



Massillon Council 554



Knights of Columbus

WEBSITE ISSUE

December, 2018

Grand Knight's Report, by Robert Pittinger, Grand Knight

We had our Annual Memorial Mass on November 27th. We had 80 people attend. As always it was a beautiful service led by Msgr. Kolp our chaplain and Fr. Seifert. A special thanks to Kevin Kutz and Michael Roberts for the beautiful music they performed at the Memorial Mass. I also want to thank Mary Ann Haig, Florence Sieber, Micky Catazaro for preparing all the food for that night.

Last year we gave 48 coats to our Massillon community and I am happy to say that this year our council will be donating 79 coats to the Massillon City Schools, St. Barb's Catholic school, St. Mary's Catholic school and Family Living Center. This is a wonderful program which reaches out to our community to help those in need.

Don't forget that December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and a Holy day of obligation.

We will have our Council Christmas Party on December 11. A great time to celebrate the birth of our Lord with your fellow knights. This event is for husbands and wives or significant other.

December 15th we will be having our annual "Breakfast with St. Nick". Please read the posting for details. RSVP is required.

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 Christ is the greatest gift given to the world. I hope each and every one of you has a safe and joyful Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

And please mark January 27 on your new 2019 calendars for our Anniversary Dinner!

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

I have some homework for you to do during the month of December. It is to increase your devotion to Our Blessed Lady. We are named Knights of Columbus so it is good to learn all we can about Christopher Columbus. One thing that Columbus had was a love of Our Lady. He showed it on his trip from Portugal to the new World. He had his whole crew offer daily prayers together. Besides the prayers that were offered during the day, after sunset and before the first night watch all hands were called to evening prayers. All hands recited the Lord's Prayer, the Hail Mary and the Apostles Creed and then they sang the "Hail Holy Queen" prayer

in Latin. Columbus used to say that they did not do a real good job of keeping together. He said, "Seaman sing or say it after their own fashion." But they offered prayers to Our Lady day after day and night after night.

One Feast of Our Lady during this month of December could be very challenging to some Catholics. It is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary on December 8th. This year the Holy Day falls on a Saturday. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. In order to fulfill your obligation, you will need to attend Mass either on Friday evening, which is the Vigil, or on Saturday morning. Attending Mass on Saturday evening will not fulfill the obligation.

Please keep up your daily recitation of the Rosary and bring your rosary with you to our Council Meeting on December 11th. And have a truly 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 Tuesday at 7:00 PM Social Meeting 4th Tuesday

What's Happening in...

.....December, 2018

- 1 6:00 PM 4th Degree Ball
- 4 7:00 PM 4th Degree Meeting; Tom & Jerry
(Ladies Night)
- 5 7:00 PM Squires Meeting
- 8 ***Feast of the Immaculate Conception***
- 11 7:00 PM Reg. Council Meeting
7:30 PM Council Christmas Party
- 12 7:00 PM 1st Degree (Admission Degree) DVD
- 15 10:00AM Breakfast with St. Nick
- 18 6:00 PM Columbian Ladies Christmas Party
- 19 6:30 PM Special Officer & Trustee Meeting
- 25 ***Christmas***
- 31 ***New Years Eve***

.....January, 2019

- 1 ***Solemnity of Mary; New Year's Day***
- 2 7:00 PM 4th Degree Meeting (Special Night)
7:00 PM Squires Meeting
- 8 7:00 PM Reg. Council Meeting
- 10 7:00 PM Stark County Chapter Meeting
- 15 5:00 PM MKF Clubroom Dinner
7:30 PM Columbian Ladies Meeting
- 16 7:00 PM Squires Meeting
- 19 6:00 PM "Nite at the Races"
- 22 6:00 PM Program Director's Meeting
6:30 PM Officers and Trustees Meeting
- 23 1:00 PM Bloodmobile
- 26 6:00 PM MKF Reverse Raffle
- 27 5:00 PM Council Anniversary Dinner
- 29 7:00 PM 1st Degree (Admission Degree) DVD
7:45 PM 2nd Degree

1000 Club Lottery Calendars

Calendar sales really pick up during the Christmas Season. We have close to half of the calendars sold already. If you haven't gotten a calendar yet or would like to sell some, please give me a call: Matt Meyer 330-284-9365. Mary Ann has a few in the Complex Office if you available to get them from her.

