



The Carpenter



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

June 2017

Coming soon on the web: www.kofc-12772.org



See GK Farewell Report for details

Scholarship apps due at the PAC by July 1. Must include grade transcript, career goals, financial need, and church/school activities summary. Late submittals will not be accepted.

2017-2018 Officer Nominees listed on Page 2; Please plan to attend our June 14 Business Meeting, 8pm at the church, and vote for your choice.

A Happy Grand Knight and all our 2016-2017 Council Awards

Grand Knight's Farewell Report

Brothers...

Well, another fraternal year is coming to an end. I enjoyed being able to serve this council, St. Joseph Church and the Plain City community. You are a great bunch of guys to work with and I thank you for all you did to make my time as Grand Knight so enjoyable and successful.



While on the topic of "successful", I attended the 118th Annual State Convention of the Knights of Columbus this past weekend. Because of your efforts and a great leadership team, I was able to bring home a few awards which we have earned They include:

- **The Administrative Certificate** – Thank you Todd for keeping the paper work up-to-date and on time.
- **Pennies for Heaven over \$1000 Club** award. With the great Fish Fry's and ticket sales, we had enough money to contribute addition funds to donate a total of \$1025.

District Deputy's Report

Article reprinted from:

<https://www.coraevans.com/blog/article/here-are-10-of-the-most-unexpected-catholic-conversion-stories>

Alexis Carrel was born in 1873. He won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1912 pioneering blood-vessel surgery in humans, organ transplants in animals, and in keeping alive tissues from warm-blooded animals. Additionally, with the assistance of Charles Lindbergh, he developed the heart pump making bypass surgery possible.



For most of his life Carrel was an agnostic. In 1902, a colleague, when unable to make the trip at the last moment, convinced Carrel to go on a "white train" to Lourdes. The white train carried scores of sick from Lyons to Lourdes. Twenty-three year old Marie Bailly was dying of tubercular peritonitis and through the ruse of a nurse she was snuck on board a few seconds before the train **DD Report, see Page 5**

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Send a greeting to our adopted Seminarian:
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Written and edited by Bob Hess, member of Council No. 12772. Please send inputs or comments to me at hess7762@sbcglobal.net

May Business Meeting Notes

Grand Knight Report

- Meeting was called to order at 8:00PM. Opening prayer by GK Carl Haaser.
- Previous Minutes approved. No corrections needed.
- No new Admissions.
- Of the Year Awards banquet was a great success. Congratulations to John Cucia Knight of the Year and The Brickners for Family of the Year.
- State Convention on Memorial Day Weekend; .Brothers Jeff Fisher and GK Carl Haaser will attend. 2nd Delegate alternate needed—see Jeff Fisher if interested
- June 7th Confirmation at the PAC, 7PM. 4th degree will attend.
- June 10th Family fun day at PAC. Former Buckeye and NFL stars to attend for autographs and auctions. Knights will be cooking from 10am to 6pm. Lots of help needed with parking lot, security, etc. With enough help we are hoping to set up shifts to evenly spread the workload.
- June 17th will be the Council Picnic at GK Carl Haaser's home. Further details coming thru email.

Treasurer's Report

- Current bank balance noted.
- \$1,180 check outstanding to Charity Raffle tickets, \$45 to K of C convention and \$250 to Fraternal Organization fees.

Financial Secretary's Report

- Checks requested: \$71.50 and \$65.50 for 2016/2017 Chapter fees; \$87.77 K of C Supreme supplies, \$58.38 to Todd Thobe for stamps and misc. supplies, \$20.80 to State council charity tickets.
- \$320 was donated thru the Gimme 5 Measure Up program; \$83 dollars was collected at the Lovejoys collection day for a total of \$403. Council voted to contribute an additional \$97 to make it an even \$500 for Measure Up.
- Deposits: \$83 from Lovejoys collection, \$100 rebate from Food for Families, \$99 Insurance pro-rated refund, and \$56 from charity ticket refunds.

Program Director Report

- Thanks to all who bought or sold their Cash Bonanza Tickets. 462 tickets sold netting us

a \$1700 total rebate.

- Curb painting project was completed before April Deadline. Final Activity, Council Picnic, will be June 17th At GK Carl Haaser's home. More details to follow.
- Blue Coat of the Year awarded to Plain City Police Officer Ryan Flowers, and will be presented at the upcoming April 24th Village Council Meeting.

New Business

- Council Office Nominations for 2017 have been submitted.
- Motion passed to complete our annual budget in June Rather than July. \$250 limit set on votes, any more must be sent out thru newsletter then voted on at next meeting.

4th Degree/D.D. Report

- 2 more delegates needed for State Convention.

