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### Dear Brother Sir Knights and Ladies:

It's June and another fraternal year is coming to a close. Since this will be my last newsletter article as your Faithful Navigator, I want to convey my sincerest appreciation to all the officers who have served your Assembly this year. It takes a lot of work and the dedication of many people to make an organization like ours a success. Perhaps more importantly, I would like to thank the Ladies of the Assembly for their dedication during this past year. You ladies not only provided much of the delicious food for our social meetings, but completed projects such as the baby blanket project, the baskets for raffle at our Exemplification, and a number of other projects which makes our association with our Assembly such an honor. God bless you and thank you all.

As noted in last month's newsletter, we held our elections for our new officers at our May meeting. Congratulations to all the newly elected officers and especially Sir Knight Gordon Pickett who will be leading us as Faithful Navigator during the coming fraternal year. I pray that he will receive all the support you have so graciously given me during my tenure.

This fall we plan to conduct a raffle as our major fundraiser. The plan is to make available no more than two hundred tickets - with a donation of ten dollars per ticket - with one prize of one thousand dollars. The winner will receive his or her prize in two increments of five hundred dollars each installment. The plan is not totally firmed up yet but you will be hearing more about this in late summer or early fall. As this is our major fundraiser, I urge your full support.

On June 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> respectively, we celebrate the feasts of The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. I believe that our holy church sets these two feasts in our liturgical calendar to remind us specifically of the expansiveness, yet closeness, of the enduring love both Jesus and his mother have for us.

On June 17<sup>th</sup> let us remember and pray for our fathers and those who might be recognized as father figures in our lives. Whether living or deceased, they need our recognition and prayers. Unfortunately, in our culture, fathers tend to be portrayed as 'court jesters' or total incompetents or worse, leaches or even predators. Each of us fathers, grandfathers, etc, need to lead our lives in such a way as to debunk such notions. We need to be both temporal and spiritual leaders in our families and our communities.

You have undoubtedly noticed the monthly newsletter article titled "Know Your Knight". This is aimed at featuring a Knight and his Lady each month with a short biography and insight as to their backgrounds, likes, hobbies, and pet peeves. I think it is useful for a fraternal organization like ours to get to know our members a little better. If you would like to be featured in the coming months, please let me know.

As a last note, I have submitted our Assembly newsletter to our District Master Sir Knight Charlie Giametta for consideration to receive district and/or national honors. As I review other Assemblies' newsletters, I believe ours is truly exemplary. I thank all who contribute articles and I especially thank our editor, Sir Knight Jesse Garcia for his hard work

Fraternally,

*C. W. Higdon*

Faithful Navigator

## Business Meeting Minutes - April 18, 2012

Meeting commenced once again at exactly 7:30PM by F.N. Charlie Higdon.

### Roll of Officers:

Faithful Friar, Faithful Commander: Excused

**Reading of minutes:** The minutes were motioned to be approved as entered by Shawn Ansbro, seconded by Gordon Pickett, voted on and passed.

**District Master's Report:** District Master Charlie Giametta first slightly chided all for the poor attendance at the funeral for our faithful friar's father. He asked that we not make the attendance a territorial type event. He next reminded all of the Flag Day Ceremony on June 14<sup>th</sup> at Bishop Hartley High School beginning at 6:30PM. The event should only last about 45 minutes.

**Faithful Friar's Report:** No report

**Bills and Communications:** Bills were motioned by Bog Glavan and seconded by Mike Sillings to be sent on for review and payment to the Trustees. This was voted on, approved, and completed.

Faithful Navigator Charlie Higdon read some communications next reminding us that:

A Military Veterans Day at the Memorial Tournament with free attendance to vets. June 23<sup>rd</sup> is Veteran's Appreciation Day.

Find more about the Flag Day Ceremony at [www.kofccolumbus.org/](http://www.kofccolumbus.org/)

### Faithful Navigator's Report:

Faithful Navigator Charlie Higdon spoke next: He congratulated Mike Sillings for attaining Full Knight status! We then quickly moved on to other items as our fiscal year winds down.

**Faithful Captain's Report:** Faithful Captain Gordon Pickett then informed all of the attendance and take from tonight's meal. Thirty four Sir Knights and Ladies attended. \$XXX was collected from donations! We also received a nice donation of soda/pop from the exemplification for our refrigerator and future consumption. The June meeting dinner menu is set to include chicken, tuna, bologna and egg ... all of the salad variety...

