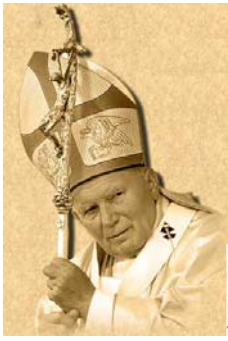


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The Fourth Degree is the highest and most prestigious degree within the Knights of Columbus. The primary purpose of your Fourth Degree membership is to foster the spirit of patriotism in members and the community at large and encourage active Catholic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



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Always Remember 9/11

Dear Brother SKs and Ladies:

Just a few quick updates before I veer off on a tangent. You should soon receive our VA Fund Raffle tickets. Please help support our activities in support of our Veterans by selling the tickets. We are still planning on an in-person Memorial Service at our November meeting. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. This will be followed in December by the Holiday party with a collection of personal items for the Chillicothe VA. There is a very small committee (of one) working on a Formal Social event. If anyone wishes to help in some fact finding and planning please contact me and I will put you in touch. I will be following the current recommendations by health authorities and the Parishes to make any decisions about changing to virtual events. This will done in consultation with the Trustees.

A new suggestion was a volleyball fundraiser. If anyone would like to take on the initial planning please contact me. At this point all the particulars are left to be determined: date, team compositions, awards, fees, after event social, location, etc.

And now to the tangent. As I have looked back upon my short tenure with the Fourth Degree, I keep coming back to a couple of questions in my mind for which I don't have answers. Why aren't all our fellow Knights aspiring to be Sir Knights? Why is the Fourth Degree even a separate entity?

In the Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity, we as Knights serve ourselves in deepening our Faith, the same for our families, we work to serve our Church Community, and also the greater community in which we live. Of these, the only one with any permanence is the Church, and that only because of a tolerant Government and the persistence of the faith of individuals.

In the Patriotic Degree, our focus turns to that Government, and how our faith can be used to influence and guide it. Believing that the civil society in which we live is a function of the governmental structure which surrounds it, then in order to ensure stability of family, community, and Church, shouldn't all Knights wish to be using their faith to influence and guide the Government by joining our membership?

From another perspective, shouldn't the Exemplification of Patriotism be the bedrock of the mission of the Knights of Columbus. Without the influence of our faith on the Government, giving us the freedom to worship as we see fit,

and without the support of our fellow Knights, can we even hope to succeed in our missions of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity?

There ends my soapbox rant, or introspection, for this month. Please feel free to open a friendly discussion outside our meeting. If it is fruitful we can bring the actional items into our meetings.

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, so please try to find an hour over the next month to show our support.

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.

Sorry but I don't have a good closing quip this month!

Respectfully

SK David Evers

Faithful Navigator

Captain's Report

September's Social will be hamburgers, hot dogs and brats. Please bring a side dishes for a tailgate type outing.

SK John Hentz

Faithful Captain

Assembly Business Minutes - 8/18/21

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 Pilot, Faithful Outer Sentinel, and Faithful Paton.

Our Faithful Friar: Open, no report. The approval of the 7/21/21 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 \$70 per candidate, full day event, forms must be submitted as registration closes on 10/1/21. Let him know if you want to donate anything to the VA Stand Down Program. On 9/11/21 there will be a District meeting in Heath discussing Exemplification, membership, forms, Color Corp and Assembly Patriotic activities from 12:30 to 4:30 pm, Mass at 5:30 pm. Bishop Brennan is seeking K of C volunteers for the 8/28/21 Eucharistic Congress (Real Presence Real Future Gathering).

Our Faithful Admiral: SK Ken Higdon stated that our quota for Star Assembly for this fraternal year is 9 new members. Let him know of any new recruited members. He made a motion that any candidate would be reimbursed the \$XXX fee and one half their significant other cost after completing the Exemplification event, 2nd by Phil Siedlecki, voted upon and passed.

Our Faithful Captain: SK John Hentz collected \$XXX for the beef stew meal this evening, 17 attendees. Plans to Tail Gate (brats, hamburgers, hot dogs) for next month's meal.

Our Faithful Comptroller: SK Charles Higdon reported we have 132 members. The audit was turned in on time, inaccurate so he is working with the Purser to get it corrected.

Our Faithful Purser: SK Michael Covey reported income of \$XXX for SOS, \$XXX for Captain's Fund and expenses of \$100 for VA Stand Down Program, \$XXX for food, and \$XXX for fire pit.

Our Faithful Commander: SK Wayne Patterson asked that you email him if you have the new uniform so that he can create a list to help serve as Honor Guard, currently has 6 Sir Knights on his list. Tux and Social Baltic can be worn for funerals. 5 Officers from our Assembly attended the Mass and Installation of Officers at the Cathedral on 8/14/21. Next meeting plans to have the revised "Directive Form" for new members to complete.

Our Faithful Pilot: Excused, no report.

Our Veteran's Affair Liaison: SK Phil Siedlecki will invite his neighbor, Military Chaplin in the Air Force, to our next meeting.

Reading of Applications: No applicants.

