



The Carpenter



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

April 2018

He is Risen!



Of-The-Year Awards announced

Grand Knight Todd Thobe announced the Fraternal Year 2017/2018 Of-The-Year awards, based on the assessment of each individual's contributions to the Council, the Parish and the Community. Congratulations to all!

Knight of the Year	Jim Fritter
Family of the Year	Carl and Trish Haaser
Chaplain of the Year	Fr. Joseph Trapp
Volunteer of the Year	Jeff Peiper
Lady of the Year	Emily Winner
Youth of the Year	Max Wehner

Cash Bonanza Ticket sales

Sold as of March 1: 343

Needed for 5/member: 515

Sales yet to go: 172

Brothers who haven't yet responded, we need your support!

Grand Knight's Report

Brothers,

Vivat Jesus is the Latin motto of our Order and our Order's official greeting. In English, Vivat Jesus translates to "Jesus Lives." The phrase has special significance during the Easter Season. This is the time when the Church prepares to celebrate the victory of Jesus Christ over death itself. We celebrate that Jesus lives!



Vivat Jesus was introduced to the Knights by Bishop Charles P. Greco, the Order's Supreme Chaplain from 1960 to 1987 who used the phrase as his Episcopal motto. Virgil Dechant, Supreme Knight in 1977 first officially used Vivat Jesus at the 96th Supreme Convention in 1978 and announced that the Knights would adopt Vivat Jesus as a method of greeting.

Vivat Jesus!
Todd Thobe, Grand Knight

District Deputy Report

Our Fish Frys have ended, we have completed Holy Week and celebrated the resurrection of our Lord on Easter Day. I hope each of you have had a successful Lenten season and a glorious Easter.



As Knights we have participated in many events at our Councils to help build our domestic church. Internationally the Knights have sent monies to the Middle East to aid the Christians there. This Holy Week, Supreme sent \$1 million to aid persecuted Christians in the Middle East. The support includes \$250,000 as part of our ongoing commitment to rebuild Karamles, an Iraqi town that until recently was controlled by ISIS.

As we wind down our fraternal year, you should begin to think about participating in your Council by recruiting a new member and possibly running for an office!

Vivat Jesus!
Jeff Fisher, District Deputy

Pew refurbishment completed—see article and photo essay, Page 5

Send greetings to our adopted Seminarians:

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March Business Meeting Notes

Grand Knight's Report

- Meeting was called to order at 8:00pm. Opening prayer by GK Todd Thobe. Previous Minutes approved.
- Two new applicants for membership—Shane Huffman and Chuck Craig. Motion to accept these 2. Still need 2 more.
- Need to do a 1st Degree in March.
- Visitor Tony LaSisca from Delaware Council gave presentation on their forthcoming Golf Tournament, 4/22/18. Handouts left with us.
- Collection for Seminarians w/pizza and pancakes raised \$1,042.00. Total with our meeting collections was \$1,738.02—best ever!

Treasurer's Report

- Current Bank Balance noted. Two outstanding checks.

Financial Secretary's Report

- Final Fish Fry report still in work.
- 15 members' dues still unpaid.

Trustees Report

- Need to arrange Masses for Joe Elias and Dave Harris.

Program Activities Report

- All in good shape, but need attention to Supreme requirement for "Domestic Church" activities. May need to generate Council Picnic in May/June.

New Business

- Megan Will Has asked for support for her forthcoming return trip to the Dominican Republic. Council voted for a \$200 donation.

Unfinished Business

- No Scholarship apps as yet.
- State Convention May 18-20; Council will be represented by Todd Thobe and Mark Needham.
- Pro-Life weekend—date still not pinned down. Banner already up; enough literature available for handouts.

DD Report

- Of-The-Year awards due in by 4/1. Family and Knight of the Year Banquet will be held On May 5.

Good of the Order

None recorded

2018 Fish Fry results in the books

We have had another good year for our Fish Frys—the main source of funding for all of our charitable works.

A total of 1,613 dinners were served, for an average of 269 meals per week.

We netted a total of \$8,055.72, an average of \$1,343 per week.

Approximately 30 Knights worked the Frys.

The working team of five Mikes!



Working together on the second Fish Fry were (l. to r.) **Mike** Schurman, **Mike** Peck, **Mike** Brickner, **Mike** Thiergartner and **Mike** Balmert.

