



# 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...



WOW! Where did this month go? In a few short months, I will be turning over the reins of this great Council to one of our elected peers. A peaceful transition of power. Speaking of peaceful transitions, we all witnessed the mostly peaceful transition of power in our government recently. There is still a lot of division in our country. We, as Knights of Columbus, must try to be the calm in the storm while still fighting for the rights of the unborn. To this effort, I will reiterate the rules of the Supreme Council. There will be no political discussions during any K of C meeting. But, without taking sides or admonishing anyone, we must continue to fight for all life, from conception to natural death.

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## District Deputy's Report

Brother Knights



I was recently reading some Knights of Columbus literature and I came across a statement made by SK Steven Forgette of Plattsburgh, NY that I would like to share:

"Being a 'Catholic Knight' is not just about wearing regalia, lapel pins, membership cards, or certificates. All of those "things" could disappear tomorrow. The word 'Knight' is just not an empty title, a job, career or occupation. Being a 'Knight' is a "Way of Life." It is a 'Holy, Sacred & Eternal Vocation of service to God and our Neighbor."

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## Meeting Schedule changes due to Alpha Program

**ALL MEETINGS in February and March, Business and Social, plus the April Business meeting, will be at the PAC on Tuesdays at 7:00pm**

## Council 12772 Knights help to facilitate Parish's Alpha Course

The Knights of our K of C Council 12772 are widely involved in all facets of the Alpha Course currently in progress at St. Joseph Parish. Some of our men are serving as Table Leaders who, at each table of 8 participants, facilitate discussion of a half-hour DVD presentation at each session. Others help with set-up and tear-down of tables and chairs. Still others help to provide two of the ten meals which our Council will serve during the program, including a sausage and pancake breakfast.

The Alpha Course is aimed at helping Christians to connect their fundamental spiritual beliefs and practices with their everyday living. It is an in depth examination and discussion of such questions as Who is Jesus and Why Did he Die?, Why and How do I Pray?, Why and How Should I Read the Bible?, and How Does God Guide Us?

Some 90 St. Joseph parishioners have signed on for the program, which ends on April 5, a week and a half before Easter.

**See Pages 4 and 5 for Detail Schedule**

**Send a greeting to our adopted Seminarian:**

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## January Business Meeting Notes

### Grand Knight Report

- Meeting was called to order at 7:00PM. Opening prayer by Deacon Tony Bonacci. Previous Minutes approved. No corrections needed.
- Scott Heiss, Jordan Ranley, and Christopher Kerr. 2<sup>nd</sup> readings approved. Two New Admissions. Gregory Wayton and John Colvin. 1<sup>st</sup> reading approved.
- Pending 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Dates. 1/19, 1/22, and 1/24 and 3/5 discussed. Pending due to scheduling issues. Feb 8<sup>th</sup> in Delaware available.
- 3 Volunteers requested and filled to send encouragement e-mails to Seminarian Gordon Mott.

### Treasurer's Report

- **Current** bank balance noted.
- One outstanding check for \$118.
- Deposited \$750 from Membership Dues and \$130 from Measure Up collections.

### Financial Secretary's Report

- \$60.96 to Todd Thobe for misc. supplies.
- Supreme Audit ready for trustee signatures. Due by Feb. 15th

### Program Director Report

- 19 activities out of a possible 34 approved. 1 activity pending submission and approval.
- Coat distribution ongoing. Finland Middle School in Columbus will receive next donation.
- Joint Activity March 25<sup>th</sup> with the Marysville Council - Mass for the Unborn Child, to be held at OLL, Marysville.
- Painting curbs at the church—possible project for the Youth Group discussed.

### New Business

- Alpha Program 1/25 thru 4/5 at St. Joseph has requested the Knights provide and serve dinner for two of the ten dates. 1/25 and Sat morning March 4<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers needed for cooking, cleaning and possibly setting up every week. More info to come.
- Several Knights meeting dates being moved up one day and to the PAC at 7PM to avoid conflicts with the Alpha program. Business and Social Meeting effected dates are 1/25, 2/8, 2/21, 3/8, and 3/22.

- February 25<sup>th</sup> is the Columbus Men's Conference.
- Knight Shirt order forms will be sent out. New Member shirt options discussed.

### Unfinished Business

- Catholic Foundation startup fund donation of \$6,000 passed.

### 4<sup>th</sup> Degree/D.D. Report

- Measure up collections will be either April 28-30 or May 5-7.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3rd Degree ceremony, St Andrews, Feb 26th
- May 7<sup>th</sup> Knight and Family of the Year Banquet.
- 2 delegates form our Council needed for the upcoming Columbus Convention.

### Good of the Order

Barbara Ciuca, Boyd Smith, Gloria Whitlatch, Soul of Don Karasios, Nora Donovan, David Harris, Sue Alderman, Soul of Carl Rush, Daniel Donovan, John Harris, Steve Reithner, Gidgett Smith, Gloria Butler, Bob Claypool, Father Trapp, Kelsey Chapman, Sandi Hilbert, Mike Gerald, Judie Cardoni

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I ask each of you to reflect on what being a Brother Knight means to you. In Unity, Charity and Fraternity we will remain strong and faithful servants to our Church and God.

