



The Carpenter



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January 1, 2021—Happy New Year!



Grand Knight's Report



Brothers,

Let us hope and pray that 2021 will be a better year than the one that just ended. May 2021 be your best year ever!!!

Many thanks to the Brothers that helped out at the various Christmas masses. Special thanks to those Brothers that helped with the disinfecting duty; thank you Brother Mike for setting that up. Another thank you to those Brothers that braved the weather to attend and help with Midnight Mass.

Another thank you goes out to those Brothers that were able to help deliver Christmas Bags to our fellow parishioners.

Thank you also to Brother Greg for organizing and judging the "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest this year. Congrats to our winners.

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Send greetings to our adopted Seminarians:

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District Deputy's Report



You Helped us make this our Finest Hour!

This year has brought many challenges, but it has proven that Knights of Columbus only grow stronger during trying times.

As we look forward to the new year, may each of us turn to the inspiration of Blessed Michael McGivney and resolve to stand together as the strong right arm of the Church, leaving no neighbor behind. If you have three minutes to spare, watch the end of the year video by following this link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eBAfoEp8cTk&feature=youtu.be>. It is an inspirational message that gives us a look back on the accomplishments of the Order that YOU helped make possible in the challenging times of 2020.

I look forward to the end of the pandemic and our return to the new normal, whatever that may be, and to resume the full council's activities as we grow in the principles of the order of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism.

May God Bless us all in the New Year,

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

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Meeting Minutes for December 9, 2020
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	Excused
Chancellor-	Jim Fritter	Absent
Recorder-	Kevin Donovan	Present
Financial Secretary-	Phil Powers	Present
Treasurer-	Mark Needham	Present
Lector -	Tony Bonnaci	Present
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

- Midnight Mass is on as scheduled.
- Our shared Keep Christ in Christmas billboard is located on the corner of Snouffer and Sawmill road. Please take a picture and send to Brother Carl Haaser if you are in the area.
- Congratulations to Deacon Tony on the publishing of his book "Faith Family and Formation. Gods Plan Revealed ". Available for purchase thru the Church Office for \$12.95 with all proceeds going to charity.
- The names of all the 2020 Scholarship winners have been engraved and added to the plaque.

Treasurer's Report

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

Financial Secretary's Report

- Checks cut for 2020 RSVP seminarian awards. \$500x3
- \$130 in Dues and SOS collected and deposited.

Unfinished Business

- Request for three volunteers to email encouragement to our local seminarian students. Completed.
- December 12th Sub sale was a success! 132 subs were sold for a profit of \$322.28. We also had \$48 in donations. Thanks to all who helped build and distribute the subs. I hope we can increase our sales when using social media to our advantage..

Meeting Minutes

New Business

- [All Christmas Masses are by reservation.](#)
- Fish Fry decisions discussed. Tentative plan to stage a take out only option. New batter recipe to be tested at Jan 27th social meeting. All ideas to make this a safe and successful event are welcome.

4th Degree/D.D. Report

- New Meeting agendas are pending from Supreme. No deadline set for any changes.
- No Clergy dinner for January.
- Men's Conference will be virtual this year.

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

Jan 1st: Happy New Year –2021

Jan 18th: MLK Day

Jan 13th: In-person & Zoom meeting 7:30—Pat House

Jan 27: Social/Officers Meeting—New batter taste test

The Chat Corner



Lori is unavailable this month.

I chose an article about Mary from Catholic Online (www.catholic.org).

Mary, also known as St. Mary the Virgin, the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Mary, Mary Mother of God or the Virgin Mary is believed by many to be the greatest of all Christian saints. The Virgin Mother "was, after her Son, exalted by divine grace above all angels and men."

Mary is venerated with a special cult, called by St. Thomas Aquinas, hyperdulia, as the holiest of all creatures. The main events of her life are celebrated as liturgical feasts of the universal Church.

Mary's life and role in the history of salvation is foreshadowed in the Old Testament, while the events of her life are recorded in the New Testament. Traditionally, she was declared the daughter of Sts. Joachim and Anne. Born in Jerusalem, Mary was presented in the Temple and took a vow of virginity. Living in Nazareth, Mary was visited by the archangel Gabriel, who announced to her that she would become the Mother of Jesus, by the Holy Spirit.

She became betrothed to St. Joseph and went to visit her cousin, Elizabeth, who was bearing St. John the Baptist. Acknowledged by Elizabeth as the Mother of God, Mary intoned the Magnificat.

