



# The Carpenter

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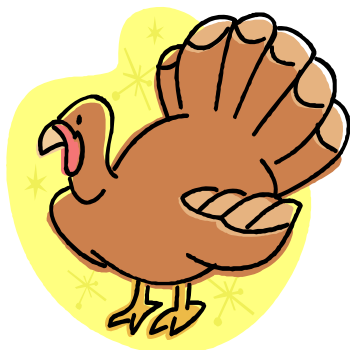
### Grand Knight notes ...



We are having our Membership Drive Blitz during the months of October and November. Our quota for this year is seven new members. The emphasis however, should not be placed so much on reaching our quota but keeping the 70 members we currently have, "engaged."

I have a plan that will work in attaining and keeping members. First, wear your K of C insignia/emblem shirt to Mass during October and November. After Mass, stand at the back of church and in the vestibule at the PAC, having a Form 100 in your hand as you say hello/goodbye to the parishioners as they exit. Simply ask the men if they would be interested in joining the Knights of Columbus. Second, if you recognize a member who is not currently engaged in our activities, tell him of our upcoming event and express to him it would be wonderful if he and his family could participate. (By the way – the Ladies Appreciation Dinner was a blast!) I am sure we will instill in people our sense of purpose when we are seen having fun in our activities and seen in church practicing our faith. Example is very important! We are here to serve.

*The Editor sends his best wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving to all Council 12772 Knights .and their families.*



### Teach children about insurance by your own example

If you're like me, you derive great joy from your children. It's a great feeling when a teacher, coach or fellow parent compliments you on your child.

We all know that raising children these days is no easy task, especially when the values we're trying to instill in them – concern for others, accepting responsibility for their actions, saving money rather than spending it – seem to run counter to what society is trying to teach them. Yet these are exactly the values that tend to draw compliments from teachers, coaches and fellow parents.



We also know that the best way to teach is by example. If you carry enough life insurance to protect your family, and if you share - with those of your children old enough to understand - why that's important, you're exhibiting and imparting many of the values you hope your children will absorb.

You'll show them by example that you love them and are concerned about their welfare. You'll show them that you take your responsibility to provide for your family seriously, and that you want to make sure they're provided for even if you're not around. And you'll show them that investing money in your life insurance protection is more important than the new set of golf clubs you might want, the newest and best home theater system you've had your eye on, or whatever else you might be sacrificing to pay the premiums.

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*Photos of recent events on pages 4 & 5!*

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## October business meeting notes

### GK reported on the following:

Council Statistics re membership, etc.  
 Thank you notes for the Ladies Appreciation Dinner.  
 Harvest Party – bring a prospective member and family.  
 Outline of Star Council Award requirements.  
 Noted opportunity to submit Council activities to Columbia magazine.  
 Noted Diocese letter of thanks for donations and invitation to Open House on 11/23.  
 Awarded Certificates of Appreciation to Dvorsky for Rosary Walk and Hess for Ladies Dinner effort.  
 Asked Dvorsky to look into Substance Abuse Poster Contest and publicizing it in local papers.  
 Mass of attendance info to be added to membership renewal form.  
 Noted that Todd Thobe named Knight of the Month for his work on Playground and OMSF Bldg.  
 Stressed October/November Membership Blitz. Need to go after targets.  
 Reviewed Newsletter “Holy Page” and inputs from Secretary and Pastor.  
 Asked for volunteers to go on Catholic Radio.

**Treasurer Report** – noted current bank balance with several checks outstanding..

**Financial Sec’y Report** – noted that Dues coming in December.

### Committees and New Business:

Hess passed around order form for long-sleeve shirts.  
 Hess to coordinate coverage of baptisms. Call list of 7 men established.  
 GK noted request for contribution to Kairos Prison Ministry Program; Check approved.  
 Receipts handed in and checks written for Ladies Dinner expenses.

### District Deputy comments:

Noted that Mark Mandell named Agent of the Month for October.

Bylaws need to be printed by Santini; need committee to make changes.

