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Have a Blessed Christmas

2900 Assembly News

Pope John Paul II Assembly 2900, Pickerington, Ohio USA



*Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to men of good will.*



Dear Brother SKs and Ladies:

The hustle and bustle of the holiday season is approaching. We all look forward to spending the holidays with family and friends. On behalf of the officers of the assembly, I would like to wish each of you a Merry Christmas.

This can also be a difficult time for someone who has lost a loved one. Thanks to all of our members who came out and supported our deceased Brother Knights at our Memorial Service on November 20th. Moving the service to a meeting night resulted in both good attendance and participation. More importantly, the widows of our deceased Brother Knights appreciated everything we did that night. Thanks to all of you who were part of the service, prepared and brought food or attended.

The meeting on December 18th will feature our annual Christmas dinner so please be sure to attend. Everyone will have a chance at the traditional traveling gifts of the coveted crystal globe and talking parrots. All members are asked to bring items for our veterans. At the end of the evening we will collect these items and get them to Veterans Hospital. Here is a small way for us to show our support for and appreciation of our veterans.

Please be sure to spend a little time each day away from all the distractions and think about how much God loves you. As you go through the day, try to spread that love around to your family, friends and anyone you meet. It is one way you can be sure to spread the Christmas spirit.

Saint Augustine said, "Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe." At Christmas, we have a chance to show our faith in a visible way. Nativity scenes, Keep Christ in Christmas Magnets and Keep Christ in Christmas billboards are some of the ways we can show what we believe. When we share out faith, we share something tangible with our family and friends. I see how much each of you shares your faith with those around you and I thank you for being a good example of faith to our assembly and our community.

Fraternally Yours,

SK Stephen J. Dodaro

Faithful Navigator

Business Meeting Minutes - November 20, 2013

Memorial Service replaced the Business meeting.

SK Mike Croyle

Faithful Scribe

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

SK Bud Joos

Faithful Pilot

Respect Life: March for Life Bus Trip

We are busy preparing for the bus trip to DC for the March for Life. Due to a scheduling conflict, the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Buckeye Lake youth group will not be going with us this year. In addition, our SPY youth group will not need as many seats as they initially thought. This means we have about 25 seats available on the bus for additional riders. **This is a great opportunity for YOU to attend this wonderful trip with us!**

We will leave early Tuesday morning, January 21, and return late Wednesday night, January 22. We will go directly to the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception for the vigil Mass. If you have never been there, you MUST come see this gorgeous Basilica and the Knights of Columbus bell tower. The vigil Mass is like no other Mass you have ever attended – there are so many Cardinals, Bishops, priests, deacons, and seminarians that the entrance procession alone takes 30 minutes.

After Mass our bus will take us to the hotel where we will have a pizza party and visit with our fellow riders before going to bed. The next morning, after breakfast at the hotel (included), the youth will go to the Youth Rally and Mass for Life while the other riders can go to any of the many Pro-Life events going on that morning. Priests for Life, 40 Days for Life, and many other groups have displays, speakers, and events we can attend.

Around noon, we will meet the youth as they return from the Youth Mass and go to the March itself. They have many great speakers and representatives at the rally before the March. Once the March begins, we will walk up Constitution Avenue to the Supreme Court building, where there are additional speakers. Those who wish can then go across the street to the Capitol building for a reception hosted by congressional representative Jim Jordan and other Ohio congressmen. Senator Rob Portman often attends as well. This is a great opportunity to meet some of our congressmen.

After that, we will meet our bus for the trip home. You get all this for only \$170 per person (double occupancy). Please contact me if you are interested in this trip or get the registration/information form on the Seton Parish website.

We still need help at Dr. Samuel's local facility, so please come join us in prayer at the sidewalk in front of the Complete Women's Health Care clinic on Mondays and Tuesdays from 3 to 5pm and Saturdays from 10 to noon. We need to let Dr. Samuels know we don't want them in Pickerington!

Edd Chinnock

Respect Life coordinator

2013 Raffle Update

Mr. James M. Kirwin wins the Assembly 2900 fundraiser raffle at our November 20th drawing and receives a check from FN Steve Dodaro while SK Gordon Pickett, Program Chairman, and SK C W Higdon, Assistant Chairman and SK Norbert Smithberger look on. Mr. Kerwin procured the winning ticket from SK Norbert Smithberger.

Congratulations to Mr. Kerwin.



Captain's Report

Huge thanks to Bog Glavan, Assembly officers and all in attendance for the beautiful Memorial Service and social last month.

Baked Ham will be our main dish for the December meal. Your contributions of Christmas meal favorites would be appreciated. The Thanksgiving meal last month seemed well balanced with side dishes and desserts. Let's use the same idea with last names beginning with A thru L bringing sides and M thru Z providing desserts.

