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# Have a Blessed Christmas



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

## Dear Brother SKs and Ladies:

The Nativity Story ...

About two thousand years ago, in the town of Nazareth, there lived a young woman named Mary. She was engaged to be married to Joseph, a carpenter. One day an angel appeared before her and told her she had been chosen to have a special baby. The baby would be God's son and she must call him Jesus.

Soon after the angel's visit, Mary and Joseph were married. Mary was due to have her baby when they were told they had to go on a long journey to Bethlehem, which was where Joseph came from. This was because they had to pay a special tax. Mary had to ride on a donkey for a few days over the hills of Galilee.

At last Mary and Joseph arrived in Bethlehem. It was crowded with other people who needed to pay their taxes. Mary was very tired and needed a place to stay. At each inn, the story was the same. There was no room for them. Eventually, one kind innkeeper said he had a stable where he kept his animals. They were welcome to stay there. And so it was that a few hours later, Mary gave birth to her son in that stable. She wrapped Jesus in strips of cloth and laid Him in a manger full of hay.

At the same time, on a hillside overlooking Bethlehem, some shepherds were watching over their sheep. A bright light appeared in the sky. They were very afraid. It was an angel sent by God. The angel told them not to be afraid, because he had some good news. He said the Son of God had been born and they would find Him in Bethlehem.

The shepherds wanted to go and see the baby. When they arrived at the stable, they were filled with joy at seeing Jesus lying in the manger. They knelt down and worshipped Him. They told Mary and Joseph how the angel had appeared in the sky and told them that Jesus was to be the Savior of the world.

A New Star in the Sky Far away in the East, three wise men named Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar, saw a new star shining high in the sky. These men, who were kings, studied the stars and they knew this was a very special star. They studied their scrolls where it said that whenever a bright new star appeared it meant that a great ruler had been born.

The three wise men decided to find this new ruler. They went to Jerusalem to see King Herod, as they thought the baby would be in the palace. They asked to see the child that would be King of the Jews. The king was troubled. He thought this new king may take away his throne. He told them to return when they had found the baby so that he could worship the child himself.

The wise men set off to find the baby. They were guided by the star to the stable in Bethlehem. Here they knelt down and worshipped Jesus. They gave him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. That night, the three men had the same dream where an angel warned them that King Herod wanted to kill Jesus and told them not to go back to his palace.

The wise men went back to their own country without calling to see Herod. Soon after Joseph had a dream where an angel told him to take Mary and Jesus to Egypt as King Herod had ordered that Jesus be killed. They left Bethlehem right away. When the wise men did not return, Herod ordered that baby boys in Bethlehem be killed. They did not find Jesus as he was safe.

May God Bless us as we respect human life in all it's stages,

*SK R. Wayne Patterson*

Faithful Navigator

## UPDATE:

Due to the Parish Christmas preparations, there is no scheduled Assembly meeting for December.

*SK R. Wayne Patterson*

Faithful Navigator

## Assembly Business Minutes - 18 October 2023

This month's meeting was our Memorial Service for our deceased Brothers. No official meeting was conducted so there are no Assembly Business Minutes.

Faithful Navigator SK Wayne Patterson received a letter from Edward Brand, VAVS Representative, asking the Knights to donate Christmas gifts for the Veterans living in Freedom Harbor, Home Well and V-Home at Chillicothe VA and also requesting a donation of \$XXX from Assemblies to support the Knights Christmas Program. The Trustees met on 11/15/23 and approved donating \$XXX to the Veterans.

**Bills & Receipts:** The Trustees approved three bills, \$XXX donation to the Veterans, \$XXX to the winner of the VA Raffle, and \$XXX for food expense this evening. A total of \$XXX was collected this month for the VA Raffle.

**Captain's Report:** SK Frank Hare collected \$XXX for this evening's Thanksgiving Dinner with expenses of \$XXX, 56 guest in attendance. The December meeting will be a prime rib or salmon dinner as part of our Christmas Party event.

**Purser Report:** SK Paul Yeager provided a copy of the Purser Report dated 11/15/23 with the actual balance as of 10/30/23 being \$XXX.