Good of the Order

Dave Harris, John Harris, Joe Achtner, Nora Donovan, Florence Hamlin, Kelsey Chapman, Daniel Donovan, Mickey Collins, Lynn Chapman, Lenny Dziczkowski, Josh Douglas, Gloria Butler, Pat Heier, Doug Pucel, Mary Sanders.

Please Note —

At the June 14 business meeting, Council will vote on the nominated positions listed below. Please plan to attend this important session.

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| Grand Knight | Todd Thobe |
| Deputy Grand Knight | John Ciuca |
| Treasurer | Mark Needham |
| Chancellor | Chris Miller |
| Recorder | Kevin Donovan |
| Advocate | Greg Wayton |
| Warden | Jim Schwope/Joe Achtner |
| Inside Guard | Kevin Schilling |
| Outside Guard | John Colvin |
| Trustee 1 st Year | Carl Haaser |
| Trustee 2 nd Year | Bob Hess |
| Trustee 3 rd Year | Jeff Fisher |

June Dates to Remember

June 10 Church Fun Day
June 14 8:00pm Business Meeting—Church

June 17 Council Family Picnic @ the Haaser Residence
June 28 8:00pm Social Mtg- PAC

The Chat Corner ...

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Pray for Us



The month of June is devoted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. St. Margaret Mary Alacoque is recognized as the saint associated with the Sacred Heart of Jesus due to her private revelations in 1673-1675. She responded to Jesus by promoting the Feast Day of the Sacred Heart, First Friday devotions, and the Holy Hour of Reparation. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 478) states that Jesus knew and loved us each and all during his life, his agony and his Passion, and gave himself up for each one of us: "The Son of God. . . loved me and gave himself for me." He has loved us all with a human heart. For this reason, the Sacred Heart of Jesus, pierced by our sins and for our salvation, "is quite rightly considered the chief sign and symbol of that. . . love with which the divine Redeemer continually loves the eternal Father and all human beings" without exception.

When I contemplate the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the beautiful statue in our Church, I am reminded that he is constantly pouring out his grace to us to strengthen and guide us. With the present day challenges, turning to devotion to Sacred Heart of Jesus can comfort us and prepare us for what lies ahead in our lives.

When Jesus says, "Come to Me, all you who are weary and find life burdensome, and I will refresh you. Take My yoke upon your shoulders and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble of heart. Your souls will rest, for My yoke is easy and My burden light." (Mt 11:28-30) he is truly calling us to share in his love . . . love poured from his Most Sacred Heart and we are called to respond to his love by building a loving relationship with him and with our neighbor.

We recently enthroned our home to the the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary. This a beautiful and way to bring Jesus and Mary into our hearts in a new and special way to receive his grace. Visit www.sacredheartcolumbus.org for information about home enthronement.

The Sacred Heart Feast Day is June 23 and here is a beautiful prayer to the Sacred Heart:

O most holy heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore you, I love you, and with lively sorrow for my sins I offer you this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure and wholly obedient to your will. Grant, Good Jesus, that I may live in you and for you. Protect me in the midst of danger. Comfort me in my afflictions. Give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs, your blessing on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death. Amen.

Blessings,
Lori

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

Council 12772's Rt. 42 Trash Pickup project nearing 5-year mark

For Council Brother Mark Needham, trash and debris along our highways was always one of his pet peeves. Around 2010, he began discussions with the State of Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), seeking a commitment from them to allow our Council to collect trash along a section of a local highway.

This commitment was finally granted in 2012 for a 2-mile segment of Rt. 42, starting 3.5 miles north of Plain City and ending north of the Rt. 33 freeway.

On November 7, 2012, ODOT representatives met with our clean-up team members and instructed us on methods of clean-up and rules of safety. Then on the following Saturday, a team of nine Council Brothers went forth for the first clean-up session, which lasted about 4 hours. The men split into two groups, one working each side of the highway. There was a lot of trash to pick up, as no clean-up had been done in this area in recent years.

ODOT provides safety vests, plastic trash bags and warning signs for motorists, and next-day pickup of the collected trash. They have posted green roadside signs acknowledging our K of C Council efforts. Under our agreement, our Council is required to do the trash pick up four times each year, and this month's cleaning was our 18th trip to the area.



Highway Clean-Up Warriors ready for their April 29 task are (top row, l. to r.) Mark Collins, Scott Corbitt, Mark Walden, Mike Walter, Mike Schurman, Kevin Schilling and Phil Powers; (front row, l. to r.) Mike Brickner and Mark Needham. Inset, the North Team at work.

