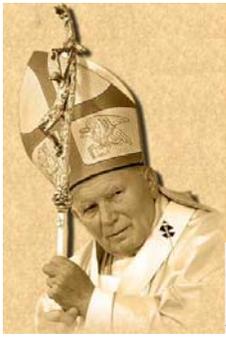


# Serving Councils: 5253, 11187 and 16561



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## Always Remember 9/11

### Dear Brother SKs and Ladies:

The following is part of an interview given by Pope Francis which I ran across in my newsfeed a couple of days ago (mid-September), where the discussion context was about the new restrictions on the offering of the Tridentine Mass.

[\[Pope Francis responds to attacks from EWTN, other church critics: 'They are the work of the devil.'\]:](https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2021/09/21/pope-francis-ewtn-critics-241472)

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Another Jesuit who had lived in both Slovakia and Switzerland told the pope that he had experienced “pastoral creativity” while the church was repressed under Communist rule in Slovakia, but that more recently he had seen “that many people want to go back or seek certainties in the past.... What vision of church can we follow?”

Pope Francis responded: “Life scares us.... Freedom scares us. In a world that is so conditioned by addictions and virtual experiences, it frightens us to be free.” He cited a passage from “The Grand Inquisitor” scene from Fyodor Dostoyevsky’s *The Brothers Karamazov*, in which the inquisitor approaches Christ and “reproaches Jesus for having given us freedom: a bit of bread would have been enough and nothing more.”

“That is why today we look back to the past: to seek security,” the pope said. “It frightens us to celebrate [Mass] before the people of God who look us in the face and tell us the truth. It frightens us to go forward in pastoral experiences. I think of the work that was done—Father Spadaro was present—at the Synod on the Family to make it understood that couples in second unions are not already condemned to hell. It frightens us to accompany people with sexual diversity.”

The first Jesuit pope concluded his answer, “Today I believe that the Lord is asking the Society to be free in the areas of prayer and discernment. It is a fascinating time, a beautiful moment, even if it is that of the cross.”

So, which vision of the Church are we, the Knights of Columbus going to follow, having the advantage or privilege of freedom fought for and won at the cost of many lives. What evangelization are we undertaking in order to move the Church forward?

As we are moving quickly into the Holiday season, and the season of Advent the start of a new Church Year, let us remember to slow down and reflect on the gifts we have, use our time to comfort and aid others, and remember those whom we have lost who have been part of so many special celebrations in the past.

Respectfully

### Captain’s report

The theme for the October 20th meeting social is Oktoberfest\*. The Assembly will be providing brats and sauerkraut. Please try to bring a side or dessert to follow the theme.

\*Unfortunately, we will not be having an Oktoberfest celebration because of the lack of beer.

*SK John Hentz*

Faithful Capain

2900 Assembly News  
Pope John Paul II Assembly 2900, Pickerington, Ohio USA

## Assembly Business Minutes - 9/15/2021

The meeting started at 7:35 p.m. by Faithful Navigator SK David Evers with normal procedure and prayer.

**Roll call** of officers followed and excused this month were Faithful Friar, Faithful Pilot, Faithful Comptroller and Vice Commander.

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

The approval of the 8/18/21 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 stated that the next Exemplification is 10/16/21 in Ironton, cost is \$XXX per candidate, full day event, forms must be submitted as registration closes on 10/1/21, have one confirmed and a second possible. Attended the District Meeting this past weekend, 25 people attended, topics discussed were the Exemplification, Chalice Fund, mandatory/recommended forms, and the Honor Guard for funerals, need 4 Knights – can either be in tux and Social Baltic or new uniform, but all must be the same. Election for new Master will occur next spring for a 3-year term, must present 3 candidates, and several VA clinics in Steubenville dioceses need support.

**Our Faithful Admiral:** SK Ken Higdon, no report.

**Our Faithful Captain:** SK John Hentz collected \$XXX for the tail gate meal this evening, 22 attendees. Open for suggestions for next month's meal.

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

**Our Faithful Purser:** SK Michael Covey reported that he has reconciled bank statements for this past year, gave copy to the Faithful Comptroller and Faithful Navigator. Balance is \$XXX, next month will have a breakdown by Captain's Fund, Chalice Fund, General Fund, etc.

**Our Faithful Commander:** SK Wayne Patterson has the procedures for Honor Guard using the new uniform, currently has 7 Sir Knights with the new uniform on his list, send him an email if you have the new uniform so he can add you to his list. Thanked everyone for the Flag Retirement ceremony on 9/12/21, had 4 Sir Knights in uniform.

**Our Faithful Pilot:** SK Wayne Patterson on behalf of SK Victor Sogah read the district 3 report for upcoming Honor Guard request. If interested, contact the Assembly responsible, can look it up on-line.

**Our Veteran's Affair Liaison:** No report.

**Reading of Applications:** SK Ken Higdon reported that Father Leo Connolly is transferring to our Assembly and one new applicant is Stephen Jayaray, sponsored by Bill Richards - Council 5253, motioned to accept by SK Ralph Blamer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by SK Wayne Patterson, voted and approved. Applicant will pay the \$XX for Exemplification and then be reimbursed after attending. Currently have 132 members.

**Trustees Report:** SK Wayne Patterson, no report.

**Report of Committees:**

**Culture of Life:** No report.

**Memorial Stone:** No report.

**VA Raffle:** SK Ken Higdon reported that \$XXX has been turned in thus far for this year's raffle, still has 51 tickets left, let him know if you need more. Drawing will be at the November Assembly meeting.

**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 stated that the Guard Yellow Ribbon program consideration should be dropped at this time.

SK Wayne Patterson and SK Phil Siedlecki are in the process of creating a new formal procedure for the Flag Retirement ceremony.

