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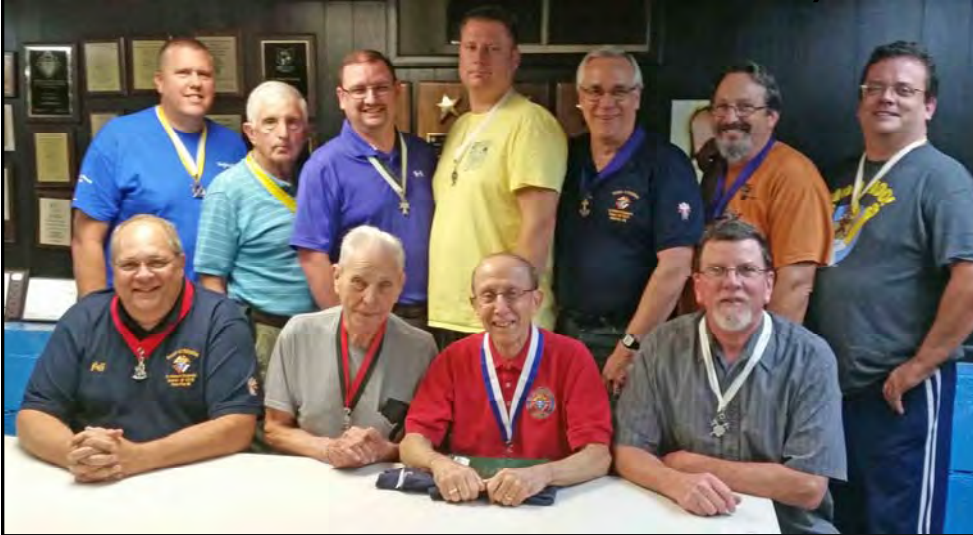
Fr. Edward Fitzgerald Council No. 12772; 670 West Main Street; Plain City, Ohio 43064

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Your Council 12772 Officers for 2016/2017



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

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

**Note: September only—
Business Meeting 3rd
Wednesday**

Next Trash pickup set for September 10

Brother Mark Needham is looking for 8 to 10 volunteers to man the 3rd highway trash pickup on Saturday September 10. Please contact him at hamms1865@yahoo.com if you can help.

L. to r., seated: District Deputy and 2nd Year Trustee Jeff Fisher, Warden Joe Ahtner, Lector Deacon Tony Bonacci, Outside Guard Jim Schwope. L. to r. standing: Financial Secretary Todd Thobe, Advocate Jim Fritter, Chancellor Phil Powers, Inside Guard John Campbell, Grand Knight Carl Haaser, Deputy Grand Knight John Ciuca, Recorder Kevin Donovan. Not present: Treasurer Mark Needham, Chaplain Fr. Trapp, 1st Year Trustee, Ed Stransky. Photo by 3rd Year Trustee and Program Director Bob Hess.

Grand Knight's Report

Brothers...

Well, the kids are back in school (whew!) and we start getting busy with our programs. Here are the highlights for this newsletter:

• Ticket sales – 52 of needed 72 are in. I received 1 unsold ticket back. If you are holding an unsold ticket, **PLEASE** send me the stub with \$20 or the ticket so I can get to others who are looking for more tickets. Make checks to Council 12772, not to me.

• The parish picnic went well but there were fewer people in attendance from last year. A big "THANK YOU" to all of the brothers who helped setup the tent, cook the brats and chicken and take down & clean up. I know it's not our event but without your support it would have been a lot harder on the event manager (Trish).

• I finally got to give Fr Trapp his 21st Anniversary gift from the Council. We had quite a few members there for that event. Father tried on his K of C winter coat and said it fit great!

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Send a greeting to our adopted Seminarian:

Gordon Mott
The Pontifical College Josephinum
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Written and edited by Bob Hess, member of Council No. 12772.
Please send inputs or comments to me at hess7762@sbcglobal.net

August Business Meeting Notes

Meeting was called to order at 8:00PM. Opening prayer by GK Carl Haaser. Previous Minutes approved; no corrections needed. Doug Heindel. 2nd reading approved. 1st Degree date pending.

