

Have a Blessed Christmas!





St Elizabeth Ann Seton Council 11187

Have a Blessed Christmas

600 Hill Road North,
Pickerington, Ohio 43147

1 December 2017
Volume 25, Issue 2

Dear Brother Knights,

Advent is upon us as we begin preparation for the arrival of our Lord. Preparing for our Lords arrival can be a great time of reflection or renewal of our faith. Christmas time is a very busy time not only with our Councils activities but in our personal lives as well. There is decorating to be done, trees to put up, shopping to do, meetings to attend, travel, and many other activities that come during the holiday season. Somewhere in the hustle and bustle please take time to enjoy the holiday and spending time with family and friends.

Our next Pancake breakfast will be December 10 and will be our **Breakfast with Santa!** Assured to be very busy with children letting Santa know what they wish for Christmas. Please come on out and help anyway you can. Yes, it will be busy but to see the children light up with their excitement will make it worthwhile.

The 25th Anniversary Committee met to begin discussions on what, when and where to celebrate our Councils milestone. This will truly be a time to celebrate and reminisce about how blessed we have been because of your hard work. There will be much more to come from Brother Mike Sillings.

Brothers, our calendar year is winding down - thank you for all your dedication and efforts in 2017.

My family and I want to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Fraternally Yours in Christ,

Michael Kohar,

Grand Knight

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.

Lecture



Business Meeting Notes - November 8, 2017

Prior to the meeting, Brother Thom Laughery and Brother Adam Nowocin were involved in presenting a check for \$XXX, donations from the Measure Up Campaign, to John Pekar, Superintendent of the Fairfield Country Board of Developmental Disabilities. John thanked the council and stated that the donation would be used for communication devices.

Deputy Grand Knight Jimmy Smithberger called the official meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Roll Call of Officers: Missing were the Chaplain, Grand Knight, Advocate, Warden, Third Year Trustee and Lecturer, all were excused. Brother Wayne motioned to approve the minutes from last month's meeting with one correction needed; purchasing a new freezer and refrigerator should have been a Published Motion. Brother Mike 2nd. Voted upon and passed.

Chaplains Report: Absent, no report.

Membership and Reading of Applications: Brother Shawn Roberts reported we have two new members, both accepted. Welcome Jason Plank and Charles Slaby III

Grand Knight's Report: Brother Jimmy Smithberger thanked everyone for working the October pancake breakfast and the fundraiser for Athena Thesing on 11/5/17. The council is moving forward on removing the 36 members that are not paying their dues. Thanked Justin Stone for taking over the Squires.

Treasurer Report: Brother Dan Murphy reported that we have a total balance of \$XXX.

Financial Secretary Report: Brother Frank Hare reported income from the Football Frenzy ticket sale, pancake breakfast, fall festival, seminary collection, and coat drive. Expenses were for the Football Frenzy, donation for hurricane victims, pancake breakfast supplies, family fall festival, recruitment flyers, spaghetti dinner, rosaries and booklets, sandwiches for the shoe drive, and also for the coat drive. Brother Wayne motioned to send the bills to the Trustees for payment, 2nd by Brother Mike. Voted upon and passed.

Report of the Trustees: Brother George, no report.

Chancellors Report: Brother Thom, no report.

Report on Programs and Committees:

Membership Director: Brother Shawn, no report.

Program Director: Brother Richard reported he has updated the August and September activities and we now have 180 points, missing 1 or 2 for youth.

Church Director: Brother Wayne thanked everyone for helping at the spaghetti dinner on 11/5/17, total donations were \$12,808. Has 40 Christmas Cards for seminarians, please take one and include a \$25 gift card, sign, and mail by 12/8/17.

Community Director: Brother Thom reported that at the January Pancake Breakfast, St. Vincent de Paul Society will have a table set up. At the December Pancake Breakfast, Santa will be handing out Christmas gifts and candy canes.