Trustees Report: SK Wayne Patterson, no report.

Report of Committees:

Culture of Life: No report.

Memorial Stone: No report.

VA Raffle: SK Ken Higdon will be managing the raffle this year, 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. Appreciated Shawn Ansbro for getting the tickets printed.

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.

Flag Retirement ceremony is tentatively set for 9/12 at 12:30 pm, rain date is 9/19, at Seton, will need 5 Knights for Honor Guard, everyone invited, currently have close to 80 flags.

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 \$15 for handling and shipping. He will investigate it further and report at the next meeting.

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

FN 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 \$XXX was budgeted.

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

New Business: For the Memorial Service at the November meeting, SK Wayne Patterson will work on the list of widows.

FN David Evers received two requests from the Columbus Chapter to donate \$XXX to the VA Fund and to sponsor Keep Christ in Christmas. Discussion occurred and our Assembly does its own fund raising to support Veterans and both requests should have gone to the Council instead.

FN David Evers brought up a new fund-raising idea that was suggested to him, a Volleyball tournament with BBQ afterwards. Would need to discuss further as to where to hold it, entry fee, adults or kids, volunteers, trophies and insurance needed. Please continue to suggest new fund-raising ideas.

Motion: Motion for a procedural problem was made by SK Charles Higdon to move the \$XXX received from Council 11187 from the General Fund to the VA Fund, 2nd by Ken Higdon, voted on and passed.

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

Report of the 3rd Degree:

Council 5253 Had a successful Parish Festival; Pancake Breakfast on 8/29 (1 per month); Pasta Dinner on 9/11; and roadside cleanup on 9/18.

Council 11187 Parish Festival was last weekend with many Knights involved; Pancake Breakfast starts in October with 1 per month thru February; and Knights cooking for the Seton Golf Outing on 8/29.

Council 16561 Praying with Fire with Father O'Connor is Friday with evening prayer, food – pot luck; next day will build walls for Habitat for Humanity; Blood Drive is 9/11; Euchre tournament is 10/16, need entry form; and 4-Miler Run/Walk event at the Josephinum is 10/2.

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 McPeek, Brian McCellan (RIP).

Faithful Patron: Excused, no report.

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

Next meeting is scheduled for September 15th.

Respectfully submitted,

SK Vince Pulles

Faithful Scribe

August Respect Life Meeting

At our membership meeting we all shared things that are important to us that we have done to encourage greater respect for human life.

Sidewalk prayer: very important but we recognize it is changing, safety for the sidewalk participants is paramount. The use of body cameras has been raised for their safety.

Stephanie has depleted her gift bags that she has lovingly presenting to women seeking abortions. The bags may contain diapers, onesies, bibs, pregnancy help information, baby booties, socks, diapers, wipes, etc. Vicki asked Mike Gohr, if the Knights could help financially with this again.

Theresa suggested we all check out the dollar store and see what we can find.

Stephanie mentioned several organizations that help woman during and after birth. It was suggested that maybe we could get involved. One was Esther's Place of Grace which is a home for woman who are pregnant. Mike Gohr was asked to investigate this organization and see if we could help somehow and see if the knights could help.

Concern was raised that we don't hear enough about Pro Life from the altar or from attending Catholic schools. We understand the sensitivity but there is still responsibility.

Other things that were brought up were the need to raise awareness about pro life and the destructive power of abortion.

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

Spiritual adoption was mentioned and we will circle back to that in time, sooner than later. We were in the beginning stages of starting this when COVID hit.

We talked about resuming clothing collection through Three Bags Full, which is a seasonal consignment sale that has allowed us to collect left over items which Shelly has passed on to PDHC. We will resume this soon, but need to check with PDHC.

Good news: Texas has banned abortion after six weeks of pregnancy. We know this will be challenged but, it is a hopeful sign.

Prayers for Life in bulletin: we all will try to find pro-life prayers and pass them to Vicki. We will put these in the bulletin on a regular basis. These can include prayers for the elderly, the unborn, grandparent prayer, and others.

Your homework assignment: Prayers are needed

Submitted by

Mike Gohr

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Knights of Columbus Remember 9/11

More than 40 members of the Knights of Columbus died as a result of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001. Twenty years later, we remember and pray for those brother Knights and all who lost their lives that tragic day. We also salute all who brought aid in the aftermath of the attacks

Courage Under Fire

Few people were better prepared to respond to the 9/11 attacks than Ray Downey, a member of Our Lady of the Rosary Council 4428 in Deer Park, N.Y. But on that day, the man known by members of his elite unit as the "Master of Disaster" would make the ultimate sacrifice while saving those who were trapped in a hotel adjacent to the South Tower. To read more in the September issue of *Columbia*.

Photo: New York City firefighters make their way to the World Trade Center in lower Manhattan after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. (Jose Jimenez/Primera Hora/Getty Images)



Taken from the September 6, 2021 Knightline

September 2021	
15	Assembly Meeting - TBD
6	Labor Day
October 2021	
20	Assembly Meeting - TBD

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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.

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