



# The Carpenter



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

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**Vigil Mass Ministers: rehearsal on April 12 at 6:30pm in the Church.**

**Please Note re April/May Meetings**  
**Alpha ends April 5; our meetings revert to Wednesdays**

**April 12: 7:30pm—Rosary, then 8:00pm Business Meeting—Church**

**April 26: 7:00pm Social Meeting**

**May-Oct Meetings revert to 8:00pm**

## Of-The-Year Awards announced

Grand Knight Carl Haaser announced the Fraternal Year 2015/2016 Of-The-Year awards, based on the assessment of each individual's contributions to the Council, the Parish and the Community. Congratulations to all!

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| <b>Knight of the Year</b>    | John Ciuca          |
| <b>Family of the Year</b>    | The Brickner Family |
| <b>Chaplain of the Year</b>  | Fr. John Trapp      |
| <b>Volunteer of the Year</b> | John O'Connell      |
| <b>Lady of the Year</b>      | Lori Crock          |
| <b>Youth of the Year</b>     | Madeline Weisburn   |
| <b>Religious of the Year</b> | Deacon Tony Bonacci |
| <b>Blue Coat of the Year</b> | Off. Ryan Flowers   |

## Grand Knight's Report

**Brothers...**

I QUIT! (Happy April Fool's Day). Maybe in a couple of months anyway.

Well, we are wrapping up our Fish Frys. Based on the first 4 we stand to have another good year. We got off to a rocky start with some issues with the supplier but things are humming along like a well-oiled machine. Many thanks to Todd, and Mark for organizing thee events and a BIG thank you to the men who come in on Thursday nights to setup and prepare the fish. You make these events successful.



We are real close to making Star Council AGAIN! That makes 3 years in a row. Thanks to Bob Hess for his leadership and constant awareness of needed events. Speaking of which: We will be saying the Rosary prior to our **April business meeting. The meeting will be held in the Church basement on Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. Rosary will start at 7:30 and the meeting will follow at 8:00.** This Rosary is being said for the unborn and for the leaders of our country that they see the value of life from conception through natural death. With this event and our Council picnic (currently scheduled for June 17 at my house) we will fulfill **See Grand Knight's Report, Page 6**

## District Deputy's Report

Spring greetings to all Brothers. I hope your Lent Season has been filled with spiritual growth and a prepared heart as we complete our journey and enter into the Easter Season!

I have spent some time looking back over the Fraternal Year, and it too will soon end. It is time to prepare your council's slate of officers for upcoming elections and to continue to enter programs to meet the goals of Star Council.

I am pleased to announce as of March 31, our District has reached a membership of 1018 **See DD Report, Page 4**

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## March Business Meeting Notes

### Grand Knight Report

- Pre Meeting presentation by Megan Will about her upcoming Missionary trip to Haiti.
- Meeting was called to order at 7:00PM. Opening prayer by GK Carl Haaser; previous minutes approved. No corrections needed.
- Gregory Wayton and Jordan Ranly welcomed to their first official meeting.
- 8 new members have been recruited this year beating our quota of 7.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Degree June 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Marriott. Apps due ASAP.
- 5 Candidates from our council have recently completed the 2nd/3rd degrees.
- Three volunteers requested and agreed to send letters of encouragement to Seminarian Gordon Mott.
- Cash Bonanza tickets have been mailed. Please consider buying and or selling and returning ASAP.
- St. Joseph youth group sent an email asking if they can be of assistance at the upcoming FF.

### Treasurer's Report

- Current bank balance noted.
- No outstanding checks.

### Financial Secretary's Report

- \$77.40 to John Cucia for food reimbursement.
- \$100 to Columbus Kof C for degree charges.
- \$43.86 to Bob Hess for printing supplies.
- \$270 to Mark Needham for the Council Bowling party.
- Total deposits of \$1,582. 1st week FF, Member Dues, Gimmie 5 collections, and football ticket rebates.
- Pennies from Heaven collections to be after all Masses April 1-2.
- April 8<sup>th</sup> Measure Up collections at Lovejoys. Four Volunteers needed: 9am-12pm, 2 shifts.

### Program Director Report

- Submittal of activity reports continue.

### New Business

- Fish Fry 1st week totals: 162 orders, 346 dinners sold, 612 fillets served, \$535 profit.
- 14 Knights have not paid their dues for this year. Official notifications pending.
- Letter of thanks received from Ohio's Fallen Heroes for our recent donation.
- Easter Vigil April 15th: Servers, Lectors, and Extra Ordinary Ministers needed.

- Request from Ohio Right to Life for support for their upcoming banquet. Financial or ticket sales.
- \$200 donation for Meg Wills upcoming Dominican Republic Mission Approved, check to be written to Northern Nurses Without Borders.

### Unfinished Business

- Right to Life Banquet June 12<sup>th</sup>.

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

- April 30 2nd and 3rd Degrees at St. Andrews.
- 2 delegates from our Council needed for the upcoming Columbus Convention..

### Good of the Order

PSD Dennis Shonebarger, Kevin Schilling, Nora Donovan, Florence Hamlin, Daniel Donovan, Annie Donnelly, Gloria Butler, the Soul of Gloria Whitlatch.

