



# Massillon Council 554



*Knights of Columbus*

**WEBSITE ISSUE**

*December, 2017*

## **Grand Knight's Report, by Gary Lamielle, Grand Knight**

We had our annual memorial mass on November 28th. We had 50 people attend. As always it was a beautiful service led by Msgr. Kolp our chaplain. He always has you leaving with a feeling of hope for the future. I hope you can attend next year.

I am happy to say that your council will be donating 5 boxes of coats to the Massillon city schools for children who are under privileged. This is a wonderful program which reaches out to our community to help those in need. Another program is Keep Christ In Christmas this is as simple as saying Merry Christmas instead of happy holidays. In our effort to be politically correct we forget what this season is all about the birth of our savior. As we all know the greatest given to the world. Also on December 16th we will be having our annual "Breakfast with St. Nick". Please read the posting for details. RSVP is required. I hope each and everyone of you have a safe and joyful Christmas and a safe and happy New Year. I would like to leave you with a quote from Dale Evans.... "Christmas, my child, is love in action." As always Kyrie Eleison on our families, nation and the world. Peace.

## **Chaplain's Report, by Msgr. James Kolp, Chaplain**

As I turn on my TV or listen to the radio, all I hear is Christmas music and ads telling of big deals regarding Christmas presents. As Catholics and as Knights we realize that the world pushes ahead long before it should.

We are now in the season of Advent. The priest will wear violet vestments at Mass. There will be no "Gloria". The Church is telling us that we are to do some prayer and penance before we celebrate.

Advent has a two-fold character for it is a time of preparation for Christmas in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight.

Let us as Knights and ladies do some prayer and fasting. Let us involve ourselves in our parish life and also take part in our Council activities in every possible way.

As I write these notes, North Korea has just sent another missile into the atmosphere. It landed in the ocean near Japan. Let us pray and fast for peace and calm for ourselves and for the rest of the world. Have a Blessed "Christmass."

**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...

## .....December, 2017

- 2 6:00 PM 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Ball
- 5 7:00 PM 4th Degree Meeting; Tom & Jerry
- 6 7:00 PM Squires Meeting
- 7:00 PM **Admission/1st Degree (DVD)**
- 8 **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**
- 12 7:00 PM Reg. Council Meeting
- 7:30 PM Council Christmas Party
- 16 10:00AM Breakfast with St. Nick
- 19 6:00 PM Columbian Ladies Christmas Party
- 20 6:30 PM Special Officer & Trustee Meeting
- 7:00 PM Squires Meeting
- 25 **Christmas**
- 31 **New Year's Eve**

## .....January, 2018

- 1 **Solemnity of Mary; New Year's Day**
- 2 7:00 PM 4th Degree Meeting
- 3 7:00 PM Squires Meeting
- 9 7:00 PM Reg. Council Meeting
- 11 7:00 PM Stark County Chapter Meeting
- 16 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
- 17 7:00 PM Squires Meeting
- 20 6:00 PM Nite at the Races
- 23 7:00 PM Council Social Meeting
- 27 6:00 PM MKF Reverse Raffle
- 28 5:00 PM Council Anniversary Dinner
- 30 7:00 PM **1st Degree / 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree**
- ( ) 12 Noon Council Free Throw Contest

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## Massillon Council 554

### 2016 - 2017 Officers & Trustees

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| Chaplain        | Msgr James Kolp    | 871-8346 |
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| St Joseph                              | Randy Smith, PGK | 323-5904 |
| St Barbara                             | Ray Tully        | 837-4877 |

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### Fraternal Report, by Ken Girt PGK

**On Our Sick List:** Gerald Meyer, Bill Ringley, Ron Blogna, Bill Hamit, Ron Kurpieski, Jim Kracker, Jim Bushway, Richard Rootes 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](mailto:girtken@sssnet.com) or call me at 330-837-6670.

**Columbian Ladies Guild, By Darlene Catazaro, President.**

**Remember;** our annual Christmas party is scheduled for December 19th, with doors opening at 6:00 pm with dinner served at 6:30 pm. The menu choice will be Chicken, Swiss Steak or Scrod. The cost will be \$10.00 each meal. You must RSVP with menu choice by December 12th to Mickey Catazaro at 330 478-2264.