When Emperor Augustus declared a census throughout the vast Roman Empire, Mary and St. Joseph went to Bethlehem, his city of lineage, as he belonged to the House of David. There Mary gave birth to Jesus and was visited by the Three Kings.

Mary and Joseph presented Jesus in the Temple, where St. Simeon rejoiced and Mary received word of sorrows to come later. Warned to flee, St. Joseph and Mary went to Egypt to escape the wrath of King Herod. They remained in Egypt until King Herod died and then returned to Nazareth.

Nothing is known of Mary's life during the next years except for a visit to the Temple of Jerusalem, at which time Mary and Joseph sought the young Jesus, who was in the Temple with the learned elders.

The first recorded miracle of Jesus was performed at a wedding in Cana, and Mary was instrumental in calling Christ's attention to the need. Mary was present at the Crucifixion in Jerusalem, and there she was given into John the Apostle's care. She was also with the disciples in the days before the Pentecost, and it is believed that she was present at the res-

urrection and Ascension.

No scriptural reference concerns Mary's last years on earth. According to tradition, she went to Ephesus, where she experienced her "dormition." Another tradition states that she remained in Jerusalem. The belief that Mary's body was assumed into heaven is one of the oldest traditions of the Catholic Church.

Pope Pius XII declared this belief Catholic dogma in 1950. The four Catholic dogmas are: Mother of God, Perpetual virginity of Mary, the Immaculate Conception and Assumption of Mary. The feast of the Assumption is celebrated on August 15. The Assumption was the bodily taking up of the Virgin Mary into Heaven at the end of her earthly life. According to Pope Pius XII, the Virgin Mary "having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory."

In 1854, Pope Pius IX proclaimed the dogma of the Immaculate Conception - that Mary, as the Mother of the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, was free of original sin at the moment of her conception. The feast of the Immaculate Conception is celebrated on December 8. The birthday of Mary is an old feast in the Church, celebrated on September 8, since the seventh century.

Other feasts that commemorate events in the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary are listed in the Appendices. Pope Pius XII dedicated the entire human race to Mary in 1944. The Church has long taught that Mary is truly the Mother of God.

The Blessed Virgin Mary may be taken as a patroness of any good activity, for she is often cited as the patroness of all humanity. Mary is also associated with protecting many occupations and locations.

St. Paul observed that "God sent His Son, born of a woman," expressing the union of the human and the divine in Christ. As Christ possesses two natures, human and divine, Mary was the Mother of God in his human nature.

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Program Director Report

Program Director article for January 2021 Newsletter
The selection of the Keep Christ in Christmas poster competition winners has been postponed until the end of December for any late submissions. We received 9 posters to date. Winners will be announced in January. January events are as follows:

Gifts for Life, a very successful program to support the Pregnancy Center. As stated in last month's newsletter and in the bulletin the donations this year need to be gift cards due to Covid. Be as generous as you can since the need will probably be greater this year. See the bulletin for additional details.

Consecration to the Holy Family event. The event will start the weekend of 1/2-3 with an inset in the bulletin describing the event. The event concludes with a prayer read at the end of mass the following weekend 1/9-10.

9 Days for Life Novena January 21 – 29. This is a national event which we participated in last year to pray the rosary for the end of abortion. You can get more information at www.9daysforlife.com which has the prayers for each day and can get daily e-mails or messages as a reminder along with the daily prayers.

Respect Life Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral
Friday January 22 at 10:30 a.m. Seating will be limited and the mass will be live streamed on the Diocese of Columbus You Tube channel. Immediately after mass there is Roe v Wade remembrance event at the State Capitol. This event will also be live streamed. For updates visit www.gctl.org/roe.

All of these events count toward achieving the Columbian Award.

Vivat Jesus,
Greg Wayton
Program Director

As we look forward in 2021, we will have some things to plan:

Gifts for Life is now ongoing thru February 7th. Gift cards in place of materials this year.

Next business meeting will be the second Wednesday of January, the 13th. Watch e mails for how that will be done (in person vs virtual).

We are planning a fish fry fish tasting to sample a new seasoning mix for this year's fish fries. It will be the fourth Wednesday of January, the 27th, at the PAC. It is our hope the do the fish fries this year but it will be a carry-out only plan. Watch newsletters and e-mails re: planning and requests for help.

Catholic Men's Conference is upcoming the end of February. It will be a virtual plan with meeting at the PAC and watching the proceedings. The date is Saturday February 27th. More details later.

Easter will be right around the corner, so stay safe, stay healthy, and pray.

