



The Carpenter



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Grand Knight's Report

Brothers...



I hope you had a great Thanksgiving. We all have much to be thankful.

Besides all the usual, God, family & business opportunities, I have to say a big "Thank you" to you, Brothers.

Two years ago, I visited a meeting to say "hi" and introduce myself as a new transfer coming in. By the next June I was asked to lead this great Council. I accepted this position with the promise that I would get a lot of help from you to do the things needed and keep me informed of upcoming events and I would lend my experience as a Grand Knight. It's been a good combination so far. You all have been very kind to introduce yourselves to me (many times patiently as I try to remember names and faces). So, again I thank you for all you do.

Now we are in Advent preparation to celebrate the birth of our Savior. I urge you to participate in the Advent events at St Joseph's Church. Our goal is to be better men, husbands and fathers. To attain that goal the easiest way, we need to be better Catholics and Christians. Preparing with prayer and participation gets us to all the goals we set.

Now to the December events:

- **Saturday, December 3, 8-11am:** Breakfast with St. Nick. We'll need some cookers, servers
- See Grand Knight's Report, Page 4**

**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 Christmas.

District Deputy's Report

Brother Knights

As we enter the season of Advent and the end of 2016, I ask each Knight to reflect on the blessings and accomplishments we as a group of like-minded Catholic men have achieved over the past year. I applaud each of you for your living actions reflecting the precepts of our Faith and Order.



I have included in my final DD report of the year the following article published by Supreme on our opportunities in Keeping Christ in Christmas at home and in our parish:

The birth of our Lord Jesus Christ brought a great illumination of hope into the world. Knights See District Deputy's Report, Page 4

Council receives Star Council Award



Grand Knight Carl Haaser receives our Star Council Award plaque to from District Deputy Jeff Fisher

Send a greeting to our adopted Seminarian:

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November Business Meeting Notes

Meeting was called to order at 7:00PM. Opening prayer by GK Carl Haaser. Previous Minutes approved; no corrections needed.

Welcome back to recent Military retiree Mike Bertorello; new member Doug Heindell, and newest 1st Degree Knights, Kevin Schilling and Samuel Dennis.

Grand Knight Report

- November and December Social Meetings are both canceled due to the Holiday season.
- Thank You note from Right to Life for all out support, friendship and further donations.
- Plain City Food Bank sent a note of thanks for our donations and stated that future donations and volunteers always welcome.
- Monday November 21st, Diocese Education Dept. and Bishop, evening of open house, refreshments and thanks; invitations to come.

Treasurer's Report

- Current bank balance noted.
- \$5,000 donation has established a Knights Scholarship fund.
- \$100 Sue York gift outstanding.

Financial Secretary's Report

- \$250 matching Funds paid out.
- \$65.55 paid to John Ciuca for 1st Degree refreshments.
- \$1,300 paid to Supreme for Coats for Kids.
- \$250 approved for 1st Pennies from Heaven turn in.

Program Director Report

- 12 approved activities, 5 pending (now approved).
- Coats for Kids distribution successfully made at Plain City, Monroe and Finland Elementary, and Canaan Middle Schools. Note of thanks read from Finland School Principal.
- Council voted to continue highway rash pickup program; awaiting communications from the State.
- Used Kids' Coats collection boxes now in place at the Church and PAC.

New Business

- Next Trash pickup will be Saturday, Nov 5th, 9:30am meeting at Church basement. New volunteers welcome.
- Pancakes with St. Nick scheduled for Sat. December 3rd. 8-11am. Santa covered (Dennis Grose) but need volunteers for setup and cleanup. Wear Knight shirts and come

out and help.

- New member Kevin Schilling has donated another basket for the Caps and Corks night. Approved to donate \$25 plus Fish Fry vouchers for his basket. Council thanked Brother Kevin.
- Brother Scott Corbit is donating all the beer for the event. Thank you Scott.
- Volunteer needed to help pour beer at the event, November 18th.
- \$50 donation to Right to Life approved,
- Memorial Mass dates are being discussed; looking at February timeframe.
- Midnight Mass needs servers and helpers.

4th Degree Report

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

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- Star Council plaque presented to GK Car Haaser.

Good of the Order

Sharon Thobe, Joe Achter, 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, Soul of Lowell Willeke, Soul of Celestine Ciricon.