**1000 Club Calendars, By Matt Meyer, 100 Club Chairman**

The 2018 Lottery Calendars are ready to buy and sell. You may contact Matt Meyer 330-284-9365 or Gary Lamielle 330-327-7223 to pick up calendars.

We are always looking for new people to sell calendars. There are cash rewards for selling calendars so please get in touch with us to learn more about it.

**The Massillon Knights Foundation**

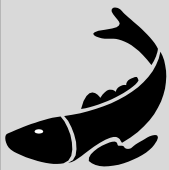
**Foundation Trustees 2016 – 2017** James Brelish (Treasurer), Paul Lambert (President), Bill Shane (Vice President), Jeff Heitger (Secretary), Ron Kurpieski, John Williams, Dave Cowley, Jim Sieber, Bob Catazaro

**Foundation Report, By Paul Lambert, President**

No Report.

**Complex Manager Report, By Mary Ann Cowley**

The Clubroom will be OPEN on Monday, January 1, New Year's Day! And we are having Bingo. We will open at 5:00 p.m. Thanks!



**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**

# Breakfast with St. Nick

Saturday, Dec. 16, at 10 AM.

There will be a photo opportunity with St. Nicholas at 11 AM, and presents will be distributed to children 12 and under. Contact Mike Szillat (330) 268-9879 for details and registration.



## Bishop Massillon Assembly Fourth Degree

Faithful Friar .....Fr. Raymond Paul 833-2607  
 Faithful Purser.....Edward Shuman 854-3691  
 Faithful Captain .....Leonard Hughes 834-7638  
 Faithful Admiral .....Paul Haig, PFN 837-1185  
 Faithful Comptroller...Dan Flanagan 966-4937  
 Faithful Pilot .....Roger Piper 936-0974  
 Faithful Scribe .....Phil Glatz 844-5330

Faithful Navigator .....Matthew Meyer 284-9365  
 Faithful Inner Sentinel .....Charles Meyer 833-0593  
 Faithful Outer Sentinel .....Jim Coughlin  
 Faithful 1-year Trustee .....James Sieber,PFN 478-2363  
 Faithful 2-year Trustee .....Frank Csipke, PFN 833-6176  
 Faithful 3-year Trustee ..... Fred Russell, PFN 832-5420  
 Commander .....James Sieber,PFN 478-2363

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

Our Annual Tom & Jerry Christmas Party will be held on December 5, following a brief 7:00 PM Meeting. Hope to see you all there!

### Faithful Comptroller Report *By Dan Flanagan*

**November Birthdays:** Jack Wallace, Michael Loudiana, George Maier, Patrick Garvey, Joseph Paquelet, Jeffrey Campbell, Norm Jackson, Phillip Elum, Robert Pittinger, Frank Csipke, David Alaback, and Joseph Bosnakovic

**November Anniversaries:** John and Donna Bushkill, David and Virginia Flack, George and Misty Maier, and Thomas and Rocio Strohmeier

**December Birthdays:** George Garton, Alexander Mathis, Fr Michael Seifert, Randolph Smith, Patrick Tohill, John Adams, George Lowe. Douglas Connelly, Gregory Frank, Lauren Rohr, Dr Charles Paquelet, Howard Fierstos, Daniel Flanagan and Bill Hamit

**December Anniversaries:** Victor and Eleanor Wyss, Howard and Fay Fierstos, Daniel and Lisa Baxter, Walter and Marilyn Featheringham, and Fred and Dolores Russell

# CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS AND FAKE HISTORY

9/1/2017

by Gerald Korson

**ONCE THE TARGET OF ANTI-CATHOLIC SENTIMENT, COLUMBUS IS OFTEN SLANDERED BY THOSE WHO MISREPRESENT HIS LEGACY**



An 1846 painting depicts Christopher Columbus and members of his crew on a beach in the West Indies after arriving on his flagship Santa Maria Oct. 12, 1492. The work was commissioned by the U.S. Congress and installed in the Capitol Rotunda in 1847. *Landing of Columbus, 1846, by John Vanderlyn*

Driven in large part by political correctness and partisan academics and activists, it has become fashionable in recent years to criticize Christopher Columbus and the holiday named in his honor. A closer look, however, reveals the famed explorer to be a man of faith and courage, not a monster.