Send a greeting to our adopted Seminarian:

Gordon Mott

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### April Birthdays/Anniversaries

#### Knights

Chris Kerr 4/1  
Thomas Werner 4/13  
Jerry Rudolph 4/15  
Greg Wayton 4/25  
Ken Runyon 4/17  
Bob Sievers 4/26  
Mark Callo 4/27  
Mark Laux 4/27  
Dennis Grose 4/28  
Joe Hofbauer 4/29  
Phil Powers 4/30

#### Spouses

Mary Rizzo 4/4  
Sandy Klinker 4/8  
Brenda Werner 4/11  
Patty Summers 4/13  
Lois Thiergartner 4/17  
Laura Weisburn 4/21  
Agnes Loula 4/27

#### Children

Mary Weisburn 4/4

#### Children (cont'd)

Stephanie Wright 4/7  
Jason Bowen 4/7  
Gianna Garnett 4/10  
Emily Thelen 4/16  
Ben Peck 4/17  
Lindsay Adams 4/22  
Jonathon Caito 4/23  
Dean Werner 4/23  
Brooke Foster 4/24  
Max Wenerstrom 4/24  
Hannah Laux 4/26  
Brady Corbitt 4/27

#### Wedding Anniversaries

Kevin & Jill Will 4/5  
Scott & Andrea Heiss 4/6  
Jerry & Jean Rudolph 4/6  
Michael & Jessica Bertorello 4/14  
David & Jan Meyer 4/16  
Doug & Janet Heindel 4/23  
Tom & Brenda Werner 4/26  
Mike & Terri Schurman 4/27  
Jim & Amy Colopyy 4/28

### April Dates to Remember

Apr 7 5:30pm—Final Fish Fry—PAC

Apr 12 6:30pm Vigil Mass - Ministers rehearse—Church

Apr 12 7:00pm Business Meeting—Church

Apr 14 Good Friday

Apr 15 8:00pm Vigil Mass—Church

Apr 16 8:30am Mass—Church  
11:00am Mass—PAC

Apr 24 7:00pm Social Meeting—PAC

Apr 25 7:00pm Social Meeting—PAC

## The Chat Corner ...

### Be Restored, Renewed, Uplifted ....



On our journey through Lent, the Church challenges us to spend time in prayer, fasting and giving alms.

Another aspect of Lent is the opportunity to respond to the invitation from God to be renewed, uplifted, strengthened and restored by Him.

We may, and rightly so, be trying to do more holy actions during Lent. But we also have an opportunity for spiritual growth when we reflect on the fruits of our activities by spending more quiet time with God.

In the busyness of our daily lives, it can be easy to keep going and to miss contemplating the result what we are doing and listening to how God might be calling us to do something more, or less, or something different. Is he guiding us down new paths, revealing himself in a new way, or giving us abundant grace to help us deal with suffering?

Are we taking time to listen and learn in the quiet of Adoration, in our homes, or at moments when the Holy Spirit stirs in us?

"I can do all things through Him who gives me strength." Philippians 4:13.

How do we receive His strength? In the Sacraments of course, through prayer and the daily striving for holiness in our ordinary activities, the but also by little-by-little allowing God more latitude in how we plan our day, make decisions, and by giving Him more space and time to work in our hearts.

I have started journaling frequently so I don't miss those grace-filled moments that occur throughout the day.

If a passage of Scripture or a quote from a saint jumps off the page at me, I write it down to pray about later. If Father Trapp or Deacon Tony says something at Mass that strikes my heart, I write it down. If I need to reflect on how I handled a situation (well or poorly) I add that to my "restoration" time with God to seek his insight.

God waits quietly for us to invite Him in. Having a spirit of readiness, availability, openness and flexibility allows Him to do the really hard work that we can't do on our own... renewing and transforming us into saints.

"At all times, bless the Lord God and ask him to make all your paths straight and may all your endeavors and plans prosper." Tobit 4:19

Blessings,  
Lori



## Council observes 40 Days for Life



Our Council collaborated with St. Joseph Parish in observing the 40 Days for Life Spring Campaign, which began on February 24 and continued through March.

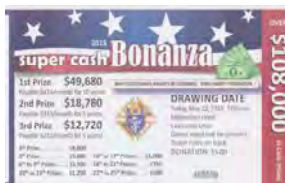
Our Pro-Life banner has been displayed over the past weeks. Several Brother Knights signed up to help with a prayer vigil on our Parish's assigned day of March 14 at the Founders' Women's Health Center abortion clinic on East Broad Street.

.At the weekend masses on Saturday and Sunday, March 25/26, Fr. Trapp announced the Council's observance from the ambo and Council brothers handed out Pro-Life awareness literature to attending parishioners.

On Saturday, March 25, members of our Council joined with our Brothers of Council 5534 in Marysville OH to attend and participate in a special Mass for the Unborn Child at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Marysville. Our members included GK Carl Haaser who served in the 4th Degree Honor Guard, DD Jeff Fisher who helped to carry the gifts to the altar, Mike Brickner who served as a Eucharistic Minister, and Bob Hess who served as a lector. The Mass included special prayers for the unborn, and references to them in the Homily.

