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Have a Blessed Christmas



2900 Assembly News

Pope John Paul II Assembly 2900, Pickerington, Ohio USA

Dear Brother SKs and Ladies:

One day about 2,000 years ago, an angel named Gabriel appeared to a young Jewish woman named Mary. Gabriel told Mary she would have a son, Jesus, who would be the Son of God! Mary was confused and worried about this sudden news, but she had faith in God and said, "I am the Lord's servant; let it be as you say." Mary and her husband-to-be, Joseph, lived in a town called Nazareth. But they had to travel to the city of Bethlehem to register for a census ordered by the Roman emperor, Caesar Augustus. Both Nazareth and Bethlehem are in the country now called Israel. It is about 65 miles (105 km) from Nazareth to Bethlehem, and the trip probably took them several days. When Joseph and Mary got to Bethlehem, there was no place for them to stay because the inn was already full. They ended up spending the night in a stable, a place where animals were kept. There was probably fresh hay on the floor that they used for beds. That night, Jesus was born. There was no crib, so they laid baby Jesus in a manger, a feeding trough for animals. The manger probably had fresh hay in it and made a nice bed for the baby. That night, some shepherds were in the fields near Bethlehem, keeping watch over their flocks of sheep. An angel appeared to them and gave them the good news that a Savior, the Messiah, had been born. The angel told the shepherds they could find Jesus lying in a manger. Suddenly a whole group of angels appeared saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!" "The shepherds hurried into Bethlehem and found Jesus in the manger, just as the angel had told them. After they had seen Jesus, they spread the news, and everyone who heard was in awe. Matthew 1-2, Luke 1-2

I want to thank SK Frank Hare and Lady Diane for taking charge for our Christmas Social Wednesday, 12/21/2015 at the Seton Parish Herrmann Hall. The evening will feature the "Christmas Contest" where you can win fabulous prizes. Our dinner will feature glazed ham and pineapple. Dining will begin at 6:45pm, followed by our contest. I also want to thank SK Steve Dodaro for leading us to honor our deceased SK's and an Honor Guard lead by SK Phil Siedlecki to accompany the Widows, and SK Wayne Patterson for the drawing of our 50/50 ticket that produced a winner, also money for our programs to help our Veterans.

Myself and Lady Danna wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe New Year

Fraternally Yours,

SK Dominic Nocera

Faithful Navigator

Assembly Business Minutes - 16 November 2016

No Business meeting

SK Chris Coppus

Open Nomination - Faithful Captain

With the departure of the Faithful Captain, there is an open spot for a brother Sir Knight to step up and fill the spot. If you are interested in being the Faithful Captain, please contact any officer of the Assembly.

Nominations will be taken during new business at the December Business meeting.

Culture of Life: A New Battle is Brewing

A lot of our focus on the Respect Life Committee is committed to the plight of the un-born, as well it should be. The taking of a human life before it even has a chance to develop is abhorrent to us as Christians. Protecting these precious lives is and always will be a priority for us and we will continue to battle the secular forces that seek to continue this practice.

There is, however, another battle brewing at the other end of life's spectrum and that is physician assisted suicide. Physician assisted suicide differs from euthanasia in only one way, the doctor provides the life ending drugs to the patient and the patient administers the drug themselves. I find this to be particularly cruel in so much as the patient, by freely taking these drugs will die with a mortal sin on their soul all because someone has convinced them this is the answer to their suffering. The potential for the abuse of this practice is huge as in many cases the patient may be encouraged to die early for the convenience of others.

In Ohio end of life legislation is addressed in Title 37 Chapter 3795 and only allows for the voluntary withholding of life saving medical treatments at the request of

- A. The patient,
- B. health care Power of Attorney
- or C. a living will.

There are 6 states that currently allow for some form of physician assisted suicide, Oregon, Washington, Vermont, California, Montana and Colorado. Washington DC only has one more round of voting before the so called "Death With Dignity Act" is sent to the Mayor's desk for signature. There are 20 other states that are considering some form of physician assisted suicide legislation.

Think about that for a moment, more than half of the states in the union will have some form of a physician assisted suicide law. To me the thought of this is frightening, talk about a slippery slope. How long will it be before laws are passed denying patients with terminal illnesses life sustaining medical treatment to "keep costs down." Will we then, as a society, begin to measure the worth of each life and decide if it is a life worth living? Will we begin to look at people born with developmental disabilities as a life that has no worth? When will it end? In 1973 we, as a society, decided when a life should begin and began to legally engage in the practice of abortion. Now 43 years later we are talking about when life should end and how. Keeping with that timeline will we in 40 or 50 years be deciding whether developmentally disabled people are too much of a burden? I fear that if we keep on this course that scenario is quite possible.

