



The Carpenter



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

May 2017

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Brothers serve at Easter Vigil Mass



Serving along side Fr. Trapp, Fr. Pat and Deacon Tony were Mike Brickner, John Ciuca, Kevin Donovan, Jeff Fisher, Jim Fritter, Carl Haaser, Mike Peck, Jon Santini, Jon Santini III, Kevin Schiller, Ed Stransky, and Todd Thobe.

District Deputy's Report



In the 1940s and 1950s, John Wayne starred in major Westerns and War pictures. He had four children with his first wife. Though he was raised Presbyterian himself, all seven of his children were raised Catholic by their mothers.

When his end was near, Wayne was in agony, succumbing to stomach cancer. A priest was called, and Wayne was baptized and the priest administered last rites.

Fr. Matthew Munoz, Wayne's grandson, said that his grandfather expressed a degree of regret about not becoming a Catholic earlier in *See District Deputy Report, Page 5*

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May-Oct Meetings revert to 8:00pm

May 10 Business meeting at church

May 24 Social meeting at the PAC

Grand Knight's Report

Brothers...



May is an important time for the Council. This time each year we strive to develop a new core of officers to take us into the next year (or two). Since I was fairly new to the customs and procedures here at St Joseph, I missed some opportunities to talk with the new members and

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Officer Nominations, 2017/2018

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 Achnert
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
(A) Financial Secretary	Phil Powers
(A) Program Director	Carl Haaser
(A) Chaplain	Fr. Joseph Trapp
(A) Lector	Deacon Tony Bonacci

Send a greeting to our adopted Seminarian:

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April Business Meeting Notes

Grand Knight Report

- Meeting was called to order at 8:00PM. Opening prayer by GK Carl Haaser.
- Previous Minutes approved. No new Admissions.
- State Convention and Of the Year Banquets upcoming. All are welcome.
- 2nd Delegate alternate needed for State Convention on Memorial Day Weekend. See Jeff Fischer if interested.
- \$45, ¼ page advertisement approved for the Convention Program booklet.
- Convention Golf tournament May 26th at Bent Tree. \$80 fee. See Carl if interested. ASAP
- In Memoriam requests due to State Convention by May 1st.
- Of the Year nominations have been submitted. Banquet May 7th.
- Fr Trapp gave his thanks for all the Knights assistance thru the Alpha program, Alpha meals, Holiday Masses and Easter Egg Hunt..

Treasurer's Report

- Current bank balance noted.
- \$100 outstanding to Greater Columbus Chapter. Two Fish Fry Deposits Pending.

Financial Secretary's Report

- \$18.99 to John Cucia for food reimbursement.
- \$ 29.98 for Easter Egg Hunt candy.
- \$11.48 Council Checks. \$250 Advertising Printing fees.
- \$45 to Convention advertisement. \$198 for council Insurance.
- \$640 for Pennies for Heaven. Motion made and approved to add \$375 to raise donation to over \$1,000.
- Deposits \$210 from Dues. \$15 from Gimmie Five. \$100 RSVP program refund.
- 856 Total orders for 2017 Fish Fry Season. \$8664.11 Net Income.

Program Director Report

- Thanks to all who bought or sold their Cash Bonanza Tickets.
- Rosary Activity competed and submitted.
- Hoping to complete curb painting project before April Deadline.
- It was decided to award the Blue Coat of the Year to a deserving Plain City Police Officer. Officer Ryan Flowers will be presented the award at the upcoming April 24th Village Council Meeting.
- Council Picnic will be June 17th At GK Carl Haaser's home. More details to follow.

New Business

- Mark Needham's daughter will be getting Married on May 20th. The Family is asking 4-5 Knights to assist at the reception with bartending, cleanup etc. 4:30 -10:00 pm at the Orchid in Plain City. **All workers will be fed and the Needham's will be making a \$400 donation to the Knights for our assistance. Contact Mark directly** if you would like to help.
- Sat. May 6th will be our collection day at Lovejoys in Plain City for the Measure up Program. 9am to 12pm. 4 people needed to run two shifts. This is a fun and easy way to get involved in our council activities.
- Saturday April 29th is our 1st Highway trash pickup of the year. Contact Mark Needham if interested.
- Congratulations to Brother Joe Ahtner for winning the Knight of the Month award while also celebrating his 90th Birthday. Joe is at every meeting and involved in many projects. He is a role model for all Knights.

4th Degree/D.D. Report4th

- 4th Degree presence needed for St. Joseph 1st Communion.

