



# The Carpenter



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

**February 2019**

**First Fish Fry coming March 8!**



## Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights,



We have just completed or about to complete 3 very important activities. In conjunction with our Novena for Life and the Marian Icon, the knights conducted many rosaries for life as well as for Persecuted Christians. Thanks to all those participating. Thanks to Jeff Fisher and Jeff Pieper for coordinating these two activities.

Congrats for Mike Brickner and Ed Stransky for attending the March for Life in Washington! We also had 5 knights at the Respect Life Mass (Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children) on January 22nd at the Cathedral in Columbus.

Gifts For Life wraps up February 3 and is our special collection of baby supplies. This follows the ancient custom of the Three Wise Men bringing gifts to the newborn King. Bags of items are due back by Sunday February 3 to be left with Baby Jesus in the Manger. Thanks to John Ciuca for taking command of this event and delivering bags to the center in Marysville.

Vivat Jesus  
Todd Thobe, Grand Knight

## District Deputy's Report



On January 27 we concluded as a Council our devotion to Our Lady. And prayed for our brothers and sisters of faith who are at risk around the world through the Marian Prayer Program.

As we ended the Marian image was taken to the Youngstown Diocese to continue on its pilgrimage through the jurisdiction.

As we pray for the safety of Christians around the world, let us specifically remember the missionary priests and religious. In 2018 forty Catholic missionaries were killed around the world over the past year, and thirty-five of those missionaries were priests.

For the past eight years, Latin America witnessed the greatest amount of missionary priest murders. This year, Africa replaces Latin America as the deadliest region for missionaries. Nineteen priests, one seminarian, and one lay woman were killed in Africa in 2018. In the Americas, twelve priests and three lay people were killed. Three priests were killed in Asia, and one priest was murdered in Europe. Let us keep these souls in our prayers.

***Eternal rest grant to him, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon him. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.***

Vivat Jesus  
Jeff Fisher, District Deputy

## February Family Bowling Party

**Sunday, February 10, 1:30pm-3:30pm at the Plain City Lanes**

## Council Shirts available at Mainstreet Treasures

Order your council shirts at the Mainstreet Treasures store or at their website:

<https://knights-of-columbus-apparel-20.itemorder.com>

Blue T-shirts are available in the church basement for \$15—four XL and L, 1 medium left. More can be ordered.—contact Todd or come to a business meeting.

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## December Business Meeting Notes

### Grand Knight's Report

- Meeting called to order at 7:30PM. Opening prayer by GK Todd Thobe. Previous minutes approved.
- Three new Membership applications received, read and approved. Two transfers and one new admission. Scott Portman, Mike Hiler and Michael O'Neil.
- The January 23 Social Meeting will follow a 7pm Rosary at the Church.
- Novena for Life scheduled for January 19-27.
- Marion Icon on Display at St. Joseph January 19-27. 7:30 PM Closing on January 27. Knights are asked to attend wearing Knights shirts.
- Thank you letter received from Fr. Trapp for the Knights help in the recent Consecration of the Holy Family weekend.

### Treasurer's Report

- Current checking balance noted.
- One check outstanding, \$500.

### Financial Secretary's Report

- \$119.84 to Phil Powers for Misc. Council supplies.
- \$98.30 to John Ciuca for Gifts for Life totes.
- \$382.39 to Supreme for misc. Council fees. Already approved second of two \$500 to Plain City Food Bank.
- Fraternal survey has been emailed to all Knights. A quick response would be appreciated.

### Unfinished Business

- Annual Family Bowling part at Plain City Lanes at :30pm Feb. 10. Please RSVP if you are attending.
- The proposed Council website project will have a committee meeting January 15, 6PM at the Plain City Library.
- Free Throw contest January 26 11am – 2PM. Plain City High School
- Ongoing Gifts for Life collections: 100 bags have been distributed with 10 returned so far.

### New Business

- Requested and approved up to \$250 for front storm door repairs for Fr. Traps residence.
- Requested and approved up to \$250 for needed plumbing repairs to kitchen sink in the Church basement.
- Thank you to the Dennis Gross family for the donation of a Manger Scene.
- Feb 23 is the Columbus Men's Conference at he State Fairgrounds. Motion was made and passed to Sponsor any Men of the Parish who wish to attend. While the Council will cover the cost, any donations will be accepted.
- .Fish Frys are coming. First Fry scheduled for

March 8<sup>th</sup>. Prices to remain unchanged. A new sign to be ordered with age identifiers. Senior meals for age 65 and up. No age requirement for youth meal.

### Committee Reports

- One half of required points for this year's Star Council award have already been approved. Great work by all.

### 4<sup>th</sup> Degree/D.D. Report

- February 3, Cash Bonanza meeting in Pickerington. 2PM.
- February 24, Our Lady of Prepetual Help in Grove City will be hosting a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Ceremony.

### Good of the Order

Elaine Bonacci, Marion Verhoff, Mary Sanders, Olga, Lorrie Denis, Scott Heiss, Ella Karst, Mickey Colins, Daniel Donovan, Florine Hamlin, Sarah Packa, Gisela Torres, Maria Leland.

