



The Carpenter



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

September 2018



Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights,

Our Council, through the Support Our Seminarians program works hard to show our appreciation for our seminarians and the hard work they put in to become priests. With that I am proud that our council has per Bob's article on this page, added a 3rd seminarian that we are supporting through the Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP) with a \$500 support check for their use as needed.

Additionally, we continue to collect after masses in September and March, with this month's collection being the weekend of September 23rd. Similar to this past spring, we will do a Pizza and Pancakes for priests asking for donations that will 100% go to the Support Our Seminarian program of the Columbus Diocese and thereby those studying at the Josephinum.

Please plan to help out after one or more of the masses that weekend and help with this worthy cause. And here is a prayer I shared last year for vocations.

A PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Heavenly Father, bless Your Church with an abundance of holy and zealous priests, deacons, brothers and sisters. Give those You have called to the married state and those You have chosen to live as single persons in the world the special graces that their lives require.

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Form us all in the likeness of Your Son so that in Him, with Him and through Him we may love You more deeply and serve You more faithfully, always and everywhere. With Mary we ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Vivat Jesus
Todd Thobe, Grand Knight

Possible March-for-Life trip to D.C.; Who is interested?

Our Council is looking to organize a trip for St. Joseph Parish to Washington D.C. to support the March for Life rally on Friday, January 18, 2019—method of transport, overnight or not, etc.

All Council 12772 Knights will soon receive a survey seeking your interest in such a trip. Please send your opinions to Ed Stransky at too25tall@roadrunner.com, or Mike Brickner at brickhowse63@yahoo.com.

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See how YOU can help!!

Council adopts 3rd Seminarian

Council 12772 has adopted a 3rd Seminarian, Kevin Girardi, into our R.S.V.P. program. Kevin has a degree in Mechanical Engineering from Purdue University and will begin his Pre-Theology studies at the Josephinum this fall.

Please make contact with Kevin to welcome and encourage him.

Send greetings to our adopted Seminarians:

Gordon Mott: 614-271-5131, gmott@pcj.edu

David England: 614-266-7177 dengland16@pcj.edu

Kevin Girardi18: 614-301-4456, jgirardi@pcj.edu

The Pontifical College Josephinum
7625 North High Street, Columbus OH 43235

August Business Meeting Notes

- **Room called to order** at 7:15 to hear from John Lanka, Mentoring Program Coordinator for the Plain City DNA. The program is Community-based, allowing flexibility in activities with students, and requires background check. Those interested can contact John at lankajo@gmail.com or 614-315-4357. Information can be reviewed at dnaplaincity.org.

Grand Knight's Report

- Council meeting started at 7:45 with a prayer by GK Todd Thobe. All officers present except Recorder and Advocate. Minutes from July meeting were approved, and Treasurer confirmed the ending balance from July.
- Compass Award was shown by the GK. Award was presented to the Council at the Road Show.
- Council 12772 was one of only 33 Councils to make Star Council in Ohio. Three Councils from our District made Star Council status.
- Richard (Dick) Ogden introduced as our newest member. Dick has already purchased 3 shirts and is anxious to get involved in our activities.
- Thanks to all involved with the Plain City Parade especially Jeff Fisher (coordinator) and Jim Butler for supplying the tractor and wagon. The St Joseph youth also assisted in decorating and passing out candy during the parade. This activity should be used as part of the state Youth Program requirements.
- The new Supreme program was explained and compared with the State Programs. Since we are in the middle of the State's 2 year program, the changes to the Supreme program have to be worked into the state. A sheet showing the differences in attached to this newsletter.

Treasurer's Report

- Current checking balance noted; 2 outstanding checks over 30 days: Kairos & Ben Grywalski tuition check.