We must be ever vigilant to attempts to diminish the importance of any human life no matter how imperfect others may view that life. A culture of life demands that we respect life from the moment of conception to natural death and leaves us the responsibility to nurture and protect that life at every stage of its development and beyond. Actively ending a life, no matter how frail, is a moral violation and preventing that from becoming a legal doctrine may be our next big battle.

Dave Bushnell and Edd Chinnock,

Culture of Life Chairman

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.

SK Dominic Nocera

Your Faithful Navigator

Did you know...

During a recent visit to Washington D.C. we visited and celebrated mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. I was very proud to learn the Basilica features our Knights of Columbus organization. If you should be in D.C. please make the largest Roman Catholic church in the United States and North America (and is one of the ten largest churches in the world) a destination.

<http://www.nationalshrine.com>

The 329 ft tall campanile or bell tower on the SW corner is called the "Knights' Tower". On March 31, 1957 Supreme Knight, Luke E. Hart, pledged the funds from the Knights of Columbus to complete and finish the campanile.

<http://www.nationalshrine.com/site/c.osJRKVPBjH/b.4764131/k.C64E/Carillon.htm>

In celebration of the KofC 125th anniversary, Nov. 17, 2007, the "Knights of Columbus Incarnation Dome", was dedicated. The Knights pledged \$1 million toward the creation of a 3,800-square-foot mosaic. This decorates the south dome in the nave of the Basilica's Great Upper Church. The Fourth Degree Knights accepted the challenge to raise \$500,000 - half of the organization's commitment to the project.

<http://www.kofcmuseum.org/km/en/exhibits/2010/dome/index.html>

Several years ago, K of C Supreme Chaplain Bishop Thomas V. Daily blessed a new stained-glass window of Father McGivney at the Basilica. The window is in the lower sacristy of the Crypt Church of the National Shrine and was a gift from the Knights.

From the Faithful Comptroller

The 2017 yearly dues statements are being mailed in December. Below are deadlines to please note. Prompt replies are greatly appreciated as Supreme is implementing a more aggressive timeline for member billing. Membership cards will be mailed as payments are received.

- 12/15/16 - Billing statements mailed to each members home
- 1/15/17 - Second notices mailed to homes
- 2/15/17 - Notice to Retain letter mailed and retention committee provided list of members to contact

Thanks in advance for your cooperation,

Frank Hare

Faithful Comptroller



Assembly Christmas Social

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As with every Christmas, unwrapped gifts for our veterans are requested. The Annual Collection for our Veterans at the December gathering will go to COLUMBUS CHALMERS WYLIE VETERAN AFFAIRS. Below is the approved gift list.

- 1) WASH CLOTHS
- 2) LARGE AND MEDIUM TOWELS
- 3) SOCKS
- 4) T SHIRTS L, XL, XXL, XXXL
- 5) MENS BRIEFS AND BOXERS - 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

Huge thanks to all for your involvement!!

December 2016	
21	Assembly Meeting: 6:30 Social/7:30Meeting
25	Christmas Day
31	New Year's Eve
January 2017	
18	Assembly Meeting: 6:30 Social/7:30Meeting
1	New Years Day
16	MLK Day

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Prayer Corner

We list and keep in our prayers: Gordon Pickett, Jeff Samborsky, Shawn Ansbro, Dominic Necora and family, Checca family, Tom Joos, Father Frank Higdon, Maureen Patterson, Jim and Margie Patterson, Hans Bauer and family, Haiti and hurricane victims. Our priests, and of course our military and veterans

Lecturer's Corner

‘The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic.’
 ‘The Classroom of Silence’*

C. S. Lewis was one of the great Christian voices of the twentieth century. In his letters he described the story of a senior devil training an apprentice devil. The apprentice devil has been given a task by Lucifer himself, and that task is to win a particular young mans soul away from God and for the devil.

The senior devils name was ‘Screwtape’ and the apprentices’ name was Wormwood. The young man whose soul that was to be sought for Screwtape was known as ‘the patient.’

When the apprentice devil gets his assignment he immediately begins thinking elaborate schemes to get tempt his ‘patient’ for Screwtape. But his Uncle Screwtape rebukes Wormwood’s efforts. Screwtape goes on to explain to Wormwood that all he has to do to win his patient over is to make enough noise in the world that the patient can no longer hear God’s word.

Seventy years ago C. S. Lewis was a prophet in his time. Think of the increase in noise in our lives with the advent of radio and later the advent of television and as the noise increases in our lives it is becoming more and more difficult to hear the voice of God.

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It is in silence that God speaks to us.

I cannot imagine God saying, “Come to the noise” or “Fill you’re your life with noise” It seems that God is constantly calling out us, “Come to the quiet.”

The first attempts at trying something new are excruciating. In some ways, we are not really ready for life until we have learned to be alone in the great classroom of silence. Clarity emerges from silence. In the scriptures we read about Jesus going away to a quiet place.

Without the silence it becomes impossible to discern God’s will.

Respectfully submitted:

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