



# The Carpenter



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

December 2017



## Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights,



I hope you can attend our December 13<sup>th</sup> business meeting / **Christmas social at 7:00PM at the PAC.** Note we will start early so the social can begin by 8:00. The council will provide pizza and brothers can bring food items to share. Please consider talking to some brothers who don't normally make it, even if it is just for the social starting at 8:30. Also, if you have any friends that are not members but could be, invite them to the social at 8:00 to let them get to know some Knights and consider joining.

Vivat Jesus

Todd Thobe, Grand Knight

## K of C Breakfast with St. Nick

The council will be host our annual Breakfast with St. Nick on Saturday December 9 from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM. We will set up the kitchen and hall at 7:00pm Friday, and we will need 3-4 men to get this done.

On Saturday we will need a few men to arrive around 7:15am to get ready for the 8:00am start; others can arrive closer to 8:00am.

Let Todd know if you can come; we will need 6 to 8 men to help with food and tables.

Send greetings to our adopted Seminarians:

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## District Deputy December Report

In the bustle of Christmas shopping and the frequent removal of religious imagery from Christmas displays, it seems that people have forgotten the incredible gift of Christ and the beauty of his birth.

What should we, as Knights of Columbus, do in the face of this secularism? How can we teach our communities that Christmas is a holy day celebrating the birth of Christ?

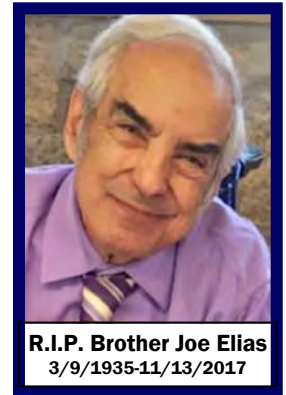
Such questions, of course, are not wholly new; Franciscan missionaries in the 16th-century faced similar concerns when first introducing Christ and his beloved Mother to the New World. In the tradition of their founder, St. Francis of Assisi, the missionaries found that simple reenactments of the story of Christ's birth could touch the hearts of the Mexican people. The Spanish missionaries referred to these ceremonies as Las Posadas, meaning "the inns" or "the shelters", as they gave emphasis to Mary and Joseph's search for shelter before Our Savior's birth.

These festivities have remained popular throughout Latin America and the southwestern United States, yet children and adults from all cultural backgrounds can use similar celebrations to embrace the true meaning of the Christmas season and share the joy of Christ's birth.

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I wish all of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year!

Jeff Fisher, DD  
District 37



R.I.P. Brother Joe Elias  
3/9/1935-11/13/2017

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## November Business Meeting Notes

### Grand Knight's Report

- Meeting was called to order at 7:30PM. Opening prayer by GK Todd Thobe. Previous Minutes approved. No new admissions. Bank balance from previous meeting noted.
- GK reviewed October activities: 1st, 2nd & 3rd Degrees, Roadside Clean-up, VA party.
- 3 volunteers secured for Seminarian notes.
- Noted Nov. 20 reception at Diocese Dept. of Religious Ed, 6:30-8:30pm.

### Chaplain's Report

- Dave Harris in serious condition, has home hospice; family has ask for honor guard when he passes.
- Noted that security issues discussed at Staff Mtg; children need to be escorted to and from bathrooms; should know locations of fire extinguishers and first aid supplies.
- Cath. Men's Conference 2/24/18; Men's Cum Christo 3/8-11/18.
- 37 men attending That Man is You.

### Treasurer's Report

- Current Bank Balance noted. One outstanding check, Santini III.

### Financial Secretary's Report

- 2 bills: \$28 Supreme supplies; \$150 for Bagpiper.

### Unfinished Business

- Memorial Mass parts now filled.
- \$226.86 insurance bill paid.

### New Business

- Seminarian Christmas cards passed out; suggest \$25 gift card be enclosed.
- Greg Wayton to be new Baptism Coordinator; need additional volunteers.
- Breakfast with St. Nick to be Dec.9, 8am -11am at PAC; Mike Peck to play Santa—need volunteer for food pick-up at Lovejoy's.
- Dec. 13 Business Mtg will be our Holiday Party at the PAC; bring snacks & beverages.
- Need reminder note to members re 12/25 Midnight Mass ministers, etc.
- For Free Throw Contest, Protecting God's Children course available 11/12/17, 3pm-5pm.

### Program Committee Report

- Six activities approved and five pending.
- 4 boxes of Kids' Coats received plus one from Florida Council 3080. Distribution to be made on 11/15/17 to 4 schools plus Plain City DNA.

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

- New regalia not going over well in middle states; no more swords to be used.

### DD Report

- Presented our **Star Council Award!**

### Good of the Order

Dave Harris, Jerry Lewis, Don Harvess, Florine Hamlin, Texas Chuck, Barbara Sievers, Kelsey Chapman, Judie Cardoni, Joe Elias, Sandi Heflin, Nora Ludwig, Soul of John Klinger, Jim Armilotti, Joyce Donatelli, Souls of the Texas Church shooting victims.