December Birthdays/Anniversaries

Knights		Spouses (cont'd)	
Bob Neider	12/2	Doris Garnett	12/24
Phillip Lashley	12/8	Trish Haaser	12/25
Mark Mandel	12/9	Children	
Michael Brickner	12/12	Andrew Corbitt	12/1
Carmine Spada	12/12	Daniela Spada	12/1
David Seciliot	12/14	Evaleigh Garnett	12/6
Sean Martin	12/23	Annarose Timberlake	12/11
Bob Hess	12/27	Gabrielle Bertorello	12/13
Stewart Wenerstrom	12/28	Jeremiah Peck	12/14
Dominic Miller	12/28	Maggie Schurman	12/16
Jim Bradley	12/28	Elisabeth Powers	12/19
Gerald Hare	12/31	Michelle Thelen	12/27
Jon Santini	12/31	Wedding Anniversaries	
Spouses		Mike and Lois Thiergartner	12/3
Nancy Collins	12/6	David & Sandy Klinker	12/5
Debbie Foster	12/15		

December Dates to Remember

Dec 3 Pancakes with St. Nick	Dec 24 4pm Mass—Church; 4pm 7 6pm masses—PAC
Dec 14 7:00pm Business Meeting—Church	Dec 25 12am Mass—Church; 10am Mass—Church

The Chat Corner ...

Being More Child-like this Advent Season

by Lori Crock



The Church offers us different seasons which are beautiful opportunities to grow in faith and in our relationship with God.

As we begin Advent, my prayer is to be more child-like and to approach the season in a spirit of simplicity and joy.

This can be a challenge with all of the wonderful activities and preparations during the Advent season that culminate in our celebration of the Eucharist on Christmas.

St. John Vianney paints a beautiful picture of our our child-like relationship with God the Father.

"When God sees us coming to him in prayer, he leans his Heart down very low to his little creature, like a father who bends down to listen to his child when it speaks to him."

Just like any loving and patient father, God eagerly waits for us to call out to him with our cares and concerns, in thanksgiving, and in intercession for our beloved family and friends. We can talk to God about anything and our time with him strengthens us in ways that we can't comprehend.

Advent is a perfect time to renew our father-and-child relationship with God by simply resting in his loving arms through prayer.

"God gave himself to you. Give yourself to God."
~Blessed Robert Southwell

Blessings,
Lori

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Christ in Our Midst

By Deacon Tony Bonacci



"...whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me."

This time of year, we usually feel warm and generous. It's Christmas time! At the Holy Family Soup Kitchen on S. Grubb St., at Inner City Ministries on the corner of S. Souder & Sullivant, at the J.O.I.N. building on E. Main St, at the Holy Rosary Soup Kitchen on S. Ohio Ave, and even here in Plain City at the old elementary school, we find people reaching out to the "*least*" of our brothers and sisters, not just at Christmas time, but all through the year!

On the recent feast of Christ the King, we heard Jesus *identifying* with "the least" - the hungry, the thirsty, the homeless, the sick, the imprisoned... He tells us that ***He is in our midst!*** ***Christ the King asks us to minister to Him!***

Where do we start? The tougher question: **when** is there time? (We have jobs, children, homes to maintain, shopping, cleaning, cooking, games, plays, concerts, practices...)

How about this... **once a week**, we reach out to a neighbor, or a co-worker, or someone at school, or a stranger, who is hurting, or lonely, or sick, or mourning; maybe just a phone call or a card or a listening ear... we get involved a little... we offer a kind word, a ray of hope; we reach out to ***Christ in our midst!***

Loving service to those in need is service given to Christ Himself!

And here's the best part: ***Loving service to those in need is a way to experience Christ in our midst!***

This month, we welcome Him as the babe at Christmas. It's a good time to ask ourselves, "**How** does Christ the King want **me** to minister to Him? **WHO IS HE** in **my** life?"

WHAT REALLY MATTERS in this world is FAITH, FAMILY, FRIENDS, and HELPING ONE ***See Christ in our Midst, Page 4***

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and cleanup crew.