**Faithful Comptroller's Report:** No report.

**Faithful Scribe:** No report ... but all are reminded to turn in directives as to how and where to distribute their regalia when that time comes necessary.

**Faithful Purser's Report:** Faithful Purser Gordon Burke reported that yearly financial statements are prepared and ready for review if anyone is interested.

**Faithful Pilot's Report:** Faithful Pilot Gene Ebert then listed activities in which to be involved over the next month. These are available on the State Website, but include:

May 18 - Honor flight at the Columbus airport.

May 26 - Priest Ordination Ceremony at the Cathedral. 9:15AM start.

May 28 - Ceremony for the Fallen Soldier. 9:15AM start.

June 14 - Flag Day Ceremony at Bishop Hartley H.S. 6:30PM start.

July 4 - Reynoldsburg 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. Details forthcoming.

**Faithful Admiral's Report:** The Faithful Admiral Bog Glavan

then asked of interest of a Summer Social. Suggestions included a get together at a Pickerington Summer concert or a picnic following the Reynoldsburg 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. Our sir Knights were told to seek the counsel of their Lady Knights in determining between these or any other ideas. Ladies??

**Report of Committees:** The Fund Raising Committee and the Assembly then discussed the options for our raffle. It was discussed to set the payouts to be in two increments (which will be duly noted on the ticket) to avoid any tax liabilities. The ticket cost of being set at \$10 or \$20. Decision was quickly reached to keep it at \$XX.

**Report of Trustees:** No report ... but, the elections were held. The new officers of our Assembly 2900 for the next fiscal year of 2012/13 are:

Faithful Navigator – Gordon Pickett (unanimous)

Faithful Admiral – C.W. Higdon (unanimous)

Faithful Pilot – Gene Ebert (unanimous)

Faithful Captain – Steve Dodaro (voted)

Faithful Purser – Gordon Burke (unanimous)

Faithful Comptroller – Terry Reine (unanimous)

Faithful Inner Sentinel – Frank Hare (unanimous)

Faithful Outer Sentinel – Fred Barwick (unanimous)

Faithful Scribe – Mike Croyle (unanimous minus one)

Faithful Trustee One Year - Bog Glavan (unanimous)

Faithful Trustee Two Year – John Samborsky (unanimous)

Faithful Trustee Three Year – Bud Joos (unanimous)

**Report of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree:** The Blood Mobile will be at St. Pius on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. We were also thanked for the donation of a Basket for the exemplification. Speaking of which, our district had the most number of candidates (72) for the entire state of Ohio! Go us!!

**Old Business:** Nothing to speak of ...

**New Business:** See above ....

**Good of the Order:** Under the Good of the Order we ask prayers for: Jeff Samborsky, District Deputy Tim Hickey, Fr. Frank Higdon, Charles Higdon Jr., Norbert Smithberger (eye surgery), Maureen Patterson, Margie Patterson, Martin Croyle, Rita Draudt, Lucille Joos, Caroline Hare, Msgr. David funk, Wayne Barrett, and our priests and military

**Patron's Report:** Sir Knight Bud Joos then enlightened us about his trip to the Kentucky Derby and the irony of seeing "I'll Have Another" as the winner of the race ... and an inscription added on a Mint Julep glass! Bud next then mentioned a group of people feeling responsible enough to assist with the grooming of people suffering from Alzheimer's. They are truly saints. And finally, Sir Bud gave us the prophetic reminder that one does not need a parachute to skydive. One only needs a parachute if they wish to skydive twice!!

**Pennies for Heaven:** \$22 were collected and turned in.

**The 50/50 Drawing Winner:** Norbert Smittberger won, and collected \$19.00.

The meeting was called to a close at 8:15PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

*Mike Croyle*

Faithful Scribe

## Captain's Report

Thanks all.

*Gordon Pickett*

Faithful Captain

## Respect Life: NRL Pro-Life Junior Essay Contest

With graduation season in full swing, I thought it would be a good time to look at how abortion has damaged the young people in our country. This essay by an eighth grade girl clearly shows that young people are very affected by abortion even if they have never had one or even known anyone who has. The following essay won first place at the junior level (grades 7-9) of the National Right to Life Pro-Life Essay Contest.

### "My Generation's Black Death"

By Teresa Rose Sicree, Boalsburg, PA

Empty seats are usually not a sight anyone really wants to see. I graduated from eighth grade with a class of nineteen in 2010 ... we had a lot of empty seats. How many more classmates would I have had if abortion had not been legal?

