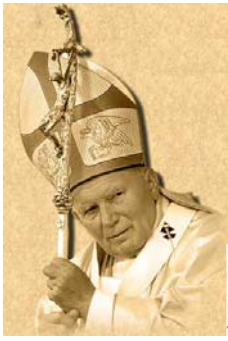


# Serving Councils: 5253, 11187 and 16561



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## School is Starting

### Dear Brother SKs and Ladies:

Thank you to those who came for the Ice Cream Social, there were a few new (to me) faces at the last meeting. Please consider attending in both body and spirit at our next meeting on August 18. While I can make no promises, not everyone in attendance gets volunteered for something! The Faithful Captain is planning beef stew for the August meeting.

The District Master has supplied our new membership growth goal for the 2021-2022 Fraternal Year. It is nine (9) (net) new members, which has been the target for the past few Fraternal Years. With only two Exemplifications on the calendar for this Fraternal Year, we need to start our recruiting now. The next Exemplification is scheduled for October 16 in person in Ironton. In an ideal world we would achieve this goal early, but realistically we need to think about having four or five members ready for that Exemplification. Since this is before our October meeting, our last chance for accepting new membership applications will be our September meeting. Yes, the calendar is moving fast!

The District Master also passed along a request to help support the VA Stand Down Program. This occurrence will take place in Portsmouth OH on September 17. The District is looking for Assemblies to donate personal hygiene items (Toilet Paper, Disinfecting Wipes, Hand Soap, Body Wash, Hair Shampoo, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Shaving Cream, Non Alcohol Mouth Wash, Other Hygienic Products, and particularly Women's Care Items). At the July meeting the Assembly voted to donate \$XXX to the VA from our VA Fund. If anyone wishes to donate more, or items, you can bring them with you to the August meeting and I will see that they get to the proper place, or you may contact Ed Brand directly who is coordinating the effort to arrange pick up at 330-815-4937 or email [5950ed@gmail.com](mailto:5950ed@gmail.com), or arrange drop off at his home: 5905 Bricklin Rd. Westerville, Ohio 43081. Donations are due September 1.

Again, I will request that those of us with the new uniform please contact the Faithful Commander so he can build a contact list for requests for Honor Guard or Color Guard. Not having had many chances to perform these activities over the past 16 months may have put the thought of volunteering in the back of our minds.

Looking ahead there are a few items coming up in the next several months which will need our attention. Tickets for the annual raffle to support our VA Fund will be available in

September, if not for our August meeting. These are to be returned by our November meeting, with the drawing once again in December. The Faithful Admiral will be coordinating this activity.

The November meeting will again be our Memorial Service to remember our fallen Sir Knights. This will be November 17 and should follow the more traditional format from years prior to Covid.

The Christmas Party and VA Collection will be December 15. Please start collecting personal care items for collection that day to be taken to the VA in Chillicothe.

There are also a couple of calendar items for which dates and plans have not yet been finalized. These include another Flag Retirement Ceremony, hopefully to be conducted yet this Autumn before the weather turns inclement; and a Formal Social event. If you would like to help organize one of these please feel free to contact me at [eversdp64@yahoo.com](mailto:eversdp64@yahoo.com), and I will put you in touch with the proper person.

This is also Budget season. If you have any request for funding (donations or to support programs) please get those ideas and nominal amounts to the Faithful Comptroller soon. The first reading of a proposed Budget should occur at our August meeting.

I also have Membership Certificates, Social Baldrics, and Fourth Degree pins for the following Sir Knights:

Charles Miller	Charles Waybright
Terry Oshodin	Matthew Garcia
Zachary Goodchild	John Swails
Michael Redmon	Some Boniface

Please consider attending a meeting to collect yours and receive recognition from your fellow Sir Knights. If this is impossible, please contact me and we can make arrangements to get your certificate, baldric and pin to you.

My last notes for this month. Be visible in your Parish Community and your Council, this is one easy way to demonstrate the principles of the Fourth Degree, and to make our Order interesting to potential Sir Knights.

Remember, individually we are weak, in numbers we have strength, but with God we are invincible.

Respectfully

*SK David Evers*

Faithful Navigator

## Assembly Business Minutes - 7-23-2021

The meeting started at 7:32 p.m. by Faithful Navigator SK David Evers with normal procedure and prayer.

**Roll call** of officers followed and excused this month was Faithful Pilot.

**Our Faithful Friar:** Open, no report. The approval of the 6/16/21 minutes were motioned and seconded. Voting ensued and approval followed.

