



The Carpenter



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

March 2017

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Easter Vigil Servers still needed
Call John Ciuca, 614-873-6114

Meeting Schedule changes
due to Alpha Program

March Business (3/7) and Social meeting (3/21), plus the April Business meeting, will be at the PAC on Tuesdays at 7:00pm

District Deputy's Report

Entering the Lenten Season



The key to understanding the meaning of Lent is simple: **Baptism**. Preparation for Baptism and for renewing baptismal commitment lies at the heart of the season. Since the Second Vatican Council, the Church has reemphasized the baptismal character of Lent, especially through the restoration of the Catechumenate and its Lenten rituals. Our challenge today is to renew our understanding of this important season of the Church year and to see how we can integrate our personal practices into this renewed perspective.

Brother Knights we enter the season of Lent as a Council preparing for Fish Frys and other activities in support of our Parish. I encourage all of you to take a step back this Lent and integrate your personal practices by participating in the opportunities to grow in our Faith that are available at each Parish.

Vivat Jesu,

Jeff Fisher, DD, District 49

Grand Knight's Report

Brothers...

Congratulations to our new 1st Degree Brothers, and to those 1st Degree members who took their 2nd and 3rd Degrees to become full Knights in our organization. I congratulate you in this effort and I ask that you try to become active in our Council's events, especially our Business and Social meetings.

Fish Fry Fridays are upon us. I want to thank the men who do the **table setup and prep the fish on**
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Cash Bonanza ticket sales yield dividends for our Council charities



The annual sale of Cash Bonanza tickets will produce considerable revenue for our Council 12772 charity and council projects **IF we buy/sell our 8-ticket allotment and turn them in early**. Each \$5.00 ticket stub turned in by April 15 will return \$3.30 to our Council. The rebate for later returns drops to \$1.10 per ticket.

Key projects benefitting from these sales will include Coats for Kids, Scholarships, Plain City Food Pantry, St. Gabriel Radio, Special Olympics, KAIROS, St. Joseph Church Endowment, and support of our Seminarian Gordon Mott.

Brother Knights, please support us on this important project and help it become a real **BONANZA for Council 12772**.

Council member recruitments up

The fraternal year to date has seen a surge of new members for Council 12772, with seven new Catholic Gentlemen added to our Brotherhood, plus another who will get his 1st Degree on 3/7/17. This puts us ahead of our membership quota for Star Council consideration. Further, 4 of our current members recently received their 2nd and 3rd Degrees.

Thanks go to those Council members who bring in new membership candidates for our Brotherhood.

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February Business Meeting Notes

Grand Knight Report

- Meeting was called to order at 7:00PM. Opening prayer by GK Carl Haaser.
- Previous Minutes approved. No corrections needed.
- Gregory Wayton, and John Colvin. 2nd readings approved.
- 1st Degree March 5th, at St Joseph. 12:30pm; candidate call and 1:00pm ceremony.
- 2nd/3rd Degree, Feb 26th at St. Andrews.
- Fish Fry preparations underway.

Treasurer's Report

- Current bank balance noted.
- No outstanding checks.

Financial Secretary's Report

- \$175.24 to Carl Haaser for Alpha food purchases.
- \$29.40 to Todd Thobe for stamps.
- \$118.35 to Supreme Council.
- \$500 for Measure up supporting Seminarian Gordon Mott.
- Deposits. \$880 from Membership dues and \$135 from Measure up.

Program Director Report

- Note of thanks from Finland Middle School for recent coat donations.
- 25 activities submitted, 24 approved.
- Upcoming requirement changes for Star Council and Columbian awards.
- Details to be shared once they are received.
- Joint Activity March 25th 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

- State Convention will be over the memorial Day weekend. Two Council delegates needed.
- Voting year for Officer nominations.
- Golf outing the Friday before the weekend. See Carl Haaser for more info.
- Easter Vigil April 15th. Servers, Lectors, and Extra Ordinary Ministers needed.
- Fish Fry schedules to be sent soon. Pennies from Heaven collections after Mass due soon. Date pending.
- Measure up collections at Love joys will be Saturday May 6th.

- Knight Shirt order forms will be sent out. New Member shirt options discussed.

