



Massillon Council 554



Knights of Columbus

WEBSITE ISSUE

August, 2017

Grand Knights Report, by Gary Lamielle, Grand Knight

I hope you are all enjoying your summer. We have been blessed with good weather this summer and I for one am thankful for it. There are many things going on in the month of August so I hope you read this web page to see what is happening.

Our annual FAMILY PICNIC will be on Sunday August 13 this year we will be having Navarre council joining us which should be a good time so please come out enjoy yourself and meet some new brother knights from our sister council from the south.

Myself and a couple of brother Knights and a Columbian lady took a training class for the Court Angel Program through the Stark County Probate Court what a wonderful experience. We learned so much about those people in our area who are vulnerable and in need of our help. By investing a few hours a month, you can do so much to help our sisters and brothers in our community. The people we met who run the program are wonderful and giving people and I am so glad I got involved in this worth-while program. We as Knights are asked to reach out and assist our sisters and brothers in our community who are in need and this program gives us an opportunity to do just that. If you are interested in learning more about this wonderful and worthwhile program please contact myself or your Dep Grand Knight Bob Pittinger we will be more than happy to help you any way we can.

I have been asked by the foundation to ask if there are any of you who would be willing to volunteer to help at bingo on Monday nights. This is a major source of income for the foundation and help is very much needed. If you are interested please contact Mary Ann Cowley or any of the foundation officers your help would be greatly appreciated.

Growing up, my parents always stressed the importance of reaching out to help others. I believe when we leave this world all we will take with us is the love in our hearts and the good works we do while we are here. Being a Knight gives us a vehicle by which to do just that so if you know someone who would make a good Knight why not ask them to join us.

In closing I would like to leave you with a thought from an unknown author, THE NICEST PLACE TO BE IS IN SOMEONE'S THOUGHT THE SAFEST PLACE TO BE IS IN SOMEONE'S PRAYERS AND THE BEST PLACE TO BE IS....IN THE HANDS OF GOD. As always please pray the Rosary. KYRIE ELEISON ON OUR FAMILIES NATION AND THE WORLD PAIX TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU

Club Room Hours: Mon-Tues-Wed: 4-11 PM Thu-Fri-Sat: 4 -12 AM
Dining Room Hours: Wed, Thur, Sat 5-8 PM, Friday; 4 – 8 PM
Council Meetings 2nd & 4th Tues at 7:00 PM

What's Happening in...

.....August, 2017

- 1 7:00 PM 4th Degree Meeting – Picnic
- 5 9:00 AM Squires Meeting (St. Mary's)
- 8 7:00 PM Reg. Council Meeting, Budget Vote
- 10 7:00 PM Stark County Chapter Meeting
- 13 12-5 PM Council Family Picnic
- 15 ***Feast of the Assumption***
 6:30 PM Program Director's Meeting
 7:00 PM Officer & Trustee Meeting
- 19 9:00 AM Squires Meeting (St. Mary's)
- 22 7:00 PM Council Social Meeting
- 29 7:00 PM **Admission/1st Degree**

.....September, 2017

- 2 9:00 AM Squires Meeting (St. Mary's)
- 4 ***Labor Day***
- 5 7:00 PM 4th Degree Meeting
- 12 7:00 PM Reg. Council Meeting
- 13 1:00 PM Bloodmobile
- 14 7:00 PM Stark County Chapter at Co 554
- 16 9:00 AM Squires Meeting (St. Mary's)
- 19 5:00 PM MKF Clubroom Dinner
 6:30 PM Program Director's Meeting
 7:00 PM Officer & Trustee Meeting
 7:30 PM Columbian Ladies Meeting
- 26 7:00 PM **1st & 2nd Degree**

Massillon Council 554 2017 - 2018 Officers & Trustees

Chaplain	Msgr James Kolp	871-8346
Grand Knight	Gary Lamielle	327-7223
Dep. Grd Knight	Bob Pittinger	571-5150
Chancellor	Matt Meyer, PGK	284-9365
Recorder	Jim Fondriest	854-4850
Treasurer	Paul Haig, PGK	837-1185
Financial Sec	Tim Paul	837-1411
Advocate	John Ferrero, Jr.	833-3534
Warden	Ken McLaughlin	571 1203
Inside Guard	Phil Glatz	
Outside Guard	Leonard Hughes	834-7638
1- Year Trust	Jim Sieber, PGK	478-2363
2- Year Trust	Bill Shane, PGK	830-9224
3- Year Trust	Walt Featheringham	
Field Agent	(Vacant)	
Bulletin Editor	Ken Girt, PGK	837-6670
Webmaster	Kyle Shane	