In the year I was born, 1996, there were about 3,899,000 babies born; 1,360,160 more were aborted. That means about thirty-five babies were aborted for every one hundred born alive. If those babies had lived, I would have had maybe six or seven more classmates. Alas, I am not the only one missing friends: across our country there are about 1.4 million high school freshmen that are missing. The world would be a different place had they lived.

Abortion is the Black Death of my generation. Back in medieval times the Black Death killed about one third of the population of Europe. The same is true today, with this "Red Death" of abortion. Close to 26 percent of my generation were killed in 1996 by the Red Death. Known as the Black Death, the bubonic plague had many effects on the lifestyle, religion, and economics of the medieval people and changed their society forever. Today, abortion also has untold effects on the people of this country. Not only are the mother, father, and their parents hurt by abortion, but everyone else is also hurt by the decrease in population. To take an example, because of the babies killed years ago, there are now not enough people to buy houses today. Thus, the housing market slumps and our economy suffers.

How much good these babies could have done if they had grown up is hard to measure. But we do know this: that their books will never be written, their inventions will never be built, and their love will never be shown ... all because they were killed in their mother's womb.

There is a story that a student asked Mother Teresa why God had not sent a person who would cure AIDS. Mother Teresa is said to have answered: "Maybe God did, but he was killed in his mother's

womb." Abortionists might have killed the person who would have found the cure to AIDS or cancer: we will never know for sure. I do know for sure that they have killed a quarter of my classmates, a quarter of my friends.

No matter what happens we pro-lifers must never give up, never surrender. We must make sure that there are no more empty seats.

From National Right to Life News, June/July 2011, Vol. 38 No. 6-7

*Edd Chinnock*

Respect Life Coordinator

## For more information on Pro-Life Activities

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## The 2012 Triple Crown is now history.

Why Racetracks Run Counterclockwise.

Clocks move clockwise because they were modeled after the movement of the shadows caused by the gnomon on sundials. (You knew that, didn't you). But did you ever wonder why horse races, dog races, auto races, human track races, all run counterclockwise as well as skating rinks and carousels? Dance pupils told to take "a warm-up lap around the room" tend to circle counterclockwise. This "time reversal instinct" according to some psychologists is simply a subconscious desire to back away from the oncoming locomotive - death.

Jacob saw time as "but a shadow" (Jb 8.9). Time and time again, God's word reminds us that time is lent to be spent, directly or indirectly, in the Lord's service. "Be careful then how you live" says Paul "not be unwise but as wise making the most of every opportunity" (Eph 5:15-16). Ralph Waldo Emerson echoed that thought, "anytime is a good time if you know what to do with it."

The bible that is our lifetime (not just the time of our life) is short and uncertain. And we must render "an account of our stewardship" of that time loan. Above all, time is precious. In Ben Franklin's words, "If time be of all things most precious, wasting time must be the greatest prodigality."

Taken from: "ONE MINUTE MEDITATIONS FOR BUSY PEOPLE" by John Hampsah

*Bud Joos*

Lecturer

## Pilot's Report

Editor's Note: Pilot's schedule

<http://www.kofccolumbus.org/PilotsReport.htm>

The link to the Pilot's report gives the latest news and events.

Email alerts are sent out when events arise that are not scheduled

*Brett Gissel*

Faithful Pilot

## May Newsletter-Many Hands Make Light Work

**Congratulations** to Patti Stokes for her successful first packing party as President of Chapter 9! Over 200 boxes were filled, taped, labeled, and mailed to our soldiers, sailors, and airmen overseas. The basement was abuzz with the scurry of feet, not mice, but of men (husbands), children, friends, neighbors, and of course, Blue Star Mothers last Thursday night. Approximately 30 people amiably squeezed into the lower level of the Sharon Township Hall. A special thanks to Deb Waltz and Jeannette Able who had been there since 2:30 pm, unpacking and sorting. Their work made everyone else's so much easier. Another set of thanks goes to Terry Cooper, Karen Stillwell, and Pat Yaconis for loading their cars with the boxes and taking them to the post office.

It was good to see the newest member and newer members attend this meeting. This was Celina Hardy's first meeting; she joined online and we were glad to meet her. Also Tricia Yacovone, whose son is in the ARMY National Guard in Texas, not AIR guard as I reported last month, helped us out. A packing party on her second meeting! Also Mrs. Sarah Monroe returned to join us. We were glad to see her again, and hope she is doing well after her unfortunate fall in the parking lot. (Has anyone checked in on her?) Also, Pat (and Dan) Yaconis returned after an absence and jumped right in with the boxes.

