



The Carpenter



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

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Welcome, new District Deputy Jeff Fisher

Jeff—congrats on your new appointment. Your own Council 12772 pledges to continue our on-going high achievements for the Knights of Columbus, St. Joseph Parish, and the surrounding community.

District Deputy's Report



I hope everyone is doing well and enjoying a safe summer and a great Independence Day. I have just finished a two day introduction to the District Deputy function and responsibilities. I am still trying to put that together. Our Council is a member of District 49 and includes Councils in Marysville, Kenton, Delaware, and Marion. We are searching for a District Warden whose job is to fill in as needed for District Deputy at events like Admissions Degree (formerly "1st Degree" - see P.S. at end of article) and to assist at the installation of officers. I have done this for the **See DD Report, Page 4**

From our Grand Knight

Brothers...



This note will reach you after the July 4th festivities so I wish you a belated happy Independence Day. Our independence day was brought on by people wanting religious freedom from an oppressive monarchy. That's why the Pilgrims ventured out from England so many years ago. Today we see our religious freedoms being chipped away in the form of "rights" and equality.

Our inalienable rights come from our Creator; and those are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of happiness. There is no right TO happiness only the pursuit there of. Just like those who want to change history by claiming that the Constitution **See Grand Knight Report, Page 4**

Meeting Time Notice—May thru October
Meetings begin at 8:00pm

Council Officers for 2016/2017

Grand Knight.....	Carl Haaser
Deputy Grand Knight	John Ciuca
Treasurer	Mark Needham
Chancellor.....	Phil Powers
Recorder	Kevin Donovan
Advocate.....	Jim Fritter
Warden	Joe Ahtner
Inside Guard	John Campbell
Outside Guard	Jim Schwoppe
Trustee 1 st Year	Ed Stransky
Trustee 2 nd Year.....	Jeff Fisher
Trustee 3 rd Year	Bob Hess
(A) Financial Secretary	Todd Thobe
(A) Program Director.....	Bob Hess
(A) Chaplain	Fr. Joseph Trapp
(A) Lector	Deacon Tony Bonacci

Scholarship Competition draws four applicants

Our 2016 Council 12772 scholarship competition has resulted in four students filing applications. A Council committee will evaluate each submittal to assess their response to the essential criteria: the students' academic grades and goals, their career goals, their participation in school, church and community activities, and their financial need.

Up to four scholarships will be awarded by August 1.

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June Business Meeting Notes

Meeting was called to order at 8:00PM. Opening prayer and flag pledge by GK Carl Haaser. Previous Minutes approved. No corrections needed. No New Member nominations.

Grand Knight Report

- GK Carl Haaser expressed his gratitude to the Council for a Good Year.
- GK Carl Haaser suggested new Council T-shirts. Hope to have before 4th July Celebrations.
- Award from Convention for over \$1000 donations for Pennies from Heaven.
- State is working on changing the Per Capita charges. More details pending.

Treasurer's Report

- Current bank balance noted. One outstanding check for \$100.

Financial Secretary's Report

- Bills noted: \$622.50 State per Capita charges; \$60 to St Joseph for Mass offerings; \$15 for convention ads; \$245.06 to GK Carl Haaser for Convention reimbursement; \$29.22 to Jeff Fisher; \$13 to Bob Hess for late Cash Bonanza ticket submittal.
- Measure up payment pending.
- \$290 donation to Special Olympics Madison County.
- Two deceased members removed from the official Council roster.

New Business

- All Officer nominations accepted and unanimously approved.
- New Knights T-shirts approved, price \$15, see Carl for orders.
- August 21st Parish Picnic after 10:30am Mass. Volunteers needed to help cook and to pick up the tent from St. Paul on the 20th. See Carl to help.
- Fr. Trapp's 20th year anniversary as a Priest is June 29th. Gift ideas discussed
- June 25th is the next roadside trash pickup. Contact Mark Needham to volunteer to help.

Unfinished Business

- July 4th Celebration at the PAC: Gates open 5PM. Volunteers needed for trash and parking lot duty. Contact Jeff Fischer to volunteer.