## Program Director's Report



January was a busy month and as you have read in Todd's and Jeff's articles. Our projects for February are: the conclusion of the Gifts for Life program which started in December and runs through Sunday 2/3 – Feast of the Presentation, the next rounds for the winners of our council's free throw contest (thanks to Scott Heiss for chairing this event), and attending the Catholic Men's Conference on 2/22.

The activities scheduled for March are: Supporting our Seminarians collections, the beginning of our Fish Frys 3/8, and a Membership drive. We need to recruit 2 new members in March and will need your help in attaining this goal. Thanks to all who participated in January's events. Stay warm and think Spring.

Vivat Jesus!  
Greg Wayton

### February Dates to Remember

February 13: 7:30pm Business Meeting at the church.

February 27: 7:30pm Social Meeting at the PAC

### February Birthdays/Anniversaries

<b>Knights</b>		<b>Gloria Butler</b>	2/23
John Colvin	2/3	<b>Children</b>	
Joe Weisburn	2/10	Alyssa Miller	2/8
Scott Bowen	2/11	Joe Balmert	2/10
Doug Heindel	2/11	Lou Winner	2/10
Jeff Pieper	2/18	Abigail Powers	2/11
Joe Buckley	2/18	Nicole Bowen	2/13
Chuck Krieg	2/24	Cole Hanna	2/24
<b>Spouses</b>		<b>Wedding Anniversaries</b>	
Cheryl Schneider	2/1	Bob & Lisa Hess	2/2
Terrie Hare	2/4	Joe & Deborah Foster	2/18
Mary Hofbauer	2/9	Mark & Nancy Collins	2/25
Jodi Santini	2/15	David & Kathleen Harris	2/27

# The Chat Corner ...

## Haste

By Lori Crock



It's funny how the Holy Spirit sends you a thought, inspiration or even just a word that you have to take to prayer to try to figure out how to respond.

For me recently, the word was 'haste.' During Christmas, I reflected on 'haste' as it related to the Three Kings and the Shepherds as they made haste to meet the newborn King Jesus. Haste can be positive or negative and we see both in Sacred Scripture.

At the Visitation, we see Mary move with beautiful haste to visit her cousin Elizabeth to care for her and to share her joy of the impending birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus.

In Proverbs 19:2, we see another side of haste: "Desire with knowledge is not good; and whoever acts hastily, blunders."

We might think of haste in this way—as being rushed, hurried, or that we've been negligent or wasting time on something else less important that sets us behind so that we're forced to respond in a way that is rash or reckless and leads to mistakes.

This could be true. But if we approach haste prayerfully, and in the context of our spiritual lives, haste might be exactly we need to get busy responding to God's call or to sharing our love of Jesus more openly with others. May we be like the Samaritan woman who left her water jug behind in her haste to share the news of the Messiah with the people in her town.

Are we inspired to make haste to attend daily Mass, to meet Jesus in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, to read Scripture, to pray daily, to commit to a Holy Hour, to start something new for God, or to invite others to experience Jesus?

Could haste be the key to getting unstuck from a prayer rut, or out of a spiral of sin or selfishness or feeling reticent because we don't clearly see the path Jesus is laying out for us? Let us rise up with holy haste to pray, discern, and take some action—even if we start small.

May our haste start with getting to know Jesus better so we can share him with others in whatever way God is calling us. Let us move forward in our life's mission with courageous haste that bubbles over from a life of prayer and discernment. We'll make mistakes, but if we stay close to Jesus, and his will for us, he can make our well-intentioned haste work for good.

St. Ursula Ledochowska (foundress of the Ursulines of the Agonizing Heart of Jesus) urges us onward, "You must never ask Jesus to wait."

*Jesus, we pray for the courage to entrust you with every aspect of our lives, and to seek you first on our journey to be more holy and healthy.*

Lori Crock can be found online at [www.holyandhealthycatholic.com](http://www.holyandhealthycatholic.com).

## Council observes Respect Life Month



Council 12772 celebrated Respect Life Month in January, highlighted by a Novena for Life, during which Rosary Prayers were offered by our Knights in St. Joseph Church from January 19 through January 27. Several Brothers also attended a Respect Life Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral.

Our Respect Life banner was displayed in front of the church throughout the month.

## Big turnout for our Free Throw Contest - a big winner for the kids

Our K of C Free Throw Contest was held on Saturday January 26, with 47 boys and 22 girls competing. Thanks to Brother Scott Heiss who organized the event, and wife Andrea who organized the sign-in table, assisted by Austin Heiss and Alyssa Miller.

The winners in each age group received an inscribed basketball and a certificate, and they are now eligible to compete at the Regional and State levels forthcoming.



Boy Winners w/ages were (l. to r.) Carter Harrington, 14, Will Jackson, 13, Noah Hess, 12, Greg Nussbaum, 11, Ben McCain, 10, and Reed Jackson, 9.



