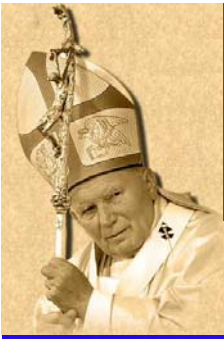


# Serving Councils: 5253, 11187 and 16561



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The Fourth Degree is the highest and most prestigious degree within the Knights of Columbus. The primary purpose of your Fourth Degree membership is to foster the spirit of patriotism in members and the community at large and encourage active Catholic citizenship.



August 1, 2017

## Congrats to our new Officers!!!

### Dear Brother SKs and Ladies:

I would like to thank SK Mike Elston for covering our meeting this month.

Please, remember to thank all of our Veterans for their service to our country when you see them. They certainly deserve our recognition, respect and our prayers!

We have the sale of Veteran Raffle Tickets coming up soon. Please, pray that this sale goes really well this year. The Lord can help you decide how many you are going to buy to contribute to this worthy cause. Please, listen to Him carefully.

We will be having the Memorial Service for our Deceased Knights in November. In the name of all the Knights in our assembly, I wish to whole heartedly thank Bill Richards and Ernie Winnestaffer for volunteering to chair this most sacred service for us.

Anyone with any questions or concerns, please contact me at: [faithfulnavigator@kofcassembly2900.com](mailto:faithfulnavigator@kofcassembly2900.com).

*On a personal note:* I will be out of town from August 6th until the 19th. My wife is receiving a successor assistance dog. We will be staying in Sylvania, Ohio and attending "The Assistance Dogs for Independence School" to learn everything she needs to know for her new dog to assist her well. He is a Golden Retriever, named Lane. Her current assistance dog, an 11 year old Black Labrador named, Jordan, has been diagnosed with bad arthritis in his hips and knees and must retire. He has been her faithful and constant companion for the last nine years. Jordan will live out his retirement with us, in our home. We wish to thank everyone who ever prayed for Jordan over the years!

May God Bless us as we respect human life in all it's stages,

*SK R. Wayne Patterson*

Faithful Navigator

### Captain's Corner

The April Assembly Social and Meeting will be August 16<sup>th</sup>.

Wednesday August 16<sup>th</sup> will feature Homemade Lasagna. Please bring a dish to pass or a dessert to share. The dinner starts at 6:45pm and the meeting starts at 7:30pm

Thanks for your support and brotherhood.

*SK Mike Elston*

Faithful Captain

## Assembly Business Minutes - 07/19/2017

The meeting started at 7:30 p.m. by Faithful Navigator SK Wayne Patterson with normal procedure and prayer.

**Roll call** of officers followed and those excused this month included: SK Frank Hare, SK George Schneider and SK Francis Joos.

**Our Faithful Friar**, SK Reverend Mr. Hector Raymond talked on getting to know God as a person.

The approval of the minutes were motioned and seconded. Voting upon the minutes and approval followed.

**Our Faithful Master** Update on SK Shawn Ansbro given by SK Dodaro. Shawn is to have surgery in August and prayers are needed.

**Our Faithful Navigator**, SK Wayne Patterson thanked everyone for his election to Faithful Navigator. SK Patterson will be appointing a Commander and also a Vice Commander will be appointed from Council 16561. SK Patterson will be meeting with the Council from Pope John 23<sup>rd</sup> to explain procedures for honor guards. A thank you was received from Union County for our donation to "They Eyes of Freedom." All requests for honor guards must come through the Faithful Navigator.

Installation of officers will be August 26 at St. Joseph Cathedral. Mass is at 5:15 p.m. with ceremony following. Dress for the installation is social baldric. Wives are encouraged to attend.

**Reading of applicants:** One transfer with information to follow. None at this time

**Our Faithful Captain**, SK Mike Elston reported that \$XX was collected for the meal and the cost was \$XX. 30 in attendance. The dinner for August will be lasagna.

**Our Faithful Comptroller**, SK Fred Hare was excused and thus no report.

**Our Faithful Purser**, SK Gordon Burke reported we are still financially solvent.

**Our Faithful Pilot**, SK Gene Ebert reported installation of officers is August 26 at the cathedral. Mass is at 5:15 p.m. and parking is limited.

**Our Veteran's Affair Liaison**, SK Ralph had no report.

**Our Faithful Admiral**, SK George Schneider had no report.

**Our Faithful Trustees:** Veterans raffle and the November memorial discussed and the need for committees discussed.

### Report of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree:

**Council 5253** reported the following events:

- ~ 1<sup>st</sup> degree July 25
- ~ Parish Festival St. Pius August 4-5
- ~ August 5-6 SOS Weekend
- ~ August 6 Parish Picnic
- ~ August 24 Blood Mobile

**Council 11187** listed the following events:

- ~ Parish Festival September 15-17
- ~ Regalia will be moved and count taken. There are 5-6 on hand and only want to have 2-3 on hand.

**Council 16561** reported the following events:

- ~ Measure up was successful.