Columbian Ladies Report

By Darlene Catazaro

Please mark your calendar for the Columbian Ladies Christmas party on December 18th. Doors open at 6:00 pm and dinner served at 6:30 pm. R.S.V.P for the Columbian Ladies Christmas Party by December 10th must call Mickey Catazaro at 330-478- 2264.

Fraternal Report, by Ken Girt PGK

On Our Sick List: Gerald Meyer, Bill Ringley, Ron Blogna, Bill Hamit, Ron Kurpieski, Jim Kracker, Richard Rootes, Gene Hammer, Joe Vogt, Paul Lambert, Msgr. James Kolp, John Scheetz, Tim Paul 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.

**Massillon Council 554
2018 - 2019 Officers & Trustees**

Chaplain	Msgr James Kolp	871-8346	<u>Parish Round Table Coordinators</u>		
Grand Knight	Bob Pittinger	571-5150	St. Mary	Ken Girt, PGK	837-6670
Dep Grd Knight	Ken McLaughlin	571 1203	St Joseph	Tom Ferrero	832-5757
Chancellor	Ed Hill	323-0476	St Barbara	Joe Vilhosky	833-0130
Recorder	Matt Meyer, PGK	284-9365	<u>Program Activity Chairmen:</u>		
Treasurer	Paul Haig, PGK	837-1185	Church	Ken McLaughlin	571 1203
Financial Sec	Tim Paul	837-1411	Council	Jim Sieber, PGK	478-2363
Advocate	John Ferrero, Jr.	833-3534	Community	Matt Meyer, PGK	284-9365
Warden	Joe Vilhosky	833-0130	Family	Ed Hill	323.0476
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Outside Guard	Leonard Hughes	834-5586	Youth/Squires	Mike Szillat, PGK	830-4930
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2- Year Trust	Walt Featheringham	880-4327	Complex Mgr	Mary Ann Cowley	837-9101
3- Year Trust	Gary Lamielle, PGK	327-7223	Bingo Mgr	Ron Kurpieski	936-8058
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Bulletin Editor	Ken Girt, PGK	837-6670	Web: http://www.massillonkofc554.org		
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The Massillon Knights Foundation

Foundation Trustees 2018 – 2019 Three Year: James Brelish (Treasurer), Paul Lambert (President), Dave Cowley. **Two-Year:** Bill Shane (Vice President), Jeff Heitger (Secretary), Jim Sieber, **One-Year:** John Williams, Bob Catazaro, Ron Kurpieski.

Foundation Report, By Paul Lambert, President

Hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving and check in on your neighbors and family to make sure they were okay. Christmas is just around the corner and remember we need to keep Christ in Christmas.

Just wanted everyone to know that we have started the walking path. The weather hasn't been very cooperative since we started so we will probably wait until Spring when the weather is better unless we get some unusual good weather. I would like to thank John Haubert and Chuck Sheetz for coming out and helping my wife and I get started.

A reminder that we will not be having a dinner this month but will start again next month on January 15, 2019 with a City Chicken dinner. More details to follow in our January newsletter.

Don't forget if you like to help in any way, please call me or the office. Thank you. Merry Christmas and a very Blessed and Happy New Year.



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

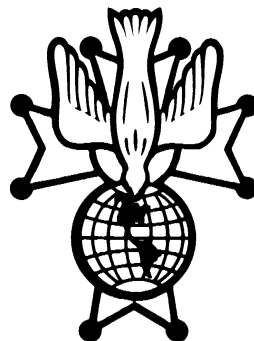
Bishop Massillon Assembly Fourth Degree

Faithful Friar	Fr. Raymond Paul 833-2607	Faithful Navigator	Matthew Meyer, 284-9365
Faithful Purser	Edward Shuman 854-3691	Faithful Inner Sentinel	Charles Meyer 833-0593
Faithful Captain	Roger Piper 936-0974	Faithful Outer Sentinel	Jim Coughlin, PFN
Faithful Admiral	Paul Haig, PFN 837-1185	Faithful 1-year Trustee	Fred Russell, PFN 832-5420
Faithful Comptroller	Dan Flanagan 966-4937	Faithful 2-year Trustee	James Sieber, PFN 478-2363
Faithful Pilot	Leonard Hughes 834-5586	Faithful 3-year Trustee	Frank Csipke, PFN 833-6176
Faithful Scribe		Commander	James Sieber, PFN 478-2363