Council renews no-parking curb markings at the church



Working with the Plain City Village Department of Public Works who furnished the paint, our Council supervised the renewal of the yellow no-parking paint on the curbs at the Gay & West Streets intersection. There have been complaints about cars parking too close to the intersection and obstructing the view of on-coming traffic. With Council supervision, the painting was done by Parish youth.

Council reported 38 separate activities to State K of C

Throughout the K of C 2016-2017 Fraternal Year which ends June 30, our Council 12772 reported the completion of 38 different activities, according to Council Program Director Bob Hess.

Selection of activities is guided by the General Program Book provided by the State, which stipulates areas of effort such as Church, Community, Family, Culture of Life, Youth, and Membership. When an activity has been completed, we report it on the State Website and it is reviewed and approved by the cognizant State Director. Each area requires a minimum of five activities to be completed and approved.

State Directors have given us very favorable comments on our presentation of the rose and Rosary at baptisms and for our participation in the annual VA Holiday party for veterans at the Chillicothe Medical Center

Our Council's final activity for the year will be the Council Picnic, scheduled for June 17 at the home of Grand Knight Carl Haaser.

Completion of such activities is a major requirement for qualifying for the Star Council Award given by K of C Supreme each year. We must also meet specified new-member and insurance policy quotas.

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departed. During the night, Carrel gave Bailly morphine injections so she would not die.

When Marie Bailly was taken to the grotto and baths, she was literally dying. After her hugely swollen abdomen had been washed three times with water from the baths, she began her spectacular recovery. By the evening she was sitting up, talking, eating, and not vomiting at all, although she had hardly been able to keep any food down for the past five months.

On the next morning, she got dressed and, a day later, with no one's help, she boarded the train back to Lyons, getting better and better on the 24-hour train ride. On arriving in Lyons, at noon on May 31, she walked through the station without leaning on anyone, took the streetcar to the home of her relatives who could not believe that it was Marie Bailly—and threw herself in their arms. There was no medical explanation for the change. Carrel had witnessed a miracle.

By 1942, Carrel had expressed his faith in the Catholic Church. He had experienced a miracle, but it took years for him to profess a belief in God.

From Carrel's example, we should learn to discern the miracles that occur in our own lives.

As we enter the last the last month of our fraternal year, I want to thank all of the District 49 Councils on their significant achievements for the good of the Parishes and Order. It was a pleasure to serve the District this past year. Beginning in July, I have been reassigned to District 50 in Northwest Columbus. The new District 49 District Deputy is Eric Suchland from Marion St. Mary. I am sure he will experience the same kindness that you have shown me.

Vivat Jesus,
 Jeff Fisher
 DD, District 49

June Birthdays/Anniversaries

| <i>Knights</i> | | <i>Children (cont'd)</i> | |
|-----------------------------|------|-------------------------------------|------|
| <i>Robert Summers</i> | 6/5 | <i>Caleb Laux</i> | 6/16 |
| <i>Larry Wright</i> | 6/5 | <i>Caleb Miller</i> | 6/18 |
| <i>Tyler Winner</i> | 6/8 | <i>Leo Winner</i> | 6/21 |
| <i>Jim Dvorsky</i> | 6/17 | <i>Morgan Foster</i> | 6/23 |
| <i>John Campbell</i> | 6/21 | <i>Erica Ernst</i> | 6/24 |
| <i>Larry Schneider</i> | 6/25 | <i>Quinn Heiss</i> | 6/24 |
| <i>Andre Lourenzo</i> | 6/29 | <i>Drew Harig</i> | 6/26 |
| | | <i>Luke Foster</i> | 6/27 |
| <i>Spouses</i> | | <i>Wedding Anniversaries</i> | |
| <i>Jessica Schimmoeller</i> | 6/6 | <i>Kenneth & Phyllis Runyon</i> | 6/2 |
| <i>Barbara Sievers</i> | 6/6 | <i>Bob & Barbara Sievers</i> | 6/5 |
| <i>Deedee Bradley</i> | 6/13 | <i>Jon & Jodi Santini</i> | 6/8 |
| <i>Jenna Campbell</i> | 6/21 | <i>Alan & Kathleen Wilson</i> | 6/15 |
| <i>Kim Caito</i> | 6/23 | <i>Larry & Cathy Wright</i> | 6/16 |
| <i>Children</i> | | <i>Greg & Lisa Adams</i> | 6/17 |
| <i>Mitchell Garnett</i> | 6/2 | <i>Tony & Elaine Bonacci</i> | 6/18 |
| <i>Julia Campbell</i> | 6/6 | <i>Gerald & Terrie Hare</i> | 6/19 |
| <i>Ace Winner</i> | 6/8 | <i>Chad & Kim Miller</i> | 6/20 |
| <i>Brittany Stransky</i> | 6/16 | <i>Stew & Amy Wenerstrom</i> | 6/23 |
| | | <i>Dave & Barb Seciliot</i> | 6/25 |

Grand Knight's Report, from Page 1

For a Council of under 100 members, that is a great award. I know of larger Councils that did not get this award. Thank you all who contributed to that effort.

