



# The Carpenter



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

**December 2018**

**Jesus the Christchild is born!**



## Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights,



It has been a very successful year for our council so is time to PARTY!! Hope you can attend our December 12<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.

Spread the word to other brothers who don't make it regularly to try to stop by, even if just for the Christmas Social starting at 7:45 to 8:00.

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

**Note – Knights will fill all supporting roles at the December 25 Midnight Mass. Please contact John Ciuca to sign up: [john.ciuca@insight-bc.com](mailto:john.ciuca@insight-bc.com)**

## District Deputy's Report

### MARIAN ICON COMING TO ST. JOSEPH- JANUARY 26&27



The Knights of Columbus's new Marian icon shares the example of Christians who so bravely and faithfully died for love of Christ. As it travels from jurisdiction to jurisdiction, it focuses the eyes of our Church on the sacrifice of so many of our brothers and sisters in Christ. The Council will receive the Marian Icon during the week of January 20 and will conclude with a Prayer Service on the evening of January 27. There will be more details to follow.

May it serve to inspire us all to stand strong in our faith and continue our efforts to protect the free practice of religion throughout the world. This will be a great evening of spiritual renew for the family.

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## Program Director summarizes Council activities to date

The State council requires us to do activities in 7 different categories: Church/Vocations, Community, Council, Culture of Life, Family, Membership, and Youth. Points are awarded for each activity which when all are accomplished will total 700 points.

To date between what has been approved or pending, the points total 260. Some of the recent activities accepted are St. Martin de Porres,

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## Another Pancakes with Santa!

Pancakes, sausages and Santa were featured at our Council's 9th consecutive year for this event. Brother Grose resumed his role as Santa, and eleven Brothers sold the plates and did the cooking.

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Send greetings to our adopted Seminarians:

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## November Business Meeting Notes

### Grand Knight's Report

- Meeting called to order at 7:30PM Opening prayer by GK Todd Thobe. Previous minutes approved.
- Congratulations to GK Todd Thobe on the birth of his first grandchild.
- Including late donations, \$1,000 raised for the Support our Seminarians fund.

### Treasurer's Report

- Current checking balance noted.

### Financial Secretary's Report

- \$74.53 to Todd Thobe for contest supplies and food; \$62.21 to Jeff Fischer for Memorial Mass Flowers; \$376.26 for Council Supplies; \$55.99 to Bob Hess for Memorial Framing supplies; \$49.22 to John Ciuca for Membership Drive food.
- Scheduled \$500 donation to the Plain City Food Pantry sent.
- Yearly Dues invoices being sent out. Please feel free to add \$5 for the Measure Up Campaign.
- \$400 already pledged to the Fr. Matthew missionary fund in Cameroon - to be sent Western Union.

### New Business

- December 1<sup>st</sup> Pancake Breakfast at the PAC. 8-11am.
- A possible Council website is being researched. Information sheet handed out at the last Council meeting. Motion for up to \$400 proposed for Council website setup and maintenance. Motion approved.
- December 12<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting at the PAC 7:00PM. Christmas Party immediately following.
- Request for \$100 for the Dublin Dance Foundation. They put on performances at a school for adopted children and donate needed supplies. Motion passed.

### Unfinished Business

- Due to low Parish and Council iresponse, we will not be planning a trip to the March for Life Event in Washington D.C. Other options such as joining another parish are being explored.
- Keep Christ In Christmas contest supplies recently passed out to PSR students.
- The annual Free throw contest will be in January. More details to follow.
- Gifts for Life collections December 26 thru February 2. Parish will be asked to donate pregnancy supplies.

## Committee Reports

- Multiple project reports have been submitted to K of C State for approval and credit. Results still pending.

### Good of the Order

Elaine Bonacci, Florine Hamlin, Nora Donovan, Mary Balis, Daniel Donovan, Ella Karst, Mary Sanders, Hurricane Michael Victims, Christine Patilla

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

- The recent Memorial Mass was a great success. Thanks to all involved.

### Good of the Order

Elaine Bonnaci, Florine Hamlin, Deceased Brother Knights, Nora Donovan, Mary Balis, Daniel Donovan, Joe Buckley, Mary Sanders, California Fire Victims, Christine Patilla, Brother Knight Ronald Lucius

### Activities, from Page 1

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday, and Baptisms. Pending are Memorial Mass, Coats for Kids, Membership Drive, Recruit a Youth, and 1<sup>st</sup> degree ceremony.

The activities planned for December are: Keep Christ in Christmas Billboard, Pancakes with St. Nick (Dec 1<sup>st</sup>), Pregnancy Center Support (Dec-Feb). January activities are: Free throw contest, Walk for Life, and Novena for Life.

We have accomplished a lot this year but still have many activities left to get us to Star Council designation. Take these opportunities to get involved. Merry Christmas!

Vivat Jesus!  
Greg Wayton

### December Dates to Remember

<b>December 2: Advent begins</b>	<b>December 25: 12:00am Midnight Mass—Knights serve</b>
<b>December 12: 7:00pm Business Meeting and Holiday Party at the PAC.</b>	<b>December 25: 10:00am Christmas Day Mass</b>

### 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		

# The Chat Corner ...

## The Second Joyful Mystery: The Visitation

By Lori Crock



I pray the Rosary daily, and during Advent, I'm particularly moved by the Mary's visit to Elizabeth. She made the long and arduous journey to share her joy and love with Elizabeth and to be a help to her. Caring for others is Mary's mission and ours too.

