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Happy Birthday America!!!

Dear Brother Sir Knights and Ladies:

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA!!!

Where does time go? We are already into the second half of 2011! As we celebrate the anniversary of our nation's independence, we are all thankful that we live in a country so blest. We must also be thankful to those wise and brave souls who pledged their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor to bring forth this noble experiment.

We in the Knights of Columbus Assembly take our cue from such honorable men (and women). We address each other as "Faithful" Pilot, "Faithful" Purser, etc. and in Council, we say "Worthy" Grand Knight, "Worthy" Financial Secretary, etc. Think for a moment what these terms mean. Those of us who presume to accept and use these titles must be - pardon the turn of phrase - Faithful and Worthy in all our dealings. We are carrying on the tradition just as the "Faithful" and "Worthy" founding fathers (and mothers) taught us.

On July 6th, we also celebrate the feast of Saint Maria Goretti. She epitomizes faithfulness and worthiness. She gave her life rather than submit to illicit advances from an acquaintance. In this day of rampant sexualization in the culture, we would do well to teach our sons, daughters, grandsons and granddaughters about Maria's chaste life. Maria was canonized by Pope Pius XII in 1950. This feast day has a special relevance for me. That was the name given to my little sister who was born in 1954 - only four years after the canonization - and died two days later. This would also seem to be an opportune time to remember all babies both born and unborn and continually ask our loving God's protection for each on them.

As we venture in to this new fraternal year, I have a couple of ideas that I'll be developing with you at our July 20th meeting. My fervent hope is that I will earn the trust that you, my brother Sir Knights, have placed in me as your Faithful Navigator. I pray that together we will continue the vision our previous Faithful and Worthy Assembly officers have laid out and I humbly ask for help and guidance from each of you.

C. W. Higdon

Faithful Navigator

Pope John Paul II Assembly 2900 meets at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish
600 Hill Road in Pickerington OH.
Meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of each month

2900 Assembly News

Pope John Paul II Assembly 2900, Pickerington, Ohio USA

ATTENTION:

As a reminder, articles for the newsletter are due by the 25th of each month. This allows time for layout and editing and allows the newsletter to be sent out before activities for the month take place.

Thank you for the help in this matter.

Jesus V Garcia III, PFN

Newsletter Editor

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Business Meeting Minutes

No minutes received

Steve McClellan

Faithful Scribe

Captain's Report

No article received from the Faithful Captain, Bog mentioned at the Council meeting that an Ice Cream Social is on tap for the night.

Gordon Pickett

Faithful Captain

Know Your Knight

Sir Knight Jerry Lowery and Lady Sandy have been married for forty six years and are blessed with three children and three grandchildren.



Taking his fourth degree in April 2003, Jerry has served in many Knights of Columbus offices, including GK, FN, and degree team member. He currently serves as District 3 Marshall. A member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, he is a member of Council 11187 and Pope John Paul II Assembly 2900.

Having served in the US Air Force as a telecommunications supervisor, Jerry retired after serving more than thirty seven years on active duty, Air National Guard and in the USAF retired reserves. Additionally, Jerry retired from the Defense Information Systems Agency in Columbus.

Jerry and Sandy are very active members of their parish. Both serve as Sacristans, Alter Servers, Lecturers, and Extra Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.

Jerry's hobbies include amateur radio, woodworking, photography, target shooting, fishing, horseback riding, gardening and web site development.

His pet peeve is people wearing shorts, blue jeans, tee shirts, and tennis shoes during an official function or attending Mass.

June, 2011 Independence Day

This writing is from `Prayers and Devotions of Pope John Paul II.

Dear friends in New York, my visit to your city would not have been complete without coming to Battery Park, without seeing Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty in the distance. Every nation has its historical symbols. They may be shrines or statues or documents; but their significance lay's in the truths they represent to the citizens of a nation and in the image they carry to other nations.

Such a symbol with the United States is the Statue of Liberty. This is an impressive symbol of what the United States has stood for from the very beginning of its history: this is a symbol of freedom. It reflects the immigrant history of the United States, for it was freedom that millions of human beings were looking for on these shores. And it was freedom that the young Republic offered in compassion....

I wish to pay homage to the noble trait of America and its people, its desire to be free, its determination to preserve freedom and its willingness to share its freedom with others. May the ideal of liberty, of freedom, remain a moving force for your nation and for all the nations in the world today!

