

Serving Councils 5253, 11187, and 11354



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Have A Blessed Easter

Dear Brother SKs and Ladies:

The Spring Exemplification 2015 is fast approaching and I hope all my Brother Knight and their Ladies have signed up for both the Past Faithful Navigator dance on Friday, April 17th and the Exemplification on April 18th, 2015 at the Cherry Valley lodge in Newark, Ohio.

It is very important that we support our new 4th degree members by first being at the Exemplification as well afterwards in our own Assembly. As our Admiral SK Steve Dodaro pointed out at last Assembly meeting for each new recruit we should a Faithful SK accompany each new member. With this, it will assure the successfulness of our Assembly with our new Sir Knights and their Ladies.

I want to take this opportunity to welcome all our 3rd Degree Brother Knights and their Ladies who attended our last Assembly meeting on Wednesday, March 18th, 2015. I look forward to seeing them again at our May Assembly meeting as new Sir Brother Knights accompanied by their Ladies.

I would like to stress the important of participation in the upcoming Honor Flights starting on Saturday, April 18th, 2015. As 4th degree Knights, our true call is to "PATRIOTISM" which is supporting our veterans. Let's make a stronger effort in 2015 of showing our support and loyalty to all our veterans.

I would like to strongly encourage any of our Sir Knights to consider filling one our many positions as Assembly officer. Please contact any of our trustees if you would like to be considered for any office.

Desmond Tutu said, "You don't choose your family. They are God's gift to you, as you are to them. "Let us all take a moment to think about all the gifts we have been given, including our immediate family, our fraternal family."

SK Phil Siedlecki

Faithful Navigator

2900 Assembly News

Pope John Paul II Assembly 2900, Pickerington, Ohio USA



Business Meeting Minutes: - March 18, 2015

The meeting started at approximately 7:30pm by Faithful Navigator Phil Seidlecki

Roll call of officers was taken the following were excused this month including our Faithful Friar, Faithful Comptroller, Faithful Purser, Trustee 3 Year, and Trustee 1 Year

Our Faithful Friar, Sir Knight the Reverend Mr. Hector Raymond was absent and we had no report.

The minutes were motioned to be approved as posted by Steve Dodaro and seconded by Jerod Long voted upon and approved.

Our District Master had no report.

Our Faithful Navigator, Sir Knight Phil Siedlecki then listed the following items:

Apologies were given for the distribution of the late newsletter. We were short-handed last month.

Exemplification – Cherry Valley Lodge from April 17 to 19. Plan to attend. We have five applications in hand, but the forms need filled out completely. The PFN Dance is for any 2nd and 3rd Degree Member to attend and occurs on the 17th and all are welcome! Dress is coat and dress slacks. 4th degree members wear tux and social. The deadline for attendance is 3/21. Get the filled form and check to Phil Siedlecki. Cost is \$30 per person for dinner.

As for dues collections, we are at 80% collected. We have 103 members. One transfer out is included.

Elections are coming up for next year. All positions are open, except the Comptroller. Let the Trustees know of your interest in any position. Please become involved. The trustees report it is a work in progress. We need new blood!

Honor flights are beginning again. April 18th is the first. 5/9, 5/30/, 6/20.

Phil has purchased Knight License plates and they are impressive.

Our taxes are turned in and we are safe for another year.

Reading of applicants: Tom Skinner (5253), Juan Carlos Martinez (11187). Mike Yost (11187), Richard Drouillard (11187), Jimmie Smithberger (11187), Shawn Roberts (11187), and Thomas Vollmer (5253) were named. Jerod Long motioned to accept them. C.W. Higdon seconded and all were approved.

Our Faithful Captain, SK Frank Hare reported 65 people were in attendance for the Caesar Salad night tonight. \$XXX was collected with \$XXX expense reported. Another "Knight Out" celebration is coming for March with thoughts of a Bowling night at Rule 3. Planning for the hospitality room at the Exemplification is underway. And finally, the dinner for next month is Pizza. Pickerington Community Theatre is another night out being discussed by the ladies. Our baskets are still being filled.