<u>Parish Round Table Coordinators</u>		
St. Mary	Ken Girt, PGK	837-6670
St Joseph	Randy Smith, PGK	323-5904
St Barbara	Ray Tully	837-4877

<u>Program Activity Chairmen:</u>		
Church	Ken McLaughlin	571 1203
Council	Jim Sieber, PGK	478-2363
Community	Matt Meyer	284-9365
Family	Jim Fondriest	854-4850
Culture of Life	Phil Glatz	
Youth/Squires	Mike Szillat, PGK	830-4930
Membership	Ken Girt, PGK	837-6670

Complex Mgr	Mary Ann Cowley	837-9101
Bingo Mgr	Ron Kurpieski	936-8058
200 Club	Bill Shane, PGK	830-9224

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Columbian Ladies Guild, By Darlene Catazaro, President.

No Report.

Fraternal Report, by Ken Girt PGK

On Our Sick List: Gerald Meyer, Bill Ringley, Ron Blogna, Bill Hamit, Ron Kurpieski, Jim Kracker and Chuck Meyer.

If you want your name added to our sick list, or if you know of a brother knight who should be added, please send me an email at girtken@sssnet.com or call me at 330-837-6670.

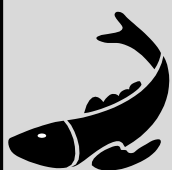
The Massillon Knights Foundation

Foundation Trustees 2017–2018 James Brelish (Treasurer), Paul Lambert (President), Jeff Heitger (Secretary), Ron Kurpieski, Bill Shane (Vice-President), Dave Cowley, Jim Sieber, Bob Catazaro, John Williams

Foundation Report

By Paul Lambert, President

No Report.



Fish Fry's

Every Friday in our Clubroom 4:00 to 8:00 PM

MASSILLON K of C BINGO

Every Monday Night 7PM

Doors open at 4:30 PM

ALL PAPER GAMES

From the Editor.....

By Ken Girt, PGK and Editor

We would like to use our WEBSITE newsletters for posting articles about the Knights of Columbus. You will find an article on page 5 taken from a recent Columbian Magazine that details our Order's commitment and service to our fighting troops during World War I. This is Part 1 and I will have Part II in the October WEBSITE issue.

Bishop Massillon Assembly Fourth Degree

Faithful FriarFr. Raymond Paul 833-2607
 Faithful Purser.....Edward Shuman 854-3691
 Faithful CaptainLeonard Hughes 834-7638
 Faithful AdmiralPaul Haig, PFN 837-1185
 Faithful Comptroller...Dan Flanagan 966-4937
 Faithful PilotRoger Piper 936-0974
 Faithful ScribePhil Glatz 844-5330

Faithful NavigatorMatthew Meyer 284-9365
 Faithful Inner SentinelCharles Meyer 833-0593
 Faithful Outer SentinelJim Coughlin
 Faithful 1-year TrusteeJames Sieber,PFN 478-2363
 Faithful 2-year TrusteeFrank Csipke, PFN 833-6176
 Faithful 3-year Trustee Fred Russell, PFN 832-5420
 CommanderJames Sieber,PFN 478-2363

Faithful Navigator Report, *By Matt Meyer, Faithful Navigator*

No report.

Faithful Comptroller Report *By Dan Flanagan*

Birthdays of our members in July: Joseph Turchiano, David Weikart, Robert Heitger, Ralph Huff, Michael Johnson, Thomas Coughlin, John Schneider, Thomas Adley, James Pastor, Ken McLaughlin, Ronald Seifert, Richard Catazaro, Stephen Orcutt and Arden Tohill

July anniversaries: Frank and Kathleen Minocchi, Philip and Catherine Laier, David and Sandra Basso, Dan and Anne Flanagan, Carmine and Linda Russo, Richard and Mary Catazaro and Robert and Barbara Pittinger

Birthdays of our members in August: Adam Tohill, James Coughlin, Ralph Spevere, Dennis Pratt, Anthony Petrecca, Floyd Appleman, John M Emmons, James Thewes and John Bushkill

August anniversaries: Paul and Robin Lucchesi, Patrick and Denise Turchiano, Michael and Suzanne Ziegelhofer, Dennis and Janice Kelleher, Joseph and Charlene Paquelet, Clark and Dianne Richards, John and Marcella Emmons, and James and Florence Sieber

Council 554's Annual

Family Picnic

Sunday, August 13, 2017

Food served from 12:00 to 5:00

Children's Games at 3:00 PM

**For all Members of Council 554, Columbian Ladies Guild,
Social Members and Isabellas and their families; and
our Member's Widows.**

Volunteers needed; please contact any Council Officer.

