



The Carpenter

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Happy New Year to all our Brothers!!

Grand Knight's notes ...

Dear Brother Knights,



We are a Brotherhood. On December 14th we lost the first Brother Knight of our Council, Wally Cooper. We were notified just prior to our meeting that his condition had taken a turn for the worse and we offered our prayers for him in the Good of the Order, at 11 pm he passed away surrounded by his family.

Wally was an exceptional and special person not only to our Council but to our Parish. He was a long time parishioner of this parish and served in many capacities. He was the official greeter of strangers to the parish and always found a common connection with the ones he met.

I had the privilege of standing guard at his Wake. I was impressed by the number of people attending the service. Several of the mourners related to the family their wonderful memories of Wally and his gift of graciousness. He certainly left a legacy of a saintly person.

The Wake was attended by nearly 30 Brothers of the Order and at the Mass there were 12 men on the Altar, all Brothers of the Order. Our Brotherhood needs to carry on the legacy of Wally. I would challenge each one of us to in some way pick up where Wally left off. When we meet a stranger in Church, let us introduce ourselves and make them feel welcome.

Please keep the family of Wally Cooper in your prayers during this difficult time.

Rest in peace our good and faithful servant, Sir Knight Wally Cooper, we will miss you.

Vivat Jesus,
Jeff Fisher

In Memoriam



**Wally Cooper
1925-2011**

Council 12772 lost a dear beloved Brother on December 14 when Wally Cooper passed away.

Known in our parish as the "Monsignor", Wally was a 4th Degree Knight and was a regular participant in many Council meetings and events. He also served numerous Council officer positions and was named Knight of the Year.

Wally was named Catholic Man of the Year for the Columbus Diocese in 2007, and served as Sacristan for our 10:30am masses at the PAC.

God speed, Wally, and may our love go with you to your place in Heaven.

Don't let surprises get you; protect your family with K of C life insurance



Buying life insurance is something that's easy to put off until tomorrow. And with the busy lives we all lead, tomorrow can easily become next week, next month, or even next year. For the sake of those you love, don't let that happen.

I consider it my fraternal obligation to make sure that every Knights of Columbus member has the opportunity to protect his family with the Order's top-rated insurance products.

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November Business Meeting notes

Grand Knight's Report:

- Keep Wally Cooper in your prayers
- Photos by Todd Thobe at Pancake Breakfast with Santa appeared to bring in more people (photo frames were donated by Jeff Fisher)
- Decided to not have pancake breakfast in 1/12.
- 2nd/3rd degree at the Hilton at Easton on 1/8/12
- Need a new framed picture of the Pope at the PAC (as suggested by Dennis Grose)

Treasurer's Report:

- Reported current balance; still maintaining balance at old bank to cover outstanding checks. Noted outstanding bills yet to be paid.
- Pancake breakfast netted \$434.50.
- Bills paid for Annual Assessment, soccer balls, postage, Sunday Bulletin ad, printing and supplies, basketballs, and gift certificate for Steve Golden's time.

Financial Secretary Report:

- Sending out bills for 2012 membership dues
- Consider giving to "Gimme Five" - it benefits Special Olympics of Union County

Program Committee Report:

- 850 points to date, after approval of 2 activities—donation to support 3 families for Christmas, and sponsorship of Sarah Reinhart's book signing.

Insurance Field Agent Report:

- Free throw contest scheduled for 1/7/12 from 10:30-2:00 pm @ JAHS auxillary gym; volunteers still needed; 2/12/12 is the district contest at St. Mary's in Delaware

New Business:

- Motions passed to 1) pay \$189 for books "A Well Built Faith" by Joe Popavich for the RCIA program, 2) pay \$250 toward sponsorship of 15th annual Men's Catholic Conference, 3)

not to renew the \$100 Building Fund contribution after December, and 4) contribute \$96 for 1st Degree ceremonial props.

- Will reevaluate Building Fund contribution when new campaign is started.

4th Degree Report:

- All Brothers invited to 1/28/12 potluck dinner and dance after 4:30pm mass at the OLL hall in Marysville.

District Deputy Report:

- We should consider sponsoring the RSVP program in the future because it supports our priests.
- Noted 1/27/12 Clergy Who Cook dinner @ Josephinum

Good of the Order:

Wally Cooper
 Mary Ann Peiffer
 Jim Dvorsky
 Cecil Gillen
 Ed Chuha
 Daniel Donovan
 Kenneth and Josie Lester (RIP)
 Slots family
 Barb Lord
 Members of the military
 Chuck and Alta Woodruff

Marysville Assembly 3157 invites all Council Brothers and wives to a Winter potluck dinner

On January 28, 2012, the Archbishop Fulton J Sheen Assembly 3157 will host a potluck Winter Dinner Party after the 4:30 Mass in Falvey Hall at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Marysville.