4th Degree/D.D. Report

- Red White and Blue Mass 11:30am Marysville. All 4th Degree members invited.
- K of C Insurance Agent Mark Mandel gave us an insurance benefit review.

Good of the Order

John Harris, Joe Ahtner, Stahler Family, Soul of Jim Visconti, Major Michael Donahue, Mary Jane Ward, Mike Schurman, Soul of Tony Mouhanna, Daniel Donovan, Nora Donovan, Larry Miller, Soul of Joe Hofbauer, Dave Harris, Kelly Obrien, Beverly Cooper, Soul of Joshua Anderson, Kathleen Harris, Mary Sanders, Sharon Thobe, Soul of Bob Owens.

Council Brothers complete second highway clean-up

On Saturday morning, June 25, a team of 8 Council 12772 Brothers completed a litter clean-up along a 2-mile stretch of Rt. 42 north and south of the Rt. 33 intersection.



Those who participated were Jim Fritter, Joe Foster, Carl Haaser, Mark Needham, Mike Peck, Phil Powers, Jim Schwope and Mark Walden.

This on-going project is part of our Council's Community Service efforts and is coordinated **See Highway Clean-Up, Page 4**

July Birthdays/Anniversaries

Knights

Tony Bonacci 7/1
 Tony Mouhanna 7/9
 Eamon Costello 7/13
 David Farrand 7/22
 Thomas Gilles 7/28
 David Kinkler 7/28

Spouses

Ann Ciuca 7/17
 Carol O'Connell 7/20
 Joanne Mandel 7/23

Children

Emma & Brooke Copoly 7/5
 Ben Ciuca 7/8
 Ryleigh Timberlake 7/10
 Kollin Schnieder 7/13

Children (cont'd)

Johnny Campbell 7/14
 Rhys O'Conner 7/24
 Grace Ciuca 7/19
 Ciara Donovan 7/25
 Daniel & Caroline Ciuca 7/28
 Ally Miller 7/29

Wedding Anniversaries

Mike & Kathy Balmert 7/10
 Mark & Kimberly Walden 7/10
 Mark & Debbie Laux 7/16
 John & Jenna Campbell 7/17
 Cole & Emily Blankemeyer 7/18
 Dennis & Jan Grose 7/22
 Mike & Jennifer Peck 7/24
 Eamon & Shelley Costello 7/25

July Dates to Remember

Jul 4 5:00pm Begin July 4th celebration at the PAC.	Jul 27 8:00pm Social Meeting—PAC
Jul 13 8:00pm Business Meeting—Church	

Notes from the Pastor and his flock ...

Peace



I sometimes wonder what it would be like if it was normal in our culture to greet each other with, "Peace be with you!" instead of our standard, "Hi, how are you?"

It would be a wonderful reminder that Christ's peace is always available to us and that we can offer Christ's peace to others any time.

In Matthew 8:23-27, we hear the story of the storm that rocked the boat that contained the disciples and the sleeping Jesus. The disciples became frightened and awoke Jesus in a state of panic. Jesus reminded them to trust and assured them that God cares for all their needs — even if it isn't in the way we expect or according to our timeline.

Truly turning our lives over to God requires a child-like trust that He will care for all of our needs, big and small.

Each of us will face periods of calm and storms in our lives. We can pray for the grace to be peaceful and remain trusting in God's providence and fatherly care in good times and in hard times.

I remember a friend telling me a story about traveling to Italy and having her purse stolen in the airport as she prepared to return home. She said she thanked God for this and then went on to deal with the problem of having no passport— lots of time and inconvenience to be sure!

I was struck by her comment that she thanked God first! Of course she was not happy about the situation, but she remained calm, prayerful and trusted that somehow she would get home. She attended to the details that were required of her because trust in God doesn't mean that we sit back, wait, and do nothing. She knew that Jesus was there with her and she did eventually return home.

Remaining peaceful in the midst of trying circumstances might not be easy, but as people of faith, we are equipped to persevere. We know that Jesus does not abandon us and His friendship brings us a peace that is not of this world.

Peace be with you!

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Fr. Trapp chimes in ...