## Ministers still needed for Christmas Midnight Mass

Continuing a tradition of the past several years, we are still seeking Brother volunteers to fill all minister functions at our Christmas Midnight Mass.

John Ciuca (john.ciuca@insight-bc.com, or 614-267-6200), is coordinating this effort. Please contact him and let him know that you will serve in this important function.

### December Birthdays/Anniversaries

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

### December Dates to Remember

**December 9: 8:00am Breakfast with St. Nick at the PAC**

**NO SOCIAL MEETING THIS MONTH**

**December 13: 7:00pm Business Meeting/Christmas Party at the PAC**

**December 25: 12:00am Christmas Midnight Mass**

# The Chat Corner ...

## Consistency and Moderation this Advent

By Lori Crock



During Advent, we are called to prepare our hearts for the birth of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. This is a time of joyful anticipation, especially if we practice Consistency and Moderation in our daily lives.

Consistency means, for example, keeping our daily prayer routine and other healthy habits to help us enjoy and Advent and to be Christ to others.

St. Teresa of Avila said, “How often have I failed in my duty to God, because I was not leaning on the strong pillar of prayer.”

Moderation in how we eat, drink, shop and socialize also helps keep us on a holy and healthy path. Moderation helps us to be good stewards of our bodies, our time and our financial resources and helps ensure that enjoyable activities do not develop into attachments that push us away from Christ.

St. Dominic said, “A man who governs his passions is master of the world. We must either command them or be enslaved to them. It is better to be the hammer than the anvil.”

Let us ask the Holy Spirit and Our Lady to help us live with Consistency and Moderation and to rely on the strong pillar of prayer this Advent as we prepare for the birth of Jesus.

Blessings,  
Lori

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## Council Free-Throw Competition draws a crowd

Our 2017 edition of the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest drew many competitors on November 12, as 43 boys and 6 girls gathered at Jonathan Alder Middle School to try their luck at the charity stripe. A total of 14 Brothers turned out to act as judges and scorekeepers

Winners from our Council competition move on to district-level shootouts and, with further success, eventually to State level finals where champions are crowned at each age level.

Brothers Scott Heiss and Chris Miller organized the boys' and girls' competition respectively, using multiple shooting lanes to finish the event in a reasonable time.

Winners were awarded a certificate and a basketball.



Knights working the event were Brothers (l. to r.) Heiss, Heindel, Dvorsky, Miller, Grady, Duckworth, Deacon Bonacci, Watyon, Hess, Thobe, Schimmoeller, Collins and Hanna. Present but not shown, Kevin Schilling.



Boy winners (l. to r.) 10 yrs., Garrett Bauer, 9 yrs., Alex VanBuren, 11 yrs., Cameron Potter, and 12 yrs., Phil Scott



Girl winner, 9 yrs., Peyton Hanna



Girl winners (l. to r.) 12 yrs., Evan Platfoot, and 11 yrs., Avery Murdock



## Council delivers Coats for Kids to 4 schools and Plain City DNA

Brothers Jim Bradley, Phil Powers and Bob Hess spent the morning of November 15 delivering 6 boxes of Coats for Kids to schools in Madison and Franklin Counties, as well as to the Plain City Daily Needs Assistance (DNA) office.

The coats were purchased from K of C Headquarters under a national program to help keep disadvantaged kids warm in winter.

The 6 boxes included one contributed as a joint effort by K of C Council 3080 in Oakland Park, Florida.

Deliveries were made to Plain City Elementary (10 coats), Canaan Middle School (10 coats) in Madison County, to Finland Elementary School (14 coats) and Finland Middle School (14 coats) in south Columbus, and 24 coats to DNA.

In each case, a high percentage of the families of students at the above schools are at or below poverty level. The staffs at each school, and those at DNA were delighted to receive these coats and expressed their sincere thanks to our Councils for our efforts.



Brothers Powers, Hess and Bradley shown with Plain City Elementary Principal Kelly Hicks.



Canaan Middle School Principal Elementary Principal Matt Keller welcomes the delivery of their Kids' coats.



A Kids' Coats delivery was received at the Plain City DNA by Social worker Freda Cron for Community needs.



Finland Middle School Guidance Councilor Erin Harris gladly accepts their coats.



Finland Elementary School secretary Crystal Logsdon receives delivery of their coats.





## Council earns Star Council Award for FY 2016-2017

For the 3rd consecutive year, our Council 12772 has earned Supreme Knights of Columbus' coveted Star Council award for the Fraternal Year ending June 30, 2017.

Carl Haaser, Grand Knight during the past Fraternal Year, accepted the award presented by District Deputy Jeff Fisher at our November Council meeting.

The Star Council award is given for completing some 35 various activities related to youth, church and community, achieving our yearly new-member quota, and on-time submittal of numerous reports required by K of C State and Supreme.

## Council Brothers fill minister slots for November 12 Memorial Mass



Serving various ministries for the Annual Memorial Mass were (l. to r.) Mike Schurman, Jim Dvorsky, John Santini, Phil Powers, Mike Peck, Mark Needham, DD Jeff Fisher, Mike Brickner, Carl Haaser, GK Todd Thobe, DGK John Ciuca and Kevin Donovan.