**Reading of bills and Communications:** The bills were motioned, seconded, and passed to the Trustees for approval and payment. Voting ensued and approved followed.

**Our Faithful Master:** Excused, no report.

**Our Faithful Navigator:** SK David Evers announced that the installation of Officers will occur on Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, after 5 pm mass at St. Joseph's Cathedral and a potluck dinner afterward, wear tux or suit with Social Baltic, the District Master needs the names of the officers that will be attending. Fall Exemplification will be 10/16/21 in Ironton. Quota for new members is 9, only need 1 reading for new member applicants. Will need nominations for Sir Knight and Lady Knight of the Year, due 8/1/21. Mentioned the Chillicothe VA Stand Down event in Portsmouth, OH on 9/17/21 for homeless Veterans requesting cash donations or personal hygiene items, plan to discuss further at the next meeting. Had several Membership Certificates, Social Baltic and 4<sup>th</sup> degree pin to present to recent new Sir Knights, presented to Michael Covey who was at the meeting. Presented Ken Higdon a medallion for serving as Faithful Navigator this past fraternal year. Start thinking of what you have done this year for the Survey of Fraternal Activity that is due 12/31/21.

**Our Faithful Admiral:** SK Ken Higdon asked that members let him know of any new recruited applicants.

**Our Faithful Captain:** SK John Hentz collected \$79.00 for the ice cream social this evening, no expense as Culver's in Reynoldsburg donated the ice cream, 28 attendees. Planning beef stew for next month's meal.

**Our Faithful Comptroller:** SK Charles Higdon reported we have 134 members and he will be getting the audit completed that is due soon.

**Our Faithful Purser:** SK Michael Covey, no report, just got the books tonight.

**Our Faithful Commander:** SK Wayne Patterson has the new uniform and let him know if you have the new uniform so that he can create a list to help serve as Honor Guard, needs a minimum of 4 for funerals.

**Our Faithful Pilot:** SK Wayne Patterson on behalf of SK Victor Sogah read the dates and events that Honor Guards are needed.

**Our Veteran's Affair Liaison:** SK CW Higdon, no report.

**Reading of Applications:** SK Ken Higdon read one applicant, John Pottkotter who is Director of Music at St. Pius X, sponsored by Tom (Doc) Holliday, Phil Siedlecki 2nd the move to accept, voted and accepted.

**Trustees Report:** SK Wayne Patterson indicated they will be conducting the audit that is due 8/1/21.

**Report of Committees:**

**Culture of Life:** No report.

**Memorial Stone:** SK Wayne Patterson ordered 1 Plague, cost \$XXX.

**Unfinished Business:**

SK Charles Higdon Jr. has reviewed the original By-Laws for

Assembly 2900 that were established when the Assembly was formed 15 years ago and we will need to change/update them to confirm with the template that Supreme has available to use for Assembly By-Laws. The Communication section needs to be updated to following Best Business Practices.

SK Wayne Patterson had presented some information that still needs to be discussed with the Faithful Navigator on the Ohio National Guard Yellow Ribbon program that helps part time soldiers who have financial crisis.

Plan to again collect flags up to Memorial Day for a Flag Retirement ceremony in early summer, no date is set. SK Phil Siedlecki for 5253 has over 50 flags, SK Wayne Patterson for 11187 and SK David Evers for 16561 will promote/collect flags for each Council.

SK Michael Covey would like the Assembly to consider a Wounded Warrior parking spot project for a Purple Heart recipient at each of the 3 parishes, can obtain 3 signs, no cost except for \$XXX for handling and shipping. He will investigate it further and report at the next meeting.

**New Business:**

**Motion:** Motion made by SK Phil Siedlecki to donate \$XXX from the Veterans Fund in lieu of collecting personal hygiene item to the Chillicothe VA Stand Down program, 2<sup>nd</sup> by CW Higdon, voted on and passed.

SK Phil Siedlecki will contact Shawn Ansboro to obtain 200 tickets for this year's Veterans Raffle so we will have them for the August meeting, winner will be drawn at the November meeting.

Faithful Friar is still open, SK Wayne Patterson will check with Father Leo Connolly from Seton Parish.

Budget for fraternal year 2021/2022 still needs to occur, SK Charles Higdon and FN David Evers will be working on it with continuing the donations to the Diocese Military, Columbus Honor Flight, consider the Wounded Warrior signs, supporting the conference fund at the Chalmers P. Wylie VA and making a donation to Seton Parish for the use of the hall.