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

Our Spring Exemplification is earlier this year so we only have 3 months to get new candidates to this exemplification. It is **March 29-30, 2019** at St. Charles in Boardman. Detailed information and instructions can be found at <http://kofcohdist1.org/exemp.html>. Our assembly will be sharing a hospitality room with the Canton assembly. Art Moreno from Canton is running the room. He is a former chef and always has really good food and a nice bar to enjoy after the exemplification. Please recruit new 4th degree members and get form 4's filled out and turned in as early as possible.

Just a reminder, our meetings are the first Tuesday of the month and they start at 7pm. Ladies nights are every other month. The next Ladies night will be our Tom and Jerry Night on December 4th.



Council 554 - Deceased Members November 27, 2018

The following lists the fourteen members of Council 554 and two Columbian Ladies who were remembered at our Memorial Mass on November 27.

In Memoriam; Larry Shanklin

Larry B. Shanklin age 80 of Massillon passed away December 12, 2017. Larry was born in Massillon and was a 1955 graduate of Central Catholic High School. He served in the Army and received an Honorable Discharge. He retired from Eaton Mfg. in Quality Control. He was a member of K of C #554, and an active participant in the Bowling League, Golf League and Softball.

Larry was preceded in death by his wife Betty in 2015 and by two sons: William and Michael. He is survived by three children: Steve, Laura and Ronald.

In Memoriam: Ron Halter

Ronald Halter, 84, of Massillon, passed away at his home on Friday, December 29, 2017. He was born in Massillon. Following graduation from Central Catholic High School, he served his country with the Military Police in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict era. He then went on to work for the city of Massillon with the Wastewater Treatment Department, retiring as their Manager/superintendent.

Ron was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and the K. of C. #554. He was very active in the community and along with his wife Nancy was instrumental in starting the 4th of July Picnic in the Park.

Ron is survived by his wife of 56 years, Nancy, and his sons, Martin and Ted. He was preceded by son, John.

In Memoriam: Robert J Wachtel

Robert J. Wachtel, 96, died February 22, 2018. He retired from Babcock and Wilcox, Canton, Ohio, as Plant Superintendent. He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Mary Helen; daughters, Susan and Melissa (Gene); and son, Michael (Lori). Preceded in death by son, Mark.

In Memoriam: Jerome Hathaway

Jerome M. Hathaway. 87, passed away on March 2, 2018. He was born in Cleveland and graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (M.I.T.) with a degree in Metallurgy. He served his country during the Korean War with the U.S. Army.

He was preceded in death by his wife Mildred R. Hathaway in 2011 and his son, Joel. Survivors include four sons, Jerome, Jeff, Jonathan and Jason.

In Memoriam: Richard Benson

Richard L. Benson, age 73 of Bolivar, passed away suddenly on March 4, 2018. He was a 1963 graduate of Tuslaw High School. Richard worked for 45 years at Republic Steel until his retirement in 2009. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus #554, The Sons and Daughters of Herman and a former member of St. Barbara's Catholic Church.

Richard is survived by his wife Linda; his children Becky, Robin, Ed, and Matt.

In Memoriam: Charles Bush

Charles J. Bush, age 87 of Massillon, passed away Sunday, March 18, 2018. He was born in Rosebud, West Virginia and retired from Republic Steel Corporation / LTV after 40 years of service.

Chuck was a member of St. Barbara Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus 3rd degree #554. Chuck is survived by his wife, Frances son, Timothy and daughter, Karen.

In Memoriam: Robert Heitger, Sr.

Robert P. Heitger, Sr, age 98, died April 14, 2018 following a brief illness. He graduated from Massillon Washington High School and was one of 38 men from Massillon drafted in the 37th Division, Company C, 145th Infantry of the U.S. Army. During WWII he served in the South Pacific and received two bronze stars, a silver star, and the purple heart. Following his military service, he attended the Cleveland School of Embalming graduating in 1947. He was the third generation to own his family's business, Heitger Funeral Home in Massillon, and was a licensed funeral director and embalmer in Ohio for 70 years.

