



# The Carpenter

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## February 2012

### Grand Knight's notes ...

Dear Brother Knights,



The New Year is here and we are nearly through one month. Time certainly has a way of flying by. The Council has grown by a new member, for a total of two for the fraternal year. We are still looking for four more new members and in particular, one for March during our Spring Blitz.

We have reported nearly half of our points for our programs for the year and we are just getting into a busy season of activity reporting.

Fish Fry season kicks off on Friday, February 24 and continues throughout Lent. Mark Needham and Ed Stransky will lead the effort again this year. They will be calling to get your support in making this another successful event. Please see the newsletter for other announcements on other upcoming events.

Lent starts on Ash Wednesday, February 22. One of the aspects of our Council life is to enrich ourselves spiritually. Lent is a season of fasting and penance, and many people choose to give up a favorite food, drink or activity for the duration of Lent, or take on a devotional activity such as charity work, in order to

This year the Council is planning to attend the Catholic Men's Conference on March 3 at the State Fairgrounds. It is a day filled with spiritual enrichment including dynamic speakers, reconciliation and Mass. I look forward to attending this conference with you and joining 1500 other

Please send me an email at [oehn@aol.com](mailto:oehn@aol.com) or call 638-9418 if you are interested in attending.

Vivat Jesus  
Jeff

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



Is your income protected if you become too sick or hurt to work? Your ability to work and earn an income is your most valuable asset. Yet a disability could prevent you from earning that income. Just one year of a disability could eliminate your savings.

I would like to show you that Income Armor, an individual disability income insurance product from the Knights of Columbus, should be a key part of your overall financial plan and family's protection.

If you become too sick or hurt to work, Income Armor provides monthly benefits to help you meet living expenses and maintain your standard of **See Surprises, Page 2**

### December Council Family of the Month

**Ed and Bonnie Chuha**

**Please help us with nominations for Of-the-Year Awards: see Page 6**

### Council Bowling Party, Sunday Feb 12

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### Join your Council Brothers and attend the Catholic Men's Conference, March 3

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## January Business Meeting notes

### Grand Knight's Report:

- GK read the following application for membership: Christopher R. Duckworth. application Accepted.
- Free Throw contest was a success.
- Dominic Miller was taken to his 2nd and 3rd degree @ the Hilton East.
- Dennis Gross says cabinets to be installed next week.
- Pro-Life Essay contest moved to March.
- Need more candidates for membership. Need 4 more and 1 needs to be 39 years old or younger.

### Chaplain's Report:

- Presented a list of upcoming mens' retreats.

### Treasurer's Report:

- Reported current bank account balance.
- CD problem was fixed and moved to the account correctly.
- Outstanding bills listed.
- One outstanding check remains at Heartland Bank; then we can close out account.

Outstanding bills listed: Clergy Dinner table reservation for 8; J.Fisher, flowers for Wally's funeral; John O'Connell, repairing hinges on shed doors; State Farm for K of C insurance; Supreme for per capita tax. All bills approved for payment.

### Financial Secretary Report:

- 1/3 of dues have been paid to date.
- Reminded brothers to fill out survey and turn in asap.
- Our council keeps \$12 from every \$30 paid in dues.

### Program Director Report:

- Family of the month for December is Bonnie and Ed Chuha.
- Activity reports have accumulated 900 points to date.

### District Deputy's report:

- DD Terry Fitzpatrick unable to attend due to wife Lynn's illness. Prayers for her requested.
- Carl Kroskey, Veterans' coordinator, and Bob Neider spoke about doing additional activities for Veterans, such as spaghetti dinner fund raisers, need for volunteers at Chillicothe VA Medical Center, and donating money for helping out-of-work and homeless veterans.
- Council approved donation of \$100 for this cause, and check was presented to Brother Kroskey.

### New Business:

- Mark Needham reminded of Knights' Bowling Party at PC Lanes on Feb 12th. For 2 hours of bowling plus shoes, cost is \$9 per person; Council will pay \$5 and remainder will be donated.
- Mark Walden suggested that Council purchase fold-out Rosary cards; discussion followed, with some objecting to cost. This subject will be discussed further.

### 4th Degree Report:

- Next Exemplification is April 27/28.

