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Have a Blessed Christmas



The Announcement of the Birth of Jesus

The shepherds now fell silent, and tugged their heavy cloaks about them to shelter them from the whistling wind. Their eyes were accustomed to the blackness. Every few moments they would look up to scan the hills for wolves or thieves. They weren't about to lose sheep by carelessness.

All of a sudden their hillside was flooded by the light of a thousand arc lamps, blinding them with its intensity. When they could finally see, a man in shining apparel stood before them. "Do not be afraid," he declared in the ringing voice of a herald.

"I bring you good news of great joy
that will be for all the people.
Today in the town of David
a Deliverer has been born to you.
He is the Lord's Messiah."

"The Messiah! The Deliverer!" breathed Judah ben-Ozzri. "He is come at last to set our people free."

They could scarcely comprehend. Good news! Great joy! In the town of David, the Son of David is born this night. The Lord's Messiah! The shining man, glowing with the very Shekinah glory of God, had declared it. It must be so!

The angel continued: "This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."

What a strange sign. But there was no time to think.

Now the shining angel drew himself to full height, and as he opened out his arms, the radiance and glory upon him began to spread until it covered rank after rank of angels, the heavenly host, the army of God himself -- more and more, company after company, battalion after battalion, began to fill the sky. And now they began to chant, to shout in unison.

"Glory to God in highest."

The sound bounced off the hills and echoed from the valleys, like the rumble of thunder, like the roar of a great waterfall, the shout of triumph reverberated. The shout of worship, the shout of honor, the shout of glorious praise.

"Glory to God in the highest," they shouted together with one enormous voice of worship.

"Glory to God in the highest," they chanted in unison, the overwhelming resonance blotting out everything else and infecting shepherds with its utter joy. The host of God, overcome with awe at the archangel words, now shouted again, "Glory to God in the highest! And on earth Shalom - peace - to those whom God has favored."

Again and again the waves of praise rolled over the hillsides, until finally the voices began to fade, and only in the distance could the shepherds still hear shouts of "Glory, glory, glory," that finally diminished to silence at last. The brilliant light, too, was fading, like the final streaks of sunlight dipping below the horizon and painting the clouds red and pink in departing splendor.

Old Elias was first to speak, "Praise the Lord, dear friends. We have witnessed what the prophets only dreamed of."

"Angels," breathed the youngest.

"The hosts of God's army," said Judah.

"Something greater still," Elias said. "The chance to see the Lord's Messiah with our own eyes. You heard the angel. He's here, yonder in Bethlehem, and we must find him. The angel told us how - a baby, wrapped in the swaddling bands of a newborn, lying in a manger.... A manger," repeated the old man.

You could find dozens of cattle troughs if you searched all the outlying farms, but a manger with a newborn lying in it - that was the sign! In Bethlehem itself, Elias could think of just one - inside a cave at the very edge of town where travelers' animals were quartered. The old man careened down the hillside at a pace that left the younger shepherds breathless. He was ahead of them now, almost running to the cave behind the inn.

When they finally caught up, the old man was standing at the doorway to the cave, tears running down his cheeks.

"The Son of David," he was saying, "The Lord's Messiah. The Deliverer has come."

The shepherds moved inside and knelt at the manger, peering at the sleeping baby boy, all tightly wrapped in swaddling bands.

The youngest explained to the mother, "An angel told us," he stammered, "and then thousands, millions of angels filled the sky, lit up with God's light. 'Glory to God,' they shouted, and we joined them until we were hoarse, until they were gone."

Then Elias addressed her. "Young woman, mother of this blessed Child. You are one of the favored ones of whom the angels spoke, upon whom God's glory and grace is resting tonight."

You could see her lips form the words, "Yes, I know," but no voice came.

The old shepherd went on, "The angel told us that your Child is God's promised Messiah, our Deliverer."

Then the old man was silent. He just knelt there for a few more moments. Finally he rose up, took the mother's hand, and pressed it with his own. "God has entrusted you to raise his own Son, my dear. Our prayers are with you."