In Brotherhood,
John Ciuca, GK

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This special role of Mary in salvation history is clearly shown in the Gospel where she is seen constantly at her son's side during his soteriological mission. Because of this role, exemplified by her acceptance of Christ into her womb, her offering of him to God at the Temple, her urging him to perform his first miracle, and her standing at the foot of the Cross at Calvary Mary was joined fully in the sacrifice by Christ of himself.

Pope Benedict XV wrote in 1918: "To such an extent did Mary suffer and almost die with her suffering and dying Son; to such extent did she surrender her maternal rights over her Son for man's salvation, and immolated him - insofar as she could in order to appease the justice of God, that we might rightly say she redeemed the human race together with Christ."

Mary is entitled to the title of Queen because, as Pope Pius XII expressed it in a 1946 radio speech, "Jesus is King throughout all eternity by nature and by right of conquest: through him, with him, and subordinate to him, Mary is Queen by grace, by divine relationship, by right of conquest, and by singular election."

Mary possesses a unique relationship with all three Persons of the Trinity, thereby giving her a claim to the title of Queenship. She was chosen by God the Father to be the Mother of his Son; God the Holy Spirit chose her to be his virginal spouse for the Incarnation of the Son; and God the Son chose her to be his mother, the means of incarnating into the world for the purposes of the redemption of humanity.

This Queen is also our Mother. While she is not our Mother in the physical sense, she is called a spiritual mother, for she conceives, gives birth, and nurtures the spiritual lives of grace for each person. As Mediatrix of All Graces, she is ever present at the side of each person, giving nourishment and hope, from the moment of spiritual birth at Baptism to the moment of death.

In art, Mary is traditionall portrayed in blue. Her other attributes are a blue mantle, crown of 12 stars, pregnant woman, roses, and/or woman with child.

Hundreds of thousands of pieces of Marian artwork and sculptures have been created over the years from the best and most brilliant artists, like Michelangelo and Botticell, to simple peasant artists. Some of the most early examples of veneration of Mary is documented in the Catacombs of Rome. Catacomb paintings show Mary the Blessed Virgin with her son.

The confidence that each person should have in Mary was expressed by Pope Pius IX in the encyclical Ubipriinum : "The foundation of all our confidence. . . is found in the Blessed Virgin Mary. For God has committed to Mary the treasury of all good things, in order that everyone may know that through her are obtained every hope, every grace, and all salvation. For this is his will, that we obtain everything through Mary."



From the Editor:

With the Apostolic Letter "Patris corde" ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of Saint Joseph" from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021.

As we try to get our heads, hearts and hands around the China virus, the shutdown and what will happen to the country's presidency, Pope Francis reminds us of the important role we play as fathers. We must guide our families through this and every tumultuous time. Be strong in faith. PRAY a lot. Kiss our kids, love our wives and, Oh, did I mention PRAY!

Let us make our New Year's resolution to be strong when it matters, be kind always, and choose peace over fighting even in the support of a passionately held view.

Be safe and may God bless you and your family in 2021. May He bless our country, state, and community with healing and fortitude in the face of adversity.

St Joseph, pray for us.

Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us.

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: Jan 13, 2021 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 863 4468 8749

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SUB SALE WRAP UP

The sub sale started slowly but thanks to the quick thinking of the St Joseph communication specialist, Tracy Bertin, we ended up making and selling 11 dozen.

Total sales:	\$ 660.00
Total Cost:	\$ 337.72
Profit:	\$ 322.28
Donations:	\$ 48.00
Carity total:	\$ 370.28

Combined with **February**, when we made \$425.27 on 13 dozen subs and \$20 donations for a yearly total of \$795.55.

With the communications in place for St Joseph parish and with a little added advertisement in Plain City, I believe we can sell over 15 dozen. We just need to pick a date and start the process.

Super Bowl? March Madness? April Fools Day?

Join our January meeting on the 13th and let your vote be heard.

It took a dozen Knights to make 11 dozen subs in about an hour. Looking forward to another sale in March or April?

Not pictured is Jim Schwope, the best pepper picking packer proficient in the pepper picking process.

Mike Peck slicing the tomatoes. Thanks for bringing you slicer. Mark Needham is packing tomatoes into baggies.



Building the subs are: Jim Fritter, Phil Powers, Chris Miller, Greg Wayton, Mke Brickner, Mike Balmert, Carl Haaser and Caleb Miller. Helping with the build and taking the pics is Dcn Tony Bonacci.

Too bad the OSU game got cancelled, the subs would have made a great party snack.