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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Dear Brother Sir Knights and Ladies:

December we had our annual holiday dinner on December 19th and brother John and Lady Brenda had a wonderful dinner. We were all sorry that Lady Brenda was laid up with her hands burned at an accident at work the day before. Hope she has a speedy recovery. The white elephant gift exchange was held again this year, but with a twist. This year we combined this with helping the veterans by purchasing between \$5-10 gifts for the vets. It was a lot of fun with gifts being collected we sent five large boxes of needed items to the veterans hospital in Chillicothe. The coveted crystal globe was passed on along as part of developing traditions along with the parrot.

January is the annual Right to Life month and as an Assembly the ladies usually have something up there sleeve. This year they are making baby blankets like the wonderful ones they made in November. Please see the other articles in this letter coving the details.

The Assembly is in need of a Brother Knight to take on the Golf Outing program. This is our only big fund raiser and is also important to the many things we do. Last years event raised monies to help the Veterans and our other programs. I will volunteer to do the banquet food someone (or team) will take on the rest of the program. Brother Fran and Bud are eager to assist and provide their bountiful expertise and wisdom to you.

Hope to see you at the January dinner and meeting, enjoy Christmas and all our best from our family to you and your family.

Shawn Ansbro

Faithful Navigator

Ladies of Assembly 2900

Greetings! I hope each of you had a blessed and wonder filled Christmas. I wish each of you a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year.

The December meeting was well attended. We are sorry that Lady Brenda could not be with us for the meeting as she suffered an injury at work burning her hands. She is on the mend, and we hope to see her at the January meeting. We made trees with beads and safety pins that could be either a tree ornament or a holiday brooch. I am not the most crafty person, so I was especially glad that the craft was relatively easy, that Brenda made two samples, and that Lady Sandy Lowery, who is very crafty, was there to offer guidance and share her wealth of knowledge. Thank you, Sandy.

SK Tom Denning shared his crafts with us. He makes and sells rag dolls, table runners, pillow covers, and quilts, but he doesn't have a price list together. So, if you are interested, please contact him. Thank you, Tom, for sharing your talents with us.

All of the food was delicious. The gifts for the veterans were very nice and SK Jerry Lowery already has them on the way to Chillicothe. The world ice bucket donated in memory of SK Joe Rossi was the first gift opened by SK John and after several trades ended up with Lady Norma for the year. Lady Terri ended up with the talking parrot for the year. The next hottest item was the reindeer packaging created by Lady Jean and Lady Nancy proudly carried it home. It was a very nice evening of friendship, camaraderie, and service to the veteran community. In my opinion, everything the 4th degree is all about.

Remember to bring your fabric to the January meeting for the tied fleece baby blankets that we are going to donate to a charity. If you would like, the offer to come to my house to cut your fleece still stands. Lady Brenda says that 1 yard of fabric is enough for a baby. It is up to you if you want to make a single layer or double layer fleece blanket. I think that we will tie the blankets at the meeting. I know that some of you ladies thought that you would bring gifts instead of a blanket. That will also be a wonderful donation.

SK John and Lady Brenda are planning on serving chicken breasts and scalloped potatoes at the January meeting. Please bring side dishes and desserts to compliment. We are all very excellent cooks and bakers.

Ladies (Continued on page 2)

Admiral's Report ... Membership

"Sir Knight" is more than a Title. Fourth Degree Knights glorify God by serving our communities and nation as though Christ were the one being served. We foster patriotism by teaching personal responsibility in Civic affairs, working to honor and protect symbols of national pride, honoring veterans for their service and sacrifice, and facilitating voter turnout on election days. Finally, Fourth Degree Knights maintain a leadership role on important moral issues, recognizing that what a man stands for, defines him.

The need for strong role models has never been greater. If the sanctity of life, family values, and true religious freedom are to survive, democratic nations need greater commitment from people of faith.

If you know a 3rd degree Knight in good standing, it's time for you to contemplate asking him to reach even further with his faith and consider the FOURTH DEGREE.

Jerry Lowery, PFN

Faithful Admiral,

Exemplification

The Spring 2008 Exemplification is set for April 18, 19, 20, 2008 at the Cherry Valley Lodge Hotel. The Four Star Resort and Water Park located just off Route 16 in Newark,

The Room Rate is \$99.00 for a single or double. The Water Park Passes are \$15.00 each, and the Lodge will also provide Babysitting a special rate with at least a 24 hour notice. The Lodge will reserve an entire section of the Hotel for the exclusive use of the Knights of Columbus.

Please refer to our web site, <http://www.kofcassembly2900.org> and click on Exemplification for reservation forms and additional information.

Jerry Lowery, PFN

Faithful Admiral

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Ladies (Continued from page 1)

That reminds me: please do not forget the recipes for Lady Teresa. She would like to create a District cookbook with our favorite recipes and use the cookbook as a fund raiser to help offset the cost of the Ladies' Brunch at the Spring Exemplification. Please type or print your recipes clearly, including your name and assembly number, and either mail them to the following address:

Teresa Iannaggi
2115 Baldwin Road
Reynoldsburg, OH 43068

or e-mail them to: teresa_iannaggi@yahoo.com (there is an underscore between teresa and iannaggi). The recipes are needed by January 30, 2008.

