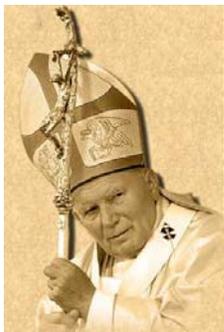


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## Happy Valentine's Day

Our prayers are with Our Worthy Navigator Dominic and his wife Lady Danna.

### Captain's Corner

The February Assembly Social and Meeting will be Wednesday February 15th. This month's social will be our Annual chili cook-off. Those wanting to compete please bring a kettle of your secret recipe chili. All are asked to sample each kettle and vote on your favorite. A \$25 gift card will be awarded to the winner, for those not competing, please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Possible side dishes for this meal are cornbread and toppings like sour cream, diced onions and shredded cheese. The social starts at 6:30pm.

Please reply to let me know how many competitors to expect.

This is my first correspondence as your Captain. I will try my best to live up to those before me.

Thanks for your support and brotherhood.

*SK Mike Elston*

Faithful Captain

### Patron's Corner

From the journal of Sammy Woodgeard

While I looking for something else I came across a writing by an acquaintance of mine. She and her husband Bob were on a safari to Africa years ago. I think this begs the question when pulled over for driving drunk. The apes and the monkeys started this problem.

Sammy writes; the guide stops the vehicle to show us the marula tree. The guide tells us that the animals love the fruit of his tree and although eaten directly from the tree the animals love the fruit after the fruit has fallen and ferments. Elephants, monkeys, and Baboons especially love it and become staggering, falling down drunk and returning to 'hit the fruit' again until it is all consumed. They apparently have hangovers as they hold or rub their heads the day after a binge.

They apparently need an elephant AA Club. But how do you recruit?

Respectfully submitted:

*Francis Joos,*

Lecturer

2900 Assembly News

Pope John Paul II Assembly 2900, Pickerington, Ohio USA

## Assembly Business Minutes - January 16, 2017

The meeting started at 7:30pm by Faithful Navigator Dominic Nocera with normal procedure and prayer.

**Roll call** of officers followed and those excused this month included our Scribe and Faithful Friar.

**Our Faithful Friar**, was excused and thus there was no report.

SK Phil Siedlecki motioned, and SK Wayne Patterson seconded, the approval of the meeting minutes as posted. Voting upon the minutes and approval followed.

**Reading of Bills** ... the bills and communications were read. SK George Schneider motioned and SK Wayne Patterson seconded that the bills be passed to the Trustees for approval and payment. Voting ensued and approval followed.

**Our Faithful Master** ... SK Shawn Ansbro was sadly absent. SK Steve Dodaro informed all of our Master's health issues including surgery, a stay in the ICU, a happy return home, but an unfortunate need to return to the hospital. We will continue to keep S.K. Ansbro in our prayers.

SK Dodaro continued with reminders of a district meeting to be scheduled for some time in March. He also listed a June 2 exemplification at the tentative and unofficial location of the Airport Marriott. If solidified, that venue offers a central location for all hospitality rooms.

**Our Faithful Navigator**, SK Dominic Nocera had no set report, but deferred to our Pilot for a major update later.

**Reading of applicants:** We entertained the first reading for Dan Murphy of Seton Council 11187. None at this time

**Our Faithful Acting Captain**, SK Wayne Patterson reported on monies collected for our Soup dinner this evening provided by SK Dodaro and the cost to the Assembly of nothing. Thank you, Steve! We had 34 SKs and Ladies in attendance. Next month our ever competitive, Chili Cook-Off is scheduled. Bust out those killer recipes! Finally, our Assembly wishes to extend a great thanks to SK and former Captain, J.C. Morales for his time in office. Good luck to you and your family in your new location down south!

**Our Faithful Comptroller**, SK Frank Hare reported previously on the bills and added the following. He reminded all of dues being due. Pay up! Our Fraternal Activity form is also due and SK Hare requested insight on how to continue. Suggestions were offered. Another discussion on Directives ensued, in regards as to who would be responsible for holding these. With the guidance of Past Master Charlie Giametta, it was determined that the person to receive and hold the directives from this point forward, would be our Comptroller! If you have not filled out yours, please do so. In the event of your passing, we want to assure your final wishes as to Honor Guard and the management of sword, cape, chapeaux, and chalice are handled properly.

**Our Faithful Purser**, SK Gordon Burke reported on our still strong financial standing.

**Our Faithful Commander**, SK Wayne Patterson thanked all 4<sup>th</sup> degree for the honor guards at SK Fred Barwick's calling hours and funeral. He also thanked the same for the dedication of the new Seton Church on January 4 with the Bishop and many clergy in attendance. Thanks were also extended by SK Siedlecki to the Commander for his management of the church ceremony and making the event look seamless ... despite on-the-fly changes ... and a need to sneak an occasional peak at the guidelines when nobody was watching! We love you, Wayne!

**Our Faithful Pilot**, SK Gene Ebert reported on a major change in the Pilot's report! Only Diocesan events will be posted there in the future. All Communion and Confirmations will be listed by the local Church and Council.

With reference to that, S.K. Ebert listed:

February 19 - Clergy Night

February 25 - Catholic Men's Conference at St. Gabriel's.

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

**Report of Committees:** SK Patterson reported on the results of the Raffle. Forty tickets were unsold. All tickets need reconciled (to match the books) before motion can be brought to destroy all tickets. This will be done before the next meeting.

