



The Carpenter



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

February 1, 2021



Grand Knight's Report



Brothers,

Welcome to Winter in Ohio....finally. As the month of February begins, we also look forward to the season of Lent, which will begin in 2 short weeks.

With the season of Lent also look forward to the Knights annual Fish Fries. Our plan this year is a take out menu with Fried Fish and the choice of two sides---mac chesse, coleslaw, or fries.

Brother Mark Needham is organizing the Kitchen crew and Brother Todd Thobe is in charge of the order takers/runners. Our first fish fry is Friday February 19th, so contact Mark or Todd if able to help out.

****Due to all things COVID, we will need all fish fry workers to sign a COVID waiver form in order to work this year. See attachment on the newsletter. Get the signed copies to me for safe keeping. Thank you for your service.

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Send greetings to our adopted Seminararians:

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District Deputy's Report



LENT BEGINS FEBRUARY 17

Time to plan a spiritual journey through Lent. The chivalric character of the Knights of Columbus and the Church's long tradition of spiritual combat resonate with men today – especially as threats from the world and the devil are so keenly felt. Eucharistic adoration in the form of a regularly scheduled Holy Hour is a simple, direct, and meaningful way to address these needs. It is familiar to many, easy to organize, and something everyone can participate in together regardless of age, vocation, stage of life, or membership status.

I would invite you to make your Holy Hour a part of your Lenten sacrifice and join the Eucharistic Adorers at the church once a week during Lent. Please be safe and stay well and pray for an end of this pandemic.

Vivat Jesus,
God Bless,
Jeff Fisher, DD
District 36

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Meeting Minutes for January 13, 2021
Knights of Columbus Council 12772

Submitted by Kevin Donovan, Recorder

Officers present for this meeting

Chaplain	Fr. Trapp	Excused
Grand Knight -	John Ciuca	Present
Deputy Grand Knight-	Mike Balmert	Present
Chancellor-	Jim Fritter	Absent
Recorder-	Kevin Donovan	Excused
Financial Secretary-	Phil Powers	Present
Treasurer-	Mark Needham	Present
Lector -	Tony Bonnaci	Excused
Advocate-	Mark Collins	Absent
Warden-	Jeff Pieper	Present
Inside Guard-	Brian Novotny	Present
Outside guard-	Jim Schwope	Present
Trustee 1 st Year-	Todd Thobe	Present
Trustee 2nd Year-	Carl Haaser	Present
Trustee 3rd Year-	Ed Stransky	Absent
Program Director-	Greg Wayton	Present

Meeting called to order at 7:30PM. Opening prayer by GK John Ciuca.

Previous meeting minutes approved as printed in the newsletter.

Grand Knight's Report

- Gift cards for babies project is slow. Not many gifts coming in .

Treasurer's Report

To be discussed at the meeting. If you want the balance, please contact Treasurer Mark Needham.

Financial Secretary's Report

- 2nd Notice for dues going out. About 24 members not paid

Unfinished Business

- Request for three volunteers to email encouragement to our local seminarian students. Completed.

New Business

- Volunteers needed for Subsale at all Masses and the build. Chairman Carl Haaser will not be there as he will be on vacation
- Fish Fry logistics and payment options were discussed. Menu for take out shown by Todd Thobe.
- Cars will be routed around the parking lot to the North entrance. Runners will pick up the orders and payment and run them to the PAC. They will be filled at the cafeteria window and returned to the customer at the South entrance..
- The council will make breakfast and lunch for those attending the Men's Conference at the PAC. Register on-line for \$10.00

4th Degree/D.D. Report

- Men's Conference will be virtual this year.

Meeting Minutes

Good of the Order

Soul of Tina Pucel, Mary Sanders, Peggy Powers, Tom Bleisgh, Jerry Sweeny, Fr. Justin Reis, Jim Elias, Barbra Ciuca, Caroline Lubinski, Josh Douglas, Jenna Douglas, Donna Evans, anonymous woman in 2nd trimester. Soul of William Mills.

Dates to Remember

Feb 10th: In-person & Zoom meeting 7:30—Pat House

Feb 14th: Happy Valentine's Day –2021

Feb 24th: Social/Officers Meeting 7:30 PAC

Feb 27th: Men's Conference. 9:00am PAC. Breakfast & Lunch served.

