



The Carpenter



Fr. Edward Fitzgerald Council No. 12772; 670 West Main Street; Plain City, Ohio 43064

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Grand Knight's Report

Brothers...



VOTE! It is our patriotic duty as knights to vote. It is our duty as Catholics to find candidates that support our values to defend life. Pray for guidance to pick the best people to lead us and our country.

The last trash pickup will take place next Saturday morning. Contact Mark Needham.

November 20th is the next 2nd and 3rd Exemplifications. If you are a 1st Degree member, you will be receiving a letter and phone call asking you to join us. Please consider making these degrees.

Join us Wednesday November 9th for our business meeting. We will be discussing our Breakfast with Saint Nick and other upcoming events.

Our social meeting for November would fall on the night before Thanksgiving, and **this meeting is cancelled**. We are looking to have a dinner outing for the Council in December.

Happy Hallow's Eve.

Yours in Christ,

Carl Haaser, Grand Knight
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**Meeting Time Notice—November thru April
Meetings begin at 7:00pm**

**Business Meeting, 2nd Wednesday, church
basement; Social Meeting 4th Wednesday, PAC**

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Please Note

**No Social Meeting this month
because of Thanksgiving.**

District Deputy's Report

Brother Knights



Our Fraternal Year continues and so does our District's membership. I am pleased to report that we have over 1000 members in District 49. I am so pleased how well our Councils have continued to grow and provide the charitable activities to your Parish and community and with God's Blessings these will continue into the upcoming Holiday season.

Our District has been honored to host the upcoming Formation and Knighthood Degree ceremonies (formerly 2 and 3rd degree) on November 20 in Marion. All First Degree Knights are strongly encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity. The candidate call will take place at 11:30 am the St. Mary's School in Marion and the ceremonies will conclude by 3:30 pm.

Please contact your Grand Knight for further information. It is important that we support this event and we express our gratitude to the Marion Council for hosting.

Vivat Jesus,
Jeff Fisher

**Council distributes 6 dozen Coats
for Kids to 4 schools—see Page 5**

Send a greeting to our adopted Seminarian:

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October Business Meeting Notes

Meeting was called to order at 8:00PM. Opening prayer by GK Carl Haaser. Previous Minutes approved. No corrections needed. New Member admission for Kevin Shilling. 1st reading approved.

Grand Knight Report

- Last Month's 1st degree ceremony went well. The new format of having the Ceremony before the Social Meeting seemed to work really well.
- October Social Meeting has been moved to Oct. 27th due to a PAC scheduling conflict.
- Football Frenzy tickets on sale. We are 10 short of our Council Goal. Was decided the Council will purchase remaining to meet goal.
- Holy Family Icon will be at St. Joseph for all Masses on the Weekend of Oct 22-23. Knights will lead Processions entering Church. All Knights are asked to wear their Knights shirts and participate.
- Monday Oct 24th Holy Hour at the Church with the Holy Family Icon. This is a family event and all Knights are asked to come and bring their families.

Treasurer's Report

- Current bank balance noted.

Financial Secretary's Report

- \$521.50 deposit for Shirt Orders.
- \$100 Approved for thank-you gift for Sue York.
- \$1440 to Council for Football Tickets.

Program Director Report

- 9 approved activities, 1 pending.
- 6 Boxes of Coats for Kids delivered to Brother Hess. Distribution to schools pending after sorting, and possible cooperation with Council 2603. Used Coat collection is next after VA collection.
- Donations of Household and personal care items for VA Hospital in progress. Boxes at the Church and PAC.

New Business

- Next Trash pickup will be Saturday, Nov 5th, 9:30am meeting at Church basement. New Volunteers welcome.

4th Degree/DD Report

- Audit due Aug 15th.

- 2nd and 3rd Degree ceremony, Marion November 20th. Contact GK Carl Haaser if you or someone you know is interested.

DD Report

- 2nd/3rd Degree Ceremony to be at St. Andrew on October 30.

Good of the Order

Sharon Thobe, Joe Achter, 1st Communicants, Soul of Deacon B Davis, Nora Donovan, Mary Jane Ward, Kevin Collins, Soul of Tony Mouhanna, Daniel Donovan, Cliff Riso, Gidget Smith, Soul of Joe Hofbauer, Gloria Butler, Tom Burke, Father Trapp, Lenny D, John Harris, David Harris, Gabe and Zack Kaiser, Soul of Deacon Joseph Checca, Lowell Willeke, Soul of Celestine Ciricon.

