

Serving Councils: 5253, 11187 and 11354



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Happy St. Patrick's Day!!

Dear Brother SKs and Ladies:

By the time, you receive this newsletter all the fish fry's will have begun with the Councils which signifies that Lent is here. We were always taught, "If you gave something up for the Lord, tough it out. Don't act like a Pharisee looking for a loophole." Moreover, an emphasis must be placed on performing spiritual works, like attending the Stations of the Cross, attending Mass, making a weekly holy hour before the Blessed Sacrament, taking time for personal prayer and spiritual reading and most especially making a good confession and receiving sacramental absolution. Although the practices may have evolved over the centuries, the focus remains the same: to repent of sin, to renew our faith and to prepare to celebrate joyfully the mysteries of our salvation.

Plans are now in the works for the exemplification. I ask all to remember and perhaps sponsor a third-degree meeting at your councils to make available information to a third-degree brother to obtain the highest and most prestigious degree within the Knights of Columbus, the Fourth Degree, and forever be known as a Sir Knight.

I want to thank all the Sir Knights who attended Lady Brocks funeral and served as Honor Guard at the request of SK Lee Brock.

And to all my Brother Sir Knights who sent prayers, cards and most of all visits and phone calls for my family as Lady Danna was a patient at the James Hospital for 22 days and has now completed her second round of chemo.

We will be going into the final Quarter of our fraternal year and soon the election of new officers will be held. Please consider becoming an officer here at our Assembly and let the Trustees know that you are interested.

Have you gotten your Directives in as we are still missing a few?

Fraternally Yours,

SK Dominic Nocera

Faithful Navigator

Captain's Corner

The March Assembly Social and Meeting will be on Wednesday March 15, This month's social will highlight Spring Time Salads.

Those whose last name begins with A through L please bring side dishes that complement salads like a fruit tray, fruit salad, veggie tray or bread/rolls. Letters M through Z bring dessert to share. As always we will kick things off around 6:45pm.

Thanks for your support and brotherhood.

SK Mike Elston

Faithful Captain

2900 Assembly News

Pope John Paul II Assembly 2900, Pickerington, Ohio USA

Assembly Business Minutes - February 15, 2017

The meeting started at 7:30pm by SK Steven Dodaro with normal procedure and prayer.

Roll call of officers followed and those excused this month included our Faithful Friar, Faithful Navigator, Faithful 1st year trustee, Faithful Admiral and Faithful Patron.

Our Faithful Friar excused thus 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. It was motioned and seconded and the bills were passed to the Trustees for approval and payment. Voting ensued and approval followed.

Our Faithful Master Our Worthy Master Shawn Ansbro continues to be sadly absent and is at home recovering from health issues. We will continue to keep SK Ansbro in our prayers.

SK Dodaro stated that any additions to the Pilot's report must come through the assembly's Faithful Navigator, Faithful Pilot or otherwise appointed officer.

Our Faithful Navigator, SK Dominic Necora absent and excused due to wife's illness. We will continue prayers for SK Necora and family.

There is a need to think about reimbursements for Exemplification. Need to solicit adds early. June 3 is the spring Exemplification and June 2 is the navigator's dance. May 15 is the deadline for applications. There was a short discussion about combining hospitality rooms.

Reading of applicants: Daniel Murphy 11187 member for 4th degree Exemplification.

Our Faithful Captain, SK Mike Elston reported \$XXX was collected for our dinner this evening. We had 20 in attendance. The chili cook off was won by SK Frank Hare. SK Hare won a \$25 gift card to Red Robbin for his effort.

Our Faithful Comptroller, SK Frank Hare reported dues were collected, 77 members cleared and 27 2nd notices were sent out.

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

Our Faithful Commander, SK Wayne Patterson thanked those SK's who participated for Lee Brock. 18 Knights showed and 2 Past Masters.

Our Faithful Pilot, SK Gene Ebert reported that information for district wide events is on the pilot's website. Only diocesan events are posted. Catholic men's conference is Feb 25. February 19 is clergy appreciation.

Our Veteran's Affair Liaison, SK Ralph Blamer excused. Gear up summer picnic is in Chillicothe, details to come later. Veterans fund has \$XXXX and we need to think of was to use the money.

Our Faithful Admiral, SK George Schneider excused thus no report.

Right to Life, SK Edd Chinnock reported

The Trustees SK's Siedlecki, Dodaro, and Blamer no report.

Report of the 3rd Degree:

Council 5253 reported the following events:

Spaghetti dinner Feb. 25.
2nd and 3rd degree Feb. 20 Saint Andrews.
Fish fries

Council 11187 listed the following events:

1st degree Feb 22
Fish fries begin March 3 and for the following 5 Fridays.
Saint Patrick's party March 18. Old Business

Old business 50/50 tickets are all accounted for. There was a motion to destroy which was 1st and 2nd. we fell short of our goal and need ideas to prevent the shortfall next year. The directives were found.

New Business Need to think about the next memorial service and need a committee by July.

For the Good of the Order

We list and keep in our prayers Jim and Margie Patterson, Maureen Patterson, Carla Schneider, Gordon Pickett Sr., Carrie Ebert, Lee Brock/family, Master Shawn Ansbro/family, Dominic Nocera/family, Sandra Blamer, Jeff Samborsky, Frank Hare, Carol Puhlmann Schneider, Bud Joos/family.

