



The Carpenter



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

August 2018 New Star Council program –“Faith in Action”



Grand Knight’s Report

Dear Brother Knights,

As we hope to again be a Star Council this year, Greg Wayton, Bob Hess and I met to discuss our requirements of Supreme as well as the requirements for the State. In reviewing this items you will see some new program requirements and I will be asking a few of you to step forward and lead activities vs. it all falling on the Program Director and the Grand Knight.



For example, we will have a Spiritual Reflection Program (someone to coordinate a council contingent to the Catholic Mens Conference will meet this requirement) and a Novena for Life (9 days of Prayer for Life) and Possibly attending a local March for Life event.

If you can make it to the August 8 business meeting, that would be good as we will be discussing 3 or 4 potential activities that we need to choose between to fill out the planned program activities.

Vivat Jesus!

Todd Thobe
Grand Knight

Send greetings to our adopted Seminarists:
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District Deputy Report

Faith in Action

Knights around the world know that the chance to roll up our sleeves and demonstrate our faith through service is as powerful as it is rewarding. That said, the demands of life today make it difficult to find time to live out the calling of our faith and our desire to serve. Our always-on smartphone means that work follows us home where we also juggle household chores and frenetic kids’ activities. Free time is precious and dedicated to family.



The Faith in Action program model recognizes this new reality and invites men to lead their family in faith and service – not leave their family for service.

Please watch for new and exciting opportunities that our Council will consider and implement over the next year. We look forward to serving our community through Charity.

Vivat Jesus,

Jeff Fisher, DD District 37

New Program Director Appointed

I have been appointed Program Director for Council 12772, replacing Bob Hess who did the job for nearly nine years. Our roadmap given to us by Supreme Council for 2018-2019 has been revised and renamed to “Faith in Action”. Categories have been reduced to concentrate on Faith, Family, Community, and Life. Each category has featured programs to work toward Star Council and 8 new programs added to focus on our spiritual lives. Most of the activities we’ve done in the past will continue to earn points.



The new activities will be defined in near the future. Our objective each year is to Achieve Star Council which we have done 7 of the past 9 years. Let’s work as a team to again achieve Star Council honors.

Vivat Jesus!

Greg Wayton, Program Director

July Business Meeting Notes

Grand Knight's Report

- Meeting called to order at 7:30PM. Opening prayer by GK Todd Thobe. Previous minutes approved.
- One new application read. Richard Ogden. First and second readings approved.
- 8 New Members will be needed this year to Achieve Star Council again.
- 140 cars parked at the PAC for the annual 4th of July Celebration. \$700 in parking fees and \$229 in concessions. Money to be split between the Parish building fund and the Knights Scholarship Endowment fund.
- 2018-19 Officer installation completed at tonight's meeting.
- Thank you letters received from Scholarship winners Ciara Donovan and Ben Grywalski.

Treasurer's Report

- Current Bank Balance noted.
- Checks written: \$100 to Supreme Council Culture of Life, \$71.61 to Todd Thobe for Family Picnic supplies, \$47.33 to Jeff Fisher for the parade banner, \$348.42 to Carl Haaser for purchase of a shaved Ice machine for any future events, \$35.58 and \$15.00 to John Ciuca for 4th of July supplies.
- \$942 in deposits for the month.

Financial Secretary's Report

- Scholarship fund balance is \$7709.90.
- New Annual Budget handed out for review. \$17,970 total budget for the year. Budget motion passed.
- Yearly Scholarship awards will be increased by \$100—three Awards of \$600 per year.
- A third yearly payment to be added to the RSVP, Support our Seminarians, and Food Bank programs.

New Business

- 2018 Officer Nominations have all been approved.
- State Tour will be 7/15 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton Parish in Pickerington.

Unfinished Business

- Knights will be sponsoring a float in the Plain City Celebration parade. 4-6 Knights requested to march with the float. 9am staging at Pastime Park.
- 7/21, Parish Picnic Aug 26th at the PAC. Looking for help setting up the tent on the 25th. 10AM.

4th Degree/D.D. Report

- Officer installation completed by Jeff Fisher.

Good of the Order

Neil Young, Scot Smith, Nora Donovan, Florine

Hamlin, Daniel Donovan, Sally Snyder, Mary Sanders, Kelsey Chapman, Christine Patilla, Ray Pucel, the Bonacci Family.

The July 24 Highway Pickup Crew



The Rt. 42 highway trash pickup is one of many Community Service activities done by our Brother Knights. Shown above are (bottom row, l. to r.) Carl Haaser, Joe Foster, Jim Fritter and Mark Walden; (top row, l. to r.) Joe Weisburn, Phil Powers, Mark Needham, Mike Brickner, Mike Schurman and Kevin Donovan.

Led by Brother Mark Needham, our Council is in its 7th year of providing such service, and the July 24 job was the 25th time we have cleaned up this segment of Rt. 42.