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 \$XX for handling and shipping. He has been making calls to the 3 parish pastors and will give an update at the next meeting.

Faithful Friar, SK Wayne Patterson reported that Father Leo Connolly from Seton Parish has accepted.

SK Frank Hare volunteered to chair an offsite formal social event and reported on several proposals for husband/wife or partner: Motts Military Museum, cost \$8, in Grove Port with brunch; Charlie Brown play at the Newark Theater on 12/10, cost \$45; Pickerington Theater dinner and show; Council 11187 St. Patrick's dinner; downtown Hilton dinner/ detective play, cost \$62.95; dinner/ dancing at 94<sup>th</sup> Air Squadron. Discussion occurred, with an event to be in Jan. or Feb., perhaps around Valentine's Day with a dinner/show. Email Frank with any additional suggestions. Last year \$XXX was budgeted.

Budget for fraternal year 2021/2022 will be presented at the next meeting.

For the Memorial Service at the 11/17 meeting, SK Wayne Patterson in process of getting the list of widows. FN David Evers has the script and looking for volunteers for the different roles for the service.

FN David Evers reported that we did not receive STAR Award for this past FY since we did not submit 1 requirement, completed 5 of 6, 3 are based on forms and 3 on other items. Quota is 9 new members for upcoming FY.

FN David Evers reported that rather than having a volleyball tournament we should have a corn hole tournament as a fund raiser. SK Mike Redmond from Council 16561 has volunteered to chair and plans to propose cost, teams, date, etc.

**New Business:** SK Gene Ebert reported on a new project from the Blue Star Mothers organization in creating a Veterans Contact List in conjunction with the Veterans Association that would have volunteers contact a Veteran in a voluntary chat room, call once a week or month to just chat with a Veteran.

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

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

**Council 5253** In early October the Chapter is having a Knight of the Year banquet, Tom Holliday is their Knight of the Year; the weekend of 9/25 will open up the Narthex: the first Pancake Breakfast and Pasta Dinner in September were successful; this Saturday morning they will be mulching.

**Council 11187** Had a successful Seton Golf Outing on 8/29; Family Fall Festival will be 10/23 with pumpkin carving contest, homemade bean soup dinner; trying to start a Blood Drive; in process of conducting a Knights of Columbus survey, one for the Parish and one for the Council; Parish has a Outreach Shoe Drive - goal is to provide 1,070 shoes for children in Harlan, KY; Coat Drive for St. Vincent Family Services, 300 coats needed; having a Membership Drive the weekend of 10/2 in conjunction with Donut Sunday; and first Pancake Breakfast is 10/17.

**Council 16561** Held a Blood Drive on 9/11, plan on another one on 11/6; collected on 8/29 over \$1,000 for SOS, plan to do every 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month; Euchre tournament is 10/16 at 7 pm, has forms available to sign up, big fund raiser; participated in Habitat for Humanity wall building on 8/8 for a 4 bedroom house in Pleasantville; Into the Breach is 10/30 at the Grapevine in Canal Winchester; Trunk or Treat Halloween event will be 10/31 in the Parish parking lot; and members will be participating in the 4-Miler Run/Walk event supporting Seminarians at the Josephinum is 10/2.

**For the Good of the Order:** We list and keep in our prayers: Melissa Higdon, Charles Higdon Jr., Carrie Ebert, Sandra Blamer, Maureen Patterson, Stephen Patterson, Jeff Samborsky, Deacon Greg Waybright, Dr. Amanda Fayler, Roscoe Norris, Victor H. Karnireg, Robert Emmert (RIP), Donald Mathews (RIP), Victor Ramirez (RIP) and Caroline Hare.

**Faithful Patron:** SK Tom Holliday has 56 participate in his Daily Reflections emails; since today is the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, he recited the seven sorrows that refer to seven momentous events in the life of Mary. 1. Simeone, the Holy Man, forecasting the pain that Mary would suffer because Jesus was the Savior 2. Joseph and Mary fleeing with the infant Jesus in order to escape Herod the King's threat to the child 3. Mary and Joseph losing the 12-year-old Jesus for three days until finding him in the temple 4. Mary witnessing Jesus carrying the cross to calvary 5. Mary witnessing the crucifixion of Jesus 6. Mary receiving the body of Jesus when it is removed from the cross 7. Mary witnessing the burial of Jesus.

Faithful Navigator David Evers closed the meeting in our normal prayerful manner at 8:42 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for October 20<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted,

*SK Vince Pulles*

Faithful Scribe

## RAFFLE TIME

The Assembly has 200 tickets at \$10 each, winner gets \$500 in December and another \$500 in January, turn in and drawing will be at the November Assembly meeting

*SK Ken Higdon*

## August Respect Life Meeting

In October, the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates *Respect Life Month*, and the first Sunday of October is designated as *Respect Life Sunday*. To support these annual observances, the USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities provides materials to help Catholics understand and value the gift of human life and help build a culture that cherishes and protects it. I encourage all to check out the [Respectlife.org](http://Respectlife.org) web site [Respect Life Month](#) for the monthly agenda and other informative materials. This year there is a special emphasis on St. Joseph - Defender of Life!

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October 2021	
20	Assembly Meeting - TBD
11	Columbus Day
November 2021	
17	Assembly Meeting - TBD
11	Veterans Day
25	Thanksgiving

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

**For the Good of the Order:** We list and keep in our prayers: Melissa Higdon, Norma Higdon, Carrie Ebert, Sandra Blamer, Maureen Patterson, Stephen Patterson, Jeff Samborsky, Deacon Greg Waybright, Ann Marie Holliday, Mark McPeck, Brian McCellan (RIP).  
 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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