**For the Good of the Order** We list and keep in our prayers:

Sandra Blamer, Carrie Ebert, Maureen Patterson, Jim Patterson, Master Shawn Ansbro and family, Jeff Sambrosky, Gordon Burke, Bill Sauer, Charles Giametta, Fr Frank Higdon, Sharon, our priests, and of course our military and veterans

**The 50-50 drawing** winner was SK Nocera. The winnings were rolled over to next months' drawing.

The meeting closed in our normal prayerful manner at 8:40 p.m. Respectfully submitted,

*SK Chris Coppus*

Faithful Scribe

## Regalia Update

See the letter from Our Worthy Master concerning the new regalia.

Our Worthy Master has asked that all comments and issues be brought to his direct attention. I confirmed this SK Steve Dodaro (his executive secretary).

Here is our Worthy Masters contact information:

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Please remember that our Worthy Master is the messenger...so please be respectful.

*SK Jesus V Garcia III, PFN<sup>2</sup>*

## Culture of Life: Right to Life News

### *Supporting Life From Conception Until Natural Death*

Ohio is again leading the way in the fight against abortion on demand. A few days ago Ohio Right to Life's Dismemberment Abortion Ban (S.B. 145) was overwhelmingly approved by the Ohio Senate, 24-9. The legislation is being heralded by Ohio Right to Life as the next step in the national strategy to end abortion. The passage of the bill coincides with the 50th anniversary of Ohio Right to Life's founding.

"With as much as we've accomplished in the last six years, our dismemberment ban is arguably the most significant and groundbreaking legislation to date," said Mike Gonidakis, president of Ohio Right to Life. "For the first time since the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban, we're advancing legislation that addresses the brute force of abortion head-on. Every year in Ohio, thousands of babies are brutally dismembered by the abortion industry, ripped limb from limb and extracted piece by piece. Ohio Right to Life applauds the Ohio Senate for taking us one giant step closer to adding this game-changing pro-life law to the record."

Dismemberment abortion, otherwise known as dilation and evacuation (D&E), is a procedure in which the abortionist first dilates the woman's cervix and then uses steel instruments to dismember and extract the baby from the uterus. The D&E abortion procedure is usually performed between thirteen and twenty-four weeks LMP, when the baby is somewhere between the size of a lemon and a cantaloupe. In 2015, the Ohio Department of Health reported nearly 3,000 D&E abortions in the state of Ohio.

The Ohio House is expected to take up the Dismemberment Abortion Ban in the fall when the legislature returns from summer recess.

(Above information from Ohio Right to Life press release dated June 28, 2017.)

Earlier in June, we attended the Greater Columbus Right to Life fundraising dinner where the keynote speaker was Lila Rose, founder and president of Live Action.

Ten years ago, at age 15, this amazing young woman exposed Planned Parenthood's violation of the law. With no help from other organization or legal experts, she hid a video camera in her purse and wore a hidden microphone while she went to several Planned Parenthood abortion clinics pretending to be pregnant and wanting an abortion. She told them her age and said her boyfriend was 20, which in every state should trigger an immediate call to the police for statutory rape. Not one single PP clinic even batted an eye at this revelation - instead, anxious to sell another abortion, they told her how to cover up this crime. When Lila put the videos on the internet Planned Parenthood threatened to sue her if she didn't immediately retract them. As a 15 year old with no legal recourse she didn't know what to do, but pro-Life legal groups came to her rescue and forced PP to back off.

Now a beautiful 25 year old, Lila is still leading the pro-Life charge. She and the organization she founded, Live Action, are responsible for the videos released a few months ago showing Planned Parenthood's lies about the services they provide. They called 100 PP facilities in every state to ask about pre-natal care, which PP says they provide and need government funding to continue to provide. 97 of the facilities flatly denied providing pre-natal care. Two of the remaining three

offered to refer the caller to someone who does provide pre-natal care and the remaining PP clinic said they offer very limited pre-natal care.

The release of these videos, along with the videos showing Planned Parenthood representatives negotiating the sale of aborted baby parts, have provided the impetus for defunding Planned Parenthood at the federal level as well as in many states. This amazing young woman is someone we should all be proud of and try to emulate.

*Edd Chinnock*

Culture of Life Chairman

### For more information on Pro-Life Activities

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## Patron's Corner

### "The Prayer Process"

- 1 Gratitude Begin by thanking God in a personal dialogue for what ever you are most grateful for today.
- 2 Awareness Revisit the times in the past twenty four hours you were and were- not -the-best-version of yourself. Talk to God about these things and what you learned from them.
- 3 Significant Moments Identify something you experienced today and explore What God might be trying to say to you through that event (or person).

Respectfully submitted:

*Francis Joos,*

Lecturer



August 2017	
19	Assembly Meeting: 6:30 Social/7:30Meeting
16	School Starts
September 2017	
20	Assembly Meeting: 6:30 Social/7:30Meeting
4	Labor Day

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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.