### Good of the Order:

Ed Chuha, Veterans, Active Military, Nichol Enuy, Daniel Donovan, Slota family, Harry Gryzeskowiak, Cooper family, Christopher Warren, Soul of Fr. Tom Shonebarger, Barb Lord, Overturning the Roe vs. Wade decision, for all fetuses to go through a natural child birth, Alana Anderson, Soul of Jim Siemer, Lynn Fitzpatrick, Nicholas Vock.

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living. Your monthly benefits help you pay your mortgage and other monthly bills, and help your savings and retirement assets remain intact.

In short, if you have a job and don't have a way to protect that paycheck, you should seriously consider Income Armor today. I look forward to meeting with you.

Call Mark Mandel @614-308-2294 or email [markmandel@wowway.com](mailto:markmandel@wowway.com)

## February Birthdays/Anniversaries

Knights		Children	
Joe Weisburn	2/10	Alyssa Miller	2/8
Jeff Pieper	2/18	Joe Balmert	2/10
		Abigail Powers	2/11
Spouses		Wedding Anniversaries	
Mary Hofbauer	2/9	Bob & Lisa Hess	2/2
Jodi Santini	2/15	Joe & Deborah Foster	2/18
Gloria Butler	2/23	David & Kathleen Harris	2/27

## February Dates to Remember

Feb 8	8:00pm K of C Business Meeting—Church	Feb 22	7:00pm Mass & ashes—PAC
Feb 22	Ash Wednesday 7:00am Ashes—Church		8:00pm K of C Officers meeting—PAC
	5:30pm Evening Prayer & ashes—Church	<b>Feb 24</b>	<b>5:30pm K of C Fish Fry</b>
		Feb 29	Leap Year Extra Day!

## Notes from the Pastor and his staff ...

### Here Comes Lent!

By Sarah Reinhard



As I usually do this time of year, I've been busy planning for my Lent.

Having a Lent booklet that just came out (*Welcome Risen Jesus*) has probably made me more aware of Lent than usual, but I also attribute it to the variety of Lenten resources that have been coming in for my review.

I'm tempted, as I always am, to make a big list, to seize control of the graces that are just waiting for me, to start with a bang.

The thing is, I know what will happen. Lent is not about *me*, not really. It's about what God has in mind for me.

I am destined to fail. I've come to realize that the truly successful Lent, for me, has to do with accepting the failure of my plans and embracing—or at least accepting—the working of God's plans.

Lent is a busy time for all of you Knights as you prepare for the Fish Fry season and the many other ways you serve our parish during this time of year. Don't forget, in the midst of all the busy, to take some time for silence, so that you don't miss the still, small voice of God, gently leading you in the direction of his many graces.

*You can read more of Sarah's musings and learn more about her other writing at her blog, [SnoringScholar.com](http://SnoringScholar.com).*

### Fr. Pat chimes in ...



Building a new church is more than putting up a new building. The church building reflects the people who will gather there to be the Church. Every project starts with our spiritual foundation. As a people of prayer, we must pray like we believe it makes a difference. It does.

The spiritual foundation of the Knights will be as strong as we individually make it. I have repeatedly stated that Cum Christo is our parish renewal program of choice for leadership in the parish. There are lots of good renewal programs, but Cum Christo teaches a method of personal renewal that benefits the person and the parish.

A spiritually strong council is a blessing for the whole parish. I count on each of you to build up the Church.

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

## Council 12772 and 11224 combine for a great Free Throw Contest

Council 12772 joined with Council 11224 of West Jefferson to conduct a Free Throw contest on January 8 at Jonathan Alder High School. A total of 42 youth, 24 boys and 18 girls, competed for Knights-of-Columbus basketball prizes in five age groups ranging from 10 to 14. The youth represented two different athletic associations. Therefore enabling a completion between the two associations.



Manning the sign-in desk were (r. to l.) Karen and Jim Fritter of our Council, and Skeeter Nelson and Matt Huffman from Council 11224.



Brother Mark Needham of our Council prepares a scorecard for the next shooter.



One contestant happily watches his free throw shot fall through the net.



Deacon Tony (l.), Mark Needham (r.) and Mike Heinhard of Council 11224 watch a contestant shoot a free throw.