Girl Winners w/ages were (l. to r.) Danielle Phipps, 14, Evan Platfoot, 13, Maddie Saiter, 12, Lauren Wynk, 11, Natalie Hess, 10, Bree Gray, 9.



Among those Brothers organizing and supervising the event were (l. to r.) Greg Wayton, Scott Heiss, Phil Powers, Carl Haaser, Joe Buckley, Andy Schimmoeller and GK Todd Thobe.



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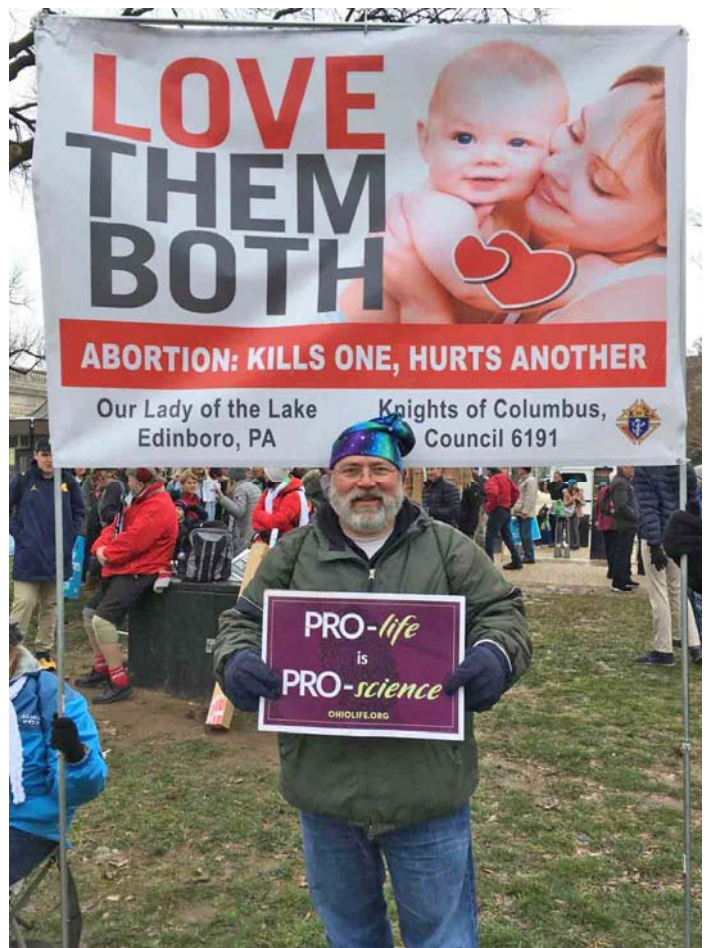
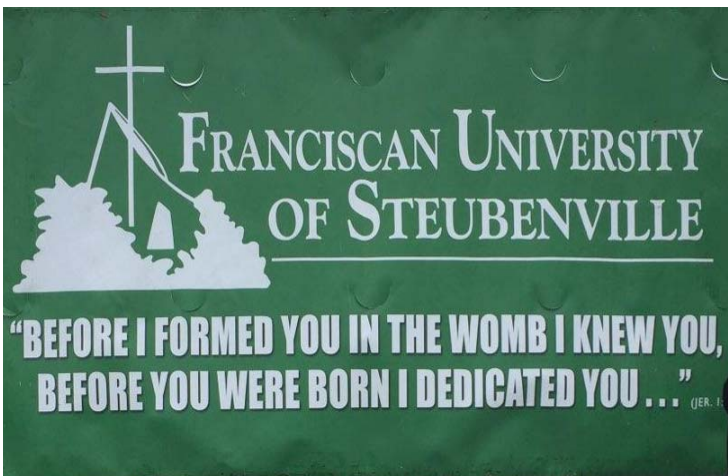
## Council Brothers Brickner & Stransky attend DC Right to Life March

**Council 2772 Brothers Mike Brickner and Ed Stransky journeyed to Washington DC On January 17/18 to participate in the 2019 Right to Life March.**

They joined a group of Central Ohio marchers at St Edward the Confessor Church in Granville where a bus transported them overnight to Washington, returning after the March for a 28-hour round trip. According to estimates, the number of marchers may have exceeded 600,000, the largest ever for this event.

Brickner said “participating in the 2019 March for Life was one of the greatest experiences of my life. I was overcome with joy at the hundreds of thousands of people marching for such a wonderful cause as life.”

Stransky added “I will never forget looking down Pennsylvania Avenue from the Capitol and not seeing an end to the line of faithful marchers. I was amazed at the diversity of religious groups that were represented at the March”.



## Traveling Marian Image on exhibit at St. Joseph Church



The image shown on the left, "Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians", was placed on display at St. Joseph Church during the month of January.

It is one of 50 portraits, blessed by Pope Francis, being circulated around the the country and the world, helping to raise global awareness of the sacrifice and current persecution of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

In addition, Council Brothers offered Rosary Prayers for persecuted Christians while the image was on display.

The Image was then honored at Sunday Mass on January 27, featuring a 4th Degree Honor Guard along with additional Council 12772 Brothers.