It will be a potluck dinner and we are encouraging **all council brothers and their wives from both the Marysville and Plain City councils** to attend and get better acquainted. Please note, this party is open to **ALL** Brother Knights, **NOT just Fourth Degree members.**

So that we have an accurate count for the potluck dinner, **please RSVP to** Duane Lord at forlord@hotmail.com or 937-644-8472

January Birthdays/Anniversaries

<i>Knights</i>		<i>Children</i>	
Kevin Thelen	1/8	Elizabeth Reinhard	1/1
Todd Thobe	1/17	Morgan Thobe	1/6
Kevin Donovan	1/18	Marilyn Wright	1/7
John Steadman	1/21	Elizabeth Ernst	1/8
Gregory Adams	1/24	Bridget Schurman	1/18
Mark Walden	1/25	Melissa Stransky	1/19
<i>Spouses</i>		Josh Stransky	1/19
Sarah Reinhard	1/10	Mary Melliore	1/29
Susan Ehlen	1/13	<i>Wedding Anniversaries</i>	
Jill Will	1/18	None on Record	
Jennifer Donovan	1/19		
Jennifer Peck	1/27		
Denise Brickner	1/31		

January Dates to Remember

Jan 1	New Year's Day	Jan 25	8:00pm K of C Officers meeting—Church
Jan 18	8:00pm K of C Business Meeting—Church		

Notes from the Pastor and his staff ...

Being Misunderstood

By Sarah Reinhard



It's hard, being misunderstood. Between my children and my friends, I'm not sure I'm ever really understood. As a writer, this can be especially challenging: I write something that's meant to be inspiring and uplifting, demonstrating how my challenges have led me to Christ, and...that's not how it's received.

We all face misunderstandings of various shapes and sizes. Sometimes, it's just the person at the drive-through. Other times, it's a long-standing family grievance.

There's one place we can rest assured of always being understood, and that's with God. Spend some time, this month, in his presence. Take advantage of our Eucharistic Adoration program to go and really be with Jesus, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. Give yourself the New Year gift of understanding from the One who made you.

You can read more of Sarah's musings at her blog, SnoringScholar.com.

Fr. Pat chimes in ...



Every New Year, we stop to look back at the past year. We count our blessings. We recall our successes. We might even stop to consider our failures and sins. Our history is important. It tells us a lot about who we are as a people. We stand on the shoulders of those who went before us. That certainly is true at St. Joseph. In a few short years our Knights have built a reputation of excellence and the parish has been greatly blessed by those efforts. Thanks to each one of you who have made a difference.

We also look forward to the challenges and opportunities of the new year. While we will be engaged in the process of planning for a new church building, we must keep up the standard of excellence we have established. In planning for 2012, we must keep family life as our priority. What you do to strengthen your families will be a blessing to the whole parish. Make your resolution to grow in faith as a holy family.

***May you be in Heaven a long time
before the Devil knows you're dead!***

Council's *Pancakes with St. Nick* a huge hit with Parish families

Council 12772 brothers staged a very successful pancake breakfast on December 10. The event featured good old St. Nick, who posed for photos while listening to the kids' wish lists for Christmas. More than 100 attended, with a team of 18 Brothers serving up pancakes and sausage, along with all the toppings and beverages.

Brother Todd Thobe arranged a full photography studio in one of the PAC classrooms, featuring a living room/fireplace backdrop for Santa's chair; some 50 framed photos were sold to eager parents and grandparents.



Brothers Dominic Miller, Hess, Jarrell and Deacon Tony mug for the camera.



Brother Chris Miller serves up breakfast for St. Nick before he meets his eager children.



Part of the early morning crowd enjoys their breakfast; kids were not bashful about coming back for seconds.



Brother Needham mixes up a batch of batter, closely supervised by Brother Miller.



Santa poses with friends as Sharon Thobe controls the computer and photo printing operations.



Sixteen Council Brothers pose with St. Nick. Not present for the photo were brothers Fisher and Corbitt.

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I'll work with you to put a plan in place that will help your family when that help is most needed.

We all know someone whose health, instantly and seemingly out-of-the-blue, changes. You may think this can't happen to you. Think again. And keep in mind that no one will ring a bell warning you that your health is about to change. Medical technology has turned many diseases previously termed "death sentences" into very treatable conditions.

What medical advances haven't changed, however, is that being diagnosed with one of these diseases will dramatically affect your ability to purchase life insurance coverage.

Don't wait until it's too late.

Your Knights of Columbus insurance program is second to none. Knights of Columbus life insurance represents a safety net for Catholic families that's unsurpassed, and I'm proud of that. I'm also concerned. Why? Because so many of our brother Knights have no life insurance with the Order.

I suspect that, for many of them, tomorrow has become next week, next month or next year. Don't be one of them. Don't wait for the bell to ring. It isn't going to.

Please call Mark Mandel at 614-308-2294 or email markmandel@wowway.com. Let's talk.

More Pancake Breakfast with St. Nick photos



Brother Dominic Miller scoops out butter servings for the tables. St. Nick hats were the order of the day for the Knights.



Brothers Ed Chuha and Carl Monnin man the money table while Brother Jim Butler mugs for the camera.



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Council Brothers enjoy Christmas Party at the December Business Meeting

Council 12772 concluded their 2011 business agenda on December 14 with their annual Christmas party in the Church basement meeting room. Twenty brothers attended the meeting, and then enjoyed an array of snacks and beverages to go along with a variety of pizzas.



(l. to r.) Brothers Duane Lord of Marysville Council 5534, District Deputy Terry Fitzpatrick, Jim Butler and Fred LaFrance of Council 5534.



Brothers Mark Mandel, K of C Insurance Field Agent, Jon Santini and Jeff Fisher.



(l. to r.) Brothers Mark Needham, David Harig, Todd Thobe and Jim Slota.



Brothers Dennis Grose and Ed Chuha guard the pizzas.



(l. to r.) Brothers Mike Gorman, Jim Fritter (festooned in his Christmas accessories), and Mike Brickner.



(l. to r.) Brothers Bob Hess, Kevin Donovan, Jon Santini and Dominic Miller.