The Chat Corner



The New Year is always filled with promise. Something shifts in us that makes us want to become more holy and healthy. Maybe it's the change of routine during Christmas and New Year, the travel, or our over-

indulging in things of the world (like cookies and wine) that make us ready to begin anew in January.

It's a great to build new habits of exercise and healthier eating patterns, but more importantly, this is an excellent time of year to renew our commitment to prayer, fasting and receiving the sacraments. Developing strong holy habits now can help us have a more holy and healthy Lent (which is just around the corner.)

As it turns out. St. Augustine has some priceless and even humorous words of wisdom about the power of habits and the role of God in our lives.

He said, "Such is the strength of the burden of habit. Here I have the power to be but do not wish it. There I wish to be but lacks the power. On both grounds, I'm in misery."

I laugh (and cry) in agreement with him. I want so much to be faithful to holy and healthy habits that will help me grow and to more fully live out God's mission for me, but I try and fail, try and fail, again and again. Oh misery!

He encourages us. "You aspire to great things? Begin with the little ones."

Small steps daily, little things with great love, small changes like 10 more minutes of prayer, offering kind words to others, doing a chore without complaint, starting a Holy Hour. A series of small steps can be a gift, a surprise of happy and holy changes that take root and bear fruit in our lives and in the lives of those we love.

St. Augustine said, "For if God is man's chief good, which you cannot deny, it clearly follows, since to seek the chief good is to live well, that to live well is nothing else but to love God with all the heart, with all the soul, with all the mind."

And so in our steady stream of resolutions, goals and desires for achievement, we are reminded by this dear saint to stay the course, to pray, to listen and rely on God by seeking his will and loving him with all we've got.

When the discipline of holy and healthy habits becomes wearisome, we are reminded that what we are trying to do here on earth is filled with temporary toil and that our true destiny is to be with our God one day in heaven.

St. Augustine said, "When I come to be united to thee with all my being, then there will be no more pain and toil for me, and my life shall be a real life, being wholly filled by thee."

Just in case we become full of ourselves with all of our trying, controlling and doing to improve conditions for this temporal body, St. Augustine points us to hope in our mighty Lord and the powerful union we have with him as his beloved sons and daughters.

"Now, may our God be our hope. He Who made all things is better than all things. He Who made all beautiful things is more beautiful than all of them. He Who made all mighty things is more mighty than all of them. He Who made all great things is greater than all of them. Learn to love the Creator in His creature, and the maker in what He has made."

May this new year be a joyful kickstart of holy and healthy habits for you, with our mighty God at the helm, and with a new appreciation of God living (and working) within each of us.

Program Director Report

When we think of February the event that comes to mind is Ash Wednesday and along with that Fish Fries. Most likely you've gotten Todd's e-mail regarding this year being carryout only. Fish Fries are the biggest contributor to the funds used to support our programs. Let's all support this activity by working the fries and buying dinners. The balance of the February events are as follows:

- Gifts for Life (Pregnancy Center Support) ends February 7th.
- Catholic Men's Conference, February 27th. This event is usually at the Columbus Convention Center but because of Covid-19 will be a virtual event. This is a great opportunity to experience this event without making a trip to Columbus. You can register on line at CatholicMensMinistry.com. The cost is \$10 and runs from 9:00 a.m. until Noon. We will have breakfast available prior to the event and end with a pizza lunch. This is open to all men of the parish not just the Knights, so bring a friend to experience this event. We need at least 10 Knights to attend this event to get credit toward the Columbian award.

In January our council participated in the 9 Days for Life Novena which ran from January 21st through the 29th. In order to submit this event, I need a head count of everyone who participated. My e-mail is listed below, so send me an e-mail just stating "I participated in the Novena".

Hope everyone stays healthy.

Vivat Jesus,
Greg Wayton
Program Director
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The first weekend of February is also the last weekend for Gifts for Life. Will collect all gift cards and present them to Kat at the New Path Pregnancy Center next week.