Many of Columbus' modern critics rely on a warped and politicized reading of history, and it is not the first time the explorer has endured such attacks. When a resurgence of anti-Catholic bigotry erupted in early 20th-century America, Columbus was a favorite target then as well.

Despite animus among some groups today, the majority of Americans view the explorer positively and with pride. In a K of C-Marist poll from December 2016, 62 percent of Americans expressed a favorable opinion of the explorer and 55 percent said they were in favor of Columbus Day, the holiday named for him. By contrast, fewer than 3 in 10 view Columbus unfavorably and only 37 percent oppose the holiday named for him.

Nonetheless, there have been political efforts to strip Columbus of honor, and the question of whether to continue to recognize Columbus Day is under review in many places. Some states and municipalities have removed the explorer's name from the holiday or eliminated the observance entirely.

## A COURAGEOUS JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY

Unfair attacks on Columbus, past and present, should not be allowed to obscure the truth about the man, his voyage and his motives. Born in Genoa, Italy, Columbus was a deeply Catholic explorer who was willing to go against the grain. He believed he could reach the shores of Asia by sailing a mere 3,000 miles west across the Atlantic. Such a passage would establish faster and easier trade routes than were possible through overland travel or by sailing south and east around Africa.

Scholars of his day calculated the distance to the Orient across the Atlantic at well over 7,000 miles, out of practical range for ships of the day. Those who were skeptical of the admiral's proposal did not hold that the earth was flat, as popular myth has suggested, but rather that it was much larger than Columbus believed. Despite his miscalculation, after 10 weeks Columbus did indeed find land — not the outskirts of the Orient, as he went to his grave believing, but an entirely new continent.

Later, as a nation began to coalesce out of the American colonies, its leaders recognized the admiral's legacy. "Columbia" served as an informal name for what would become the United States of America. The eventual designation of the nation's capital reflects the esteem the founders had for the Genoese explorer.

Beginning in the 1840s, waves of European immigrants swelled the ranks of Catholics in the United States, and along with that came an increasingly anti-Catholic, anti-immigrant backlash from the Protestant majority. Catholics were subject to discrimination, slander, ridicule, anti-Catholic propaganda and sometimes mob violence.

It was within this hostile climate that Father Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882. He and the founding Knights chose as the Order's patron Christopher Columbus — one of the few Catholics considered a hero of American history. Father McGivney believed the explorer represented both Catholicism and patriotism at the very root of America's heritage, thereby symbolizing that faithful Catholics also can be solid American citizens.

A decade later, as the Order celebrated its patron on the 400th anniversary of his discovery, President Benjamin Harrison proclaimed a national Columbus holiday. He called for "expressions of gratitude to Divine Providence for the devout faith of the discoverer, and for the Divine care and guidance which has directed our history and so abundantly blessed our people." Colorado became the first state to establish Columbus Day in 1907, and others soon followed. In 1934, with strong urging and support by the Knights, President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Congress made Columbus Day a federal holiday, mandating its first annual observance on Oct. 12, 1937.



*This statue of Christopher Columbus, dedicated by Italian-American residents in New Haven, Conn., was erected in 1892 in Wooster Square Park. In 2004, restoration of the statue was partially funded by the Knights of Columbus.*

## ATTACKS OLD AND NEW

As the 1992 quincentenary of Columbus' arrival in the New World approached, vocal opposition to Columbus was heard from partisan and revisionist historians and activists who were often critical of Western civilization as a whole. That year, the city of Berkeley, Calif., changed Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples Day, and several other municipalities have made similar moves, often explicitly as a means of dishonoring Columbus.

In response to one such initiative in Baltimore, Eugene F. Rivers III, founder and president of the Seymour Institute for Black Church and Policy Studies, published an op-ed article Dec. 2, 2016.

"To celebrate one cultural group does not require that we denigrate another," he wrote. "Rather than renaming Columbus Day, why not add another holiday, Indigenous Peoples Day, to Baltimore's calendar in honor of Native Americans?"

The 20th century ended with criticism of Columbus and Columbus Day in certain quarters, just as the early 20th century had seen similar opposition.

When the Ku Klux Klan was revived in 1915 and targeted Catholics, Jews and minority groups whom they considered a threat to the nation's "Native, White, Protestant" identity, one of their targets was Columbus.