Grand Knight Report

- Fr. Trapp's anniversary gifts delivered.
- Football Frenzy tickets on sale; 35 sold; half-way to our Council Goal.
- T shirts delivered. Please pick up what you ordered. Extras available for purchase.
- Scholarship Awards have been mailed. congratulations to all the winners.

Treasurer's Report

- Current bank balance noted.
- End of July official audit balance of \$1,380.20, \$245.06 outstanding at the time.

Financial Secretary's Report

- 2016-17 budget passed out for review. Motion made and Budget passed.
- Bills: \$1,200 St Joseph Endowment fund; \$47 GK Carl Haaser, misc. expenses; \$500 Plain City Food Bank; \$70.38 Bob Hess, misc. expenses; \$103.93 Supreme; \$1,200 Scholarship payments; \$240 St. Gabriel Radio.

Program Director Report

- Seminarian Gordon Mott officially approved for our support thru the RSVP program. All are encouraged to send monthly letters of encouragement.

New Business

- Brother Hess requested \$440 for 2 additional boxes of Coats for Kids for Finland Elementary School; cost to be offset by private donation to the Council. Motion passed.
- Rene Dvorsky requested a donation of 35 Bibles for the St. Joseph PSR Program. \$250 Motion approved.
- Sue York has left her position at St. Joseph. Discussed a gift to show her our appreciation. Further discussion at next meeting.

4th Degree/D.D. Report

- Reminder—Audit due Aug 15th.
- 2nd and 3rd Degree ceremony, Marion September 18th. 11:30am Candidate call and 12:00 Ceremony.
- DD conducted installation of 2016/2017 Officers.

Good of the Order

Sharon Thobe, Joe Achtner, Sal LaParo, Soul of Deacon B. Davis, Nora Donovan, Mary Jane Ward, Mike Schurman, Soul of Tony Mouhanna, Daniel

Donovan, Cliff Riso, Suzy Hoy, Soul of Joe Hofbauer, Gloria Butler, Tom Burke, Father Trapp, Lenny D., John Harris, David Harris, Gabe and Zack Kaiser, Lowell Willeke.

District Deputy's Report

Brother Knights



Our summer is slowly ending and fall is right around the corner. It is time to get the council back into full swing. It is great to see so many great activities our councils have finished and plans that have been made for the upcoming months. It is also time to plan for an October new member blitz and I see a 2/3 degree (Formation and Knighthood) will be held on 10/30 and the details are still pending. Let's have a great fall season and enjoy the harvest of the fields with our families.

Vivat Jesus!

Jeff Fisher, DD District 49



Mass Etiquette: 20 Things To Do And Not Do In Mass (here are the first 5)

- Fast before Mass. It is Church law that one fasts for at least 1 hour before receiving Holy Communion. Water and medicine can be consumed, of course. The purpose is to help us prepare to receive Jesus in the Eucharist.
- No Food and Drink in Church. The exceptions would be a drink for small children, water for the priest or choir (if discreet) and water for those who are ill. Bringing a snack into church is not appropriate, because we want to set the

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September Birthdays/Anniversaries

Knights

Mike Thiergarter 9/3
 Andrew Ernst 9/5
 Ed Stransky 9/9
 Chris Miller 9/11
 Jim Butler 9/13
 Glenn Sigler 9/21
 Chad Miller 9/25

Spouses

Sharon Thobe 9/6
 Kimberly Walden 9/8
 Terri Schurman 9/23

Children

Brian Newsome 9/1
 Gretchen Jarrell 9/8

Children (cont'd)

Emily Wenerstrom 9/10
 Victoria Schneider 9/12
 Madeline Weisburn 9/26

Wedding Anniversaries

Brian and Kris Newsome 9/3
 Ed and Ann Stransky 9/4
 Michael and Denise Brickner 9/6
 Dennis and Alexa O'Conner 9/8
 Ed and Bonnie Chuha 9/14
 Mark and Kimberly Caito 9/17
 Glenn and Becky Sigler 9/19
 Joe and Robin Craft 9/23
 Todd & Sharon Thobe 9/27
 Joe & Mary Hofbauer 9/28

September Dates to Remember

Sep 13-15 Parish Mercy Mission—
Church

**Sep 21 8:00pm Business
Meeting—Church**

Sep 28 8:00pm Social Meeting—
PAC

The Chat Corner ...

