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Happy New Year!

Dear Brother Sir Knights and Ladies:

Lady Norma and I extend our best wishes for a Happy and Holy New Year to all Sir Knights, their Ladies and families.

To begin, I would like to thank everyone who participated in our December Christmas gathering. Your generous outpouring of gifts for our veterans was truly overwhelming. The collected items have been presented to them. They have expressed their deep appreciation to all of you. More information about the Christmas program is available in our Faithful Captain's report.

Today as I write this article (December 28th) we commemorate the feast of The Holy Innocents. As we hear in the gospel at Mass this morning, we are reminded of the incredible slaughter that King Herod perpetrated on scores of babies in an attempt to protect his rule. We condemn these actions as totally barbaric. Yet, in our own country in our own time, many more babies are being just as barbarically slaughtered by abortion every day. And for what? Convenience! Are we as a society any less barbaric than the infamous Herod? During this election year, we have an opportunity to rid our society of this scourge. Let us make a firm New Year's resolution to do everything in our power, both individually and collectively, to ensure that the representatives we elect to local, state, and federal offices are, unlike Herod, willing to stand up for these latter day Holy Innocents. After all, during Herod's rampage, there was no one to speak for them. There is now. Us!

As we begin our new year, we celebrate the feast of Mother Elizabeth Ann Seton on January 4th. Born in 1805 in New York City, she was raised in the Episcopal Church but was converted to Catholicism. She was canonized by Pope Paul XI in 1975, making her the first native-born United States citizen to be canonized.

On January 6th we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany. We recall the Magi visiting the new-born baby and his parents. As they brought gifts to Him, just imagine the tirade Herod must have pitched as he was all but ignored by these wise men in his own kingdom. I doubt the members of Herod's court were having an easy time dealing with "the boss" during those days.

Of course, it is also the season for New Years' resolutions. Unfortunately, most are broken during the first month. However, in addition to the resolution suggested above, let us each resolve to deepen our faith this year and become more active in our parish and fraternal lives during 2012. At this time *next* year, with God's grace, let us each be able to say with absolute confidence that the world has been made a better place because we are a part of it.

Fraternally,

C. W. Higdon

Faithful Navigator

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Business Meeting Minutes - December 21, 2011

Meeting opened promptly again at 7:30PM by Faithful Navigator, Charlie Higdon:

Roll of Officers: Faithful Friar, Comptroller and Trustee - excused

Reading of minutes: Last business notes were motioned to be accepted by Scott Ansbro, seconded by Terry Reine, voted on and passed by all.

Faithful Friar's Report: No report

Faithful Navigator's Report: Faithful Navigator Charlie Higdon reminded all that this would be a quick meeting in lieu of the celebration scheduled following the meeting. The following points were then presented.

The Chapter Clergy Appreciation dinner is scheduled for February 12, 2012 at Villa Milano.

Trustee Dave Baker can no longer serve in that position and C.W. appointed John Samborsky as his replacement for the remainder of his term.

Deacon Hector Raymond is listed as our "Knight to Know" for our newsletter.

Our Faithful Navigator's final item asked us to place April 27 and 28 on our calendars for the Spring Exemplification. Duly noted.

Reading of Bills: Read and passed on to the Trustees for payment.

Communications: Managed during the F.N. report.

Bills: Bills were received with the only main ones for the food and from Reynoldsburg Trophy for Chalice Laser engraving. Funds of \$XXX were collected from the dinner. We are still in positive financial status.

Faithful Captain's Report: Faithful Captain, Gordon Pickett stated the Ham Dinner was great and the special "Wine Mice" ... concocted by the daughter of Frank Hare if my memory serves correct ... were a big hit! The menu for next month is "Chili dogs".

Faithful Comptroller's Report: No report except for the reminder that dues were now being collected.

Faithful Purser's Report: Faithful Purser, Gordon Burke presented our financial status with a reminder we still need a new money maker for the Assembly.

Faithful Pilot's Report: No report.

Faithful Admiral's Report: Faithful Admiral Bog Glavan then spoke:

The Social, is tentatively planned again for February t the 94th Aero Squadron with dinner followed by Big Band Music and Dancing in the back. Guys start practicing your steps ... Ladies ... hunt for those dress shoes with steel toes. We will also try to arrange car pooling to the event.

No applications are available for reading at this time.

Faithful Scribe's Report: No report ... you are reading it now.