At the packing party, we learned that Gail Smith's son will be deploying for the first time. Our hearts and thoughts are with you Gail. Also, Donna Newman (me) and Mary Eberlyn bonded over the television show BOMBSQUAD: Afghanistan. A reality show about the EOD on channel G4. If you watch the show, Mary says that her son "operates the robots."

During the business portion of the monthly meeting several important items were covered:

**First**, the Memorial Day Parade... it is on Memorial Day, the 28th. Meet at the Sharon Township Hall between 8:30 and 9:00 am. Wear red, white, and blue patriotic clothes. Feel free to bring siblings and husbands. It would be GREAT if we could get any of our service sons/daughters to march if they are in town. Be sure to bring a photo of your son or daughter if you would like to paste his/her picture on a placard around your neck to help show off your military loved one. The parade will proceed, rain or shine.

**Second**, The National Convention is Aug. 1 - Aug. 4 in Cincinnati, Ohio. This is a great opportunity to attend a National Convention so close to home. You should have received an email from Blue Star Mothers of America about this event.

**Third**, *Walk with a Hero* is around the corner. This is an event sponsored by Ohio Combat Veterans on June 2nd at Creekside Plaza in Gahanna. It is a one mile walk, which begins at 10:00 AM. Chapter 9 intends to set up a stand/table and sell off our larger candy bars that day. All proceeds will be given directly to Daniel "Hutch" Hutchinson, founder of this veterans assistance group. By going to [walkwithahero.org](http://walkwithahero.org), you can click on Support a Team and find Buckeye Military Moms. There are already 5 members signed up! (Operation Homefront only has 1 person!)

**Fourth**, hold on to your hat and hold your breath for the first ever Columbus Zoo and Aquarium Shoebox Fundraiser. Paula Lombardo has wrangled us the opportunity to set up shop at the Columbus Zoo on July 1st. The Zoo has graciously and generously joined our cause of helping and supporting the military by allowing free zoo admittance that day if a patron presents a shoebox full of

sanctioned goodies for our men and women. The zoo will be sending out an announcement in its newsletter, "Beastly Bites," to 75,000 homes about this event. It will be on the front page, pretty good billing, with a link to access for more information. If only 10% of the people respond, well you do the math, it could be incredible, overwhelming, daunting, and hugely successful for our cause! It is a huge undertaking so everyone, who is available that day, will be needed to be there and help in some capacity. We will be giving out information about Blue Star Mothers; we will be accepting and checking out shoeboxes; we will be giving out zoo tickets to each person who brings a box; we will be accepting cash donations; we will be loading vehicles with hundreds of boxes (we hope!), so please stay tuned for more details at the June meeting as to how you can help. This event will be ALL DAY, from 9am - 7 pm, again rain or shine.

**Under Misc....** Deb Waltz gave a report on the *Homeless Veterans Committee*. Patti Stokes reminded everyone that *membership dues* are due at the end of July. You can either renew online at the national site, or renew at a chapter meeting. There will be email reminders sent as the deadline approaches. Also, the *Knights of Columbus, Ohio State Council*, is hosting an event at Bishop Hartley High School on Flag Day, June 14th. There will be a presentation of a "live United States Flag timeline with narration." A total of 33 historic American flags will be on display. Another great patriotic event for our military families!

Thanks again to all who helped with the packing party last week. But if you weren't able to help out, please put us on your calendar for the zoo fundraiser on July 1st. Ladies, this could be HUGE!!!!

May God bless our military, and watch over all our sons and daughters.

Donna Newman

*Submitted by Carrie Ebert*

## 2012/13 Assembly Officers

Congratulations on our new Assembly officers for the 2012/13 Fraternal year.

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Fraternally,

*C. W. Higdon,*

Faithful Navigator



**June 2012**

20	Assembly Business Meeting and Social
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**July 2012**

18	Assembly Business Meeting and Social
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**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

*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**

Jeff Samborsky, District Deputy Tim Hickey, Fr. Frank Higdon, Charles Higdon Jr., Norbert Smithberger (eye surgery), Maureen Patterson, Margie Patterson, Martin Croyle, Rita Draudt, Lucille Joos, Caroline Hare, Msgr. David Funk, Wayne Barrett, and our priests and military

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