I know from all the wonderful food we have that the ladies and men of our assembly are fantastic cooks. I sure hope that you are willing to share your recipes!

Hope to see you at the January meeting. Please encourage our members to attend. We haven't seen quite a few of our regulars from last year. We miss them.

Sincere regards,

Lady Dee

Captain Report

January 16: Assembly Meal : Chicken Breasts and Scalloped Potatoes

January 22: March for Life in Washington D.C. will be on Tuesday this year.

February 20: Assembly Meal: Barbecue Pork Sandwiches. Cherry Dessert Contest for the Best Cherry Dessert for President's Day.

John Beyer and Lady Brenda

Faithful Captain

Pilot's Report

January 5th - District Deputies Meeting on

February 23rd - the Clergy Dinner.

March 8th - Past Faithful Navigators dinner at Confluence Park

March 15th - State Free Throw contest at Bishop Ready

Cary Hisey

Faithful Pilot

Veterans of America Volunteer Services (VAVS) fundraiser

The 4th Degree of Knights of Columbus, Assembly 2900 continually collects cellular phones, ink jet printer cartridges, DVD movies, DVD video games, portable DVD players, laptop / notebook computers, MP3 players, digital picture frames, digital cameras, digital video recorders, GPS devices and video game consoles for recycling & fundraising for Veterans of America Volunteer Services (VAVS) fundraiser. Funds raised are used to support the VAVS Activities of the VA Chalmers P. Wylie Outpatient Clinic in Columbus Ohio. There's nothing to buy. Your donations may be tax deductible and will be recycled in accordance with EPA regulations or refurbished and sold. 100% of the proceeds will help fund the Columbus VAVS programs. Items collected can be brought to the monthly Council, Assembly or Columbus Chapter Meetings or call me or your District Deputy for collection. We greatly appreciate your support! - (Jerry Lowery, (614) 920-0066, jerry@insight.rr.com)

Business Meeting Minutes

Meeting opened at: 7:30 pm

Roll of Officers:

Faithful Captain, Faithful Trustee 1 year - Excused

Reading of the minutes: A motion was made to approve the October minutes as published. The motion was seconded and passed.

Faithful Friar's Report: The Faithful Friar encountered a story of one of the youth teachers telling students they didn't have to go to confession to the Priest anymore. A general absolution may only be given in times of immanent danger or grave necessity. General Absolution removes the principal connection to God through the Priest. People need individual confession. Please take advantage of the opportunities to receive these graces on a regular basis.

Faithful Navigator Report: The Faithful Navigator thanked everyone for coming and John for setting up the Holiday dinner. His wife was injured at another holiday dinner burning her hand on a roaster pan.

Reading of Bills & Communications:

Bills: It was noted that we customarily donate \$XXXX to Seton Parish in appreciation for the use of the facilities. A motion was made to increase that donation for this year to \$XXXX. The motion was seconded and opened for discussion. The Assembly asked more information on our current financial status so the motion was tabled till after to financial reports

Communications: No Communications

Faithful Captains Report: For next month we will serve Chicken Breasts and Scalloped Potatoes. The Ladies will make baby blankets for pregnant women and babies.

Faithful Pilots Report: The next event is the District Deputies meeting on January 5th, we need and honor guard of about 5. On Sunday they would like a Color Guard for the 8:30 Mass. February 24 the Clergy Dinner. March 8th Past Faithful Navigators dinner at Confluence Park
March 15th. State Free Throw contest at Bishop Ready

Faithful Admiral's Report: The Exemplification is on April 18,19, and 20th at Cherry Valley Lodge. Rooms are \$99.00 a night. Small Suites are \$230.00. They have arranged for late Checkout this year and have reserved an entire wing for the Knights. The Ad forms are available with a cover letter to help explain it to the advertisers. There are two different forms one is for the candidates and Sir Knights have a separate form. All checks are to be paid to the Assembly and the Assembly will pay the exemplification. PFN forms are available now as well. Our assembly only had one Ad last Exemplification and we need to provide more. The Goal for the exemplification is 180 candidates. The Admiral encouraged everyone to recruit 3rd degrees.

It was mentioned that we need to review the hospitality room options. Should we pair up with another assembly or do our own again. The options will be reviewed in the future.

Faithful Comptroller's Report: We have no bills from Supreme.

The Service survey is due by the end of January. We will send out an e-mail to assist in getting the data. Our bother David Eddy has transferred to another assembly. It was also noted that when turning in a form 4 be sure to press hard to make 4 copies. We often don't get a good 4th copy. The member number must always be on the form as well. 2008 bills have been sent we have over 1/2 back. Second notices will go out after the fist of the New Year.

Faithful Purser's Report: See Attached report.