Report of Committees:

Sir Knights Barwick and Samborsky reminded all of the following events to replace the Golf Outing as our fund-raising event. Suggestions of Flea Markets, Steak Dinners, Valentine's Day

Dance, Wine Tasting, Car Show, Bingo, Monte Carlo, Raffles, Mystery Dinner, 5K Race/Walk and a Men/Women's conference were offered. We shall make a decision at January's meeting.

Report of Trustees: No report.

Report of the 3rd Degree: Our next 2nd and 3rd Degree is coming up at the Hilton Easton.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None

Lecturer's Report: Lecturer Bud Joos then challenged all in attendance to pray the 3rd Joyful Mystery of the Rosary on Christmas Day. He then followed it with his always elegant Christmas Poem.

Good of the Order: Danielle Saling, Marjorie Miller, Ryan Schneider, Carrie Ebert, Gene Ebert, Joan Marie Trainer, Gary Lowery, Pandora Porcase, Steve Patterson, Maureen Patterson, Margie Patterson, Scott Mucha, Jeff Samborsky, Jim Brock, Debbie Boggs, Charlie Higdon, Jr., Jesse Garcia, Msgr. Haggerty ... and as always our priests and military.

Pennies for Heaven: We collected \$XXX for the cause

The 50/50 Drawing Winner: Charlie Higdon Sr. was the winner ... but graciously returned his winnings to the coffers.

Meeting ended at: 7:45 PM

Faithful Scribe

Mike Croyle

Faithful Scribe

Read on for the results of the gift grab!

And the winners were ...

The meeting then returned to Herrmann Hall and the always entertaining "Gift Grab" celebration. You see ... there are only three gifts ... some highly prized, others ... not so much. Those who played were given secret numbers which were then drawn in succession. The person with that number then had the privilege to pick one of the gifts ... with the hope it was of the highly prized variety. The next person whose number was drawn could then either choose one of the two remaining gifts ... or "steal" from the person who just picked! And they say we are a good Catholic Men's Group! And might I add ... there is no love lost here either ... or maybe there was! Fred Barwick had the audacity to even steal his gift ... from his wife!! I imagine the couch was pretty cold that night. Of course it is all done in fun and the process continued until all numbers were called with everyone having a chance to pick ... and hopefully end up with one of the gifts to open.

At the end Vicki Chinnock, Terri Joos and Maria Giametta held the prizes. The excited opening of the carefully and creatively wrapped gifts saw Vicki Chinnock the recipient of "The Parrot" to care for until next year (this would be the not-so-prized gift), Terri Joos the winner of a \$25.00 Gift Certificate to Bob Evan's and Maria Giametta the recipient of the beautiful Glass Globe Ice Bucket donated by Lorraine Sharon in honor of her past husband Sir Knight Joe Rossi. Joe would be pleased to know all enjoyed the festivities! The Globe and the Parrot will return to next year's celebration. We hope to see you all there.

Respect Life: Upcoming Events and News

March for Life: THE BUS TRIP TO WASHINGTON, DC, FOR THE MARCH FOR LIFE IS ON. We are looking forward to another wonderful trip. As of this writing there are still about 10 seats available on the bus, so **PLEASE** consider coming with us and encouraging anyone you know to sign up NOW.

We will leave from Seton's parking lot early Sunday, January 22, and return late Monday. We will go directly to the Vigil Mass for Life at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, then go to our nice downtown Washington hotel. After breakfast (included), we will go to the Youth Rally and Mass for Life or, if you prefer, you may visit some of the Washington monuments or museums. In the afternoon, we will all meet at a designated location for the March itself before returning to the bus for the trip home. And all of this for only \$150 per person! We would love for you to join us!

Respect Life Mass: For those who cannot join us for some reason, there are some events here in Columbus you should attend. On Monday, January 23, 2012, **Bishop Frederick Campbell will celebrate a Respect Life Mass** at 10:30am at St. Joseph Cathedral downtown. The Mass will be offered for the lives lost to abortion and for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life.

Rally for Life: Following the Mass, there will be a **Rally for Life at noon at the Statehouse** west plaza. The rally is open to all and all ages. This is a great opportunity for those who work in or near downtown to spend their lunch hour witnessing for all human life. For more information, contact Columbus Right to Life at 614-445-8508.

40 Days for Life: I recently received an email from 40 Days for Life National Director David Bereit that contained the following news:

Ever since first getting involved in pro-life efforts in 1998 -- when Planned Parenthood announced plans to build an abortion facility in my town -- one thing that has always been a bit disheartening for me is when Planned Parenthood releases its annual report.

