



The Carpenter



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

November

SPECIAL MEMORIAL ISSUE

2017



Our deceased Brothers



Wally Cooper



Ed Chuha



Tony Mouhanna



Joe Hofbauer



Dale Kinsley

Grand Knight's Report



Having just welcomed **four new brothers** to our ranks I want to commend the members of the degree team. Everyone did an excellent job and we have many brothers who are actively supporting this council.

Also, Chris Duckworth and Jeff Pieper received their 2nd and 3rd Degrees in a ceremony at OLPH.

On the 28th of October we had approximately 8 brothers completing our 4th roadside cleanup of the year as well as 3 others taking collections to the VA Hospital in Chillicothe.

As we have an upcoming free throw shooting contest on November 12th as well as doing our annual pancake breakfast with St. Nicholas, we need to make sure we are in alignment with the K of C Supreme and the Diocese requirements for members who are working with children to complete the Protecting God's Children class. With that in mind, on Monday, November 6th, Maria from the parish is conducting a class, from 6-9PM (no late arrivals) at the PAC. Please consider joining the 7 or so brothers who have already signed up. Let me know at 614-506-5016 if you would be able to make it. You will also need to complete a background form, go to JA High School and be fingerprinted.

Vivat Jesus
Todd Thobe, Grand Knight

District Deputy November Report



November is a month of Memorials. I would like to encourage all Brother Knights and their families to join us for a **Memorial Mass for our deceased Brothers:**

Sunday, November 12, 2017, 11:00 AM at the Parish Activity Center

Reserved seating for Knights and their families

In Memorial: Wally Cooper, Ed Chuha, Tony Mouhanna, Joe Hofbauer and Dale Kinsley.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.*

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October Business Meeting Notes

Grand Knight's Report

- Meeting was called to order at 7:30PM. Opening prayer by GK Todd Thobe. Previous Minutes approved.
- Three new applications submitted and approved after second reading. Chris Dendis, Philip Grady, and Al Crock.

Treasurer's Report

- Current Bank Balance noted. Two outstanding checks; one deposit.

Financial Secretary's Report

- Deposits to be made: \$360 Football Frenzy tickets, \$50 donations for "Support our Seminarians" deposited; bill paid: \$13.22 for Membership Drive snacks.

New Business

- 1st Degree Ceremony October 25th in the Church Basement. 6:30 PM candidate call and 7PM ceremony.
- 2nd and 3rd Degree ceremony October 29th, Our Lady of Preputial help in Grove City. 12:30 candidate call.
- 12th November, Kids' Free Throw Contest. Details to come.
- November 12th 11am Mass is the Memorial Mass. Will have a 4th degree presence. Looking into hiring a bagpiper for the service. Motion passed to provide up to \$150 if needed.

Unfinished Business

- Good turnout for the Membership Drive: Four recruited, need 4 more for our annual quota.

Program Committee Report

- Six activities approved and three submitted.

4th Degree/D.D. Report

- Oct 28th is the annual VA party in Chillicothe. Plant to meet at PAC and leave by 9:30AM.
- 2nd and 3rd degree Ceremony October 29th at Our Lady of Preputial Help, Grove City.
- October 21-22, St Mary German Village October Fest. Proceeds to go to needed Church repairs.
- January 21st Clergy Dinner Villa Milano.
- May 6th. "Knight and Family of the Year" banquet. Makoy center in Hilliard.

Good of the Order

Dave Harris, Soul of Kate Benson, Nora Donovan, Tish Haaser, Daniel Donovan, Sandy Hilbert, Mary Sanders, Jane Ellis.

1st Degree ceremony brings in 4 new members to our Council

A 1st Degree Ceremony was conducted in our church basement meeting room on Wednesday October 25, bringing in Al Crock, Chris Dendis, Phil Grady and Ed Hanna as new Brothers to our Council.

Al Crock, another pledge who was unable to attend, will also take his 1st Degree at a later date.

These men were recruited during our October membership drive 3 weeks ago. We will have another drive in the Spring, hoping to achieve our 2017/2018 goal of 8 new members.

Council to provide all ministers for Christmas Midnight Mass

Looking ahead to continuing a tradition of the past several years, we will be seeking Brother volunteers to fill all minister functions at our Christmas Midnight Mass.

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

Meeting Schedule for 2017/2018

- All meetings start at 7:30pm.
- Business meetings, 2nd Wednesday in the Church basement, except third month of each quarter, i.e. September, December, March and June, at the PAC. All Social meetings, 4th Wednesday of each month, at the PAC.

