19	SK Ed Nelson's Daughter's Wedding	OLPH, Grove City, Honor Guard for 2:00 pm Mass.
November 20	Columbus City Blessing	Procession form Holy Family to Cathedral

Jerry Lowery

Faithful Pilot

Business Meeting Minutes

Meeting opened at 8:05 pm

Officers in Attendance or Excused: – Faithful Navigator – P, Faithful Friar – E, Faithful Admiral – E, Faithful Captain – P, Faithful Pilot – P, Faithful Comptroller – E, Faithful Purser – P, Faithful Scribe – P, Inner Sentinel – P, Outer Sentinel – P, 1st Year Trustee – P, 2nd Year Trustee – E, 3rd Year Trustee- P

Reading of Minutes: A Motion was made to approve the minutes as submitted. This motion was seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed

Faithful Friar's Report: No report

Faithful Navigator Report:

Provincial Meeting: I've submitted that In Memoriam form for SK Larry Lotz, his name will be read during Mass that weekend. Our reservations are in. We will be one of 3 new Assemblies.

Reading of Bills and Communications:

Assembly 809 has extended an invitation to their Top of the Month Dinner, October 3rd, which is at Butch's Italian Restaurant on Main Street. If you are interested in attending please contact Charlene Core at dccore@sbcglobal.net. Time will be 7:00 pm

We received communication from Joe Fenigan at 809 that we will be helping with the Faithful Navigators Dinner. It was scheduled for Feb. 11th but we have been bumped by a higher paying customer. No new date has been set yet.

Faithful Captain's Report: Flags are going for \$15-20. At 809 we were able to get without being invoiced. Set up a top of the quarter dinner at Pete's Place. There are reserving the back room for us starting at 7:00pm. The speaker for the ladies meeting tonight is the naturalist from Chestnut Ridge and Pickerington Ponds. Next month will be women's health month.

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Faithful Admiral's Report: No Report

Faithful Comptrollers Report: No Report

Faithful Pursers Report: One bill for \$2.99 for supplies to Supreme. See attached report for Account balances

Faithful Scribe's Report: Directive available on line and in newsletter.

Report of Committees:

Golf Committee: October 2nd ... No report

Report of the Sick: Kelly Reisbeck had surgery last wed at Mt Carmel East and he is still recovering. Keep his recovery in our prayers

Reading of Applications: 2 applications/transfers

Transfer in Charles Johnson 11187 Milner rd
Transfer in Ronald Knietz Patascala

Unfinished Business:

Memorial Marker: Talked to Jim Sheridan about the marker and he quoted \$2,000. Charlie Giametta was going to get another quote but is not present tonight so we will have to wait for more information. The company now doing monuments for the funeral home is also looking at what they can do for us in terms of price.

Report of the Trustees: No Report

New Business:

Resolution: The following resolution was proposed and seconded.

Resolution

Whereas, the primary purpose of the Fourth Degree membership is to foster the spirit of patriotism in members and the community at large and encourage active Catholic citizenship.

Whereas, The membership of the Fourth Degree in most cases is made up of active Third Degree members who take part in all the fund raising activities in their respective Councils.

Whereas, the funds raised by Fourth Degree members in their respective Councils stays in the Councils, no part of the funds collected are transferred to the Fourth Degree Assemblies.

Whereas, The Fourth Degree does not have a fund raising activity, (such as the Ohio Charities Campaign) to take part in the charitable programs, and

Whereas, the membership in the Fourth Degree are asked to carry the burden of the Charitable programs twice, once thru their efforts to raise money in their respective Councils and once again in their Assemblies.

Resolved, the Assembly shall not make any additional monetary contribution(s) to any charities program or campaign which is funded primarily at the Council level, or by a Chapter or similar association of Councils.

In explanation of how the resolution came about the following information was provided.

Discussion

This resolution is being done instead of an amendment to the by-laws. Everyone needs to understand that the Assembly is not a fund-raising organization like our Council's. And if you read my article you know what the 4th Degree was founded for. Council's have specific programs that Supreme and State run, then the Chapter also has programs. Along with these programs are some easy fund raising opportunities that the Assemblies do not have access to. Just to be clear, we are not changing any of the tenets of the Knights of Columbus, we are not second guessing Supreme on their ideals of Charitable acts. The only thing we are saying is that

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our Assembly will not participate in any program that is affiliated with a Council activity.

What the resolution does not prohibit is going out and finding a charity to call our own. If, for example, we decided to help out the Mil-Vets organization (They put on the Veteran's Day parade and help families/Dependants of Military personnel) with a donation, we can. This would be a 4th Degree function only ... and any fund raiser we did would benefit the Assembly and that charity.