Council Director: Brother Jimmy, no report.

Family Director: Brother Rick thanked everyone for helping at the Fall Family Festival. Will be sending a thank you letter to Terry Dunlap for donating 80 pumpkins.

Youth Director: Brother Jesus reported 20 people attended the Catholic Youth Council in Indianapolis. The SPY group is selling poinsettias. Need volunteers for the Confirmation Retreat.

Squires Report: Brother Justin reported our Squires will be hosting a dodgeball tournament on February 3rd and 4th in the PAC, state event. Plan to get an additional blue polo shirt. The Squires are setting up

and tearing down for the pancake breakfasts. At the Market Place event last Sunday, there was a lot of interest. Meet 4th Sunday of each month, invited us to attend.

Right to Life Director: Absent, no report.

Committees: Brother Dan reported at the October Pancake Breakfast, 189 people attended, income of \$XXX, expense were \$XXX. Brother Frank reported the mixer in the kitchen broke, repairs cost \$XXX, plan to purchase a new one and split the cost with the parish. There is an outstanding issue with a box of Christmas magnets that had most of them removed, and replaced by books, plan to file a claim with the Postal Service. Need to send Brother Frank an email pertaining to the annual survey for Fraternity Activity listed in the newsletter. Brother Richard reported that 300 coats, 177 for boys and 123 for girls, were delivered following the KofC coat drive, thanked everyone for their help / donations. St. Vincent Family Center serves 1,850 kids.

Unfinished Business: Last month's published motion to spend up to \$XXX, splitting the cost with the parish, for a new commercial freezer and refrigerator was passed.

New Business:

MOTION: Brother Wayne made a motion to spend up to \$XXX from the Church Budget for hams for the food drive for Portsmouth. Brother Mike 2nd. Voted upon and passed.

MOTION: Brother Thom made a motion to spend up to \$XXX from the Community Budget for Thanksgiving Food Baskets. Brother Mike 2nd. Voted upon and passed.

MOTION: Brother Thom made a motion to spend up to \$XXX from the Community Budget to purchase toys and candy canes for the Santa Pancake Breakfast. Brother Mike 2nd. Voted upon and passed.

MOTION: Brother Thom made a motion to spend \$XXX from the Community Budget to cover additional costs for the spaghetti dinner. Brother Wayne 2nd. Voted upon and passed.

MOTION: Brother Frank made a motion to spend \$XXX for the broken mixer repairs, had split the cost with the parish. Brother Wayne 2nd. Voted upon and passed.

MOTION: Brother Frank made a motion to spend \$XXX from the Capital Expenditure Budget to purchase a new mixer and stand, had split the cost with the parish. Brother Mike 2nd. Voted upon and passed.

MOTION: Brother Rick made a motion to spend up to \$XXX to purchase suspenders and bells for Santa. Brother Shawn 2nd. Voted upon and passed.

Will need some volunteers to work on 11/18/17 for the pancake breakfast for the Alpha Retreat.

Report of the Fourth Degree: Sir Knight Wayne reported that the Memorial Mass on 11/15/17 will include a turkey dinner, 6 widows have been invited, Brother Bill Richards is the chair, no Assembly meeting that night.

Field Agent Report: Absent, no report.

District Deputy Report: Absent, no report.

Brothers in Need: Maureen Patterson, Jim Patterson, Bill Sauer, Carrie Ebert, Jack Bertucci, Irene Mendygral, Manuel Garcia, Caroline Hare, Joie Petersen, Don Miller, Ryan Schneider, Tery Joos, Bud Joos, Gene Ebert and the Thesing Family

Lecturer Report: Absent, no report.

Deputy Grand Knight Jimmy Smithberger then officially closed the meeting at 8:35 pm.

Vince Pulles

Recorder

Recently the Columbus Dispatch published an article (Sunday, Dec 3, 2017) about abortion clinic inspections in Ohio. One of the most interesting things in this article was the difference between a pro-abortion governor and a pro-life governor. Under Governor John Kasich state inspectors reported 17 times more violations than under previous Governor Ted Strickland and that is with only half the number of abortion clinics.