Vivat Jesus,

Jeff Fisher, DD

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### February Birthdays/Anniversaries

<b>Knights</b>		<b>Children</b>	
Joe Weisburn	2/10	Alyssa Miller	2/8
Scott Bowen	2/11	Joe Balmert	2/10
Doug Heindel	2/11	Lou Winner	2/10
Jeff Pieper	2/18	Abigail Powers	2/11
		Nicole Bowen	2/13
<b>Spouses</b>		<b>Wedding Anniversaries</b>	
Cheryl Schneider	2/1	Bob & Lisa Hess	2/2
Terrie Hare	2/4	Tony & Marilyn Mouhanna	2/14
Mary Hofbauer	2/9	Joe & Deborah Foster	2/18
Jodi Santini	2/15	Mark & Nancy Collins	2/25
Gloria Butler	2/23	David & Kathleen Harris	2/27

### February Dates to Remember

Feb 7 7:00pm Business Meeting—PAC	Feb 21 7:00pm Social Meeting—PAC
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# The Chat Corner ...

## The Personal Invitation



In this time of so much online communication, I have recently reverted to more in-person and telephone encounters.

I began to notice how easy it became to never talk to a person in person ... with texts, email and social media as my primary mode of communication.

Sometimes misunderstanding occurred. Or it took many online messages to figure something out. Time together in person is special and plays an important role in building lasting relationships and solving problems.

It seems that other people feel this way too; a friend shared that she stepped out of her comfort zone based on a personal invitation.

A personal invitation might be the Holy Spirit speaking, so I always prayerfully consider a personal invitation to an event or a ministry.

I tend to be a homebody, so my initial inclination in the past has been to say no. But sometimes when I take something to prayer, I hear loud and clear that I am called to come out of my shell, so to speak, and share my time and talent with the Holy Spirit guiding me.

You might have joined the Knights of Columbus because someone personally encouraged you to consider it. Please keep inviting others to share their time and talent as the Spirit moves you! Jesus is depending on us to be his hands and feet in the world.

*“Let no one every come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God’s kindness: kindness your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile.” ~St. Teresa of Calcutta*

Blessings,  
Lori

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## We Are God’s Instruments

By Deacon Tony Bonacci



Dear brothers,

In the year 2000, **Bob Neider** came to Plain City and convinced us to form a "**Knights of Columbus**" council. He worked hard to gather the required number of "Charter Members," and we were off!

I recently read our charter again, and reminisced about those "**charter members**" and the first "**Grand Knights**" (Eric Klinker, Glen Sigler, etc.). Over the years, we have shared many happy occasions, like Baptisms, First Holy Communions, Confirmations, Graduations, Weddings and wedding anniversaries; we have conducted many fund-raising events (think "fish fries") and led many parish activities; most importantly, we have formed a special brotherhood, helping each other in times of need and times of trials; and we have mourned the passing of **Ed Chuha, Wally Cooper, Dale Kinsley, Tony Mouhanna, and Joe Hofbauer**.

My family and I have been in the parish since September of 1971, and on Feb. 1, 2017, I mark the 20th anniversary of my ordination as your deacon. It's been a wonderful ride, both as a parishioner, as a **Knight**, and as a **deacon**. I am honored and privileged to be your brother knight, and as deacon, to be a part of the most important and intimate times of your lives. I pray to continue as long as the Lord allows...

May we go forward, continuing to promote **vocations** to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life; and may we stand firm for the **sanctity of all life**, from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death.

Please know that you and your family are in my daily thoughts and prayers...

Deacon Tony

# Council Schedule of Events for Alpha and Fish Frys

## February 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 7:00pm Bus. Mtg Alpha set up after mtg	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 7:00pm Alpha setup	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 6:30pm Alpha set up 7:00pm Soc Mtg	22	23	24	25
26	27	28				

## March 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Fish Fry setup & fish prep	3 5:30pm—1st Fish Fry Leave table setup for Alpha	4 8:00am Alpha Breakfast + set up for Mass
5	6	7 7:00pm Bus. Mtg Alpha set up after mtg	8	9 Fish Fry setup & fish prep	10 2nd Fish Fry	11
12	13	14 7:00pm Alpha setup	15	16 Fish Fry setup & fish prep	17 3rd Fish Fry	18
19	20	21 6:30pm Alpha set up 7:00pm Soc Mtg	22	23 Fish Fry setup & fish prep	24 4th Fish Fry	25
26	27	28 7:00pm Alpha setup	29	30 Fish Fry setup & fish prep	31 5th Fish Fry	

# Council Schedule of Events for Alpha and Fish Frys

## April 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 7:00pm Alpha setup	5	6 Fish Fry setup & fish prep	7 6th Fish Fry	8
9	10	11 7:00pm Bus. Mtg Alpha set up after mtg	12	13	14	15
16 <b>HAPPY EASTER</b>	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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We can be leaders in the effort to welcome all to our community, Church and Council. Let's pledge to not exclude someone in a conversation before, during, or after a meeting by demeaning a political party or person. We can discuss issues without personalizing it or demeaning the people opposed to one view or another.

If we want a stronger America we must start with a stronger community. By our actions, we can show how each of us feel about a certain issue. We can discuss things in an open and intelligent way so all can voice their opinions and we can remain friends even if we disagree on any issue or platform.

Let's find a common-ground issue to forge a closer bond and maybe we can find a way to take action on things we agree. I know we will never be totally unified but we have to keep our friendships no matter what the political climate is.

**PLEASE review the calendars on Pages 4 and 5 of this issue** to see where you can

help.

We will be VERY busy during the Alpha Program and Lenten Season. So, instead of "giving something up for Lent" maybe this year we can "do something extra for Lent". This is a call for ALL HANDS ON DECK. We are being asked to do a lot this season but being counted on as the "go to" organization is, in itself, a great reward.

Yours in Christ,

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