**VA Raffle:** SK David Evers had all 200 of the VA Raffle tickets sold with the drawing held this evening, the Winner was Bruce Olson of Carroll, OH who will receive \$XXX now and another \$XXX in January. The other \$XXX will go to the Veterans.

Many thanks to all who attended and made the November Social and Memorial Service so special. Also, much appreciation to Lady Diane Hare, John Heppner and George Bartos (11187 members) for their hard work on the dishes!

Next meeting will be the Christmas Party and scheduled for December 20<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted,

*SK Vince Pulles*

Faithful Scribe



## 25 December - The Birth of Our Savior

From: Days Of Devotion: Daily Meditations from Pope John XXIII.

This meditation was written by the Sheppard of our Assembly; he could be speaking directly to us. He has written:

No philosophical studies and no great effect of modernization of techniques will be of any avail unless our hearts are opened to receive light and grace from Him. The truth of the Beatitudes proclaimed on the Mount is felt with particular poignancy at Christmas, demanding the attention of all.

The Child born at Bethlehem is humble and lowly of heart, poor and innocent; He has come to bring peace, and in this cause He is already preparing for the supreme sacrifice.

This is the way for every man who accepts the divine message with willing balance, at whatever cost of effort and personal sacrifice.

At Bethlehem, beloved children, the course of history took a new turn, for the greater glory of all civilization, but this new course of history is entrusted to the responsibility of every one of us.

In fact, because of the natural law human brotherhood; and because of the Christian doctrine of the Mystical Body, human dignity, freedom and justice depend on us all, individually and collectively.

Bethlehem teaches us to apply its lessons to the problems of our social life: to the defeat of selfishness, the intelligent awareness of the needs of others, and to the wider observation of the law of forgiveness, the *law of forgiveness*, the triumph of perfect brotherhood.

*"Come, ye nations, and adore the Lord, for this day a great light hath descended upon the earth. Alleluia!"*

Submitted by;

*Bud Joos.*



The Annunciation  
by Luca Giordano



Joseph's Dream  
by Gaetano Gandolfi



Angels visit the Shepherds

## Assembly Shirts

We have some great news. Brother Knights can order short sleeve or long sleeve dress shirts with their name and the Assembly logo embroidered on them. The membership can contact Bob Martin at Ohio Select directly as he works with individuals, and they can order 1 item at a time. His store is in Reynoldsburg, close by and he is extremely accommodating.

Bob Martin, owner, is a Knights of Columbus brother whose father started the Measure Up program for the Knights.



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The Magi

December 2023	
20	Assembly Meeting <b>No meeting</b>
24	Christmas Eve
31	New Year's Eve
25	Christmas Day
January 2024	
06	Rosary EC - 8:00 AM
07	Knight's Mass
17	Assembly Meeting
01	New Year's Day
15	MLK Birthday

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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 R. Wayne Patterson*

Faithful Navigator

## Prayer Corner

**For the Good of the Order:** We list and keep in our prayers: Maureen Patterson, Declan Patterson, Jayne Siedlecki, Sandra Blamer, Charles Higdon Jr (RIP), Jean Richards, Gene Ebert, C.W. Higdon, Jeff Samborsky, Franzisca Christian, Lou Silverman, John Trainer, Nick Maul, Kim Mason, Ronnie Keso, Tricia Bliss, Jean Eichas, Pat Brotzge, Dominic Nocera, Paul Holliday (RIP), and police officer that got wounded by gun fire. Our priests, and, of course, our military and veterans.





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**Fourth Degree Directive**

I, the undersigned Sir Knight, in good standing at this time of my death do designate my participation in one the following programs and by this directive do give permission to so carry out my wishes:

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. I choose to have my MEMORIAL PLAQUE and stand presented to my family.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. I choose to have the KOC GRAVE MARKER presented to my family
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. I choose to have a DONATION to a charitable organization of my choice. \_\_\_\_\_

If a directive is not on file at the time of the death of a Sir Knight the Memorial committee will assume that directives 1 or 2 is the choice of the Sir Knight.

\_\_\_\_\_ My Swords is/are to be given to:  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I request the presences of an Honor Guard at the wake/Visitation

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_\_

Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name

Sign Name

Council Number \_\_\_\_\_

Assembly Number 2900

Please retain a copy of this Directive for your file. Fillable Form

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