Get reports in early.

Mandell is Chairman of Measure-Up drive; need to get location commitments now.

Noted that our VA collection program is in progress.

Noted that Clergy Dinner is January 31, 2010.

Wants feedback from us on Baptism program – maybe propose as a State Program.

Noted that Trustees not attending meetings – need to be here.

Wants to review books of Treasurer, Financial Secretary and Recorder next month.

Wants to see Council roster and degrees of members – wants to get commitments for service and advancing in degrees.

On meeting reminder e-mails, ask for confirmation of receipt of message.

Consider using phone tree to get members out to meetings.

**Good of the Order:** This year’s St. Joseph PSR program, Craig Cooper, Roy Napier, Michelle Somerville. Erin Lisching, Chuck and Alta Woodruff, Jodi Santini, Christina Jones, Mary Ann Peiffer, Josh Porschart, the Clergy, veterans and active duty personnel.

### Example, from Page 1

Sure, they’ll probably roll their eyes at you as you’re explaining this, and they’ll certainly moan and groan if they can’t get the newest CD, video game or piece of clothing. But they learn from what you do – just like they learn from what you don’t do. What lessons do you want to teach them?

I want to meet with you to review your existing coverage. Based upon that review, we’ll be able to put a plan in place that will meet your needs, goals and budget.

**Call Mark Mandel at 614-308-2294 or email me at markmandel @wowway.com – let’s talk.**

### November Dates to Remember

Nov 1 All Saints Day	Nov 13 7:00pm Euchre Party—PAC
Nov 3 Election Day	Nov 25 8:00pm K of C Officers Meeting—Church
Nov 11 8:00pm K of C Meeting—Church	Nov 26 Thanksgiving Day

### November Birthdays/Anniversaries

<b>Knights</b>		<i>Lisa Hess</i>	11/13
<i>Jeff Fisher</i>	11/5	<i>Amy Wenerstrom</i>	11/23
<i>Robert Walter</i>	11/17	<b>Children</b>	
<i>Fr. Pat</i>	11/24	<i>None on record</i>	
<i>David Harig</i>	11/25	<b>Wedding Anniversaries</b>	
<i>Kevin Will</i>	11/28	<i>Bob &amp; Sarah Reinhard</i>	11/29
<b>Spouses</b>			
<i>Ann Stransky</i>	11/7		

# Notes from the Pastor and his staff ...

## Dishin' From the Desktop



Hello Gentlemen,

This month I would like to address a topic that will hopefully speak to all of you.

As you know, our parish's life blood is the volunteer. We could not survive without a pitch-in from our members. We are fortunate to be able to pay to have the PAC floors cleaned each week, but *unfortunately*, that isn't always enough to keep this beautiful new building beautiful. It came to my attention that the Knights are looking for projects that will serve the parish...something you have done so well all along! May I pitch to you my idea?

What if once a month or even once a quarter, the Knights had a "spic and span" day at the PAC? I'm thinking of the things that don't always get addressed, mostly because of time, such as wiping down walls and doors, touching up paint, cleaning windows, really scrubbing the floor or organizing closets.

With all of the traffic that goes through the building, it's not surprising that the dirt starts to show, but it would be wonderful to try to keep on top of some of these things so our place stays as usable and appealing as it can be.

Food for thought....and as always.....

Your humble secretary,  
Ann Walter

## Fr. Pat chimes in ...



To Our Knights of Columbus:

### ***Corporal Works of Mercy***

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus describes the last judgment in terms of what we call the "Corporal Works of Mercy." They are a simple plan of service to God's People. Since every Christian is expected to "feed the Hungry", to "clothe the naked", to "tend the sick", to "visit the imprisoned", and to "shelter the homeless", then it follows that every Knight will do them with added enthusiasm.

St. Joseph parish has outreach efforts in all of these areas. Our efforts will be greatly enhanced by the addition of leadership from the Knights. Engaging in meaningful activities is the best selling point to recruit new Knights.