After the resolution was made and seconded discussion occurred. Comparisons were made to Chapter and how it handles requests for contributions. The Chapter view itself as a guiding and directing organization and not itself a fund raising organization. It was pointed out that the Assembly has the ability to vote down any requests for contributions so the resolution may be unnecessary and prevent us from contributing to causes when we do have the resources. It was noted that experiences in past Assemblies showed that many times people fail to consider the fiscal implications of requests and this can result in overburdening the Assembly or pushing them into the red.

It was expressed that the resolution may tie the hands of future Navigators and prevents them from participating in charities that the Assembly wants to participate in. It was further expressed that if a future Navigator wished to they could create a resolution to dissolve the current one. The question was call and the resolution was passed.

Report of the Third Degree: 5253 participated in the Tomato festival and raised \$2-\$3,000. On the 30th there will be a 2nd and 3rd degree in Grove City.

Fourth Degree Team: There is a meeting on the 27th of Sept. to discuss the creation of a 4th degree team.

Good of the Order: Tim Bader, Charlie Riesbeck, Marie Ellis, Maureen Patterson, Lorraine Rossi, Priest, Clergy, and our Military personnel serving overseas.

Faithful Patron: No report

Meeting Close:

50/50 winner: Pat Cleary was drawn as the winner of the 50/50. He was not present so the money will roll over to next week.

Terry Reine

Faithful Scribe



Fr Michael J. McGivney Guild

For information on the founder of the Knights of Columbus, please visit the following website:

<http://kofc.org/about/history/founder/index.cfm>

To join the Father Michael J. McGivney Guild, please visit the following website:

<http://kofc.org/about/history/founder/participate/index.cfm>



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OF COLUMBUS**

In Service To One. In Service To All.



Fourth Degree Assembly 2900 Shirts

Are you looking to purchase the nice embroidered Pope John Paul II Assembly 2900 shirts soon to be worn by many of the members. No need to fret, fill out this form and return it to Pat Cleary's mailbox with a check for the shirts and you too will look fashionable at all of the Council and Assembly functions.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: PAT CLEARY

Name _____

	<u>QTY</u>		<u>Cost</u>	=	<u>Total</u>
Polo _____	x		\$30.00	=	_____
Dress Oxford _____	x		\$30.00	=	_____

Oxford only: Long Sleeve Short sleeve Total _____

Circle Shirt Size: **MED LRG XL 2X 3X** (circle size)



Knights of Columbus Pope John Paul II Assembly 2900 Fourth Degree Directive



Faithful Scribe;

I, the undersigned Sir Knight, in good standing at the time of my death do designate my participation in one of the following programs and by this directive do give permission to so carry out my wishes:

- 1 Let the Chalice fund committee choose a suitable recipient for my chalice.
- 2 Let the Chalice fund committee donate a like sum of money to a religious charity of their choice
- 3 Let the Chalice fund committee donate a like sum of money to a religious charity of their choice clergyman, a church or institution of my choice. I designate the following:

- 4 Present a like sum of money from the fund to a religious organization such as the Father Harwick Fund or to a retirement fund to benefit or religious people (priests, nuns the like). I designate the following:

If a directive is not on file at the time of the death of a Sir Knight the Chalice Fund committee will assume that directives 1 or 2 is the choice of the Sir Knight.

- It is also my wish that my cape and/or chapeaux be given to the Pope John Paul II Assembly 2900 of the Knights of Columbus so as to add my name to the plaque at the Assembly memorial
- In lieu of donating my cape and/or chapeaux, I will make a donation of \$50.00 as to add my name to the plaque at the Assembly memorial
- My Sword is to be given to:

- I request the presences of an Honor Guard at the wake/visitation

Signed this _____ Day of _____ 20 _____

Sir Knight _____

Council Number _____

Assembly Number 2900

Please retain a copy of this Directive for your file.

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October 2005	
2	1st Annual Golf Outing
10	Columbus Day
10	Flag Retirement Ceremony
14-16	Provincial - Toledo
21	Social and Business meeting 7:00 pm
23	Pumpkin Show Parade
November 2005	
11	Veteran's Day
16	Social and Business meeting 7:00 pm
24	HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Meeting Reminder - OFFICERS

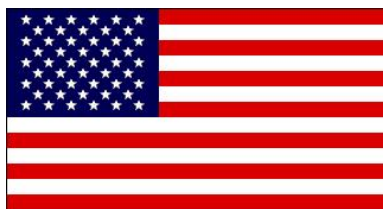
Any Officer that can not attend the up-coming meeting needs to call or email me. If no call or email is received you will be marked as unexcused/absent.

Jesus V. Garcia III
 Your Faithful Navigator

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- Faithful Inner Sentinel**
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- 2 Year Trustee**
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- 1 Year trustee**
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Prayer Corner



Tim Bader, Charlie Riesbeck, Marie Ellis, Maureen Patterson, Lorraine Rossi, Priest, Clergy, and our Military personnel serving overseas