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2013 Happy New Year 2013!!!

Dear Brother SKs and Ladies:

This report will be somewhat short since there was no Business section of the December Assembly meeting. It was motioned and approved in the November meeting that the December meeting focus only on the Social part. More information on this activity is in the Caption's report.

Several items that I would like to report on or highlight are as follows:

The donation to the Veterans Family Holiday Party, mentioned at the end of my November report, was approved by the Assembly officers. Following preparation of the appropriate paperwork and the donation check, the check was hand-delivered to Traci Washington, Chief of Voluntary Services at the VA Ambulatory Care Center on December 10th. They were expecting a large group for the Party (last year it was elbow-to-elbow and this year's location was larger) so she was very appreciative of our timing (the Party was on December 15th) and the amount of the donation.

The Clergy Appreciation Dinner is on January 27th. While this is primarily a Council-sponsored activity, I want to encourage members of our Councils to participate to show all of our priests, deacons, and other attendees how much the Knights of Columbus welcome their support.

The 40th Annual March for Life also occurs this month on January 25th in Washington, D.C. As noted previously, a 2-day bus trip by St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish is planned and may still be available if you have not signed up. The January issue of the Columbia magazine has a number of articles about this important topic and the Knights of Columbus position on abortion. I particularly found the horrific numbers of abortion being performed, as provided in the EDITORIAL of the magazine, to be very disturbing. While I've previously not thought much about it, this type of information, and my membership in the KofC, has made me believe that something must be done. After reading a number of the articles, I'm glad and encouraged about the attention and trends being made to greatly reduce the number of abortions being performed in the future.

You'll have to excuse me for the comments in the last item but I just couldn't help myself from spouting off!!

SK Gordon Pickett

Faithful Navigator

2900 Assembly News

Pope John Paul II Assembly 2900, Pickerington, Ohio USA



Business Meeting Minutes - December 19, 2012

No business meeting.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mike Croyle

Faithful Scribe

Respect Life: Pro-Life Movement Progress

I recently received a letter from Pro-Life organization Life Dynamics that reviewed some of the progress the Pro-Life movement has made. In January, we will observe the 40th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision and it sometimes feels like we haven't accomplished much. The reality is quite different.

In 1992 there were over 2100 abortion mills in America. Today, there are just over 600 and most of those that remain are gasping for air. But be assured, if the pro-life movement had never existed, there could easily be one in every mall and strip shopping center in the country.

If you think the idea of mall-base abortion franchises is too crass even by Planned Parenthood's standards, you don't know much about Planned Parenthood. In reality, this is precisely the kind of thing they would do if they could get away with it. After all, 50 years ago who would have believed that these barbarians would be doing late-term abortions on healthy babies being carried by healthy moms, or that it would be legal for 12-year old girls to be taken to these places and aborted without their parent's knowledge? And this is in a country with a vibrant pro-life movement!

If the pro-life movement had never existed - every public school and university in America would either have an on-site abortion mill or a contract with a nearby abortionist.

If the pro-life movement had never existed - there would be no debate about taxpayer funding of abortion; the government would have been forcing us to pay for them since day one.

If the pro-life movement had never existed - the right-to-life of the unborn would not even be discussed in either the public arena or the political process.

If the pro-life movement had never existed - poll after poll would not now be documenting a dramatic shift away from support for legalized abortion and toward the pro-life position - especially among the young.

If the pro-life movement had never existed - we would not see the faces of children with disabilities like Down syndrome - not because these maladies had been cured but because abortion would have long ago become the accepted medical "treatment" for every imperfect baby. After all, killing people is easier than healing or accommodating them.

If the pro-life movement had never existed - there would be no crisis pregnancy network to help those women who might not want to submit to abortion. That's because, without your voices, abortion would be the default position for every unplanned pregnancy.

The list goes on and on, but the bottom line is that, without you, America would have devolved into a country where the killing of

an unborn child has no more moral significance than the pulling of a tooth.

So thanks for all that you have done and continue to do! We still have a long battle ahead, but we know we will win in the end because God has promised us that evil will not triumph:

His promise was that the gates of hell would not prevail against us – and if the front door of an abortion mill is not a gate into hell, the hell does not exist.

Excerpts from Life Dynamics newsletter "George Bailey and the Pro-Life Movement" by Mark Crutcher.

Edd Chinnock

Respect Life Coordinator

Captain's Report

My thanks to everyone who brought gifts for the veterans and food for us to enjoy. After all the numbers were drawn and gifts "stolen", there were five gifts to unwrap. Carrie Ebert received a gift card to Bob Evans, Charlie Giamettia picked the dreaded parrot and Brett Baxter was rewarded with the Glass Globe Ice Bucket. Next month Diane and I will provide two types of soup, Chicken Noodle and Beef Vegetable. At the next assembly meeting, I will need to know how many knights and their wives will be going to the 94th Aero Squadron on February 28th.

Thanks all. *Steve Dodaro*

Faithful Captain

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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

January 2013	
16	Assembly Business Meeting and Social
1	Happy New Year
21	MLK Day
February 2013	
20	Assembly Business Meeting and Social
28	94th Aero Squadron Dinner

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.

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 Your Faithful Navigator



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Maureen Patterson, Dave Adams, Amanda Hague, Jeff Samborsky, Chris burke, Bud Joos, C.W. Higdon, Jr., Ruth Giesek, Kemper Hensley (now deceased), Martin Croyle, Tim Hickey, and our priests and military.

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