August Birthdays/Anniversaries

Knights

Matt Brickner 8/5
David Meyer 8/7
Ivan Miranda 8/8
Mike Gorman 8/15
Kevin Schilling 8/17
Dennis O'Conner 8/21
James Jarrell 8/21
Stacey Garnett 8/22
Robert Reinhart 8/23

Spouses

Bonnie Chuha 8/2
Mary Harig 8/2
Kelly Timberlake 8/2
Gina Grady 8/3
Catherine Corbitt 8/9
Kathy Balmert 8/11
Janet Heindel 8/11
Andrea Heiss 8/11
Alexa O'Conner 8/13
Diane Needham 8/20

Children

Maxton Wehner 8/5
Marco Spada 8/19
Megan Will 8/20
Daniel Balmert 8/26

Wedding Anniversaries

Jeffrey & Jean Pieper 8/1
Tyler & Emily Winner 8/5
Matt & Mary Rizzo 8/7
Chris & Lorree Dendis 8/10
Joe and Connie Buckley 8/13
James & Karem Jarrell 8/14
Robert & Kelly Timberlake 8/14
Al & Lori Crock 8/18
Andrew & Elizabeth Ernst 8/18
David & Mary Harig 8/18
Carl & Trish Haaser 8/18
Jim & Renee Dvorsky 8/21
John & Ann Ciuca 8/27
Scott & Catherine Corbitt 8/29
Mark & Diane Needham 8/29
John & Carol O'Connell 8/31

August Dates to Remember

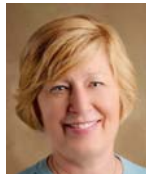
August 8: 7:30pm Business Meeting at the Church

August 22: 7:30pm Social Meeting at the PAC

The Chat Corner ...

St. Catherine of Sienna

By Lori Crock



Have you ever had a saint burst into your life and you're not sure why? St. Catherine of Siena has been pursuing me recently, so I became inspired to look more closely at her life and teachings.

I am a convert who has been Catholic for 32 years and I continue to be amazed at the lives of the saints and how we can develop such personal relationships with them. The saints watch over us and assist us when we call on them. They are our heavenly friends who teach us and intercede for us at different times in our lives and stand along side us on our march toward heaven.

St. Catherine of Siena is a doctor of the Church, canonized in 1461, and she is a patroness of Italy and Europe. She was a third order Dominican who lived to the age of 33. She was a spiritual guide to many. In the words of Pope Benedict, St. Catherine "guided people from every walk of life: nobles and politicians, artists and ordinary people, consecrated men and women and religious, including Pope Gregory XI who was living at Avignon in that period and whom she energetically and effectively urged to return to Rome."

She had a profound "mystical marriage" to Christ whom she loved with intimate faithfulness. She is one of a small group of saints who Pope Benedict identified as having an extraordinary devotion to the Holy Eucharist.

I feel connected to St. Catherine in many ways. I too love the Eucharist and desire to attend Mass often throughout the week and spend time in Adoration. I admire her directness and the poignant simplicity in her words inspired by her love of Christ and her understanding of the spiritual life. "If you are what you should be, you will set the world ablaze." It's funny how sentiments like hers from centuries ago resonate with the challenges we are face today. "Proclaim the truth and do not be silent through fear."

Her words inspire me to deeper reflection with Lectio Divina. "All the way to heaven is heaven, because Jesus said, 'I am the way.'"

Just as our friendships with certain people seem to start almost naturally, and can feel like we've known them forever, our friendships with saints can happen in the same way.

St. Catherine nudged me along as she became our Walking with Purpose table name. I discovered that she was the saint in a small image that I had in my kitchen (who I mistakenly thought was St. Teresa of Avila until a friend cleared that up!) I also realized that my regular seat at daily Mass at St. Patrick Church in Columbus is directly under her image on the ceiling of the Church!

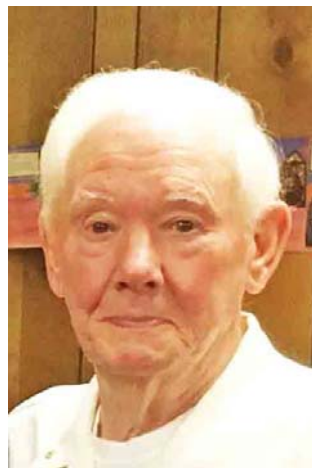
I continue to pray for this amazing saint's intercession to help me stay centered on Christ in the Eucharist, to be courageous in speaking the truth and sharing Christ with others. May we all open our hearts to this saint, friend and intercessor as we seek to discern and live out the mission Christ has for each of us. "Nothing great is ever achieved without much enduring."
~St. Catherine of Siena

Lori

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

Council gains 1st New Member of the new year—Richard Ogden

When Richard Ogden stepped up to buy a hot dog at our Council's concession stand on the evening of July 4th, he never realized that he would soon become a Brother of Council 12772.



After a quick question-and-answer recruiting session, Richard decided to become one of us. On July 26, he was escorted to Marysville by Brother & DD Carl Haaser, where he earned his 1st Degree.

St. Joseph Parish Float featured in Plain City's Bicentennial Parade

Among the celebration activities highlighting Plain City's 200th Anniversary was a parade featuring the various organizations, businesses and political candidates of the city.

St. Joseph Church was represented by a float which highlighted a carpenter's workshop and the Holy Family—the carpenter Joseph, Mary and a young Jesus, played by Brother Mike Peck, Sarah Arend and Leo Winner respectively. Brother Jim and Gloria Butler provided the Kibota tractor and flatbed trailer.

Participating Knights were Brothers Al Crock, Kevin Donovan, Jeff Fisher, Bob Hess, Mark Needham, Phil Powers, Todd Thobe, Tyler Winner, and last but not least, Fr. Trapp himself. Brother Winner supervised the Candy-Toss brigade at the rear, which included Rose and Mariel Arend, Nick Opatt, Reese Thompson, and Max and Ace Winner.



Photo courtesy of Mary Rice