Year after year, despite the best efforts of the pro-life movement, Planned Parenthood's abortion numbers and revenue dollars have continued to go up and up...

...UNTIL NOW.

The abortion giant just released the annual report for its last fiscal year (2009-2010) and these numbers have FINALLY begun to decline!

Here are the stats...

Abortions at Planned Parenthood:

- * 2009: 331,796
- * DOWN in 2010: 329,445

Planned Parenthood Total Revenue (income):

- * 2009: \$1.10 Billion
- * DOWN in 2010: \$1.04 Billion

Now, I realize that these are not huge declines -- and the abortion numbers still demonstrate a STAGGERING loss of life -- but the tide has begun to turn.

And these numbers were from BEFORE 2011, a year the abortion chain's president, Cecile Richards, just described to abortion advocates as the most difficult year in our history."

40 Days for Life campaigns have been conducted outside of more than 135 Planned Parenthood facilities this fall alone, and it is clear that your prayers and faithful efforts ARE paying off.

Seton will again participate in the 40 Days for Life campaign during Lent. From Ash Wednesday until Palm Sunday (February 22 - April 1), someone will be praying during the day outside of at least one abortion clinic in Columbus. The Seton Respect Life group will fill one or more of those days, so set aside some time to come pray with us. I will let you know in the next newsletter which days Seton will fill.

If you have never prayed outside an abortion clinic and find the prospect somewhat daunting, please rest assured that it is in no way threatening. We simply stand on the public sidewalk by the facility and pray. If there is a group, we usually pray the rosary together, otherwise we pray silently for all the little lives being taken there. We don't confront or talk to the patrons or staff of the clinic - only trained sidewalk counselors may do that. It is easy and rewarding - and only takes one hour of your time.

Heartbeat Bill: Finally, contact your state senator as well as the senate president and urge them to pass the Heartbeat Bill (H.B. 125). This bill prohibits an abortion of an unborn human individual with a detectable fetal heartbeat. The Ohio House passed the bill last summer, but the Senate tabled the bill until early 2012. The legislators WILL respond to your wishes, but only if you let them know what you want. So call them NOW and tell them to vote for this groundbreaking bill.

Edd Chinnock,

Council Respect Life Coordinator

Assembly Shirts:

The polo or dress shirts can now be ordered through Council 11187, the cost remains the same and should provide a quicker turn around time.

Please contact Mark Borys at (740) 862-6142 or by email at markb@copper.net to place your order.

Jesus Garcia



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

In Service To One. In Service To All.



Know Your Knight

Sir Knight Steve Valentine and his Lady Sue make their home in Patalaska, Ohio and are members of Saint Pius X parish in Reynoldsburg. They are blessed with six children and three grandchildren. Steve is very active in parish affairs. He formally coached basketball and football and served as collection counter. He can be counted on to be available for anything the parish needs.



Steve is submersed in the Knights of Columbus. He is Past Grand Knight of his Father Holmann Council 5253 where he now serves as a Trustee, member of the festival committee and member of the 1st degree team. Additionally, Steve currently serves as Faithful Comptroller and Assistant Commander of his Pope John Paul II Assembly 2900. He serves as Columbus Chapter Secretary and is the Advertising Coordinator on the District 3 Master's staff.

After serving for six years with the Ohio Army National Guard, Steve is now employed with the Rainbow Development Corporation as a Commercial Maintenance Manager. He has been with this firm for forty one years.

Steve's pet peeve is traffic. The constant changes take a toll on his patience.

When Steve is asked about his favorite pastime, with his wry with responds, "must be Knights of Columbus, huh?"

Fund Raising Ideas

The committee of Fred Barwick, John Samborsky, and Jim Doty have come up with a list of potential money makers for 2012. Any other Ideas would be appreciated. Please let any committee member or one of the officers know your thoughts. The list so far is as follows:

1. Flea Market
2. Car Show
3. Steak/Golf Outing (Using a different format)
4. Bingo
5. Monte Carlo
6. Valentine's Dance
7. Raffle
8. Wine tasting
9. Mystery dinner
10. 5K Race/Walk
11. Men's/Women's Conference
12. Christmas Tree sale

We may have to have more than one money-maker to make up for the defunct golf outing. Also, we must consider the man-power situation, because we will need a committed worker pool to pull this off. Think about it! We need more ideas.