As we approach the last half of our Fraternal year, we still have some activities upcoming---
-The college scholarships starting in March, Easter season and Easter Vigil Mass as well as road side clean ups, if able. We ask that each Brother look for some way to help us out as we work to getting all things back to the best they can be

In Brotherhood,
John Ciuca, GK

From the Editor:

Sorry for the lateness of this newsletter. My wife and I had an opportunity to visit my brother in Florida with my 3 sisters and we could not turn it down. The weather was cool for Florida but HOT for Columbus. I missed the beautiful 7" inches of snow/melt/snow (dang it!) but we enjoyed the warmth of the sun and family.

I am glad to be back and ready ofr Fish Fry's. It will be different this year BUT it could be a lot of fun and exercise for the runners and cashiers.

Stay safe!

St Joseph, pray for us.

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If you know of a Brother in need, please reach out to him, find out his current needs and quietly pass those needs on to the Grand Knight John Ciuca or one of the Trustees. It is incumbent upon us to watch out for each other. Especially during these trying times.

Written and edited by Carl Haaser, member of Council No. 12772.

Please send inputs or comments to me at cjhaaser@gmail.com

On-line Zoom Credentials for January 13 meeting

Carl Haaser is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Council Meeting

Time: Feb 10, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Every month on the Second Wed, until Jun 9, 2021, 5 occurrence(s)

Feb 10, 2021 07:00 PM

Mar 10, 2021 07:00 PM

Apr 14, 2021 07:00 PM

May 12, 2021 07:00 PM

Jun 9, 2021 07:00 PM

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Monthly: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZIuc-2upjMtHt2PCsguxVte0jZxbwgJLXm6/ics?>

icsToken=98tyKuGurT8uHNydtx2ORpwAA4-gLO7xiFzagrcPrDzWBDVlVBfzZuh4KrBoF_L8

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86344688749?pwd=ei9Cck1RMGl4N2VBWmJMZW9zQT09>

Meeting ID: 863 4468 8749

Passcode: Zoom&05265

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+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

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Passcode: 4414310170

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kdqeVmvfB3>

NOTE; Meetings start at 7:30 I open the Zoom site at 7:00 to setup and prepare. Please do not log in until after 7:20. Thank you

Another Successful Sub Sale



11 dozen subs were made and sold. Thank you to all who stepped up to help build and distribute the subs. The above “masked men” took time to pick up the material and put together the subs. From my vacations spot in florida I took orders and placed the orders with The Cheese House and Audinno’s bakery. We sill bring all of the result together at the meeting.



General Coronavirus Acknowledgement of Risk

I agree, represent and warrant that neither the undersigned, nor my child(ren) shall visit or participate in the activities of the Diocese of Columbus or at any parish within 14 days after (1) returning from outside the United States, (2) exposure to any person returning from outside the United States, or (3) exposure to any person who has a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19; OR if he or she (1) experiences symptoms of COVID-19, including without limitation, fever, cough or shortness of breath, or (2) has a suspected or diagnosed/confirmed case of COVID-19. The undersigned agrees to notify the Program Administrator (or their immediate assistant) immediately if any of the foregoing access/use restrictions may apply.

The Diocese of Columbus and the diocesan parishes or their affiliates have or may put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19. I agree to comply with measures that may be required to best protect against the introduction of viruses at the parishes, including, but not limited to hygiene practices and temperature screening, completion of a daily screening form, social distancing, and the use of personal protective equipment such as masks and/or gloves. However, the Diocese of Columbus, its parishes or affiliates cannot guarantee that you or your child(ren) will not become infected with COVID-19. Further, attending the Diocese of Columbus, parish or affiliated function may or may not increase your risk and your child(ren)'s risk of contracting COVID-19.

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that my child(ren) and I could possibly be exposed to or infected by COVID-19, by participating in this function, and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at an event of the Diocese of Columbus or at the parishes may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including but not limited to, employees and volunteers of the Diocese of Columbus or parishes, in addition to other participants and their families.

I voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to my child(ren) or myself, including but not limited to, personal injury, disability, death, illness, damage, loss, claim, liability or expense, of any kind, that I or my child(ren) may experience or incur in connection with my child(ren)'s attendance at Diocesan or parish events. On my behalf, and on behalf of my children,

Signature

Date

Parent Name Printed

Child(ren) Name(s)