Good of the Order

Dave Harris, John Harris, Shannon Eckman, Joe Ahtner, Nora Donovan, Florence Hamlin, Kelsey Chapman, The Hill Family, Daniel Donovan, Charlie Aring, Lynn Chapman, Gloria Butler, Tammy (from Alpha), Jim Armillotti, Father of Matthew Newman

May Birthdays/Anniversaries

<i>Knights</i>		<i>Children</i>	
<i>Jim Colopy</i>	<i>5/3</i>	<i>Daniel Adams</i>	<i>5/1</i>
<i>Rob Loula</i>	<i>5/12</i>	<i>Jill Needham</i>	<i>5/6</i>
<i>Mike Schurman</i>	<i>5/13</i>	<i>Megan Wenerstrom</i>	<i>5/7</i>
<i>Mike Peck</i>	<i>5/19</i>	<i>Jon Santini, III</i>	<i>5/8</i>
<i>Joe Craft</i>	<i>5/22</i>	<i>David Summers</i>	<i>5/10</i>
<i>Carl Haaser</i>	<i>5/26</i>	<i>Avery Heindel</i>	<i>5/23</i>
<i>Mark Collins</i>	<i>5/27</i>	<i>Regan Rudolph</i>	<i>5/23</i>
		<i>Andrew Farrand</i>	<i>5/28</i>
<i>Spouses</i>		<i>Wedding Anniversaries</i>	
<i>Jeanne Rudolph</i>	<i>5/3</i>	<i>Phillip & Tess Lashley</i>	<i>5/4</i>
<i>Karem Jarrell</i>	<i>5/6</i>	<i>David & Teresa Farrand</i>	<i>5/6</i>
<i>Emily Winner</i>	<i>5/7</i>	<i>Thomas & Kimberly Gilles</i>	<i>5/20</i>
<i>Emily Blankemeyer</i>	<i>5/17</i>	<i>Robert & Agnes Loula</i>	<i>5/20</i>
<i>Kathleen Wilson</i>	<i>5/17</i>	<i>Kevin & Lori Thelen</i>	<i>5/30</i>
<i>Elaine Bonacci</i>	<i>5/23</i>	<i>Joseph & Laura Weisburn</i>	<i>5/31</i>
<i>Amy Colopy</i>	<i>5/24</i>		
<i>Phyllis Runyon</i>	<i>5/25</i>		

May Dates to Remember

May 10 8:00pm Business Meeting—Church

May 24 8:00pm Social Meeting—PAC

The Chat Corner ...

Our Destination



I read a beautiful reflection on the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary recently that left me with this message ... we know the Destination, we have a Map, and we have a Guide on the road to holiness.

So what are we waiting for?

Our Destination is heaven to be with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. During the Easter season, we are reminded that Christ is the Head of the Church and we are the Body and eventually the two shall be joined as one.

Our Map is the life of Jesus revealed to us through the Gospels and with the guidance of the Catholic Church.

Our Guide is the Holy Spirit, and in the Acts of the Apostles we see that, even when we are cowering and afraid, if we rely on the Spirit, given to us in our Baptism, and strengthened in Confirmation, we are people who are capable of love and boldness in Christ's name.

We, like the Apostles, are called to share the Gospel message of faith, hope and love with others.

At times, the road to holiness can feel long and arduous, wrought with trials and challenges, but this road is also filled with indescribable joy that is not of this world.

Christ desires that we enjoy our life here on earth to the fullest ... building up his kingdom by using our gifts and talents for good, but the Easter season reminds us to keep in mind our Destination ... to be with Him in heaven.

Blessings,
Lori

Tribute to a Cousin



My cousin Philip Simino was born on December 6, 1949. As my Mom would later say, "Philip was born with two strikes against him," because he was born with multiple physical limitations. Throughout his life, his older brothers Nick and Bud always tried to help Philip - with medications, physical therapy, speech therapy, and vision problems. Philip struggled in school, but proudly graduated from High School!

From my perspective, Philip was never bitter or angry about the body he was given; over the years, he learned patience and perseverance with his body. Philip was a bachelor all his life; he worked in his brothers' sub shop and pizza shops. He loved to cook and serve food to people.

In his free time, he ministered to others. I remember when he visited with the older folks in his apartment complex, and helped them to shop, run errands, or get to appointments. Philip accepted his lot in life and tried to help others.

On Aug. 29, 2005, Philip was a patient at Charity Hospital in New Orleans when Hurricane Katrina hit. For his 56 years, he had struggled with physical limitations. And now here he was, a victim of this terrible storm. After *nine days*, he was finally rescued on a stretcher, first by boat, and then by helicopter, finally arriving at Baton Rouge airport. When he finally reached me by phone, he said, "I made it, Cousin Tony, I made it through the storm!"