He motioned his compatriots towards the door, and they got up, leaving the cave and its manger and its Christ-Child. Nor were the shepherds silent about what they had seen. They spread the good news far and wide.

Then they went back to their flocks, and carefully tended lambs that were destined for sacrifice on Passover. And though they could not know or understand it, the baby Deliverer in the manger would not challenge the Roman oppressors, but instead deliver us from the sin and death that oppress us all. For these lamb-herders had seen God's Lamb, born to be a Passover sacrifice for the sins of the entire world.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, Shalom, for us all.

by Dr. Ralph F. Wilson



Business Meeting Minutes-November 11, 2009

Meeting opened at: 7:30pm with prayer and POA. The Honorable Deputy Grand Knight Harry Clyburn presided over the meeting.

Roll of Officers: Chaplain, Grand Knight, Advocate, Lecturer, 3rd yr Trustee, 1st yr Trustee, and Field Agent all excused.

Reading of the Minutes: Motion was made by Ed Tavares to accept minutes from last month. Mike Croyle seconded the motion, and the minutes from last meeting were accepted.

Chaplain's Report: No Report

Grand Knight's Report: Harry Clyburn reported for Grand Knight, Wayne Patterson.

Wayne wanted to thank all the brother Knights for their prayers for him while he has been sick.

Brother Harry had all the servicemen in the group stand up for a special thank you for their service to this country. A warm round of applause was given to them for Veteran's day.

Wayne wanted to thank all those members who attended the Memorial mass this past Saturday.

First Pancake breakfast is this week, please support the cause and help out as much as possible.

Brother Harry yielded the floor to Frank Piper to report that at the recent Chapter meeting our Council was awarded our Star Council plaque for the 2008/09 year. Frank thanked everyone who contributed to this award. He asked brother Jesse to help him get it hung out in the hallway later this month.

Harry then brought up the issue of the Chapter Charity Raffle kick off meeting. There was some confusion as to if we approved having it here like last year. Mike Phillips made the comment that it sounded like they just assumed we would do it again this year, and brother Jerry Lowery stated that they had asked us, and yielded the floor to Frank Piper. Frank stated that he went to the last Chapter meeting and was asked if we would host the meeting again, and Frank said he would bring it to the meeting for approval. The kick off meeting is scheduled for February the 14th, and Harry thought that was not a good time for a meeting. Jerry stated that at the first Saturday business meeting, we had gotten the OK to use Herman Hall for the event, as well as volunteers to run it. Since we had everything in place we should just do it on that date and be done with it. We just had to provide simple snacks and sodas. Brother Bog asked if it was approved, and if so, we should request a budget. The council had a discussion on the issue, Mike Phillips motioned for a XXX budget based on the expenses last year. Tim Bowie seconded the motion, and the council voted to approve the amount and the event.

Admission Report: Jim Doty is working on several candidates in the pipeline, and will be scheduling interviews soon. There was a discussion on having a First Degree on December 2nd, and since this is before we can have the Council vote and approve the new candidates, many thought we could not include them in the degree. Brother Bog stated that we could have a reading and vote before the Degree if we had a majority to vote on it. If you are free December 2nd, please attend the Degree!!! Steve Mallot stated that the Squires had scheduled a meeting for the same date in the same room, and would ask the Church if the Squires could relocate their meeting to the library. This would give us the room for the 2nd.

Treasurer Report: Frank Piper read the numbers for the month.

Financial Secretary Report: Reading of Receipts and Bills by Mark Borys.

Mark also stated that Supreme had approved a 2-stage assessment on the Value Life Program to all members next year. Each member will pay a \$XXX fee in January, and another \$XXX in July. (The Council will be assessed a \$XXX per member.)

Wayne Patterson also requested \$XXX for money he spent for pumpkins at the Fall Festival. Frank Piper stated that the cost of the Fall Festival was down from last year, and it was a truly great family event.

Trustee's Report: No Report.

Chancellor's Report: Tim stated that we only have 15 surveys turned in from our Council. WE NEED TO GET THIS DONE AND TURNED IN FROM ALL OUR MEMBERS ASAP!!!