Fr. Trapp gets a bye this month



July 4th weather clears for picnic and glorious fireworks at the PAC

All day on the 4th, we were glued to our cell phone radar screens hoping to get a break in the continuing flow of stormy weather from the west. With a half-hour to spare, we got the break—and a beautiful rainbow—and so the fireworks show was on. The last-minute weather break caused a backup of late-comers waiting to enter our parking lot. Our concession stand was a big success, with sno-cones being the hottest item, along with hot dogs and brats (thanks, Gene Duran!), popcorn and sodas helping to make up for a failed cotton candy machine. [See Pages 5 & 6 for photos of the event.](#)

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has a “separation of Church and State” clause. Of course there is no such thing. The Constitution forbids the state (Federal government) from forming and ordering all to belong to or believe in a religion. In the early formation of the US several states were “religious”. Maryland was Catholic, New York was Protestant, etc. It was William Penn who realized that keeping a state for one particular religious sect was not good for the economy nor it’s people and persuaded Pennsylvania to be an “open” state. From there, other states realized the errors of blocking people for religious reasons was not in the best interest of that state.

Therefore, in my humble opinion, we as a community should be allowed to determine what is best for us, both economically and in our Faith.

Therefore, I ask that 1) we all pray for our country as we head into this year’s election cycle, and 2) you VOTE! Apparently neither candidate so far is the perfect person to lead us the next 4-8 years but please don’t sit on the sidelines and let someone else determine our leadership. If you don’t vote, you can’t complain to me about the way things are.

I urge you also to support our religious freedom as well as the others that are being attacked. Investigate local, state and federal leaders and what they stand for and vote for the people who align best with your values.

This will be how we, as Knights of Columbus, can continue our Independence Day celebrations.

By the way, if you want a well told story of our National Anthem, enter the link below in your search engine and share it with your kids and grandkids. You won’t find this in any current history books.

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/YaxGNQE5ZLA>

Yours in Christ,

Carl Haaser, Grand Knight
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Highway Clean-Up, from Page 2

by Brother Needham through the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT). We are committed to doing a cleanup 4 times each year for 5 years, and we are now in our 5th year of service on this project.

All participants must view a training/safety video, and ODOT provides safety vests, trash bags and warning signs posted along the work area.

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past year and it is not a very time consuming appointment.

I would like to thank Duane Lord for his service as our District Deputy over the past 4 years and wish him well in his next appointment. The next District meeting is “The Tour” which is July 10th and the Grand Knight, Financial Secretary and Program Director are encouraged to attend. It will give us guidance for the next fraternal year with service programs, fundraising and membership development. I am happy to report that state of Ohio councils donated over \$828,000 during our last fraternal year and have set the goal of \$1 million dollars for this year, and I think we can do it.

I appreciate everyone’s support during this transition, not only as DD but with my change in jobs both occurring on July 1. I have joined the faculty of Ohio University in Dublin’s Physician Assistant Program. I look forward to serving as your DD and if you have any concerns, ideas, and suggestions or would like to be a District Warden, please call or email me.

Vivat Jesus,

Jeff Fisher, DD
District 49, Ohio State Council

P.S. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd degrees have been renamed, taking on their former names of Admissions, Formation, and Knighthood respectively...more to follow.

Photos from the Fireworks at the PAC



A most welcome sight was this rainbow, which appeared about 30 minutes before the fireworks.



Grillmasters were (l.) [Phil Powers](#) (popcorn) and (r.) [John Ciuca](#) (dogs & brats). Other helpers were [Michelle Powers](#), [Jim & Renee Dvorsky](#), [Gene Duran](#), [Joe Achtner & Kate Benson](#), [Jim Schwope](#), [Carl Haaser](#), and [Bob & Lisa Hess](#). [Jeff Fisher](#) served as the main event coordinator.



Business at our concession was brisk after about 7:30pm, with "rainbow" sno-cones (thanks, Renee!) being the hot item.



The faithful attendees took the "it ain't gonna rain tonight" approach and camped out on the lawn. Others stayed near their vehicles just in case.

More photos—see next page.

Photos from the Fireworks at the PAC (cont'd)



Two of the many beautiful starbursts featured in the nearly hour-long display, put on by Rozzi Famous Fireworks of Loveland OH.