Financial Secretary's Report

- Receipts: \$121.35 for Todd Thobe. purchased supplies to fill 4 back packs for the DNA Back to School Program; \$546.96 for Columbus Chapter K of C: \$75.50, dues; \$46.46 for 2nd & 3rd Degree charges; \$300 Keep Christ in Christmas billboard; \$50.00 for TV Mass; \$75.00 for Chapter VA initiative. Motion made, seconded and approved by voice vote \$25 request for the Diocesan Rosary day denied – No motion made.
- Audit report completed and signed by GK and Trustees.
- \$396 from Supreme for Convention mileage and hotel reimbursement.

- \$571.10 from State Council for Cash Bonanza bonus payment. Total receipts from Cash Bonanza sales exceeded \$1,500.

Service Programs

- Fr Trapp requests the Nativity sets remain up until 40 days after Christmas; the last week of two to be used to collect baby items and will be delivered by the Knights to local pregnancy centers.
- Saturday Masses count for Life; can be used to begin or end our required Novena for Life program, to be headed by Mike Brickner.
- Calendar of program events to be made for members and officers to properly plan for these events.
- Kevin Girardi will become our 3rd Seminarian for the RSVP program; contact info to be made available by the next meeting. He will receive a check for \$500 along with our other 2 Seminarrians.

Old Business

- A check for our profits from the July 4th event will be presented to the Church to be deposited in the Fr Edward Fitzgerald fund in the Catholic Foundation.

New Business

- St Joan of Arc is going to a Clippers game on Aug 17th. Any one wanting to go with them should contact DD Carl Haaser for information. Request must be made by 8/9.
- Corks and Caps are requesting a donation. \$250 is budgeted for this event and was approved for payment.

DD report

- 2nd & 3rd Degree will be held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Grove City on October 28. Candidate call 1:00. Degree to begin at 1:30.

Good of the Order: Elaine Bonacci, the Bonacci Family, Baylis Family, Richard Ogden, Molly Collins, Florine Hamlin.

September Birthdays/Anniversaries

Knights

Mike Thiergarter	9/3
Andrew Ernst	9/5
Ed Stransky	9/9
Chris Miller	9/11
Jim Butler	9/13
Glenn Sigler	9/21
Chad Miller	9/25

Spouses

Sharon Thobe	9/6
Kimberly Walden	9/8
Terri Schurman	9/23

Children

Gretchen Jarrell	9/8
Ivan Wehner	9/8
Emily Wenerstrom	9/10

Children (cont'd)

Victoria Schneider	9/12
Teylar Clifton	9/17
Andy Hoffman	9/20
Carter Clifton	9/27
Madeline Weisburn	9/26

Wedding Anniversaries

Ed and Ann Stransky	9/4
Michael and Denise Brickner	9/6
Dennis and Alexa O'Conner	9/8
Ed and Bonnie Chuha	9/14
Mark and Kimberly Caito	9/17
Glenn and Becky Sigler	9/19
Joe and Robin Craft	9/23
Todd & Sharon Thobe	9/27
Joe & Mary Hofbauer	9/28

The Chat Corner ...

Efficiency

By Lori Crock



One of the things I am learning from Pope Francis is to focus more on people and less on efficiency. What that means is that in our quest for efficiency we can miss Jesus in the face of our neighbor when we are solely focused on completing a task, a mission, even if it's a good work. A right and just activity should not be forged at the expense of kindness and care for others.

"We must grow in passion for evangelizing," the Pope said. "If we must sacrifice something, let's sacrifice organization and move forward with the mysticism of saints."

As the Pope exhorts us to be witnesses to the Gospel in our work and play, we might ask ourselves how we can live the "mysticism of the saints" in our daily lives? This is an immense topic to take to prayer that can help us become more holy and healthy.

I'll share an example from my life. I'm part of a spiritual book group with some women from my Church. We meet weekly—and at first we efficiently marched through the books sharing our thoughts, but staying on track with the topic at hand. Over time, we started sharing more personal stories and experiences (that related to the book most of the time), but now it can take us months to finish a book. We might only get through a few paragraphs in one meeting.