Council 11224 Grand Knight Mark Taylor and our own GK Jeff Fisher pose with two of the winners.



Mark Needham, Deacon Tony and Mike Reinhard watch a girl contestant shoot her free throw.

## State Activity Points progressing, but we need NEW MEMBERS!

Our Activity points are steadily accumulating. To date, we have 14 activities approved, worth 750 points. Three more events, worth another 150 points, are pending and will put us up to 850 points. We will see another large increase when all the Of-the-Year Awards are established.

**What we need to achieve our Star Council total of 2,200 points is new members.** Our quota for this year is 6; so far, we have only one who has obtained his 1st, 2nd and 3rd Degrees. A second new member was approved at the January Business meeting.

We must have the 6 required members signed up and their 1st degree completed by May 1 to earn our Membership Activity points.

Many of you know someone who would be a good candidate for Council membership. It's time to approach this person and sell him on the idea of becoming a Knight of Columbus.

## Council Bowling Party, February 12, at the Plain City Lanes, 1:30-3:30pm

The Bowling Party was lots of fun last year and we are repeating again for your enjoyment.

The cost of the event will be covered by the Council and a couple of generous donors, and will include shoe rental and unlimited bowling. Food and drinks will be available for purchase.

Attendance will be limited to K of C Council 12772 Brothers and their immediate families.

**Please RSVP with your name and the number of family members that will be attending by Friday, February 3rd to Mark Needham at [hamms1865@yahoo.com](mailto:hamms1865@yahoo.com) or 614-873-3742.**

## Join your Council Brothers at the 2012 Catholic Men's Conference

This Conference offers a great opportunity for inspiration and fellowship among your Catholic Brothers. It will take place on Saturday, March 3 at the Lausche Building at the Ohio State Expo Center. The day will begin with Adoration and prayer from 6:00am to 7:00am; a Continental breakfast is available from 6:30am.

From 8:00am to 2:45pm, the Conference will include several well-known speakers, a mass celebrated by Bishop Campbell, confessions and lunch.

Details and registration are available on-line at [columbuscatholicmen.com](http://columbuscatholicmen.com) or in brochures at the PAC and church.

**We will gather a group of Council 12772 Brothers to attend this event together. We will meet at the PAC parking lot at 6:00am and carpool to the event. If you can't join the carpool, meet us in the breakfast room sometime after 6:30am.**

**Please email Jeff Fisher at [oehn@aol.com](mailto:oehn@aol.com) or call him at 638-9418 if you plan to attend, so we can try to save seats together for everyone.**

**And be sure to wear your Council shirts!**

## Seeking nominations for Council 12772 Of-the-Year Awards

Brothers, here is your chance to weigh in on who you think we should honor for our Of-the-Year Awards. Listed below are the categories and their qualifications we seek. If you would like to put forth a name for any or all of these categories, please e-mail or phone Grand Knight Jeff Fisher ([oehn@aol.com](mailto:oehn@aol.com) or 614-638-9418) or Bob Hess ([hess7762@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hess7762@sbcglobal.net) or 614-876-6995) and submit your nomination.

**Your nomination will be held in strict confidence, and must be submitted by no later than March 1.**

**Knight of the Year:** The highest honor, given to an extraordinary Brother who, as a Knight of Columbus, is always ready to work and to involve himself in parish, pastoral, community, family, youth and other activities.

**Family of the Year:** Someone in our Council who, with his family, stands out for their collective work in the church, council, and community.

**Youth of the Year:** A young man or woman in your parish or community whose efforts stand out, whether he or she is a regular volunteer, a religious and spiritual leader in your parish, an outstanding student, or perhaps a great leader in academic, music or athletic endeavors.

**Chaplain or Religious of the Year:** A Clergyman or Brother who works hard dedicates himself unselfishly to contribute to and support our churches, communities and the Knights of Columbus.

**Volunteer of the Year:** A volunteer who involves himself of his own free will in activities and organizations to selflessly donate time and energy for many causes or for the good of everyone.

**Blue Coat of the Year:** One who serves in a police, sheriff or fire department, or in some other uniformed public capacity to serve and/or protect the community.

**Lady of the Year:** A wife or daughter of a Brother Knight who stands out in the parish or community because of their work and support.