Our Faithful Comptroller Terry Reine was absent and we had no report.

SK Gordon Burke reported on our financial solvency...or at least Steve Dodaro (who reported for him) said we were doing well.

Our Faithful Commander, Wayne Patterson was working with 3rd degree guys, educating them on what they need for the upcoming

Exemplification, and thus had no report at the moment.

Our Faithful Pilot, George Schneider asked all to look on the State Website for upcoming events.

3/20 Color guard for the State Free Throw at Bishop Ready
4/11 Confirmation Mass at St. Margaret's on Hague
4/18 First Communion at St. Joan of Arc
4/18 second session for First Communion
4/18 Mass of Thanksgiving
4/18 First Communion Church of the Resurrection
5/17 at 4:00pm St. Brigid of Kildare

Report of Veteran Fair Liaison, SK Thom Laughery reported on the Field of Heroes at Westerville on Memorial Day weekend where they have thousands of flags to honor our military. You can buy a flag for \$30 to sponsor a flag placement. You can take the flags home with you following the event. Varying flag sponsorships are available. The Westerville Rotary Club sponsors this event. We will explore this further and decide if we will sponsor flags for our deceased military.

Our Faithful Admiral, SK Steve Dodaro reported that we are recruiting for officers. Please let Steve or C.W. Higdon know of your interest. Paperwork for the exemplification needs to be turned in now! We need Assembly members to attend the Exemplification as well to make the new guys feel wanted! We owe it to them!

The Trustees reported they are anxiously working on a slate of officers! Keep Brother Wayne in our prayers.

The candidates were brought in to the meeting and gave a quick update on themselves and their families! All are great guys. All were welcomed with open arms!

Report of the 3rd Degree:

Council 5253 have the following events coming with:

March 20 – Fish Fry
Cruise into the Spring – a cards and game night. 4/7 – 8:00 – 10:00. Tickets are \$10.00 and include a buffet. A silent auction is included. Wear an outfit. Call Tina Bananzski.
March 23 – State Free Throw at Bishop Ready
March 22 – 8:30 Mass of Thanksgiving at Pius
Bonanza Charity tickets will be sold after all masses
March 28 – Day of Reflection at the Josephinum

Council 11187 have the following events listed with:

March 20 and 27 – Fish Fry
March 14 – St. Patrick Day Party was a success
April 4 – Easter Egg Hunt

Old Business No old business

New Business

For the Good of the Order we list and keep in our prayers: Fr. Frank Higdon, Peg Brock, Jeff Samborsky, Fred Barwick, Carol Puhlman Schneider, Gordon Burke, Gordon Pickett Sr., Keith Zabrockie family, Wayne Patterson and family, Joanie Lucius, Msgr. Nunan, Terri Joos, Maureen Patterson, Jim and Margie Patterson, Nancy McComb, Hans Bauer family, Caroline and Frank Hare, Carrie Ebert, Father Klima as well as our military and veterans.

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Culture of Life: Pope Francis' Words

Supporting Life From Conception Until Natural Death

This winter Vicki and I spent three weeks in Scottsdale, Arizona. While there we attended St. Bernadette church. On the Third Sunday of Lent, March 8th, their bulletin had the following article in the Culture of Life section. These comments from Pope Francis about the sanctity of life are worth pondering:

In a year that saw assisted suicide advocates be applauded by the press, Pope Francis made some poignant commentary about the sanctity of life in his message for the World Day of the Sick, reminding the world that life is always worth living, regardless of the perceived "quality" of it.

The Pope claims that it is a hypocritical lie that 'lurks behind certain phrases which so insist on the importance of "quality of life" that they make people think that lives affected by grave illness are not worth living!'. About this 'great lie', he says that 'even when illness, loneliness and inability make it hard for us to reach out to others, the experience of suffering can become a privileged means of transmitting grace'.