For our monthly gathering on December 18th we will feature our annual Christmas program where we'll have 3 lucky winners.

Rather than exchanging gifts, all are asked to bring unwrapped packs of underwear, socks, and toiletries to be donated to the patients at the VA hospital. Below is a more complete list of approved items.

An evening out for the Assembly. Assembly 2900 is planning an evening out Tuesday February 11, 2014 at the Mayhem & Mystery Interactive Dinner Theatre. This will be held at the Spaghetti Warehouse on W. Broad Street. For the show and dinner the cost is \$25.95 per person plus tax and gratuity. All are invited to this fun filled evening. Please notify Frank or Diane Hare to have your seats reserved.

Wishing all a very blessed Christmas season,

S K Frank Hare

Faithful Captain

Recalling the Debt We Own—Pope John II Assembly 2900, Pickerington Ohio

In remembrance of the Assembly's deceased brother Sir Knights, the membership and surviving family members of Pope John Paul II Assembly conducted a commemoration ceremony. Before partaking in a traditional Thanksgiving meal, Assembly's Faithful Friar, Reverend Mister SK Hector Raymond in his invocation reminded all of the gathering purpose for and the blessings for which we can be thankful.

After dinner the widows and families of the deceased Knights were ceremonially escorted by Sir Knights in formal social attire led by a regalia honor guard to the ceremony area. To a choral hymn reminding all of the importance to remember, the Ladies of the deceased Sir Knights and families were seated in the front row. With standing Sir Knights surrounding the rear and sides of the room and their Ladies seated behind the widows, this separation of Ladies from their Sir Knights would later be a pointed visual reminder that before too long the Sir Knights would be separated from their ladies and the Ladies from their Sir Knights.

After the entrance of the presenters and the color guard a tribute of respect was paid to the deceased with a focused reminder of the meaning of a friend, the loss when separated by death and the debt owed to the departed. To the orchestral version of "Taps" each deceased Sir Knight's name was announced by Navigator Stephen Dodaro and accompanied by a slow formal salute by the color guard and Master of Ceremony. From a front table with a chapeau and neatly folded cape on which were arranged roses, one rose was presented to each deceased family representative. For those not having family present the rose was placed at the base of a

vertical partially shrouded vertical ceremonial sword. To a barely audible bag pipe version of *Amazing Grace* the meaning of each line of the *Our Father* was explained followed by a group recitation focusing on the meaning. This signified how whenever and wherever Knights meet this prayer is faithfully recited. After closing prayers from Deacon SK Hector Raymond and closing remarks from the master of ceremony the color guard to the coral version of *Onward Christian Soldiers* led the attendees to the dining area. There social time and desert was enjoyed at the end of a meaningful and memorable evening.



Columbus Chalmers Wylie Veteran Affairs Approved Gifts List

- 1) WASH CLOTHS
- 2) LARGE AND MEDIUM TOWELS
- 3) SOCKS
- 4) T SHIRTS L, XL, XXL, XXXL
- 5) MENS BRIEFS AND BOXERS FOR COLUMBUS AND CHILLICOTHE L, XL, XXL, XXXL
- 6) WOMENS "FUZZY SOCKS"
- 7) WOMENS UNDERGARMENTS
- 8) CLEAR NAIL POLISH
- 9) EMERY BOARDS
- 10) WOMENS MAGAZINES
- 11) VISINE EYE DROPS
- 12) COTA BUS PASSES
- 13) POSTAGE STAMPS AND ENVELOPES
- 14) PRE PAID PHONE CARDS
- 15) GASOLINE STATION GAS GIFT CARDS FOR \$10 EACH
- 16) FAST FOOD AND GROCERY GIFT CARDS
- 17) NON PERISHABLE SNACKS
- 18) LIQUID SOAP, SHAMPOO, DEODORANT
- 19) SHAVING CREAM, DISPOSABLE RAZORS
- 20) DENTAL FLOSS PICKS, TOOTHPASTE, TOOTHBRUSHES

December 2013

18	Assembly Business Meeting and Social 6:30pm
25	Merry Christmas!!!!

January 2014

15	Assembly Business Meeting and Social 6:30pm
1	Happy New Year
22	Bob Evan's Breakfast 9:30am

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.

Stephen Dodaro
Your Faithful Navigator

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Prayer Corner

Under the Good of the Order we ask prayers for: Rick Humphries, Maureen Patterson, Dick & Mary McComb, Charles Higdon Jr., Barb Metz, Bud Joos, Mike Sillings, Msgr. Noon, Fr. Maynard, Gene Ebert, Ma