Under Strickland, there were nine inspections of the eight clinics that are still open and only five violations were cited. The clinics were almost exempt from state inspections: four were examined in 2007, one in 2008, four in 2009, and none in 2010. During Kasich's term, 62 inspections found in 149 violations. Apparently keeping abortion clinics safe for patients is more important to pro-life John Kasich than to pro-abortion Ted Strickland.

Seven years ago there were 16 abortion clinics in Ohio, now there are 8, mostly due to a state requirement that all surgical centers, including abortion clinics, have a transfer agreement with a local hospital. Additionally, publicly funded hospitals are not allowed to have transfer agreements with abortion clinics. Many of the remaining hospitals are faith-based and will not enter into transfer agreements with abortion clinics.

The article also listed all eight abortion clinics and the number of inspections and violations at each. The worst clinic is in Cuyahoga Falls with 7 inspections and 37 violations. Founders Women's Health on E Broad St in Columbus was second worst with 8 inspections and 32 violations. This is the clinic where we often pray and where the recent 40 Days for Life campaign took place. The other Columbus clinic, Planned Parenthood East Health Center, had 8 inspections and 15 violations.

I will never understand why pro-abortion politicians are so reluctant to insure that abortion clinics are clean and safe for women. The only reason seems to be that they care more about increasing the number of abortions than the welfare of their constituents.

Greater Columbus Right to Life is partnering with FEMM Health and the Diocese of Columbus to bring two days of in-depth training, education, and leadership development that will equip you to understand, communicate, and defend the dignity of all human life. Whether you come for one or both days, you will have an opportunity to hear from more than 20 local, national, and international experts.

Selected speakers include:

- Pastor Mark Robinette (Foundation Church): A Personal Testimony on Foster Care and Adoption,
- Fr. Bob Penhallurick (St. Brendan): Building an End-of-Life Bioethic,
- Dr. Lindsay Rerko (FEMM Health): A New Era in Women's Healthcare,
- Alex Shadenberg (Euthanasia Prevention Coalition): Caring, Not Killing - Lessons from Belgium, Oregon, and Canada,
- Anna Halpine (World Youth Alliance): Human Formation as a Pro-Life Solution,
- Fr. Thomas Blau, OP (St. Patrick Church): Situational Ethics,
- Peggy Hartshorn, (Heartbeat International): Leading with Love
- Dr. Ashley Fernandez (Ohio State University): Thinking, Being, ... and more.

For more information about the Conference, go to the GCRTL website www.gctrl.org or contact me at 740-927-5099.

Edd Chinnock
 Culture of Life Chairman

2017 Annual Fraternal Survey

20¹⁷ ANNUAL SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY INDIVIDUAL MEMBER WORKSHEET

Over the last ten years, the Knights of Columbus donated more than \$1.5 billion to charitable and benevolent causes and more than 682 million hours of volunteer community service to aid the less fortunate. **To help prepare our Fraternal Survey for the Supreme Council office, please complete the information requested below and return it at our next meeting.** This information will assist us in determining the total number of hours of community service volunteered by our members.

1. Number of visits you made during 20 ¹⁷ to:	
Sick — caring for the sick/nursing homes/hospitals	<input type="text"/>
Bereaved — visits of condolence	<input type="text"/>
2. Number of times you served as a blood donor during 20 ¹⁷	<input type="text"/>
3. Estimated hours of community volunteer service during 20 ¹⁷ :	
Church Activities — service in all Church related activities	<input type="text"/>
Community Activities — service in all community related activities	<input type="text"/>
Youth Activities — service in all youth related activities	<input type="text"/>
Habitat for Humanity — service in all related projects	<input type="text"/>
Culture of Life Activities — service in all related projects	<input type="text"/>
VAVS (Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service)	<input type="text"/>
Food For Families	<input type="text"/>
Special Olympics	<input type="text"/>
Miscellaneous Activities — service in areas not outlined above	<input type="text"/>
4. Number of hours of fraternal service during 20 ¹⁷ :	
Sick/disabled members and their families — household chores, transportation, tutoring, counselling, etc.	<input type="text"/>