Pope Francis stated 'People immersed in the mystery of suffering and pain, when they accept these in faith, can themselves become living witnesses of a faith capable of embracing suffering, even without being able to understand its full meaning'. The Pope denounces that 'Occasionally our world forgets the special value of time spent at the bedside of the sick, since we are in such a rush; caught up as we are in a frenzy of doing, of producing, we forget about giving ourselves freely, taking care of others, being responsible for others. Behind this attitude there is often a lukewarm faith'. Therefore, the Pope urges us: 'I would like once again to stress "the absolute priority of going forth from ourselves toward our brothers and sisters" as one of the two great commandments which ground every moral norm'. Moreover, the Pope highlights 'how many Christians show, not by their words but by lives that are rooted in a genuine faith'. Living close to the sick, they are on a 'great path of sanctification' because if it is 'easy to help someone for a few days', it is instead 'difficult to look after a person for months or even years, in some cases when he or she is no longer capable of expressing gratitude'

From LifeNews.com, Dec 31, 2014, by Christine Rousselle

In light of Pope Francis' comments above, it is very appropriate that Seton's Respect Life group will be bringing flowers to the residents of Pickering Nursing Home the morning of Saturday, May 16. Please join us in brightening the day for these people and learn firsthand what Pope Francis is talking about.

Have a Happy and Blessed Easter season!

Edd Chinnock

Respect Life coordinator

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The **50-50 drawing** was held and the winner was **Gene Ebert** who collected a whopping share of \$XXX.

Pennies for Heaven Fund received \$XXX.

Our Faithful Patron, Bud Joos regaled all with the following tale

Derek Jeter was the topic. with hagliography. He mentioned Derek was not always first. He was a saint for putting up with the Yankee organization for 25 years.

The meeting was called to a close in our normal manner at ~8:30PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

SK Mike Croyle

Faithful Scribe

Captain's Report

The April Assembly Social and Meeting is Wednesday, April 15th. This month's social meal will feature a pizza party. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share – think Spring like items to welcome warmer temperatures and sunshine. As always we'll kick things off around 6:45pm.

Our Ladies are collecting items this month to be added to the basket that will be raffled at the Exemplification. The theme is Rainy Day so feel free to contribute any items that you think appropriate for a Rainy Day!

For those attending the Exemplification please be sure to drop by our Hospitality suite. Plenty of yummy snacks and complimentary beverages will be available. We are even having a raffle for a K of C lighted sign.

Thanks as always,

S K Frank Hare

Faithful Captain

Candidates for Assembly Officers

The list of candidates will be published in the next newsletter for the upcoming election.

All positions are open.

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 George Schneider

Faithful Pilot

April 2015	
15	Assembly Business Meeting and Social 6:30pm
2	Holy Thursday
3	Good Friday
4	Holy Saturday
5	EASTER
15-18	Spring Exemplification
15	Tax Day
May 2015	
20	Assembly Business Meeting and Social 6:30pm

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Prayer Corner

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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.

Phil Siedlecki
 Your Faithful Navigator



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
POPE JOHN PAUL II ASSEMBLY 2900
 PICKERINGTON, OHIO
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Request for Rebate
 Spring/Fall Exemplification

Submitted By: _____

Date: _____

Pay To: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Candidate Fee (\$70 per person) _____

Friday Dinner Dance (\$30 per person) _____

Ladies Program (\$20 per person) _____

Box Lunch (\$5 per person) _____

Banquet (\$30 per person, included in Candidate Fee) _____

Total _____

Assembly 2900 will rebate up to \$100 of the candidate's cost of the exemplification, not to exceed \$1500 for the Assembly.

Assembly 2900 will rebate 50% of either the cost of the Friday Dinner Dance or the Saturday Banquet, not to exceed \$30.

Attach this form to the registration form and submit both forms to the Faithful Navigator.

Warrant Number: _____ Date: _____

Check Number: _____ Date: _____