April Dates to Remember

April 1: Easter Sunday

April 11: 7:30pm Business Meeting at the Church

April 25: 7:30pm Social Meeting at the PAC

April Birthdays/Anniversaries

Knights

Chris Kerr 4/1
Ed Hanna 4/2
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
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
Stephanie Wright 4/7

Children (cont'd)

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
Alex Dendis 4/28

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 Colopy 4/28

The Chat Corner ...

People Challenges

By Lori Crock



It's pretty easy to feel holy sitting peacefully in Church, whether at Holy Mass or in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, but it sure gets a lot harder once we walk out the door

We are called to be holy and to love and serve God and our neighbor in every environment, all the time. That is a tall order—even the saints struggled with this—but were able to overcome it with God's grace, by the end of their time here on earth.

Only with God's grace, aided by prayer and perseverance, with frequent reception of the Sacraments, can we also hope to achieve this goal.

I realize that most of the time, it's not the environment that challenges us so, but the people in the environment. Sometimes it's the combination of the two, such as a person in an environment where we don't feel comfortable being ourselves.

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta sees the good in this, "Some people come into your life as blessings and other people come into your life as lessons."

People challenge us to grow in virtue, for example, in patience, kindness and humility. The Blessed Mother is a beautiful guide for us as we seek to grow in virtue. We can ponder in our hearts, as she did, all that is happening around us and and seek to respond with faith, hope and love.

Addressing our people challenges with prayer, and gentleness toward ourselves and others, can go along way in helping us grow in holiness. "God doesn't require us to succeed, he only requires that you try." ~St. Mother Theresa

So we strive to be holy in our interactions with people in all environments, whether at home, at work, in our neighborhood, on the playing field, and so on. We can never stop trying as St. Mother Teresa reminds us, "You have to be holy where you are – wherever God has put you."

Lori

Lori Crock can be found online at www.holyandhealthycatholic.com.

We are the Temple

By Deacon Tony Bonacci



Where do you find God?"

Some might say, "In *Church*; in the *Eucharist*; in the *Word*; in *Nature*..."

In his writings, St. Paul says, "*You* are the **temple** of God, ...the Spirit of God dwells in *you*. The **temple** of God, which you are, is *holy*." Just think, *we* are the **temple**! *Individually*, and *collectively*, we are the **temple**! We are "Church," *the Body of Christ* in the world today; the **temple** where the Spirit of God dwells.

God is in our midst when we *comfort/support/encourage* one another, when we *forgive* one another; **God is in our midst** when we *witness* to one another; **God is in our midst** when we *teach* (and even *admonish*) one another. Our Christian words and actions demonstrate - *We are the temple!*

Our Christian words and actions are **so needed** today - **today**, when our society seems to have no respect for life; when abortion and euthanasia are **legal**; when we witness violence and terrorism, even in our *churches* and in our *schools* ! **today**, when we have **legal**, "*recreational*" drug use; **today**, when *violence* permeates TV, movies, and even video games...

The **challenge** for us is to turn this culture around, one **temple, one person** at a time, one **family** at a time, one **congregation** at a time. Always, always remember: "**You are the temple of God**...the Spirit of God dwells in *you*...the **temple** of God, which you are, is *holy*."

Regional Free Throw Champions



Shown with K of C State Deputy Kevin Miller are (l. to r.) Phil Scott , Jonathan Alder student, and Peyton Hanna, daughter of Council 12772 Brother Eric Hanna. Each won their class at the Regional Free Throw Contest. See additional photo, page 4

State Free Throw Championship



State finalists from the Columbus Diocese are shown here before the competition, held at Ready High School in Columbus on March 17. Peyton finished fifth among competitors in her class.

All 36 St. Joseph Church pews refurbished by Council 12772 Knights

On November 21, 2015, a group of seven Council 12772 Brother Knights removed the first two St. Joseph church pews for refurbishment. The project was energized initially by conversation between Mike Gorman and Father Pat, and Dennis Grose offered the use of his workshop in Union County.

Since then, all 36 pews in the church nave have been revitalized by the investment of more than 1,000 man-hours of hard work by a dozen or more Knights of Columbus Brothers. These included Mike Balmert, Jim Fritter, Mike Gorman, Barry Klunk, Mark Needham, John O'Connell, Jeff Pieper, Jim Schwope, Todd Thobe and Greg Wayton. Non-Knight helpers included Bill Rushing and John Wood.

November 21, 2015—the team and the first removal



Hours of Sweat and Hard Work



The finished product - Thanks, Brother Knights!