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

**The Trustees** SKs Siedlecki, Dodaro, and Blamer had no report, but took an active part in the election of a replacement for the Captain's position. See **Unfinished Business**

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

**Council 5253** reported the following events:

Jan. 7 - Donuts

Jan. 21 - Free Throw Contest

Jan. 21 - Spaghetti Dinner

Jan. 25 - First Degree Ceremony

**Council 11187** listed the following events:

Jan. 21 - Free Throw Contest

Feb. 4&5 - Squire's Dodge Ball Tournament

Feb. 12 - Pancake Breakfast

Feb. 22 - First Degree Ceremony

**Unfinished Business** The Trustees (well, actually Steve) took over to manage the election of our new Captain. SK Mike Elston and SK Wayne Patterson were the nominees. SK Patterson withdrew his nomination. No other nominations were proffered. Nominations were approved as final, voting was accomplished, and SK Elston was approved unanimously. We look forward to your services, Sir Mike.

**New Business**

Our Commander attempted to motion the purchase of three new chalices to replace those we have recently had to use. Our Past Master rescued us again and reminded us of no need to honor the motion. Chalice replacement is part of the dues and our budget. Our Comptroller will send a purchase for chalice replacements post haste.

A spirited discussion followed as SK Blamer offered that there is a need to transfer funds to cover chalices as members transfer between Assemblies. After discussion on the logistic issues this would entail, it was decided that Assemblies would "cover" the cost of the chalices of members transferring in.

**For the Good of the Order** We list and keep in our prayers Shawn Ansbro, Jim and Margie Patterson, Maureen Patterson, Carla Schneider, Greg Schneider, Gordon Pickett Sr., Carrie Ebert, Fr. Frank Higdon, Pat Bell, Jeff Samborsky, Sandra Blamer, President Donald Trump, our priests, and of course our military and veterans

**Faithful Patron**, SK Bud Joos spoke on praying the Prayer of Awareness daily ... in order to live life at the height of consciousness!

**The 50-50 drawing** winner was SK Larry Armstrong to the usual exclamations of "Fix! Draw again!"

The meeting closed in our normal prayerful manner at ~ 8:35.

Respectfully submitted,

*SK Mike Croyle* for

*SK Cris Coppus*

Faithful Scribe

## Culture of Life: Pro-Life News

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

Ohio already has passed legislation defunding Planned Parenthood and President Trump has promised to defund Planned Parenthood of America (PPA) at the Federal level. Of course, PPA and its supporters vehemently assert that this will prevent women, especially low income women, from getting needed health care, such as prenatal care. Not long ago Right to Life groups definitively showed that PPA does not perform mammograms (they only refer women to clinics that do), so that, contrary to popular belief and PPA claims, mammograms are not available from PPA.

Lila Rose and the investigative team at Live Action tested PPA's prenatal care claim by calling 100 Planned Parenthood affiliates across the nation and asking about prenatal care. 97 said they do not provide any prenatal care and would not even refer women to clinics that do. The other 3 provide very limited care or only a referral. Greater Columbus Right to Life (GCRTL) called all of the local PPA affiliates and found that NONE provide prenatal care (two claimed prenatal care on their websites, but removed that claim from the website after the phone calls).

Lila Rose founded Live Action when she was only 15 years old. She is best known for her groundbreaking investigative and expose work showing Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers covering up sex trafficking of minors, teaching children about BDSM sex acts, and talking about the children born after an attempted abortion who are left to die. Recently, she exposed the "Mammosham" and lack of pre-natal care at Planned Parenthood. GCRTL is hosting Lila Rose on Monday, June 12, 2017, at Villa Milano. Registration for this event will open in March on the GCRTL website.

Meanwhile Ohio Right to Life (ORTL) has been busy on the political front supporting pro-life candidates and legislation. In the recent election 90 percent of ORTL supported candidates won election. In the last six years ORTL has successfully advocated for the passage of 17 pro-life laws and abortions in Ohio have decreased by 25 percent!

Recently Governor Kasich signed into law the de-funding of Planned Parenthood. Unfortunately, the law was stalled from taking effect due to a lawsuit Planned Parenthood launched. Currently, ORTL is moving forward with the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act and the Unborn Child Dignity Act. These acts humanize the unborn child considerably and will go great distances in saving human lives. The Pain-Capable Act would draw Ohio's 24 week limit back to 20 weeks - the time an unborn child can feel pain. The Unborn Dignity Act requires that the remains of aborted children be treated humanely.

ORTL is also working to pass the Down Syndrome Non-Discrimination Act, which will prohibit an abortion from being performed on an unborn child on the basis of that child having Down Syndrome. Tragically, upwards of 90% of unborn children diagnosed with Down Syndrome are aborted. Another bill in the works is the Abortion-Inducing Drug Safety Act, which would require abortion-inducing drugs to be administered in accordance with FDA authorized protocols.

So you are making a difference! By voting for pro-life candidates, by calling your senators and representatives, by donating to and supporting pro-life organizations, by spreading the pro-life message to family and friends, by BEING pro-life, YOU ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!! We are changing hearts and minds to a Culture of Life.

*Edd Chinnock and Dave Bushnell*

Culture of Life Chairman

## 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

## Dues Reminder

If you have not done so yet, please send in your dues as soon as possible. This saves the Assembly money for printing and postage of second notices.

Fourth Degree members, your dues also need to be mailed (if not already paid). Your cooperation is much appreciated.

*Frank Hare*

Faithful Comptroller

### For more information on Pro-Life Activities

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Washington DC 20017-1194  
(202) 541-3000

February 2017	
15	Assembly Meeting: 6:30 Social/7:30Meeting
14	Valentine's Day
20	President's Day
March 2017	
15	Assembly Meeting: 6:30 Social/7:30Meeting
1	Ash Wednesday

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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 Dominic Nocera*  
 Your Faithful Navigator



**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