SK David Evers requested that we get a formal social event on the calendar and open for suggestions. SK Frank Hare volunteered to chair and come up with several proposals, last year \$500 was budgeted.

SK David Evers would like to implement a new program to help in recruiting people and also getting the youth at each parish to have a high school "Patriotism" essay contest.

SK Phil Siedlecki will check with his neighbor, Military Chaplin in the Air Force, on what their needs are.

**SOS (Support our Seminarians):** \$XXX was collected this evening.

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

**Council 5253** Completed their audit, Parish Festival is 8/7 and 8/8; participating in Coats for Kids and Adopt a Kids programs.

**Council 11187** Seton's Festival is 8/13 to 8/15 with the Knights doing the cooking; new Pastor last weekend; Golf Outing end of August at Pine Hills with the Knights cooking.

**Council 16561** Praying with Fire is Friday with evening prayer, food – pot luck, expect 30 to 40 people starting at 8 pm; Euchre tournament is 10/16 and will have applications at the next meeting; officers elected and installed for new FY; audit done.

**For the Good of the Order:**

We list and keep in our prayers: Melissa Higdon, Carrie Ebert, Sandra Blamer, Maureen Patterson, Stephen Patterson, Jeff Samborsky, Deacon Greg Waybright, Ann Marie Holliday, Gabriel Garcia, Dominic Nocera, Steve Galon Rodabaugh, Amanda Falyer, Caroline Hare, and Ann Marie Grady (RIP).

**Faithful Patron:** SK Tom (Doc) Holliday currently has 53 people that he emails the ‘Daily Reflections’ and if interested let Doc know or email him at [3.holliday.3@gmail.com](mailto:3.holliday.3@gmail.com), let him know if anything needs to be added or deleted.

Faithful Navigator David Evers closed the meeting in our normal prayerful manner at 8:46 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for August 18<sup>th</sup> .

Respectfully submitted,

*SK Vince Pulles*

Faithful Scribe

## Right to Life - Human Trafficking

### Human Trafficking and the Right to Life

Human trafficking is the modern day practice of slavery. Victims of human trafficking are often forced or coerced into labor or sexual exploitation for the financial gain of another person. It comprises the fastest growing criminal industry in the world and it is the third most profitable criminal industry, behind drug and weapon trafficking. Sex trafficking victims, on average, are first exploited by their trafficker at the age of 13.

### Right to Life

Much like abortion, human trafficking thrives because of society’s general lack of respect and value for the inherent dignity of human life. Just as the abortion industry uses the unborn child for profit, the trafficker also profits off of the vulnerable woman who he sees as disposable.

### In addition:

Human trafficking harms women, men and children and takes away their right to their own lives.

Human trafficking is a threat to the right to life of unborn children

Human trafficking enables forced abortions to thrive, especially in a society that does not hold abortion clinics accountable for under reporting sexual abuse.

### Ohio

Each year, 3,016 domestic Ohio youth are at-risk for sex trafficking because of their vulnerable status as runaways or homelessness. Another 1,078 youth have already been trafficked into the sex trade.

In 2010, Toledo was listed among the worst cities for human trafficking in the United States. Given the city’s population in comparison to other human trafficking hubs, such as Miami, Sacramento, Portland and Las Vegas, Toledo can be considered one of the worst of its kind per capita.

### Get Help

If you or someone you know needs help, call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center (NHTRC) toll-free hotline, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at **1-888-373-7888** to speak with a specially trained NHTRC Call Specialist.

These calls really do make a difference! Since 2007, 6,660 calls have been made with reference to Ohio.

Submitted by

*Mike Gohr*

Right to Life

<b>August 2021</b>	
18	Assembly Meeting - TBD
<b>September 2021</b>	
15	Assembly Meeting - TBD
6	Labor Day

**Knights of Columbus**  
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**Prayer Corner**

**For the Good of the Order:** We list and keep in our prayers: Charles Higdon Jr., Melissa Higdon, Mark McPeak, Carrie Ebert, Sandra Blamer, Gerald Crane, Gordon W. Burke, Judy Wahl, Maureen Patterson, Stephen Patterson, Jeff Samborsky, Deacon Greg Waybright, Ann Marie Holliday, Roland Dean Miles (RIP), Gabriel Garcia, Fr. Jim Klima, Fr Leo Connolly and Fr Stephen Ondrey. Our Clergy, Military, and Fires Responders

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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 David P. Evers*  
 Faithful Navigator

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