November Birthdays/Anniversaries

<i>Knights</i>		<i>Spouses (cont'd)</i>	
Scott Corbitt	11/2	Amy Wenerstrom	11/23
Jeff Fisher	11/5	Children	
Robert Walter	11/17	John Schimmoeller	11/7
Carl Monnin	11/17	Caroline Timberlake	11/7
John O'Connell	11/23	Rex Winner	11/14
Fr. Pat	11/24	Joseph Reinhard	11/29
David Harig	11/25	Wedding Anniversaries	
Kevin Will	11/28	Bob & Sarah Reinhard	11/29
Spouses		Chris & Diane Miller	11/30
Kim Miller	11/5		
Ann Stransky	11/7		
Lisa Hess	11/13		
Lori Thelen	11/21		

November Dates to Remember

November 8: 7:30pm Business Meeting—Church	November 22: 7:30pm NO SOCIAL MEETING THIS MONTH
November 12: 11:00am Memorial Mass—PAC	November 23: Thanksgiving Day
November 12: Free Throw Contest JA JrHS, time TBD	

The Chat Corner ...

Do it Person to Person

by Lori Crock



My husband Al has a friend who lives out of state and his friend suffered through a very serious illness. It was a difficult cross, but he is now in the recovery phase, regaining his health, and returning to his normal activities.

When we recently inquired about this transition, he informed us that both he and his wife are in the RCIA program at their local Catholic Church.

We were thrilled! They were active protestants so we asked him how they became interested in the Catholic Church.

He told us that throughout his illness, there were active Catholics who gave generously of their time and talent to care for their family. The outpouring of love touched their hearts so deeply that it moved them to begin investigating the teachings of the Catholic Church.

He said this to my husband, "I found the truth; the Catholic Church is truth."

Our friend's search for the truth began because of loving support from individuals, people like you and me, who were living out their Catholic faith in the way they treated his family.

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta describes this beautifully. "*Don't wait for leaders; do it alone, person to person.*"

This story is a reminder that our words and actions, big and small, make an impact on those around us. Simple acts of charity reveal Christ to others and can change lives.

May we stay close to Jesus through Mary as we serve our neighbor with the hands and feet of Christ.

Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart for Mary, pray for us!

Blessings,
Lori

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

True Greatness

by Deacon Tony Bonacci



What is **True Greatness**? Who inspires you? Who do you most admire? One of my heroes is Cardinal Joseph Bernardin, former archbishop of Chicago. As he stood before thousands of his flock as their new bishop, he humbly said, "I am Joseph, your brother." In 1997, Joseph penned the best seller, "*The Gift of Peace*" as he was dying of cancer (a truly great person).

In Matthew's gospel, Jesus challenges the *status-seeking* and *hypocrisy* of some of the Scribes and Pharisees. He urges the disciples and crowds to *follow* their teachings, but he cautions them to *avoid* their hypocrisy. They *preach* one thing and *practice* another. Jesus exposes their desire for titles and seats of honor and their love of self-display.

Jesus' words are a warning for us - we can be the Pharisees of *our* day... We can take titles too seriously; we can covet places of honor. We can be living our faith sincerely, but falling into hypocrisy. We need to be careful that our *lives* match our *words*. We need to get closer to what *true greatness* and what real *humility* is.

Real *humility* is NOT putting ourselves down, nor denying our achievements. In Jesus' view, *real humility* is *acknowledging* our worth as human beings, our *dignity* as Children of God. *Real humility* is *pride coated with gratitude*. It's *sharing credit* for our achievements with *God* and with *others*.

Maybe you know someone like this: When you praise them for an achievement or honor, they say, "Yes, God's been good to me," or, "Thank you... I am truly blessed."

It's true! ***Real greatness is acknowledging the presence of God and others in our achievements.***

Jesus tells us to avoid status-seeking. He tells us to *humbly serve others*. He says, "The greatest among you must be your servant." *This* is true greatness.

The thing I most admire about some people is when he or she doesn't wear their Christianity on their lapel like a pin; They *live* it!"

My brothers, the *challenge* for you and for me is to ***live our Christianity!***

Council again participates in VA Hospital Holiday Party

Our Council 12772 was represented at the annual Holiday Party at the VA Medical Center in Chillicothe OH on Saturday, October 29. Several other Councils also joined in the celebration.

Thanks to the generosity of St. Joseph parishioners over the past month, Brothers, Mike Balmert, Mike Schurman and Todd Thobe were able to transport a large quantity of toiletries and other personal goods for the veteran patients at the hospital.

These items were distributed, followed by a 4th-Degree posting of the colors, and the patients then enjoyed a hot lunch, followed by bingo games.



Seen here in front of some 100 packages assembled for the veterans, are (l. to r.) Council Brothers Mike Balmert, Todd Thobe and Mike Schurman.

Council completes fourth and final Highway cleanup for 2017

On a cold blustery morning on Saturday morning, October 21, eight Council Brothers completed the last of four highway cleanups for this year.

This on-going project is part of our Council's Community Service efforts and is coordinated by Brother Mark Needham through the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT). We are committed to doing a cleanup 4 times each year for 5 years. We are now in our 5th year of service

All participants must view a training/safety video, and ODOT provides safety vests, trash bags and warning signs posted along the work area.

Brother Mark enjoys the ongoing organizing of this effort because, he said, "Littering is one of my pet peeves, and it's always fun spending time with my brother Knights."



The "North Team" pictured here are (l. to r.) Mike Peck, Ed Stransky and Mark Walden, plus photographer Mark Needham.