



The Carpenter



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

April 2019

Easter Sunday, April 21



Grand Knight's Report

Brothers,



"Thy Will Be Done" - is the personal motto of Bishop Brennan, the newly installed bishop for the Columbus Diocese. We should all think about this motto in relation to

our faith, family and even the nights. While we don't know what God has planned for each of us, we must be willing to be open to any direction that we receive.

As a council we have substantially completed our program activities in our efforts to be a Star Council, and just need to get three more new members and insurance members for the year. If you know anyone who would be willing to join our council, please talk with them about what we do and why being a member is worthwhile. If it is God's will, we will find them new members and insurance members to again be a Star Council.

Vivat Jesus
Todd Thobe

District Deputy's Report



Not Goodbye, but Farewell....

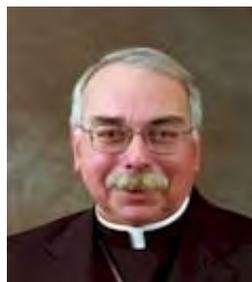
The Vatican announced that Pope Francis appointed Bishop Robert J. Brennan, auxiliary bishop of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, New York, as the 12th bishop of the Diocese of Columbus.



Bishop Robert J. Brennan

He succeeded Bishop Frederick Campbell, whose resignation had been accepted by the pope after his 75th birthday.

Bishop Brennan was installed as Bishop Campbell's successor on Friday, March 29 at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral. Bishop Campbell had been bishop of Columbus for



Bishop Fredrick Campbell

14 years. Bishop Campbell will reside in Columbus upon his retirement. Although not a Knight of Columbus member, Bishop Campbell has whole-heartedly supported the Order in the diocese.

Bishop Brennan is 56 and a Brother Knight. Please pray for both of our spiritual leaders as they assume their new roles.

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April Dates to Remember

NOTE—April 3: 7:30pm Business Meeting, Church.

April 5: Fish Fry, PAC

April 12: Last Fish Fry, PAC

April 19: Good Friday

April 21: Easter Vigil; Council mans all Mass services

April 25: 7:30pm Social Meeting, PAC

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February 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 Membership transfer, Stephen Veigel; second reading for Daniel Edwards, Son-in-Law of Brother Mark Needham.
- Bishop Brennan will be Installed on Friday March 29th. Two Knights representing St. Joseph will be attending.
- Confirmation on April 10th at PAC. 6:30PM, Rosary for the Unborn Child. 8am Sunday March 24th, before 8:30 Mass.

Treasurer's Report

- Current bank balance noted.
- \$865 Fish Fry deposit

Financial Secretary's Report

- \$127.90 for new Fish Fry Banners.
- \$15.96 to Todd Thobe for Misc.
- 1st week fish fry gross of \$2,910, minus expenses of \$1,817. \$865 deposited.
- \$200 Supreme program rebate and \$300 RSVP program rebate.

Unfinished Business

- Annual Scholarship Applications due March 25th.

New Business

- 10 Super Cash Bonanza tickets were sent to each Knight to sell. Turn in by April 1st.
- Of the Year Nominations requested.
- State Convention May 17-19. Kalahari Resort, Upper Sandusky OH.
- Easter Vigil April 20th, 8:30PM at Church. Looking for volunteers for all Ministry positions.
- Easter Egg Hunt after Mass on Easter Sunday. Looking for two volunteers to help.
- Motion approved for \$100 donation to the Jonathan Alder Hispanic Festival Day. Saturday May 11th.
- **Due to Church conflicts, the April Business meeting will be held on the FIRST Tuesday- April 3 -instead**

- **the second Wednesday of the month.**

- St. Joseph 1st Communion May 5th.

Good of the Order

Bernadette Dowling, Toby Leach, Baylis Family, Elaine Bonacci, Kelsey Chapman, Gary Heiman, Mary Sanders,

Program Director's Report

Lent is more than half over and we only have 2 Fish Fries remaining. Though they are not technically a "program", they provide most of the funds used to support our activities throughout the year. All your help is greatly appreciated, whether working them or supporting through purchasing dinners.

Based on the activities completed, the only issues keeping us from making Star



Council are Membership and Insurance. We need your help in both of these categories. There are a few remaining activities left before the end of the June (end of our Knights year) 1. Super Cash Bonanza ticket sales (send stubs to Mike Balmert or contact him if you need more), 2. Awarding Scholarships, 3. Adopt a Highway (trash pick-up).

Thanks to all who participated in March's events. Have a Happy Easter and enjoy the time spent with family and friends.

Vivat Jesus!

Greg Wayton

New Bishop, from Page 1

Bishop Campbell imparted his farewell to the diocese at his last Mass at the cathedral on March 24th noting "For this reason, Christians do not say 'Goodbye,' but rather, 'Farewell,' meaning 'May the rest of your journey be well continued and well completed.'

Jeff Fisher
District Deputy

The Chat Corner ...

Wideness

By Lori Crock



Wideness is an interesting word to ponder in spiritual terms. There is a beautiful hymn called the “Wideness of God’s Mercy” and that hymn inspired me to think about the many ways the Wideness of God can shape our lives.