The Plain City Church Fellowship sponsored "Be the Church" Sunday this past Labor Day weekend. The visible witness of Christians putting their love of Jesus to work for the betterment of the whole community was widely commented upon. St. Francis of Assisi said "Preach the Gospel always, and if necessary use words."

***May you be in Heaven a long time  
before the Devil knows you're dead!***

## Ladies Appreciation Dinner a hit

Our Council 12772 staged the First Annual Ladies Appreciation Dinner on October 11, 2009 at the PAC. Council members enjoyed the opportunity to hold a special evening to honor the wives of Council members. Fifteen member couples attended, along with the pastor and women office staff members and their husbands. The District Deputy and his wife also attended.

A social hour featured beverages of choice and trays of cheese and crackers and vegetables with dipping sauce.

Dinner consisted of roast turkey with stuffing and gravy, baked potatoes, green beans with bacon, a gourmet salad, home-made bread and dinner rolls, and followed by a make-it-yourself ice cream sundae bar.

The live entertainment hour featured selections by the Southern Gospel Singers.



Three chefs and three 20-pound turkeys. Ladies were not permitted in the kitchen.



Knights and their wives enjoyed elegant table settings, great food and warm fellowship.

## Soccer Challenge a great success

On Saturday, September 27, our Council staged its first annual Soccer Challenge. Fourteen children participated and ten were honored with first prize recognition in each gender and age category from 10 to 14. Each winner will be given a Knights of Columbus soccer ball when they are received from the supply center.

Brother Jim Dvorsky did an excellent job as Program Coordinator for the Challenge, and he was grateful for the onsite assistant of Brothers SK Alan Wilson, Mark Walden, Ed Stransky, SK GK Rob Loula, Andy Schimmoeller, Mike Balmert, Mike Schurman and Dave Harig, as well as Jim's wife Renee. Because of them and God's blessing of good weather, the event went smoothly and everyone had a great time.

Special thanks are extended to Mr. Tom Bichsel—soccer commissioner and member of the Jonathan Alder school district—for working with the soccer coaches and the schools to promote this program.



Brother Dvorsky signs up a contestant.



Another contestant aims his kick at the goal.

## Council Members enjoy Harvest Party at Darby Haven Farm

St. Joseph's K of C Council 12772 held a very successful Harvest Party on Saturday, October 24, hosted by Jim and Gloria Butler at their Darby Haven Farm. The event celebrated the harvesting of crops in the surrounding farmlands as well as Halloween.

Some 30 adults and children gathered on a cool Autumn evening and enjoyed great food, mulled cider and hot chocolate, a rambling hayride through woods and over meadows (complete with scary live "ghosts" in the darkness), and a time of reflection and fellowship around a roaring campfire.



Members gathered in the barn to enjoy a food spread of dips and snacks, sloppy Joes, hot dogs, salads and desserts, along with a variety of beverages.



After the feast, the hardy climbed into a hay wagon and were driven by Jim Butler around the farm.

## Parishioners donate generously to patients at the VA Medical Center

Our Council 12772 again participated in a joint effort among other Diocese of Columbus Councils to collect personal goods for veteran patients at the Chillicothe VA Medical Center, distribute the goods among the patients, serve a Holiday lunch and hold a bingo party for them.

Over the past two months, St. Joseph parishioners gave generously, enough to fill 9 large boxes, of personal goods. Donations were required to conform to specifications established by the VA.

Six Council Brothers traveled to Chillicothe last Saturday where they assisted in organizing donated items and assembling individual bags for the patients, and helped with a buffet lunch and bingo games, with prizes for the winners.

A total of 55 Knights from six Councils participated in the event.



Council 12772 Knights look over the toiletries section of donated goods. Shown are (l. to r.) Todd Thobe, Ed Stransky, Mike Schurman, SK Jeff Fisher and Mike Balmert; not shown, photographer SK Bob Hess. Once the variety of goods had been sorted, the Knights then collected personal bags full of a sampling of all goods for the patients.