- The state **"In Him"** award for completing all the programs and earning the maximum number of points for each program of Church, Council, Community, Youth and Right-to-Life. Many thanks to Bob Hess for keeping the state requirements straight and entering our activities on a timely manner. We are on our way to Star Council. We just need a couple of insurance members to make it 3 years in a row! If you are not an insurance member, please consider insurance on yourself or your children. I can help figure out a way to get this done if you need financial assistance. Please call me if you have any questions
- **Newsletter of the Year** award for Division 4 (under 100 members). This award goes to Bob Hess for all the work on the newsletter to keep you informed and to keep those of us doing articles on our toes. It takes time and talent and Bob has an abundance of both.
- **Council of the Year** award for Division 4. I was surprised and VERY proud to accept this award at the Saturday night State dinner on behalf of our Council. This award shows the rest of the state what a small, dedicated group of men can do. You all are very giving of your time for events and money for tickets and other fund-raising events. Keep up the good works for the incoming leadership team.
My congratulations go out to our sister Council in Marysville for their second-place finish in Division 3. I hope we can expand on the shared event we participated in with them and have more events like that.
We have some events coming up that I hope you will participate in. I will be sending out email reminders and requests for some of these events.
- **Monday June 5th – Confirmation at the PAC.** Assembly 3157 will be taking the lead for the 4th Degree members. Anyone wishing to participate in this event should be at the PAC library at 6:30 PM.
- **Saturday June 10th – Family Fun Day at the PAC.** Pete Johnson and many other sports figures will be there to sign autographs and give talks to the young kids about many different topics. We committed to doing the cooking. The event runs from 10 to 6. I need volunteers to cook brats, hotdogs and burgers. I am looking for 4-5 men to run 2 shifts (10-2 and 2-6). If you can help out for either of those shifts let me know ASAP. If you can only help for an hour or so that will be good too. I can arrange the schedule based on the help I get. I will be sending out emails for this event also.
- **Wednesday June 14th 8:00 at the Church basement. Council business meeting.** This is our election meeting. Please come to vote for the next administration and to welcome them with your support. I will be setting up committees for the program activities so be sure to talk to me if you would like to dip your toes into the leadership pool without taking on an officer position.
- **Saturday June 17th – Council 12772 family picnic at my house** (4090 US Highway 42 S, Delaware, OH 43015) from 5:30 – 10 (ish). The Council will provide hotdogs, brats and burgers. We will also provide soft drinks and mixes. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Also bring your favorite adult beverage if you so desire. We have a lot of room in the back for soccer, frisbee, horse shoes, a tree swing, badminton and corn hole. If you have a favorite game, feel free to bring it along. I don't have a rain-out option at this time so please pray for good weather.
- **Wednesday June 28th 8:00 at the PAC.** This will be the first social meeting for the new officers. Be sure to attend this event to congratulate the men taking a leadership role. Bring a friend who might be looking at joining our Council.

I guess this will be my last article as Grand Knight. I cannot thank you enough for the kindness and assistance you showed me these last two years. I came to the Council as a stranger and was greeted with kindness by not only the attendees at the meetings, but from many other members of the Council. Unfortunately, God did not bless me with a great memory for names (or anything else lately) but I do recognize faces and eventually I will learn who each of you are and I will thank you personally for your friendship.

Many thanks to Bob Hess for his tireless efforts to keep the Council on track for the Star Council award. Thank you, Todd and Mark, for keeping the books in line and offering your advice and knowledge of past events and donations we made. Thanks to Sean for your work on the minutes. It's a job not many want to undertake and you did a great job. Thank you, Deacon Tony, for your counsel and friendship. Thank you, Phil, Jim Schwope (there are many Jims!), Jeff, Ed and Joe. Because of your willingness to do what must be done and fill positions that needed to be filled, you are the backbone of this Council. And thank you all who cannot attend meeting or be in a leadership position but do God's work with the Council and other charitable organizations. You are the pillars of the Council and the community.

Lastly, a big Thank you to Fr. Trapp for allowing us to use the facilities at the Church and the PAC and allowing us to fulfill our activity requirements. I enjoyed working with you these last two years and I look forward to continuing that relationship as Trustee. We, as Knights, are committed to supporting the Church and its priests and religious. We will continue to pray for you and the success of the St. Joseph parish.

Thanks again for your support. It's been a great ride and I enjoyed working with you all.

Yours in Christ,

Carl Haaser, Grand Knight