The Klan opposed the observance of Columbus Day, trying to suppress celebrations of the holiday at the state level. Klan members published articles calling Columbus Day a "papal fraud" and even burned a cross at a Knights of Columbus observance in Pennsylvania.

Today, one can still hear echoes of anti-Catholic prejudice in the modern attacks. For some, Columbus' sponsorship by Spain and introduction of Christianity and Western culture to the lands he discovered make him immediately suspect. The new wave of anti-Columbus attacks go so far as to say that Columbus intended nothing good.

"These criticisms primarily charge Columbus with perpetrating acts of genocide, slavery, 'ecocide,' and oppression," explained Robert Royal, president of the Faith and Reason Institute and author of *1492 and All That: Political Manipulations of History* (1992).

Nonetheless, a closer examination of the record reveals a different picture.

"The dominant picture holds him responsible for everything that went wrong in the New World," wrote Carol Delaney, a former professor at Stanford and Brown universities, in her book *Columbus and the Quest for Jerusalem* (2011). In her opinion, "we must consider his world and how the cultural and religious beliefs of his time colored the way he thought and acted."

In a 2012 *Columbia* interview, Delaney further explained that Columbus found the native peoples to be "very intelligent" and his relations with them "tended to be benign." He gave strict instructions to the settlers to "treat the native people with respect," though some of his men rebelled and disobeyed his orders, particularly during his long absences, Delaney added. Columbus' voyage made the Old and New Worlds aware of each other for the first time, eventually leading to the founding of new countries in the Western Hemisphere. Diseases inadvertently carried to the New World by the Europeans caused the greatest number of casualties by far, killing some 90 percent of native populations according to some estimates.

"There were terrible diseases that got communicated to the natives," Delaney said, "but he can't be blamed for that."

## A RENEWED DEFENSE

According to Royal, arguments against Columbus by modern critics often constitute a “new, contemporary form of the ‘Black Legend’” — anti-Spanish propaganda dating back to the 16th-century that stereotypes Spanish explorers as uniquely cruel and abusive.

The writings of Bartolomé de las Casas — a 16th-century Spanish Dominican priest, historian and missionary — exposing the abuse of the native peoples are often cited in an effort to impugn Columbus. But while de las Casas lamented the suffering of indigenous people, he also admired and respected Columbus for his “sweetness and benignity” of character, his deep faith and his accomplishments.

“He was the first to open the doors to the ocean sea, where he entered the remote lands and kingdoms which until then had not known our Savior, Jesus Christ, and his blessed name,” de las Casas wrote in his *History of the Indies*. While cognizant that Columbus was human and made mistakes, de las Casas never doubted the explorer’s good intentions, writing: “Truly, I would not dare blame the admiral’s intentions, for I knew him well and I know his intentions are good.”

According to Delaney, Columbus “fervently believed it was the duty of every Christian to try to save the souls of non- Christians,” and it was this passion that “led him on a great adventure, an encounter such as the world has never seen.”

Not surprisingly, popes since the late 19th century have praised Columbus’ mission of evangelization. Pope John Paul II, while celebrating Mass at a Columbus monument in the Dominican Republic near the 1992 quincentenary, said the cross-shaped memorial “means to symbolize the cross of Christ planted in this land in 1492.”

In a speech to the young people of Genoa in May, Pope Francis talked about how a disciple of Christ needs the “virtue of a navigator,” and he pointed to the example of Columbus who faced “a great challenge” and showed “courage,” a trait he indicated was essential to becoming a “good missionary.”

As it did a century ago, the Order is defending Columbus today. When Colorado lawmakers weighed a bill to repeal Columbus Day as a state holiday earlier this year, the Knights of Columbus helped lead the opposition. Recalling the Klan’s earlier efforts to oppose Columbus Day, the K of C noted that the measure was not a progressive step but rather “regressive as it takes us back to what the Klan outlined in the 1920s in order to promote ethnic and religious resentment.”

The Knights of Columbus has defended its patron from unfair attacks, urging that he continue to receive official recognition as a man of faith and bravery. Columbus represents the kind of heroic courage and religious faith that inspired the establishment of the United States. Although he surely holds special meaning for Catholics and for Italian Americans, Columbus is a figure all citizens of the New World can celebrate.

For this reason, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson said in his annual report this year, “We will continue to defend the truth about Columbus and Columbus Day.”