Please complete the above form and turn into Frank Hare (financialsecretary@kofc11187.com)

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



The Annunciation
by Luca Giordano



Joseph's Dream
by Gaetano Gandolfi



Angels visit the
Shepherds



The Magi

SUPER DELUXE PANCAKE BREAKFASTS

JOIN YOUR SETON COMMUNITY FOR A MORNING OF FELLOWSHIP



Menu

PANCAKES

(PLAIN, BLUEBERRY OR CHOCOLATE CHIP)

SCRAMBLED EGGS

SAUSAGE LINKS

HASH BROWNS

SAUSAGE GRAVY & BISCUITS

Beverages

COFFEE / TEA

ORANGE JUICE

MILK

HOT CHOCOLATE

Adults: \$ 7.00

Children age 7 to 12: \$ 5.00

age 6 and under free

Credit Cards Accepted

OCTOBER 15TH
NOVEMBER 19TH
DECEMBER 10TH



**BREAKFAST WITH
SANTA**

JANUARY 21ST



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS®**

2017/2018 Council 11187 Calendar (Tentative)

July	
2	Knight's Mass
11	Officers Meeting
12	Business Meeting
19	Assembly Meeting*
23	Squires Meeting
4	Independence Day

October	
1	Knight's Mass
3	Officers Meeting
11	Business Meeting
18	Assembly Meeting*
22	Squires Meeting
9	Columbus Day
12	Council Anniversary
15	1st Pancake Breakfast
28	Family Fun Festival
29	2nd/3rd Degree

January	
2	Officers Meeting
7	Knight's Mass
10	Business Meeting
17	Assembly Meeting
28	Squires Meeting
1	New Year's Day
15	MLK Birthday
21	4th Pancake Breakfast*
	Free Throw Contest

April	
3	Officers Meeting
8	Knight's Mass
11	Business Meeting
18	Assembly Meeting
22	Squires Meeting
15	Tax Day
1	Easter
20	Blue Coats Dinner

August	
1	Officers Meeting
6	Knight's Mass
9	Business Meeting
16	Assembly Meeting*
27	Squires Meeting
	School Starts
	Seton Open

November	
5	Knight's Mass
7	Officers Meeting
8	Business Meeting
15	Assembly Meeting*
26	Squires Meeting
11	Veterans Day
23	Thanksgiving
19	2nd Pancake Breakfast

February	
4	Knight's Mass
6	Officers Meeting
14	Business Meeting
21	Assembly Meeting
25	Squires Meeting
14	Valentine's Day
16	President's Day
14	Ash Wednesday
16	1st Fish Fry
23	2nd Fish Fry
3	Dodge Ball Tournament

May	
1	Officers Meeting
6	Knight's Mass
9	Business Meeting
16	Assembly Meeting
27	Squires Meeting
13	Mother's Day
28	Memorial Day
12	Wives Appreciation Dinner
26-28	Convention Weekend
	Measure UP

September	
3	Knight's Mass
5	Officers Meeting
13	Business Meeting
20	Assembly Meeting*
24	Squires Meeting
4	Labor Day
4	Labor Day Parade
15-17	Seton Festival
17	Car Show

December	
3	Knight's Mass
5	Officers Meeting
13	Business Meeting
20	Assembly Meeting*
TBD	Squires Meeting
25	Christmas Day
31	New Year's Eve
10	3rd Pancake Breakfast