Getting to Know Ourselves Better

by Lori Crock



I think one of the hardest things to do is to dig deep into ourselves to be truly honest about imperfections that might be keeping us from loving others more perfectly.

Our busy lives can make it easy to ignore or simply not desire to know where we are weak and prone to sin. Taking the time to root out what is keeping us from loving God and loving our neighbor more perfectly is important for our spiritual growth.

We are blessed to have Eucharistic Adoration at St Joseph to be in the silence with our Risen Lord. What a perfect opportunity to ask Him to show us where and how He wants us to grow in perfection!

I attended a mini-retreat recently where the speaker challenged us to read Psalm 139:1-24 daily for 30 days and to ask God to reveal more about ourselves. This has been a fruitful addition to my prayer life and I highly recommend spending some time in prayer with this Psalm.

Psalm 139:1-4

**Lord, you have probed me and you know me:
you know when I sit and when I stand;
you understand my thoughts from afar.
My travels and my rest you mark;
with all my ways you are familiar.
Even before a word is on my tongue,
Lord, you know it all.**

On a personal note, my Mom was in the hospital recently so I spent a lot of time with my Dad who has memory-loss issues. I love him dearly, but I find that I become impatient when he asks me the same questions repeatedly. So before I spend time with my Dad, I pray to the Holy Spirit for the grace to be patient and loving.

I believe that God has answered this prayer because it has become effortless to be more patient with my Dad. I believe that God is doing the work and I am simply cooperating. Thanks be to God!

Trusting in God's providence in our daily lives is sometimes hard and other times easier. It helps to remember that God is with us in all situations patiently waiting for us to ask for His help.

Blessings, Lori

Lori Crock is a wife and mother and St. Joseph parishioner. She can be found online at hollyandhealthycatholic.com, movestrongkbs.com and can be reached at lori@movestrongkbs.com.

What's a PI/PO, GMMW & LMGH Catholic?

by Deacon Tony Bonacci



If you went to church on August 20-21, you know the answer. It's a "**Punch In/ Punch Out, Give Me My Wafer and Let Me Go Home**" Catholic. It's the guy or gal who loyally attends church every week, and that's about it for God and religion.

Oh, wait! - they *might* make an extra effort when something happens, when the going gets rough, when a serious problem comes up, when they really need God...

On Aug.20-21, you also heard, "**A casual relationship with the Lord is not good enough!**" and "**Get into the life of the Church!**" Yes, it's true. You and I need to develop a close, *intimate* relationship with Jesus; He desires it because *He's our brother!* And the best way to do it is to "get into the life of the church."

For some of us, it's Scripture – reading and meditating on His Word. For some, it's getting into an active ministry – lector, minister of the Eucharist, usher/greeter, server, PSR teacher, or youth ministry. Don't say, "It's not for me; I go to church – that's enough." My brothers, **you are the Spiritual Leaders of your family!** What the Dad/father does rubs off on the family! Be an example to your wife and family; be their spiritual leader!

As a Knight of Columbus, you have made a good start. Does your family know what we stand for? Do they know that our two basic tenets are promoting vocations and promoting the right to life? Tell them! Have you considered making a couple or family retreat? Are you planning to attend the upcoming Parish Mission in September? There are many ways to "get into the life of the Church."

Don't be a PI/PO, GMMW & LMGH Catholic!

Peace and blessings to you and yours,

Deacon Tony

Council 12772 facilitates our 2nd annual Parish Picnic

Thanks to GK Carl & Trish Haaser for a great job in organizing this event!



Tent erection crew: (l. to r.) Kevin Donovan, Phil Powers, Dennis Grose, Carl Haaser and Todd Thobe



Our neighbors, the Pleasant Valley Fire Department, opened their fire vehicles for the kids (and grown-ups) to see inside.



A rookie fireman wanna-be tends the hose while the next rookies await their turn, supervised by a real fireman.



Chefs Mike Thiergartner and John Ciuca oversee cooking the brats and dogs while helper Mike Peck looks on.



The weather was perfect for our Parish kids to make liberal use of the PAC playground equipment.