Meeting closed and reopened for Kevin Schilling 2nd reading 2nd reading, then adjourned.

Social Meetings a big success



Hats off to GK Carl Haaser for converting our 4th Wednesday "Officers" meeting into a "Social" meeting. This change has brought more brothers together to socialize, and also gives us the opportunity to showcase our Counsel to prospective members.

The September Social meeting followed our Council's 1st Degree Ceremony, where Doug Heindel and Matt Brickner became members of our Council. We welcomed 2 prospective members at the gathering who have since submitted their Form 100.

November Birthdays/Anniversaries

Knights

Scott Corbitt 11/2
 Jeff Fisher 11/5
 Robert Walter 11/17
 Carl Monnin 11/17
 John O'Connell 11/23
 Fr. Pat 11/24
 David Harig 11/25
 Kevin Will 11/28

Spouses

Kim Miller 11/5
 Ann Stransky 11/7

Spouses (cont'd)

Lisa Hess 11/13
 Lori Thelen 11/21
 Amy Wenerstrom 11/23

Children

John Schimmoeller 11/7
 Caroline Timberlake 11/7
 Rex Winner 11/14
 Joseph Reinhard 11/29

Wedding Anniversaries

Bob & Sarah Reinhard 11/29
 Chris & Diane Miller 11/30

November Dates to Remember

Nov 9 7:00pm Business Meeting—Church

Nov 20 Member recruiting after 11:00am Mass—PAC

Nov 24 Thanksgiving Day

The Chat Corner ...

Us Catholics and our Saints

by Lori Crock



On All Saints Day, November 1, we celebrate the men and women of the Church who are saints, whether known or unknown.

It comforts me to know that we have so many holy intercessors who are our spiritual brothers and sisters, asleep in Christ, who intercede on our behalf when we ask for their help.

We should take full advantage of the Communion of Saints as this is a real fellowship that can help us grow in holiness in much the same way we benefit from relationships with fellow Christians in our earthly lives.

The Communion of Saints, according to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 957:

"It is not merely by the title of example that we cherish the memory of those in heaven; we seek, rather, that by this devotion to the exercise of fraternal charity the union of the whole Church in the Spirit may be strengthened. Exactly as Christian communion among our fellow pilgrims brings us closer to Christ, so our communion with the saints joins us to Christ, from whom as from its fountain and head issues all grace, and the life of the People of God itself."

When I converted to Catholicism 31 years ago, I remember being amazed at the lives of the saints, noting how different they all were from each other, yet how they persevered to unite their will with the will of God. My prayer life continues to be strengthened by studying their lives, words and wisdom — and I hope yours does too.

As this Year of Mercy comes to a close on November 20, 2016, I'd like to leave you with this mercy message from St. Faustina Kowalska; she is a saint I go to often for guidance and her Diary is intimate look into her relationship with Jesus. St. Faustina is venerated by the Church as the Apostle of Divine Mercy.

"Everyone in the world can bring mercy. For there are three ways of performing an act of mercy: the merciful word, by forgiving, and by comforting; secondly, if you can offer no word, then pray-that too is mercy; and thirdly, deeds of mercy."

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Our Ways vs. God's Ways

By Deacon Tony Bonacci



Some years ago, I worked with a guy I didn't get along with very well — This person had a different personality, different standards, *and different ways of doing things.*

"IT'S NOT FAIR !", I said to a good friend. "Why did God bring this person into my life right now?!" As we walked along, I pointed out many of the new guy's faults, as I perceived them... My friend listened to my tirade patiently, occasionally offering "a-huh...um-hum." I repeated my complaint even more strongly, **"Why did God bring this person into my life right now?!"** My friend thought a moment and said, "Tony, did you ever consider that *maybe* God brought **you** into his life?!" I'm not sure I understood at that time, but I know now that *"God's ways are not our ways!"*

How often does God offer us something (or someone) so *totally* out of proportion to what we can offer Him? Our ideas of what is "fair" is meaningless to God. *God deals with us in ways very different from our ways of dealing with each other!*

It's true! *"God's ways are not our ways; God's generosity and goodness is OUTRAGEOUS; and by our standards, "unfair." But God is master of His gifts!*

The *challenge* to us is something grand - to *make our ways more like God's ways*: by trying to be *less judgmental* of others; by our *generosity* to others; by trying to see each other as one of God's children.