God’s mercy is so magnanimous that it’s incomprehensible—and yet we are called to that same mercy with each other, 70 x 7 times. To think of the Wideness of God’s mercy as a never-ending, vast stream of love washing over us, healing us, forgiving us and bringing forth new life is a beautiful image that fills me with hope.

Wideness is akin to openness—the openness we are called to with God in prayer— sharing our triumphs and challenges, joys, sins and sorrows—giving him room to work to help us grow stronger. We are also called to live this openness with our brothers and sisters by authentically celebrating and protecting the good in them.

In Luke, 9:11 we see the Wideness of Jesus’ love as, “He received them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and he healed those who needed to be cured.”

Wideness lends itself to an image of big, outstretched arms welcoming another with a hug and a smile in a spirit of hospitality. May the Wideness of our thanksgiving for each other carry us out of the narrow focus on ourselves. May we instead be poured like a libation into a Visitation frame-of-mind where we live in the Wideness of loving and caring for each other.

Wideness can be giving God the time and space to work in our lives, whether through the Sacraments, in reading Scripture, by adoring him in the Blessed Sacrament, and with prayerful listening for God amidst the activity of family, work and play.

Let us give God the latitude to transform us by inviting him into the great expanse of us ... body, mind and soul. May we magnify the Lord by courageously seeking his strength rather than limiting the fullness of God’s plan for us.

Lyrics from “Wideness of God’s Mercy” speak of the majesty of God. “There is grace enough for thousands ... For the love of God is broader than the measure of our mind; And the heart of the Eternal is most kind.” He pours his grace out to us constantly... do we notice and do we respond?

Let us boldly ask God for the “strength to comprehend with all the holy ones what is the breadth and length and height and depth” giving thanks for the miraculous Wideness of God’s merciful love.

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

Six Lenten Fish Frys raise funds needed for all our major projects



In Fish Fry season, Thursday nights mean prep work and brotherhood



Squeezing the fish



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More squeezing the fish



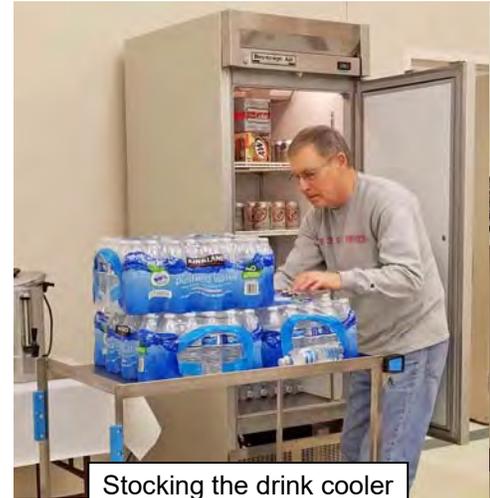
Stacking the fish for the fryer



Mixing the cole slaw



Organizing the "silverware"



Stocking the drink cooler



Putting condiments on the tables



Some fun and hanky-pank



Discussing March Madness



Wrestling with the menu stand



Admiring the new menu posters

Menu Choices

Fish Dinners

1. Fried Fish, Fries, Coleslaw
2. Fried Fish, Mac & Cheese, Coleslaw
3. Fried Fish, Fries, Mac & Cheese
4. Baked Fish, Fries, Coleslaw
5. Baked Fish, Mac & Cheese, Coleslaw
6. Baked Fish, Fries, Mac & Cheese

Side Orders

- French Fries
- Mac & Cheese
- Cole Slaw

Drinks

- Coffee / Water / Pop

Deserts

- Vary from week to week with many homemade deserts

Dinners

- Adults
- Seniors
- Children

Sides & Extras

- Fish Filets
- Fries, Slaw
- Fish Fillet
- Extra Drink

Desserts

- Provided by
- Available for
- Porres

Support-Our-Seminarians fundraiser at post-Mass feed at the PAC



Council 12772 has extended our fund-raising efforts in Supporting our Seminarians (S.O.S.) by taking up a collection while offering pancakes and pizzas to parishioners following 11am Mass at the PAC. A total of \$1,137 was collected.



Garrett Bauer runner-up in State Free-Throw Contest

Congrats to St. Joseph's very own Garrett Bauer on his Runner-Up finish in the 11-year-old Division of the State Free Throw shooting competition.

Garrett qualified for the State competition two weeks prior in the regional competition at Bishop Ready High School. In the State competition **Garrett was able to make 23 out of 25 free throws which put him in a tie for first place.**

The competition went to a shoot off and Garrett fell just short. Please join the Knights in congratulating Garrett on an amazing effort.

Again, our Council is grateful to Scott Heiss for following through the Free Throw contest all the way to the State Level. Thanks, Scott!!

New 4th Degree Members



Congratulations to Brothers Gene Duran (l.) and Richard Ogden who earned their 4th Degree Knighthood at the annual Exemplification held on March 16 at the Airport Marriot Hotel.