Faithful Scribe's Report: No Report

Golf Committee: We are looking for a volunteer to chair for next years Golf outing

Report of Committees:

Unfinished Business:

Flag/Banner: No Report.

Report of Trustee's: No Report

New Business:

Motion to donate \$XXX to Seton Parish A motion was made to raise the annual contribution from \$XXX to \$XXX for this year. There ensued some discussion about permanently raising the contribution to cover increasing expenses but it was pointed out that this isn't a bill this is a donation and should be based on our ability to give and not what we think we own the Parish. The motion was called to vote and it was passed.

Motion to commit 50% of the Net Golf outing income to Veterans and 50% to the General Fund for this year. The motion was seconded and the motion was passed.

Assistance in mounting plaques: We need assistance from assembly members to put up our plaques. Please contact Wayne Patterson.

Report of Third Degree: No Report

Patron's Report: No Report

Good of the Order: , Maureen Patterson, Jim Patterson, Cary Ebert, Jeff Samborsky, Vendetta Family, Brenda Beyer, Fuchs Family, Schrader Family, Kunkler Family, Arnet Family, Joe Sanderell, All of our Priest and Lay ministers, All our missionaries throughout the world.

The 50/50 Winner Drawing: The winner was Neil Ferguson. He was not present so the prize will roll till next month

Terry Reine

Faithful Scribe

What are you WORTH??

Volunteers are an invaluable resource for the Department of Veterans Affairs. It is impossible to calculate the amount of caring and sharing that Veterans of America Volunteer Services (VAVS) volunteers provide to veteran patients.

VAVS volunteers are a priceless asset to the Nation's veterans and to the Department of Veterans Affairs. Over 140,000 volunteers gave more than 13 million hours in service to America's veterans. If you can give 4 hours a week, or 8 hours a month, you can help our local Veterans by volunteering in the following jobs;

Pharmacy Window Assistance,
Phone Assistant,
Volunteer Driver,
Coffee - Snacks,
Telephone Representative,
Oncology Assistant
and Data entry.

A full description of these jobs can be found at <http://www.kofccolumbus.org/vavs/> . Please join the VAVS family and make a difference in the lives of America's heroes. Call me at (614) 920-0066 or email jlowery@insight.rr.com if you have time to help.

Jerry J. Lowery

CMS, USAF Retired

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>



News for Veterans:

Go to <http://www1.va.gov/opa/pressrel/index.cfm> and learn more.

WASHINGTON - "Gift of Time" a Valuable Present: - The new Secretary of Veterans Affairs has applauded the volunteers who remember our nation's veterans, especially those hospitalized in VA facilities, during the holiday season and throughout the year. "Some of our patients will be unable to be with their families during the holidays," said Dr. James B. Peake, Secretary of Veterans Affairs. "The good cheer and spirit of compassion during the season are a powerful tonic, both for givers and recipients." The medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) work with veterans groups, corporations and individual businesses, civic organizations and charities to organize a host of holiday programs for patients. Planned holiday activities include musical shows and caroling, gift-giving, food, recreational activities, traditional observances and visits from Santa Claus.

WASHINGTON – In a ceremony on 20 December 2007 Dr. James B. Peake, a combat veteran of the Vietnam War and former Army Surgeon General, was sworn in by President George W. Bush as the nation's sixth Secretary of Veterans Affairs. "Dr. Peake takes office at a critical moment in the history of this Department," said President Bush. "Our nation is at war - and many new veterans are leaving the battlefield and entering the VA system. This system provides our veterans with the finest care - but the bureaucracy can be difficult to navigate." Secretary Peake stressed his commitment to easing the transition of our current generation of returning, combat experienced men and women and of "the opportunity to look to the future of this newest generation of combat veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan - getting it right for them and for their families."



OPERATIONS ENDURING FREEDOM AND IRAQI FREEDOM (OEF/OIF) The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) web site for returning Active Duty, National Guard and Reserve service members of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom (OEF/OIF) is <http://www.seamlesstransition.va.gov/> This web site can provide benefits information and assistance to eligible veterans who honorably fought and served in our Nation's armed forces.



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 I ask the chalice fund committee to present a chalice to the missions, designated 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 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 \$75.00 so 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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Januart 2008	
1	HAPPY NEW YEAR
16	Social and Business Meeting 6:30 pm
February 2008	
20	Social and Business Meeting 6:30 pm

Meeting Reminder - OFFICERS

Any Officer who cannot attend any up-coming meeting needs to call or email me. If no call or email is received, you will be marked as unexcused/absent.

Shawn Ansbro

Faithful Navigator

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Prayer Corner

Jeff Samborsky, Tom Welsch, Maureen Patterson, Mike McComb, Al Kunkler, John Pizzuto, Dan Udeck, Carrie Ebert, Msgr. Trenor, Fr. Losh, Fr. Tom Huth, Bob Daughty; All of our Priest and Lay ministers, All our missionaries throughout the world and our service men and women stateside and overseas.

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