Faithful Patron, SK Bud Joos excused and thus no report.

The 50-50 drawing winner was Chris Coppus to the amount of \$XXX.

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

Respectfully submitted,

SK Cris Coppus

Faithful Scribe

Patron's Corner

The Amazing Oscars - Alfred Hitchcock

I watched the 2017 Oscars even down to the last award Sunday nite. When it was over I still wasn't sure who won! So much confusion for modern technology!

I watched the movie VERTIGO for the first time last night. Of course, it was a film produced years ago. But it was a film also that was nominated for an Oscar. But it was also nominated for an Oscar along with several other Hitchcock films produced over the years.

Along with the other Hitchcock productions that were nominated, none; I mean none; ever received an Oscar. The list includes such films such as; REAR WINDOW, PSYCO; SHADOW OF A DOUBT; etc. To have all the Hitchcock movies shunned over the years it is amazing in itself! That was a fact that I did not know until a couple days ago.

Respectfully submitted:

Francis Joos,

Lecturer



Culture of Life: Amniocentesis and abortion

Amniocentesis is an invasive test that prospective parents can have performed to determine if specific genetic disorders may be present in the baby. The test is performed at 14-20 weeks of pregnancy and consists of securing amniotic fluid from the mother's womb via needle. The fluid contains cells shed from the fetus which is then sent to the lab for analysis. The analysis can detect fetal anemia, assess lung maturity as well as detect chromosome abnormalities, neural tube defects, Down Syndrome, cystic fibrosis and spinal bifida not to mention paternity. The test does not determine the severity of any of the aforementioned disorders and carries with it a certain amount of risk. There is a 1-200 to 1-400 chance of a miscarriage (1-400 where the test is done regularly and 1-200 where not done regularly) due to infection in the uterus, water breaking or premature birth. While the test can provide valuable information to the future parents on the health of their baby all too often it is used to determine if the parents want to carry the baby to term or, sadly, abort the baby.

While researching for this letter I came across an article at PubMed.gov which I found enlightening and disheartening at the same time.

"The ethical issues surrounding amniocentesis are seen as centering on 4 focal points. First is the policy of the diagnostic treatment center. Here, 2 questions arise: Is the client involved in a high-risk pregnancy? And, if a positive diagnosis is made, will the parent's consent to an abortion? Second is the role of the genetic counselor, which is seen as supportive rather than leading. He should assist the prospective parents in reaching a decision to undergo amniocentesis and possible abortion that is mutually acceptable. The prospective parents, the third focal point, may face the question of deciding what is normal. The clients must also realize the terrible strains that are put on a marriage into which a severely defective child has been born. The fourth focal point is public policy. While amniocentesis may appear to threaten some values held important in our society, the author regards the procedure as an interim solution on the road to an understanding of and ability to treat genetic defects."

I saw in that article a heavy emphasis on abortion. "Will the parent's consent to an abortion?" The counselor "should assist the prospective parents in reaching a decision to undergo amniocentesis and possible abortion", "what is normal", "terrible strains that are put on a marriage" etc. I found the last sentence particularly disturbing, it became clear to me that the author needed the aborted fetus to reach "an understanding of and ability to treat genetic defects." While that may be a laudable goal it can't be reached at the expense of another human being's life.

It is not my intent to discourage any prospective parents from having this test performed because as mentioned previously it can provide valuable information on the health of the baby and give the parents time to make arrangements to care for the child after it is born. This is more of a cautionary tale to not let the results of the test deter the parents from bringing the child to term and to be aware that there may be some pressure brought to bear to abort the child. Speaking of tales, let me relay a story that played out in my life.

My Godparents were also the parents of Down Syndrome twins. It was a heavy burden that God gave them to carry and they carried that burden stoically. The twins, boys, always made me feel uncomfortable. They looked funny, talked and acted funny and I wasn't sure how to behave around them. What I found amazing was how happy they always seemed to be, I just couldn't understand it. As I got older I began to feel more comfortable around them and with the help of my parents I got a greater understanding of the disease. Little by little, year by year the twins became more functional and I enjoyed their company more and more. As is often

the case the families grew apart until I saw very little of the twins. The last I heard, and that was decades ago, they had secured employment at a local restaurant and had gotten an apartment of their own and now live happy productive lives. I often have wondered why my parents would have chosen them to be my Godparents and have come to the conclusion that my parents didn't do it for me, they did it for the parents of those twins. They wanted them to know that their life was not defined by their burden but rather their compassion. There is no doubt in my mind that if something happened to my parents these people would take care of me no matter the cost.

I guess the moral to my story is that God will never give us a burden we cannot bear and that every life has something to teach us. We should resist the temptation to take the easy way out and carry the burden that God has placed on our shoulders as stoically as my Godparents carried theirs. God has a purpose for every life and it is not our place to decide that which has already been decided by God.

Dave Bushnell and Edd Chinnock,

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

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March 2017	
15	Assembly Meeting: 6:30 Social/7:30Meeting
1	Ash Wednesday
April 2017	
15	Assembly Meeting: 6:30 Social/7:30Meeting
15	Tax Day
9	Palm Sunday
13	Holy Thursday
14	Good Friday
16	Easter

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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

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Our priests, and of course our military and veterans