Council Knights continue Pre-Mass Rosary Prayers

Every fourth Sunday before the 8:30am Sunday Mass at St Joseph's Church, your Brother Knights recite one of the mysteries of the Rosary with the congregation. [Mike Balmert](#), [Bob Sievers](#), and [Jim Fritter](#) lead in alternate months.

In addition, [Dave and Kathy Harris](#) lead the Rosary prayers before the Saturday 4:30pm Mass.

All of us find the experience to be deeply satisfying as well as spiritually rewarding. We want to invite other fellow Knights to join us when they can and take advantage of this opportunity to strengthen your faith.

During the rosary, a designated Knight will lead us in the recitation of prayers. Each Knight seems to have an individual style—all of which make it easier to focus our attention on the true meaning of each decade. If you wish to be one of the Rosary leaders, please call [Mike Balmert at 614-777-0831](#). Otherwise, we welcome your participation. The Sunday Rosary starts at 8:00am, and the Saturday Rosary starts at 4:00pm, so there is plenty of time to get ready for Mass. Bring your family as well.

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church apart as a place of prayer and reflection.

- Men take your hats off. It is impolite to wear a hat into a church for a man. While this is a cultural norm, it is one that we ought to follow closely. Just as we take off hats for the Pledge of Allegiance, we do so in church too; as a sign of respect.
- Don't chew gum in church. It breaks your fast, it's distracting, it is considered impolite in a formal setting, and it doesn't help us pray better. Can you imagine the Pope popping gum in during Mass?
- Cross yourself with Holy Water on entering and leaving the church. This is a reminder of our Baptism, which made us members of Christ's Church. Just try to remain mindful of what is happening when you do so, do it while saying a prayer.

...and, by the way ...



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• Fr. Trapp stopped by our social meeting on the 24th at the PAC to thank our Council for our help with the OPcnic and also for our contribution to the Church Endowment Fund. It was well attended and I believe everyone had a good time. Please feel free to stop in with a prospect or family members. This is not a business meeting so anyone can attend. ***We look forward to seeing you at the next social event Sept 28th***

• We will be discussing upcoming events like the collection for the VA Halloween Event in October and Coats for Kids campaign. Save your used coats as we will also be collecting those again this year.

• **Our next 1st Degree will be held in the Church basement on September 21st with a 6:30 call time and starting at 7:00.** The business meeting will follow at 8:00. If you have a prospect you want to join our Council, this will be a good time to pick up a form 100 at the Church or PAC and get it to us prior to the 1st Degree. If you haven't been to a Degree in a while, please come early to support our team and new members.

• The Parish's Cork, Caps and Cuisine evening will be coming up and we will be discussing our involvement/donation to the event. If you have something to contribute, be sure to attend the next business meeting on the 21st.

Yours in Christ,

Carl Haaser, Grand Knight
cjhaaser@gmail.com



Council 12772 Shirts and Caps available for order

E-mail Todd Thobe (tthobe1964@gmail.com) for order form and other details



\$25 with Council Emblem on left front and Name if Desired on right, \$1 extra for 4th Degree Emblem

Sierra Pacific S3211 - Long Sleeve Denim Shirt weighs 6.5 oz., and the material is 100% soft washed cotton denim. It features button-down collar, wood style buttons with spares, three button adjustable placket cuffs, left chest pocket, locker loop and double-needle stitching for added durability and felled seams



\$16 with Council Emblem on left front and Name if Desired on right, \$1 extra for 4th Degree Emblem

They are 50% polyester, 50% cotton, stain repel & release jersey material. These shirts are available in blue or red.



\$32 with Council Emblem on left front and Name if Desired on right, \$1 extra for 4th Degree Emblem

Van Heusen Long Sleeve Dress Shirt, 55% Cotton/45% Polyester, Wrinkle Free, Button-down Collar, Double button barrel cuff, chest pocket, easy care fabric, wrinkle free



\$26 with Council Emblem on left front and Name if Desired on right, \$1 extra for 4th Degree Emblem

Van Heusen Short Sleeve Dress Shirt, 55% Cotton/45% Polyester, Wrinkle Free, Button-down Collar, Double button barrell cuff, chest pocket, easy care fabric, wrinkle free



\$9.50 Knights Hat
Very similar to the present hats