*SK R Wayne Patterson*  
 Your Faithful Navigator

**Prayer Corner**

We list and keep in our prayers: Sandra Blamer, Carrie Ebert, Maureen Patterson, Jim Patterson, Master Shawn Ansbro and family, Jeff Sambrosky, Gordon Burke, Bill Sauer, Charles Giametta, Fr Frank Higdon, Sharon, our priests, and of course our military and veterans

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**Fourth Degree  
Hennepin Province  
Ohio District 3**

Sir Knight Shawn Ansbro  
Master

Sir Knight Dr. Stephen Dodaro  
Executive Secretary

August 5, 2017

My Brother Knights.

The Supreme leadership of the Knights of Columbus has made a major change in the dress of the Fourth Degree. Our Cape, baldric, chapeau and sward are being replaced by sports jacket with emblem, specific tie, and beret. Unfortunately there is little official direction available about the transition, phase out of regalia or protocols available. I have been asking when we will get official information but to this point have not gotten anywhere.

I know many of you feel that this will have a major impact on the Degree and have expressed concerns that even indicate desire to step down as a member of the Fourth Degree. Please bear with things until we find out how this will shape up I value each and everyone one of as a friend and member of the Order. The following is information provided by Carl Anderson:

“ Dear Worthy Master and Brother Sir Knight,

please forward the the following to all

This week, more than 2,000 Knights and their families gathered in St. Louis for the 135th Supreme Convention, which was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the achievements of the last fraternal year, and to chart the course for an even brighter future for the Knights of Columbus.

A Papal Message to the convention conveyed the prayers and good wishes of Pope Francis who praised the Order’s efforts to strengthen family life and provide relief to persecuted Christians in the Middle East. Just days before the convention, the Board of Directors authorized a \$2 million effort to save Karamdes, a predominantly Christian town in the Nineveh Plain region of Iraq, which was liberated from ISIS late last year.

During my annual report, I announced the “Knights of Columbus Campaign to Save 1 Million Children.” Through our Ultrasound Initiative, we have already provided 829 ultrasound machines and this new campaign aims to reach the goal of 1,000 machines as quickly as possible, so that by 2019 — the 10th anniversary of the initiative — we will have saved an estimated total of 1 million lives.

The Order reached new heights in its charitable works, donating more than \$177 million and 75 million hours to charitable causes. Our industry-leading program of insurance “by brother Knights, for brother Knights” continues to provide the finest protection to our families, issuing a new record of more than \$8.54 billion of new life insurance last year. We also celebrated the achievements of our fraternal leaders and insurance field force, and presented the Order’s highest honor, the Gaudium et Spes Award, to a courageous Maryknoll priest, Father Gerard Hammond, who has travelled to North Korea more than 50 times to provide humanitarian aid.

The convention was also the occasion for a historic announcement: the introduction of the new uniform of the Fourth Degree. After careful consideration, the Board of Directors took this action motivated by the best interests of the Order as whole and of the Fourth Degree in particular. The new uniform is part of a comprehensive and necessary effort to keep our Order relevant and attractive to men, particularly younger men.

In light of this significant change, I thought it would be helpful to address some of the questions that have been asked about the new uniform.

The cape and chapeau, while popular among some Fourth Degree members, have become dated and are increasingly cited as a reason that eligible Catholic men, especially young men, do not join the Knights of Columbus.

Today there are nearly 2 million members of the Order, but only 358,000 of them are Fourth Degree Knights — less than 20 percent. The old regalia was one reason often given by brother Knights for why they did not want to advance to the Fourth Degree.

We understand that some Fourth Degree members are fond of the old regalia. The cape and chapeau regalia will still be allowed, for a time, in those assemblies and districts that wish to use it, though the preference is for the new uniform.

Ceremonial swords will continue to be part of the Fourth Degree.

The new uniform is designed to be much more versatile than the older regalia and can be worn at a much wider range of functions.

Our choice of uniform, while important, has always been ancillary to the work we do carrying out the principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism, and this should always be the case.

We have been testing the new uniform over the past year with key groups of Knights, including those brother Knights who participate in our annual Warriors to Lourdes Pilgrimage. The feedback we received from these groups has been very positive.

**“Brothers, we need to share our gifts”**

During the convention, the Good of the Order Committee spoke in words I wish to make my own:

“We commend all of the faithful Sir Knights who have proudly worn the Fourth Degree regalia, bringing much respect to the Order. With the new Fourth Degree uniform, recently approved by the Board of Directors, this honor and respect associated with Sir Knights will remain, and it will open the door more widely for a new generation to join their ranks. In a spirit of unity, let us assist with a smooth transition to this new uniform and encourage it to be worn with great dignity and pride.”

Fraternally,  
Carl A. Anderson  
Supreme Knight  
Donald Hall,  
Vice Supreme Master  
Fr. Hennepin Province  
4th Degree Knights of Columbus”

If you would like to discuss or send me your comments I will do my best to pass along.

Vivat Jesus! And May God Bless America

Fraternally

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