He spent his next nine years in a nursing home, where he eventually passed in May of 2006. Well, Philip, you made it ! You made it to the other side ! Now you're with your Mom, Dad, and all our family in heaven. Rest in peace, dear cousin, and prepare a place for us...

Council Brother Joe Achtner turns 90!



At the February Business meeting, the Council celebrated our Worthy Warden Joe Achtner's 90th Birthday with a certificate, two cakes and a pie! Way to go, Joe!!

Lenten Fish Fry results best ever

Council 12772 scored another excellent Lenten Fish fry event, with a record profit of \$8,465 deposited in bank. The Fish Frys are our main source of income supporting the Council's various annual projects. These include community charities such as St. Gabriel Radio, Plain City Food Bank, Special Olympics and Coats for Kids, and Parish projects such as scholarships, Seminarian support, KAIROS, and our Family Bowling Party.

A total of 1814 dinners were served up, averaging just over 300 dinners each Friday. Our first week was the best of the Fridays with 346 dinners sold, partially attributed to favorable publicity given us by the Catholic Times' assessment of the local fish fry scene, coupled with good Spring weather.

Mark Needham and Todd Thobe organized the kitchen and serving areas respectively, supported by some 30 Brothers over the 6-week period. **Good work, men!!**

Cash Bonanza ticket report

Our Council's first turn-in was made on April 15, when we submitted 454 ticket stubs worth \$2,270. This gave us an average of 4.6 tickets sold per member, maximizing a rebate of \$1,680 for our Council—well done, **Brother Knights!**

We will have a final turn-in on May12. For those 45 of you who haven't participated yet, please make a final effort to sell or buy the tickets you received, and submit them to me, so we can add to our total rebate.

Remember, your ticket sales will help the State-level K of C charitable projects as well as our own charities such as the Plain City Food Bank, Special Olympics and Coats for Kids, and Parish projects such as scholarships, Seminarian support and KAIROS.

Remember too — there are prizes worth more than \$108,000 to be won as well!

Blue Coat of the Year Award



GK Carl Haaser presents our Council's Blue Coat of the Year to Officer Ryan Flowers of the Plain City Police Department. Officer Flowers was injured during a line-of-duty arrest last December and will return to duty after a 6-month recuperation.

Post Fish Fry cleanup is a dirty job—looking for more help next year!



Every year, following our six Lenten Fish Frys, the kitchen must be returned to a condition of cleanliness ready for other users. As expected, with six Fridays of 3 hot oil-filled fryers, baking fish in the convection oven, mixing batter and coleslaw, plus other food handling, the kitchen requires a lot of hard work and loving care to return it to its original condition.

Only two Brothers showed up on the first night, so a second night was scheduled, this time with five men coming, as seen above—Todd Thobe, Phil Powers, Carl Haaser (bending down), Ed Stransky, and photographer Mark Needham.

Thanks, Brothers, for your hard work, and we'll hope for a better turn-out next year.

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life: “that was one of the sentiments he expressed before he passed on,” blaming “a busy life.”

From Wayne's example, we should learn that it is never too late to embrace God's forgiveness. We should not allow a busy life, no matter how important we think the work is, to keep us from a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Receiving the sacraments and especially weekly Mass attendance can help foster that relationship.

Brother Knights this and other inspirational stories of or faith are available at the website <https://www.coraevans.com/>. As a Knight we continue to build our faith through action and prayer in our acts of charity. I wish you continued success.

Vivat Jesus,
Jeff Fisher, DD 49

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prospective candidates. As a result, I added some men to the roster that I feel will greatly help move forward this next fraternal year.

I will try to contact everyone to get each one's opinion but as of this writing you find your name in a position that will surprise you. I apologize in advance. The list in this newsletter is that of men I feel will help us move forward. Everyone cannot take a back seat. We need men to fill positions, do paper work and payout to our Charities. In order to pay our Charities, we have to have a quorum of men at each meeting.

Nothing makes me happier than see 5-10 men who are not officers attend a business meeting. Sometimes it does get boring because it may be a slow period of the year, but we still must pay bills and collect dues and plan events. These things don't happen by themselves.

I hope you all read this newsletter and call up to tell me you would be happy to fill the spot I designated for you. Others might call or write to ask how they could get more involved.

I know, it's a pipe-dream, but it's one I will never stop hoping for.

I have several committee chairmanships available beside the officers so if you feel left out, just give me a call. I can fit you in based on your time allotment and interests.

Pray the rosary to Mary for success of our charitable giving and events to supplement those givings

Yours in Christ,

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Vivat Jesu!