It's a tough business to imitate the generosity of God. It takes **Faith**, it takes **Courage**, it takes **Patience**. But it's all made easier by **Love** — *Christ-like love* — unconditional and non-judgmental...

Blessings,
Deacon Tony

Council and Parish celebrate Holy Family image with prayer service



Recognizing the vital role of families in the world, the Knights of Columbus dedicated its 17th Orderwide prayer program to the Holy Family, with the intention of strengthening Catholic families and their prayer lives.

The featured image for this program is an etching of the Holy Family by Giovanni Balestra (1774-1842). The original etching is housed in the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family in Rome. Copies of this image are currently on pilgrimage from council to council throughout each jurisdiction. Our Council 12772 hosted one of the Images on October 22-24, with Council Knights processing with it at each regular weekend Mass, and also at the special Prayer Service on October 24.

The Order's first prayer program featuring a sacred image was held in 1979, honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas. Over the years, the Blessed Mother has been honored by her Knights under her various titles, including: Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Our Lady of Czestochowa, Our Lady of Pochaiv, Our Lady of the Assumption, Our Lady of the New Advent, Our Lady of the Rosary, and Our Lady of Charity. Images of the Divine Mercy have also been featured, and the Holy Family was chosen once before, in 1993-94, for the International Year of the Family. These Orderwide, rosary-based programs have brought together more than 17 million participants for some 147,000 prayer services conducted at local councils and parishes.

The Holy Family Prayer:

Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of our family. Enlighten our hearts and minds that we may live more fully this vocation to love. In our daily life and work, may we reflect the self-giving love which you, O Father, eternally show with your Son and the Holy Spirit.

Let your love be evident in the peace that reigns in our home and in the faith we profess and live. May our family always be a place of generosity, understanding, forgiveness and joy. Kindly give us the wisdom and courage to be witnesses to your eternal design for the family; and grant that the Holy Family of Nazareth may always guide our path to holiness as a family.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.



Council delivers six dozen Coats for Kids to 4 schools in 2 Counties

Brothers Jim Bradley, Phil Powers and Bob Hess spent the morning of October 25 delivering 6 boxes of Coats for Kids to schools in Madison and Franklin Counties.

The coats were purchased from K of C Headquarters under a national program to help keep disadvantaged kids warm in winter. Deliveries were made to Plain City Elementary (6 coats), Monroe Elementary (29 coats), and Canaan Middle School (13 coats) in Madison County, and to Finland Elementary School (24 coats—funded by a private donation to our Council) in south Columbus. In each case, a high percentage of the families of students at these schools are at or below poverty level. The staffs at each school were delighted to receive these coats and expressed their sincere thanks to our Council for our efforts.

Plain City Elementary School



Canaan Middle School



Monroe Elementary School



Finland Elementary School



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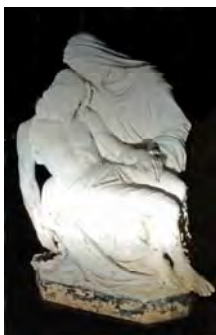
And when the Last Day comes, we shall be judged from this, and on this basis we shall receive the eternal verdict." (1157-1158, page 424.)

Blessings,
Lori

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Mary and Jesus Statue donated to the Parish

A statue of Mary and Jesus (similar to the famous *Pieta* in the Vatican City) has been donated by the Mouhana family. The statue was removed from the family property and transported to its temporary home in a storage shed outside of the PAC by Council Brothers Jim Butler, Scott Corbitt, Chris Miller, Todd Thobe and Robert Timberlake.



Brothers Butler and Timberlake tear down the stonework of a grotto which housed the statue.

Council participates in Holiday Party at the VA Medical Center

Our Council 12772 was well represented at the annual Holiday Party at the VA Medical Center in Chillicothe OH on Saturday, October 29. Six Brothers helped to transport a generous quantity of toiletries and other person goods for the veteran patients at the hospital. The items were distributed and then the patients enjoyed a hot lunch, followed by bingo games.



Council 12772 brothers making the trip were (l. to r.) GK Carl Haaser, Phil Powers, Ed Stransky, Bob Hess, Jon Santini and Jon Santini III.



GK Carl Haaser helps to sort out and arrange thousands of collected items from a number of parishes and Councils before filling bags for the patients.