## Cash Bonanza Final Call 1st turn-in: help us maximize our rebate

Reminder—each \$5.00 Cash Bonanza ticket stub



turned in by April 12 will return \$3.30 to our Council. We will finalize our 1st turn-in at the April 5 Business Meeting. **Please bring your stubs and money to the meeting.**

This boost to our Council Treasury will help our charitable works with 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.

**To date, half of you Brothers have not responded. Please support us on this important project.**

## Council contributes to Northern Nurses without Borders

Parishioner Megan Will, daughter and sister of Council Knights Kevin and Nathan Will respectively, attended our March Business Meeting to ask for help in purchase medicines for her forthcoming mission trip to the Dominican Republic this summer. The purpose of the mission is to provide medical care for those who do not have access to hospitals or medical offices and those who cannot afford such services. Our Council approved a donation of \$200 to help her project.

Megan is a student studying Nursing and Spanish at Ohio Northern University and is a past recipient of Council 12772 Scholarships in 2015 and 2016.



## Council Lenten Fish Frys continue to draw big crowds

Council 12772's award-winning Lenten Fish Fry continues to draw people out to the Western prairie for a good meal and warm fellowship. Todd Thobe reports that across the first four weeks of the event, a total of 589 orders were filled, consisting of 1,014 fried-fish dinners and 220 baked-fish dinners, and averaging a little over 300 people per week. Overall, dinners served are about 4% above last year, while net profit is down about 3% - all in all, another good year for our Council. Hats off to the 25-30-some guys who make it happen each week! And thanks to Todd Thobe and Mark Needham for their organizing efforts in making the whole undertaking a success.



Jim Fritter and Jeff Fisher take orders out front where early arrivals jam the hallways.



Mike Peck and Ed Stransky prepare for frying fish and fries, while Mike Brickner tends to the baked fish.



Joe Weisburn and Mark Walden fill the orders. They each average a little over one minute to serve up a meal.



This shows a typical crunch-time crowd with 19 full tables, and sometimes a spillover into the cry room.

### ***DD Report, from Page 1***

and this reflects an increase of 27 members since July 1. We, as a District, have gained 41 new members and we are at 85% of our goal. Our insurance goal for the year was 18 and we have gained 8 new insurance members or 44% of the goal. As we often hear from our leadership, the life's blood of our Order is new membership. I encourage all Councils to continue recruiting new members and continue to conduct Admission Degree exemplifications.

I am honored to have served as your District Deputy and look forward to successfully completing this year. I wish you and your families a very Blessed Easter!

Vivat Jesus,

Jeff Fisher, District Deputy #49

## Council Schedule of Events for Alpha and Fish Frys

### April

| Sun                 | Mon | Tue                        | Wed                                | Thu                                | Fri                 | Sat |
|---------------------|-----|----------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|-----|
|                     |     |                            |                                    |                                    |                     | 1   |
| 2                   | 3   | 4<br>7:00pm<br>Alpha setup | 5<br>Last Alpha<br>Session         | 6<br>Fish Fry setup<br>& fish prep | 7<br>Final Fish Fry | 8   |
| 9                   | 10  | 11                         | 12<br>7:30pm Rosary<br>8pm Bus Mtg | 13                                 | 14                  | 15  |
| 16<br><b>EASTER</b> | 17  | 18                         | 19                                 | 20                                 | 21                  | 22  |
| 23                  | 24  | 25                         | 26<br>7:00pm Social<br>Meeting     | 27                                 | 28                  | 29  |
| 30                  |     |                            |                                    |                                    |                     |     |

#### ***Grand Knight's Report, from Page 1***

all our program needs and the best part is that prayers will be going out for those most in need.

For clarification, we usually change to our "summer hours" in May. However, on April 12<sup>th</sup> many of our meeting attendees will be having an Easter Vigil run-through with Father Trap at 6:30. Thus, we are starting the rosary at 7:30 for all who can make it and the meeting will be at 8:00 in case the training runs too long. Our social meeting on April 26<sup>th</sup> will be at the PAC at 7:00. Again, we will start our "summer hours" in May.

We will be formulating our officer core for the next fiscal year (July, 2017 – June, 2018). If you are interested in any position or would like information on any position, please contact our Trustees (Ed Stransky, Jeff Fisher or Bob Hess) or contact me. Any of us will be glad to explain the positions, the commitment we need and the path to Grand Knight. Every Council member should strive to achieve the best position in the Council; PAST Grand Knight. We will need to have a starting list of officer candidates at our April business meeting so we can post them in the May newsletter. We will then vote on each position or entire slate (depending on candidate interest) in May. Anyone wanting to be in a leadership role can still apply at the May business meeting. **Anyone not in attendance at the May meeting will have no say in declining a position offered to them in abstentia.** The new officers will be ready to take their positions at the end of business in June. As always, past officers and Trustees are always willing to help if questions arise.

Yours in Christ,

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Vivat Jesu!