Unfinished Business

- Documentation for the Columbus Scholarship fund received. Everything is in order.
- GK Carl Haaser was asked to be our Parish Liaison for Catholic Churches.
- Low responses for the Parish Bowling Party. Please RSVP for this great family event.

4th Degree/D.D. Report

- June 4 4th Degree Ceremony to be rescheduled due to sale of the Bld.
- 4th Degree Presence requested for upcoming St. Joseph 1st Communion dates.
- DD thanks for our successful Audit and Fraternal Survey.
- 2 delegates form our Council needed for the upcoming Columbus Convention.

Good of the Order

Barbara Ciuca, Kevin Schilling, Nora Donovan, Florence Hamlin, Daniel Donovan, Annie Donnelly, Gloria Butler, Gloria Whitlatch, Fred Blant, Students of Alder Jr. High.

Send a greeting to our adopted Seminarian:

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March Birthdays/Anniversaries

Knights		<i>Teresa Farrand</i>	3/31
<i>Alan Wilson</i>	3/7	Children	
<i>Jim Slota</i>	3/8	<i>Sarah Schimmoeller</i>	3/5
<i>Joe Elias</i>	3/9	<i>Sean Donovan</i>	3/6
<i>John Ciuca</i>	3/11	<i>James Jarrell III</i>	3/14
<i>Brian Newsome</i>	3/12	<i>Kyle Harig</i>	3/17
<i>Cole Blankemeyer</i>	3/13	<i>Norah O'Connor</i>	3/17
<i>Patrick Parsons</i>	3/17	<i>Helena O'Connor</i>	3/17
<i>Mark Needham</i>	3/22	<i>Joe Peck</i>	3/17
<i>Mike Balmert</i>	3/29	<i>Cecelia Powers</i>	3/23
<i>David Harris</i>	3/31	<i>Jessica Ernst</i>	3/28
Spouses		<i>Sam Wenerstrom</i>	3/29
<i>Jessica Schilling</i>	3/8	<i>Cody Laux</i>	3/31
<i>Diane Neider</i>	3/13	<i>Hadley Schilling</i>	3/31
<i>Robin Craft</i>	3/14	Wedding Anniversaries	
<i>Deanna Spada</i>	3/15	<i>Jim & Gloria Butler</i>	3/18
<i>Catherine Wright</i>	3/16	<i>Chris & Corey Kerr</i>	3/20
<i>Max Winner</i>	3/19		
<i>Marilyn Mouhanna</i>	3/29		

March Dates to Remember

Mar 3-10-17-24-31—5:30pm— Fish Frys— PAC	Mar 21 7:00pm Social Meeting— PAC
Mar 7 7:00pm Business Meeting—PAC	

The Chat Corner ...

Do You Have a Plan for Becoming a Saint?



I'd like to share a book I am reading because I think the first chapter presents an opportunity that is perfect for Lent.

The book is *Heaven Starts Now ... Becoming a Saint Day by Day* by Fr. John Riccardo. He hosts the EWTN radio program, *Christ is the Answer*, aired 8-9 a.m. weekdays on St. Gabriel Catholic Radio.

In the first chapter of his book, he challenges us to create a plan for becoming a saint.

He asks the question, "Can holiness be planned?" He believes so and he's written his own plan based on the seven areas identified here. He recommends looking at these areas as a starting point for developing our own holiness plan:

- Prayer
- Scripture
- Service
- Confession
- Mass
- Sin
- Fasting
- Alms

He also suggests looking at our favorite saints and asking ourselves how we might emulate them. We are all called to be saints and to "Be perfect as your Heavenly Father is Perfect" (Matthew 5:48). The call is for all to all of us, not just a few "uncommon heroes" — and a powerful reminder that we can always grow in faith and love as we begin our Lenten journey.

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.

Are You Ready?

By Deacon Tony Bonacci

Brothers,



In the last few months, I've attended the funerals of three deacons, two priests, the spouses of two dear friends, and one neighbor of 45 years.

Wow! Does that give one pause to think! Am I ready? Are you ready?

Perhaps it's a sobering thought, but as we enter Lent, it's good to remind ourselves of our mortality. (I think that's why everyone, even our non-Catholic friends, fill our churches on Ash Wednesday to receive *ashes*, a tangible reminder of our mortality!)