Advocate Report: No Report

Report of Service Committees/Programs:

Membership Chair: Jim Doty is the new chair replacing Mark Knight.

Program Director: Frank stated that 7 reports had been filed and accepted and we have 525 points out of 2000 already.

Church Director: No Report, but remember our slot is 5am on Mondays.

Squires: Steve stated that 4 squires went to the bowling tournament and one went to the recent retreat. There will be a Dodge ball Tournament on January 24th and 25th. The squires will need help with a dinner from 5-6 and breakfast on Sunday.

The squires will help with the Pancake breakfast teardowns this year.

Respect Life: Mike Croyle is still planning the trip to DC. They might have to leave earlier than expected due to some scheduling changes in DC. Mike will keep us all posted.

Blue Coat Dinner: No update.

Report of Standing Committee's:

Kroger Cares: Terry stated that we needed a 501.3C number to participate in the new program, and Frank Piper stated we did not have one, so we could not join in. Mark Borys stated that the State Council should have a blanket number for all Ohio, and Frank Piper was going to check it out to see if we could join the new Kroger Program. Terry also will check out Giant Eagle and Meijer to see if they had programs as well.

Statue: Bog Glavan and Jerry Lowery put a huge effort in restoring the statue out front. The Council asked the Squires to take care of the small garden around the statue, but they would rather clean it 2 times per year. Harry suggested the members of the Council should keep the garden tended, as it needs it. If it needs work, just do it.

Magnet Sales: No report at the meeting. We have sold 5,539 magnets so far this year. We have 9,770 magnets left and 13 decals left. We have 6 open orders as of 11/12/09.

Communications: No Report

Business Meeting Minutes (Continued on page 4)

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Pancake Breakfasts: they are good to go. Help will be needed.

Wives Night Out: There will be a Wife's night out in Canal Winchester, at the hotel behind BW3's December 11th. An email will follow with more information.

Field Agents Report: No Report

District Deputy Report: No Report.

4th Degree Report: Jerry stated the Exemplification went well. The VA parade on the 6th was light in attendance, but the float was in the front of the parade. The district meeting at St. Leonard's went well. There will be new sword procedures coming soon. The 3rd and 4th degree symbols on the newsletters will be coming out soon. Harry wanted to recognize Jerry Lowery for all that he does for this Council. Harry stated that Jerry does more for this Council than anyone, and wanted it in the minutes.

Lecturer's Report: No Report

Prayers: Please keep the following in your daily prayers - all military personnel, active or veteran. All brothers in need, and all the sick in our parish.

Harry Clyburn led us in the closing Prayer, and we closed the meeting at 8:20pm.

Mike Phillips-Recorder

Mike Phillips

Recorder

Respect Life: Good News

"Finally there is good news concerning the attempt to enact a national Health Care bill: Last week the pro-life movement won a great victory in the U.S. House of Representatives. The pro-life Stupak-Pitts Amendment to H.R. 3692, the House Health Care Bill, was PASSED! Despite the last minute push of Planned Parenthood and the immense pressure that pro-life Democrats were under from the President, Speaker Pelosi, and other democratic leadership, the amendment passed with a vote of 240-194.

The large margin by which this amendment passed is also good news - it means that the phone calls, letters, and other contact were heard by our representatives and they voted in accordance with their wishes. So a BIG thanks to all of you who contacted your representatives!

We are not done with the Health Care issue, however. The Senate is trying to pass its own version and Senate leader Harry Reid has pledged to keep abortion funding in the bill. We need to keep pressure on both of our Senators to make sure that abortions are NOT paid for with tax dollars. Senator Voinovich will most likely vote that way, but we will need immense pressure on Senator Brown to get him to vote pro-life.

Regardless of what you think of the overall bill and the need for health care reform, it is urgent that every Knight call or write both of your Senators and ask them to include language in the final bill to prevent taxpayer support of abortion.