March	
4	Knight's Mass
6	Officers Meeting
14	Business Meeting
21	Assembly Meeting
25	Squires Meeting
2	3rd Fish Fry
9	4th Fish Fry
16	5th Fish Fry
17	St Patty's Party
23	6th Fish Fry
25	Palm Sunday
29	Holy Thursday
30	Good Friday
31	Easter Vigil
	Triduum

June	
3	Knight's Mass
5	Officers Meeting
13	Business Meeting
20	Assembly Meeting
—	Squires Meeting
14	Flag Day
17	Father's Day

December 2017	
3	Knight's Mass: 9:30 am
5	Officers Meeting: 7:30 pm
13	Business Meeting: 7:30 pm Rosary at 7:00 pm
20	Assembly Meeting: 6:30 Social/7:30 Meeting
TBD	Squires Meeting: 12:30 pm
25	Christmas Day
31	New Year's Eve
10	3rd Pancake Breakfast w/Santa



January 2018	
2	Knight's Mass: 9:30 am
7	Officers Meeting: 7:30 pm
10	Business Meeting: 7:30 pm Rosary at 7:00 pm
17	Assembly Meeting: 6:30 Social/7:30 Meeting
28	Squires Meeting: 12:30 pm
1	New Year's Day
15	MLK Birthday
21	4th Pancake Breakfast w/Santa

Comments or Articles
 Jesus Garcia
 Phone: (614) 577-9016
 Email: jvlag3@ameritech.net



Articles due by the 25th
 of each month

It is that Time of Year

2018 Dues statements will be mailed in December - Your prompt replies are appreciated

Thanks as always,

Frank Hare

Financial Secretary

Prayer Corner

Maureen Patterson, Jim Patterson, Bill Sauer, Carrie Ebert, Jack Bertucci, Irene Mendygral, Manuel Garcia, Caroline Hare, Joie Petersen, Don Miller, Ryan Schneider, Terry Joos, Bud Joos, Gene Ebert and the Thesing Family

We also pray for our first responders (Police and Fire), our Military and Our Priests and religious.

2016/17 Council Officers	
Chaplain	chaplain@kofc11187.com
Fr. Jim Klima	(614) 833-0482
Grand Knight	grandknight@kofc11187.com
Michael Kohar	((740) 601-3232
Deputy Grand Knight	deputygrandknight@kofc11187.com
Jimmy Smithberger	(740) 862-4052
Chancellor	chancellor@kofc11187.com
Thom Laughery	(614) 837-3623
Advocate	advocate@kofc11187.com
Ralph Blamer PGK, PFN	(614) 432-6310
Financial Secretary	financialsecretary@kofc11187.com
Frank Hare	(740) 964-3580
Treasurer	treasurer@kofc11187.com
Dan Murphy	(614) 860-9488
Recorder	recorder@kofc11187.com
Vince Pulles	(614) 321-4395
Warden	warden@kofc11187.com
Gene Ebert	(614) 833-9643
Inside Guard	insideguard@kofc11187.com
Mike Yost	(614) 562-3798
Outside Guard	outsideguard@kofc11187.com
Jason McCarley	(614) 759-1705
3 Year Trustee	trustees@kofc11187.com
Mike Sillings, PGK	(614) 920-4102
2 Year Trustee	
George Schneider, PGK, PFN	(614) 579-9246
1 Year Trustee	
Jesus Garcia, PGK, PFN	(614) 577-9016
Lecturer	lecturer@kofc11187.com
Francis "Bud" Joos, PGK	(614) 837-7211
Membership	membership@kofc11187.com
Shawn Roberts	(614) 397-5798
Publicity	publicrelations@kofc11187.com
Mike Sillings, PGK	(614) 920-4102
Magnet Sales	
Mark Newhouse	(614) 920-1632
Measure UP	
Francis Nappo	(719) 291-2966
District Deputy	ugotme2@icloud.com
Bill Merriman	(614) 397-5745
Field Agent	michael.williams@kofc.org
Michael Williams	(614) 452-0492