When I look at how our time has changed, we are definitely less efficient, but I see in our approach the Pope's call to us to live with the "mysticism of the saints." Sharing, learning, loving, praying and caring for each other has had a profound effect on each of us. We leave our time together feeling that God has touched us and that we have shared the Gospel with each other in new, personal and substantial ways. We've learned that it's not how efficiently we can review a book that matters, but that it's the listening, loving and moving forward under

the guidance of the Holy Spirit that really impacts us.

Pope Francis said, "Mission is never the fruit of a perfectly planned program or a well organized manual. Mission is always the fruit of a life which knows what it is to be found and healed."

Being "found and healed" is such a powerful sentiment. These words remind me that efficiency isn't solely about slowing down, but it's also about truly tuning in to each other. The beauty of this practice is that when we pause to care, God softens our hearts and amazing changes can unfold in both the giver and the receiver.

So I urge you to prayerfully consider the Pope's call in your own life and ask the Holy Spirit to show you how you can be a 'wave of missionary passion' to others.

Lori

September Dates to Remember	
September 12: 7:30pm Business Meeting at the Church	September 26: 7:30pm Social Meeting at the PAC

Brothers facilitate Parish Picnic

A team of Council Brothers provided support for our Annual Parish Picnic, setting up the tent with tables and chairs from the church, grilling the dogs brats, burgers and veggie burgers. Those workers included Brothers Balmert, Ciuca, Collins, Donovan, Fisher, Haaser, Hannah, Heindel, Ogden, Peck, Powers, Schwope, Stransky, Thiergartner, Thobe, Wayton, Wehner and Winner.

Thanks, men, for your great support, and to Trish Haaser for stepping and handling the kids' games.



Supreme and State Program Requirements

Supreme Star Council Req(4 Credits in Each)		State Requirements for Awards (100 Points in each Category)	
Bold is newly required mandatory		Bold are Required Activities	
Faith		Church and Vocations	Family Activities
Sacramental Gifts - Baptism	1 credit	Name Chaplain or Religious of the Year	Name Family of the Year
RSVP Program	2 credits	Pennies for Heaven Final Turn In Supreme RSVP	Matching Funds Donation
Spiritual Reflection Program	1 credit		Scholarship Awards Memorial Mass of K of C
Intend to do an organized Knights to the Catholic Mens Conference			Family Bowling
Family		Community Activities	Membership Activities
Concecration to the Holy Family	1 credit	Name Volunteer or Bluecoat of Year Summer Cash Bonanza	Net 5 or 1 for 1 members
Check with father about Family of the Year		Chillicothe VA Medical Center Party	October Membership Drive
Food For Families	2 credits	Adopt a Highway - Roadside Cleanup	March Membership Drive
Keep Christ in Christmas	1 credit	Helping Hands - St Martin Deporres	Hold a 1st Degree
1/2 Billboard and Poster Contest		Food For Families	Recurity 18-39 year old
Community		Keep Christ in Christmas	Re-up a member
Helping Hands	1 Credit		
Use St. Martin Deporres		Council Activities	Youth Activities
Talk to Butler about more coordination		Name Knight of the Year Columbian Award Application Council Newsletter	Name Youth of the Year
Coats For Kids	2 credits		Free Throw Contest
Free Throw Championship	1 Credit	Sacramental Gifts - Rosary & Baptism	Coats For Kids
Life - need to determine which to do		Council Picnic	Pancakes with St Nick Donate \$250 to OFC Fund
Novena for Life	1 credit		PC Bicentennial Parade with St Joseph Youth Group
9 Days of Prayer for Life		Culture of Life	
Ultrasound Program Donation	2 credits	2 Prayer Vigils for Life	
Marches for Life	2 credits	5th Sunday Rosary	
Pregnancy Center Support	1 credit	Novena for Life (9 days of prayer)	
		Ultrasound Program Support	
		March for Life - Go To One - Council Pregnancy Center Support	