Contact members of Congress through visits to local offices, phone calls, e-mails or fax letters. Call the U.S. Capitol switchboard at: 202-224-3121, or call the local offices of your U.S. Representative and Senators. Full contact information can be found at <http://www.house.gov> and <http://www.senate.gov>

Edd Chinnock

Council Respect Life coordinator

37th Annual March for Life

The Knights of Columbus Council 11187 is sponsoring a two day, one night bus trip to Washington, D.C. leaving Thursday, January 21st and returning in early Saturday morning hours of January 23rd. The trip is for anyone wishing to be involved in the March for Life at our Nation's capital ... to bring the word of "Equal Care with No Exceptions" to our new administration and Congress. The march on the 22nd is the **exact anniversary date of the 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision** when we mourn the intentional deaths of an estimated 50,000,000 innocent unborn humans. Join us in educating our Washington leaders that **now** is the time for decision to be overturned.

The cost of the trip is approximately \$150 per person, based on 2 people per room occupancy. (Note the price is \$30 cheaper than last year!) We need to have at least 40 people registered by **December 8th** to warrant continued trip planning. As of this communication we have only 26 people registered for the trip. Come help us change this law! For other questions, please contact:

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CHRISTMAS CARD

When you are doing your Christmas/Holiday cards this year, take one card and send it to this address. If we pass this on and everyone sends one card, think of how many cards these wonderful special people who have sacrificed so much would get.

When you are making your Christmas/Holiday card list this year, please include the following:

A RECOVERING AMERICAN SOLDIER
WALTER REED ARMY MEDICAL CENTER
6900 GEORGIA AVENUE, NW
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20307-5001

John Grady

Welcome New Knights!!!

On Wednesday 2 December 2009, Council 11187 welcomed 3 new Knights



Zack Justus, Steve Katona, Nick Justus, Jim Marn



Brother Knight Dave Justus w/sons Zack and Nick

WANTED!! KNIGHTS in SERVICE **WE NEED YOUR HELP !**

On December 13, 2009, our second Pancake Breakfast will be held. For this event we will need a lot of help. Early and late shifts are available and it would be greatly appreciated if you could help! To sign up call Mike White (577-9011), John Sambuco (927-4150), or Dan Stephan (863-5422) and let them know what you can work.

Thank you to all who have served, and please consider serving now. If you have not been able to volunteer in the past don't let that stop you now. Any time that you can give is greatly appreciated, even for an hour or two. There are many demands of our time, especially with younger families, and we all understand.

December

From Pope John's Medications For Christmas

Flowers of Bethlehem

Men were in wretched state; their Creator decided to ransom them by sending to this earth his only-begotten Son, the Word of God made man; and Jesus met with unbelievable difficulties And opposition. The episodes of the sheppard's and the wise Men were but a short parenthesis; afterwards the Holy Family had to flee. They were forced to seek safety by leaving their own land, The son of God who came among men to save had to flee from men, and from the man who represented power and might: Herod.

We know what happened later. His discussion at the age of twelve, with the doctors of the Temple not about material questions but about the prerogatives, the wishes and the law of the heavenly Father; his laborative life at Nazareth; His public preaching with its accompanying Hardships; and finally his Passion and Death on the cross.

At Bethlehem we find as it were, a foretaste and summary of what was to happen later on. We too must make ourselves familiar of the 'flowers of Bethlehem' our daily sufferings or privations, difficulties and poverty, when all the sum if adversity is patiently endured for love's sake of the love of Jesus, and the reasons for Christian joy are thus made known, when, for example a sick man who has been helpless for ten years can accept his suffering and, offering it to God exclaim: If the Lord so wishes I accept ten more years of pain; when other men can the inevitable unkindness of their neighbors and can recognize their own weaknesses and many diverse form so selfishness and all other sins, then we can be sure that we know well the flowers of Bethlehem and the language which they speak.

Submitted by,
Bud Joos

Santa is coming to Seton

Better watch out, Better not cry ...Santa Claus is coming to Seton Parish. We have first hand knowledge that the head Elf himself will be stopping by to visit and take pictures. So after the Masses on Sunday December 13, enjoy the KofC pancake breakfast and then stop by for pictures