The beautiful fruit of this Mystery is charity and love of others. Isn't that what Advent and the Christmas season are all about?

In the midst of the craziness to prepare our hearts, families and homes for Christmas, it's important to stay focused on why we are doing all of this and who is at the center of this: Jesus. The little acts of love that we seek to do for others this season deserve our attention and intention with the calm and joy of Christ ... as much as we can muster it!

So how do we stay centered on the true meaning of the season and nurture a giving heart?

**Pray Daily.** Give time to God in prayer and ask Him to guide us in our we plan our activities and events in this very busy time.

**Read Scripture.** Daily immersion into God's Holy Word, even if it is a few verses, can center us and give us profound insight into ourselves and how to stay calm and flourish as we prepare for Jesus' birth.

**Attend Daily Mass.** I try to go a couple days a week. I never think I have enough time, but when I do go, God orders my time in ways I could never imagine.

**Do Things that Move Your Heart.** With joyful charity, give to causes that inspire you, help people in your local community, make a meal for a friend. Every act of service, big and small, nourishes us and helps us to be Christ to others.

**Practice Good Stewardship of Your Time.** Set priorities. Sometimes Al and I skip social activities if we are feeling overwhelmed. We might instead plan a family night to reconnect as a couple — or simply goof off with our adult children.

*I pray that we have a peaceful, prayerful, powerful experience of God's love this Advent and Christmas. May we have giving hearts like Mary.*

*Blessings, Lori*

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[www.holyandhealthycatholic.com](http://www.holyandhealthycatholic.com).

## MARIAN ICON COMING TO ST. JOSEPH-JANUARY 26&27 (Cont'd from Page 1)



State deputies carry blessed images of Mary Help of Christians during the Mass launching the inauguration of the Order's 18th Marian Prayer Program. The images will travel from Knights through the country and the world, helping to raise global awareness of the sacrifice and current persecution of our brothers and sisters in Christ.



Pope Francis blesses the "Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians," as Cardinal Edwin F. O'Brien, Grand Master of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem and a member of the Knights of Columbus, looks on.

## Council honors deceased Brothers and Veterans at Sunday Mass

Brothers of Council 12772 led a memorial Mass in honor of our deceased brother and also military veterans on November 11. With the approval of Fr. Trapp, SK DD Jeff Fisher coordinated special features of the Mass, including music arrangements, a 4th Degree Honor Guard, a Piper, and a photo display highlighting the six deceased members of our Council.

The roles of lectors, Eucharistic ministers, servers and ushers were all filled by other Council Brothers.



A photo display honored the six Brothers who have passed since Council's inception: Wally Cooper, Ed Chuha, Dale Kinsley, Joe Hofbauer, Tony Mouhanna and David Harris.



Twenty nine attending and participating Brothers pose with Fr. Trapp, Deacon Tony and Piper Jeff Linn. The group included six present and past Grand Knights of our Council.



Ceremonials were begun with the impressive entry of Piper Jeff Linn.



SK Jon Santini leads the Posting of the Colors prior to the Mass.



SKs Ciuca, Grose and Fritter lead the opening procession. Other Sir Knights included Jeff Fisher and Steven Smith and Fred LaFrance from Marysville.

## Brothers finish another year of Community Service

Council 12772 marked our 6th consecutive year of highway trash clean-up of a segment of Rt 42 north of Plain City. This project is coordinated by Mark Needham through the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), and is one of several Community Service projects conducted by our Council.



Cleaning up the north half of our 2-mile segment of Rt. 42 were (l. o r.) Brothers Peck, Needham, Walden, Schurman and Stransky.



Brothers (l. to r.) Collins, Weyton, Grady, Powers and Thobe worked the south portion of our assigned 2-mile segment of Rt. 42, south of Industrial Parkway.

## Council 12772's on-going support of local Charities



GK Todd Thobe presents a check for \$500 to Plain City DNA Executive Director Tamara Reed

## Pancakes with Santa



Brothers Fitter, Thobe, Hess, Wayton, Peiper, Dvorsky, Balmert and Collins join Santa. Not shown, Joe Buckley.



Santa greets his first two customers.

## Council completes 5th year of Coats for Kids donations

On a rainy Monday morning, November 19, Brother Knights distributed 8 dozen Coats for Kids to four schools and the Plain City DNA. This program began in 2014 when, in response to a plea for help, our Council donated 2 dozen coats to Monroe Elementary School in Madison County. Since then the project has grown to include Plain City Elementary, Canaan Middle School, Finland Elementary and Finland Middle Schools in a depressed area of SW Columbus, and the addition last year of Plain City DNA.

Also beginning last year was a contribution of coats from K of C Council 3080 in Ft. Lauderdale FL when one of their members, Brother Peter Siano, learned of our program during a winter visit with relatives in Ostrander. Having no need for winter coats in Florida, their Council agreed to join our effort here in central Ohio. This year they supplied 2 dozen additional coats and Brother Siano participated in the distribution team, along with GK Todd Thobe, Jim Bradley and Bob Hess.

We always receive a warm welcome at these schools, and the Principals and staffs are very grateful for our donations.

**Canaan Middle School**



**P.C. Elementary School**



**P.C. DNA**



**Finland Elementary School**



**Finland Middle School**