Thanks for your help.

Fred Barwick, John Samborsky, and Jim Doty

Captain's Report

The December Social and Assembly meeting was held on December 21st with 37 Sir Knights and Ladies attending. The primary meal was Ham Steaks with a slice of pineapple for each steak and maraschino cherries mixed in. Lettuce and dressings were also provided for salads. The Ladies provided various potato dishes including mashed, scalloped, sweet, and "specialty" varieties as well as breads and other "goodies." It appeared that the attendees enjoyed the "provisions" since very little food (except for the lettuce) was left at the end of the evening. Costs for the meal and ongoing supplies totaled about \$XX and donations were \$XX so a slight profit was made. An announcement was made that Chili "Dogs", as well as "plain" ones if so desired, would be the primary meal for the January Social.

The attendees had been requested to bring identified donation items for the Veterans at the Veterans hospital. I did not count the number of items that were brought to the meeting but two long tables were filled to capacity!! GREAT RESPONSE SIR KNIGHTS and LADIES!! I'm sure the Veterans will appreciate your efforts, especially during the Christmas season.

The Faithful Navigator conducted a "brief" Assembly meeting, as planned, so that the entertainment for the evening, which consisted of the "crazy" auction/raffle, could be started. For those not familiar with this activity, matching cards are selected from two Pinnacle decks and cards from one of the decks are offered to those who would like to participate in the game. Cards from the second deck are then drawn, one at a time, by SK Charlie and Lady Norma. The holder of that initial card may select from three wrapped "prizes." The second and third drawn cards may chose one of the wrapped items or "steal" one of the other ones. Subsequently drawn cards determine the order in which the holder may "steal" from one of the prizes already chosen. This continues until all outstanding cards are drawn.

The final holders of the prizes were:

- (1) the SK Joe Rossi Memorial Globe -- Lady Maria Giometta
- (2) the Infamous Parrot -- Lady Vicki Chinnock
- (3) a Bob Evans \$25 Gift Certificate -- Lady Terri Joos

(Did the LADIES have the decks "stacked"???) -- just kidding!!

Gordon Pickett

Faithful Captain



For more information on Pro-Life Activities

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January, 2012

Pope John Paul II's beatification to sainthood is meaningful not only to the world and to the Church but also to the Knights of Columbus. This month is the seven in a series of eight addresses by John Paul II to the Knights of Columbus.

"By reason of your order's distinguished record of concern for the poor, the disadvantaged and the unborn in particular. I am confident that the Knights of Columbus will continue to be in the forefront of the Church's effort to promote a 'culture of life' (cf. Centesimus Annus,39), one which fully respects the and the sublime dignity of each individual, created in the image and likeness of God and destined for eternal life in Christ."

Message to 109th Supreme Convention, New Orleans, St. Louis, 1991.

Respectfully submitted;

Bud Joos, PGK

Lecturer

Need a Hand?

Jim Doty and his team are ready and willing to give you a hand. If you need help with a project or chore, something moved, the use of a pickup truck or trailer or just a ride give Jim a call. We are looking forward to giving you a hand. Just call 614-367-6344

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>



Pilot's Report

DATE	PLACE	GATHERING TIME	EVENT	REQUIREMENT
Sunday, January 15	St. Joan of Arc (10700 Liberty Rd S., Powell, OH 43065-7681)	10:15 AM	10:45 AM – Mass celebrating 25 th anniversary of parish. Celebrant is Bishop James Griffin. Brunch following Mass.	Honor Guard
Saturday, March 10	Columbus Square Bowling Palace, Cleveland Ave. and SR 161	11:30AM	12:00 Noon - K of C State Bowling tournament. Post colors and Honor Guard escort for the dignitaries	Honor Guard and Color Guard

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

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





January 2012	
1	New Years Day
9	MLK Day
18	Assembly Business Meeting and Social
February 2012	
14	Valentine's Day
18	Assembly Business Meeting and Social
20	President's Day

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.

CW Higdon

Your Faithful Navigator



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Prayer Corner

Danielle Saling, Marjorie Miller, Ryan Schneider, Carrie Ebert, Gene Ebert, Joan Marie Trainer, Gary Lowery, Pandora Porcase, Steve Patterson, Maureen Patterson, Margie Patterson, Scott Mucha, Jeff Samborsky, Jim Brock, Debbie Boggs, Charlie Higdon, Jr., Jesse Garcia, Msgr. Haggerty ... and as always our priests and military

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