Knights of Columbus Service in the Great War, Part I



K OF C SERVICE IN THE GREAT WAR

By Joseph Pronechen

A century ago, as World War I raged in Europe, the United States declared war on Germany on 6 April 1917. When Americans joined the war effort and soldiers sailed overseas, the whole country was soon singing “Over There,” the hit song by George M. Cohan.

Among the U.S. servicemen shipping over to Europe were some 100,000 members of the Knights of Columbus, including hundreds of clergy and war relief workers. Many more Knights would assist in war relief in the states, keeping up morale at military camps and raising funds. Knights from Canada already had been fighting in the trenches for more than two years. World War I officially began on 28 July 1914, and Canada entered the war the following week, together with the United Kingdom.

To mark the centenary of the U.S. involvement in the war, a new major exhibit is now on display at the Knights of Columbus Museum in New Haven, CT, and will be open through 30 December 2018. The title of the exhibit, “World War I: Beyond the Front Lines,” speaks to soldiers’ lives during the long months of war, including how the Knights provided them major support.

The Order’s work had such an impact that Gen. John Joseph Pershing, commander of the American Expeditionary Forces (AEF), stated that “of all the organizations that took part in

the winning of the war, with the exception of the military itself, there was none so efficiently and ably administered as the Knights of Columbus.”

"EVERYBODY WELCOME, EVERYTHING FREE"



Soldiers Writing Letters at the Knights of Columbus Hut, Camp Gordon, GA

On 14 April eight days after the United States entered the war, the K of C board of directors passed a resolution, which was sent to President Woodrow Wilson. It assured the president that “the crisis confronting the nation hereby reaffirms the patriotic devotion of 400,000 members of this Order in this country to the Republic and its laws and pledges their unconditional support to the President and Congress.”

Soldiers needed a respite from the war; they needed Mass and the sacraments. The Knights of Columbus came to the rescue, providing a major service with recreation centers, which became known as huts. This initiative was inspired by 15 such centers that the Order had established the previous year for National Guardsmen serving along the Mexican border. The Knights’ Committee on War Activities coordinated fundraisers and war relief efforts, and the Order soon financed huts both in the United States and around Europe. When the first goal of \$1 million was raised in record time from the stateside councils, the goal was upped to \$3 million. Catholics and non-Catholics alike donated, and the goal was raised again to \$12 million. The final amount exceeded \$14 million—at a time when bread was 7 cents a pound.

Similar efforts were already underway in Canada for war relief efforts. Canadian Knights at first helped by providing chaplains with portable altars and giving soldiers rosaries, medals, and prayer books, as well as entertainment. Because recreation huts in England

were run by non-Catholics, Catholic chaplains from Canada eventually appealed for K of C help to establish huts for the Canadian camps in England and France.

In May 1917, plans to erect Catholic huts for Canadian soldiers were set in motion thanks to the efforts of Knights such as Major Rev. John J. O’Gorman, an Ottawa-based priest who spearheaded the Catholic Army Huts program in Canada. With the support of K of C state councils and the Canadian hierarchy, a series of fund drives were launched that raised more than \$1.2 million for some 30 Canadian huts in France and 20 in England, all of which were run by Catholic chaplains.

Meanwhile, dozens of huts were built on or near U.S. military bases in the United States and Europe, offering soldiers an escape from the war. The spaces were versatile, and even the largest were designed to make the soldiers feel like they were at home, with tall windows and bright colors.

The K of C hut slogan was “Everybody Welcome, Everything Free.” No soldier or sailor had to pay a cent for anything the Knights gave them, nor would any free will offering on their part be accepted by the secretaries who ran the huts. They gave everything free to whoever walked in, with no questions about religion, race, or rank. The uniform was all that mattered.

In the huts, soldiers had the opportunity to attend Mass, go to confession, hear a music recital, see vaudeville entertainment, or watch a movie. They could attend a dance, sit ringside at popular boxing competitions, write letters home (the Knights provided 1,800 tons of stationary), or read a book from the library.



The Exhibit at the New Haven Museum

The exhibit at the K of C Museum has a wonderful example of a typical hut, down to the player piano, around which soldiers would sing wartime favorites like “Keep the Home Fires Burning.”

They would also join in the chorus of the Knights' official hut song, "Everybody Welcome, Everything Free!"—"Ev'rybody welcome, ev'rything free. That is the slogan of the K of C. For all the boys here, and 'Over There,' The K of C is doing its share." By the summer of 1918, when the National Catholic War Council was created to coordinate Catholic works related to the U.S. war effort, the Knights of Columbus continued in its role as the Catholic agency providing recreational activities.

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