It greatly honors your country and its citizens that on this foundation of liberty you have built a nation where the dignity of every human person is to be respected, where a religious sense and a strong family structure are fostered, where duty and honest work are held in high esteem, where generosity and hospitality are not idle words, and where the right to religious liberty is deeply rooted in your history

Bud Joos, PGK

Patron

PRAYER BEFORE STARTING WORK

My Heavenly Father, as I enter this workplace,
I bring your presence with me.

I speak Your peace, Your grace, Your mercy,
and Your perfect order into this office.

I acknowledge Your power over all that
will be spoken, thought, decided, and done within these walls.

Lord, I thank you for the gifts You have blessed me with.

I commit to using them responsibly in Your honor.

Give me a fresh supply of strength to do my job.

Anoint my projects, ideas, and energy,
so that even my smallest accomplishment
may bring You glory.

Lord when I am confused, guide me.

When I am weary, energize me.

When I am burned out, infuse me with the light of the Holy Spirit.

May the work that I do and the way I do it bring

Faith, joy, and a smile to all that I come in
contact with today. And oh, Lord,

when I leave this place, give me traveling grace.

Bless my family and home to be in order as I left it.

Lord thank You for everything You've done,

Everything You're doing and everything You are going to do.

In the name of Jesus I pray, with much love and

Thanksgiving

Amen

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>



Respect Life: Good News

I haven't written a Respect Life article for awhile because of family commitments and travels, but I am back now and just in time. There is great news in Ohio and around the country for respect life advocates.

The Ohio legislature recently sent a budget to Governor Kasich for his signature. This budget contains several Pro-Life amendments and features:

One amendment bans abortions from being performed in public hospitals

Another prohibits abortion coverage in insurance plans of local public employees

The budget requires the Department of Health to apply for federal abstinence education grants to reduce the number of unplanned pregnancies

The final pro-life amendment preserves the right of student groups to use and benefit from school funds and facilities, therefore protecting the rights of pro-life groups on college campuses.

Pro-Life Governor Kasich was expected to sign the budget bill on June 30.

The Ohio House has passed Pro-Life bills and sent them to the Senate for their approval:

House Bill 78 bans late term abortions (after 20 weeks gestation)

House Bill 79 prohibits coverage of abortion in state health insurance exchanges established under the federal healthcare reform bill (Obamacare)

Sub House Bill 125 (known as the Heartbeat Bill) is a historic bill to prohibit abortion of unborn babies once a heartbeat is detected,

as early as 6-9 weeks gestation.

These House Bills have been sent to the Senate for consideration and vote. *Please contact your state Senator and tell him to support all three of these important pro-life bills. As good Catholics and Knights, we must protect the lives and rights of the most vulnerable among us, the unborn.*

Elsewhere, Kansas is poised to become the first abortion free state after the Kansas Department of Health and Environment denied an abortion license to Planned Parenthood under a new law set to go into full effect on Friday, July 1. Earlier, all three Planned Parenthood abortion mills in Kansas were notified that they would not be granted licenses based on information provided in their applications and the safety regulations required by the new law. Of course, Planned Parenthood immediately filed suit against the law. If the law is upheld, Kansas would no longer have any abortion mills in operation and would therefore become the first abortion free state.

Apparently, none of the abortion mills gave any consideration to actually complying with the safety requirements of the new law to keep their licenses - perhaps because it would cut into their profits?

While all this is wonderful news for Respect Life advocates, we must continue to keep up the good fight and spread the Culture of Life wherever we are through our words and actions.

Edd Chinnock

Council Respect Life Coordinator

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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 Jesus Garcia'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: **QUALITY STITCH**

Name _____

	<u>QTY</u>		<u>Cost</u>	=	<u>Total</u>
Polo _____	x		\$30.00	=	_____
Dress Oxford _____	x		\$30.00	=	_____
Oxford only: Long Sleeve <input type="checkbox"/>		Short sleeve <input type="checkbox"/>		Total	_____

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

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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.

Bogomir Glavan
Your Faithful Navigator



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Prayer Corner

Bill Saling, Maureen Patterson, George Yurt, Ryan Schneider, Jeff Samborsky, Charles Higdon, Jr., Msgr Bender, Martin Croyle, Chuck Dunkin, Debbie Boggs, Kemper Hensley, Kevin O'Neil, Margie Patterson. Our military, police and firefighters, all our religious and laypeople.

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