Ashes are dust! "*Remember, you are dust, and unto dust you will return.*" (The words we hear as we receive ashes on our forehead.) Scary thought? But ashes help us keep things in *perspective*. Life will go on without us. No one is indispensable. Our families will miss us, but they will go on. (Let's try to remember this when we are feeling self-important!)

Lent is a *sober* season, but it's not a *somber* season. It's a good time for some *introspection*. If we think in terms of *ashes*, it puts things in perspective. Men, our time is limited, so let's take advantage of the time we have left. We have much to do before we turn to dust!

Have a good and holy Lent!

Deacon Tony

Bowling Party—the few that participated had a “ball”.



Andy Schimmoeller sizes up his shot.

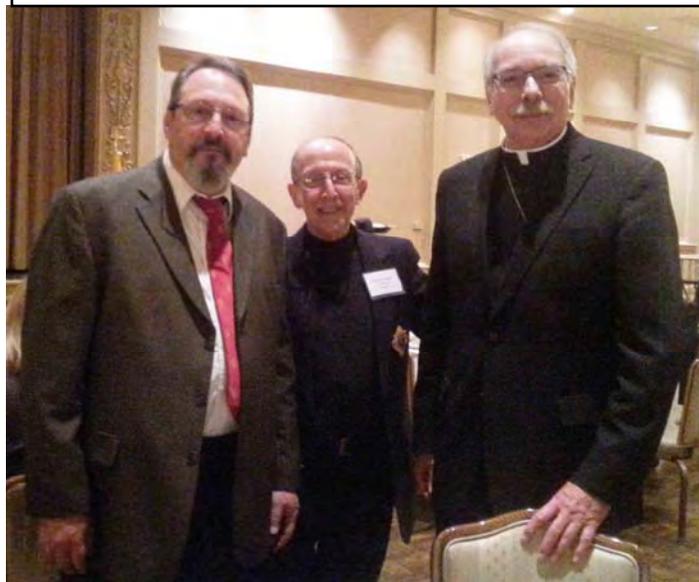


John Schimmoeller approaches the line while Joe Weisburn (r.) takes aim.



Janet Heindel (l.) approaches, while Phil Powers gives pointers to Granddaughter Sophia.

Clergy Appreciation Dinner



Celebrities spotted at the recent Clergy Appreciation Dinner were Council 12772 Brothers John Ciuca and Deacon Tony Bonacci with Bishop Campbell

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Thursday for frying on Friday. Many of you may not be aware of this work so I want to emphasize that help is needed and very much appreciated for this task. If you've not been involved in fish prep before it is easily learned.

The table setup is more strenuous but involves walking and a little lifting (chair & table positioning) not requiring shifts. We are usually done in 25-30 minutes.

Fr. Trapp has expressed his gratitude to our Council for our assistance in the Alpha program.

Bob Hess has sent out Cash Bonanza tickets. PLEASE buy or sell those tickets. Our small Council depends on these fundraisers to keep our charitable donations alive. Buying and/or selling your tickets is an easy way to participate in the scholarship program and other events without attending any meetings!

Men, this is YOUR Council. I choose to take a roll in management but was also reluctant to participate at first. Then I realized that if everybody sits on the sidelines there will be no TEAM to root for, just spectators. We are approaching a new year and we have a couple of positions to fill for next the next two years. Please consider taking an active role in management so those who have been in leadership for a few years can take a break. We will be taking nominations in April to be posted in the newsletter in May and voted on in May. The new team will begin July 1st.

Vivat Jesu!

Carl Haaser, Grand Knight
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Council volunteers and big crowd turn out at First Lenten Fish Fry

Council 12772's award-winning Lenten Fish Fry got off to a strong start last Friday night. A heavy crowd was expected following the Catholic Times' glowing endorsement of last year's events at the PAC. Council volunteers, including several of our newest members were prominent in cooking and serving 346 meals, and in cleaning up the aftermath.

Thanks go to Todd Thobe and Mark Needham for organizing workers and processes in the out-front and kitchen areas.



Breakfast served for Alpha Retreat

Our Council 12772 Brothers cooked up a pancake, sausage and egg breakfast for some 50 attendees of a special retreat held as part of the on-going Alpha study course being held during Lent. Several Brothers are serving as table leaders during the course.

Council Schedule of Events for Alpha and Fish Frys

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	

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 HAPPY EASTER	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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