- **Wednesday, December 14, 7:00 pm:** Business meeting. I will be asking the Council for some help on decisions. Come and give us your opinion or counsel.
- **Saturday, December 24, Midnight Mass:** Our Council will be supplying all ministers for the Midnight Mass celebration. Let Todd Thobe know if you can help. There are a couple of positions still needed.
- **Wednesday, December 28: Social Meeting - Cancelled.**

Start thinking of your New Year's resolutions. I hope one of them is to get more involved with your K of C Council. **Also, if you are a 1st Degree member, make your resolution to become a full 3^d Degree member of this Council in 2017.**

Yours in Christ,

Carl Haaser, Grand Knight

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of Columbus and their families throughout the Order are invited to help spread the light of Christ each Advent by lighting and blessing a Nativity scene and/or Christmas tree, either at your parish, or in an approved public location. Aside from the ceremonial lighting of the Christmas tree, other activities can include caroling, collecting clothing and food for the needy, or serving snacks and refreshments for a parish family social.

If your council has not participated in the past, this is the year to start a great tradition and help spread the joyful tidings of Christmas with brother Knights, family and friends.

Encourage all members to display a Nativity scene on their property or at their businesses this Christmas season.

Offer to help your parish or another parish in need prepare for Christmas through cleaning, repairing, or providing decorations or flowers.

The joy of Christmas is to be shared by all, and the true joy comes from the birth of Jesus! Celebrate the season with your family and council members in the manner it was intended, by keeping Christ in Christmas!

Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year!

Vivat Jesus,
Jeff Fisher, DD

Council 12772 Brothers complete final Rt. 42 highway clean-up for 2016

Shown above are the Brothers who participated in this final effort for 2016: Back row (l. to r.) Joe Foster, Mark Collins, Joe Campbell, Mark Needham, Phil Powers, & Jim Schwope. Front row (l. to r.) Ed Stransky, Jim Fritter & Mark Walden.

Used Coats for Kids collection off to a good start

Our Council project to collect used coats for kids in needy areas is producing results. As of November 29, 23 jackets have been collected, with more to be expected in the coming weekends.

The project is headed up by Brother Mike Bertorello, who recently retired from active duty with the US Army. Mike triggered this effort last year when 35 used kids' coats were distributed at local elementary schools.

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ANOTHER! - And this is exactly what we need to carry on! **Experiencing Christ in our midst** gives us the *power*, the *strength*, and the *grace* we need to carry on!

As Bishop Campbell once said to our Confirmandi, "The first time Jesus came, He came as a babe; will we recognize Him when He comes again? Learn to recognize Him," he said, "in the faces of those in need."

Blessings,
Deacon Tony

K of C Council and Parish active in Prison Ministries

“...I was in prison and you visited me.” *Matthew 25:36.*

Taking Christ's message to imprisoned men and women is a rewarding challenge, and St. Joseph Parish actively pursues this mission in two directions.



Brother Jim Dvorsky lays out a tray of cookies for a Kairos weekend

First, three of our Council 12772 brothers, Jim Dvorsky, Dennis Grose and John O'Connell, are part of a greater effort of other parishes and churches called *Kairos*, a Greek word meaning "God's special time". The *Kairos* program delivers the Lord's love to prisoners in the Marion Correctional Institution twice a year on scheduled weekends. Our Brothers participate in this ministry which includes prayer, scripture and open discussions about faith. These sessions are facilitated with cookies, termed "Jesus Cookies". On a typical *Kairos* weekend, every resident and staff member at the facility gets at least one dozen Jesus Cookies, and this requires a total of some 8,000 dozen cookies to be contributed by the various participating teams on each *Kairos* weekend.

Our K of C Council 12772 supports our *Kairos* Brothers with an annual monetary donation. Council Brothers are also invited to make their own individual cash or check donations; checks should be made out to **Kairos of Ohio**.

St. Joseph Parish prison ministries also include Renee Dvorsky who, since 2012, has coordinated the *Fresh Start* program related to prisoners in the State Reformatory for Women in Marysville. The *Fresh Start* program, partnering with the Hope Center in Marysville and Kindway/Embark, is a ministry to provide a set of street clothes and a few toiletries to women when they are discharged from prison. Renée's St. Joseph team includes Ashlee Bouic, Dee Dee Bradley, Bonnie Chuha, Karen Fritter, Jan Grose, Lisa Grywalski, and Jessica Schilling. The team works with no budget and relies on donations to do their best to fulfill those needs with clothing and supplies that have been donated.