Bob was a life member of St. Mary Church where he was an usher for 50 years and worked in the nave crew. Bob was a member and an active volunteer with many organizations including the K of C Council #554, 3rd and 4th Degree, VFW Post #3124, Amvets Post OH 0006, American Legion Post #221, Eagles #190 and DAV Massillon Life Member.

Bob is survived by sons; Robert J, and Jeffrey, and daughter Victoria. He was preceded in death by his wife of 64 years, Doris.

In Memoriam: Gino Perciballi.

Gino Perciballi, 84. of Massillon, passed away on April 14, 2018. He was born in Ripi, Italy and came to the United States as a teenager. He embarked on his career in the construction. He was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church and a member of Council 554 of the Knights of Columbus.

Gino was preceded in death by his wife of 68 years, Louisa Perciballi, who died last year, and daughter Nancy Albaugh. He is survived by his son, Frank of Massillon.

In Memoriam: Ken Berens

Kenneth R. Berens, 85 of Massillon passed away April 15, 2018. Ken was a life resident of Massillon and a veteran of the Air Force. He retired as office manager in the sales department of Union Drawn/LTV. His memberships include, K of C #554 and FOE #441. Kenny loved golfing in the K of C League.

He is survived by his wife, R. Annie and two sons, Joe and Dave.

In Memoriam; Thomas Brennan

Thomas D. Brennan, 88, of Massillon, passed away on April 30, 2018 following a brief illness. Tom was a Veteran of the Army serving during the Korean Conflict. He was self-employed owning his own company, Advanced Coffee Concepts.

He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus Council #554, 3rd Degree. He was formerly a long-time member of St. Barbara Catholic Church where he served on various committees and was a lector and cantor. Tom served as a Massillon City Councilman for 10 years and was a member of the Planning Commission. He was instrumental in planning and

developing the first 18 holes of The Legends Golf Course.

Tom was preceded in death by wife, Mary Louise and infant son, Brian. He is survived by daughters, Sheila, and Julia, and sons Thomas, John and Don.

In Memoriam: John Bushkill

John F. Bushkill, 72 of Canal Fulton, died on Wednesday, May 2, 2018. He was born in East St. Louis, Illinois and retired from Babcock and Wilcox after 45 years of service. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and K of C Council #554, 3rd Degree and 4th Degree Bishop Massillon Assembly,

John is survived by his wife, Donna and daughter, Cyndie. He was preceded in death by son, Scott.

In Memoriam; Thomas R Steiner

Thomas R. Steiner, 91 of Dalton, passed away on Saturday, June 23, 2018. Tom was born on June 18, 1927 in Massillon He was a lifelong resident of the area and a 1945 graduate of Washington High School.

Tom was a United States Navy veteran. He was a member of St. Barbara Catholic Church, K of C, and past president of the Plumbers Union #94. He also played in the council golf league.

Tom is survived by his wife, Carol of whom he shared 66 years of marriage; his children Douglas, Lynn and Susan

In Memorial: Scott Longheier

Scott D. Longheier, 64 of Massillon, passed away on Wednesday, October 31, 2018. He was a 1972 graduate of Jackson High School and went on to work in the family business, Duncan Jewelers. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and Massillon Council 554, where he played in the golf league.

Scott is survived by his mother Mary Longheier, and his daughters, Erin and Brooke.

In Memoriam: Venanzio M. Mariani, (Enzo)

Venanzio M. Mariani passed away suddenly on November 1, 2018. Enzo was born on July 3, 1940 in Santa Maria del Ponte in L'Aquila, Italy and moved to the United States in December of 1965 with his wife and infant daughter. Enzo was a very talented and artistic painter. After many years of hard work, Enzo started his own painting company. He went on to paint and design many local restaurants and Catholic churches. Enzo retired in 2005 leaving his son Carmine to take over the helm. He was a member of St Mary's Church and a member of Council 554 Knights of Columbus.

Enzo is survived by his wife of 55 years, Ilia, three daughters; Angela, Patricia, and Cathy, and one son, Carmine.

Columbian Ladies remembered at our Memorial Mass:

Wanda Ferris

Wanda Faye Farris, age 86 of Massillon passed away July 20, 2018. She was a member of St Joseph Church and was part of the K of C Bingo staff.

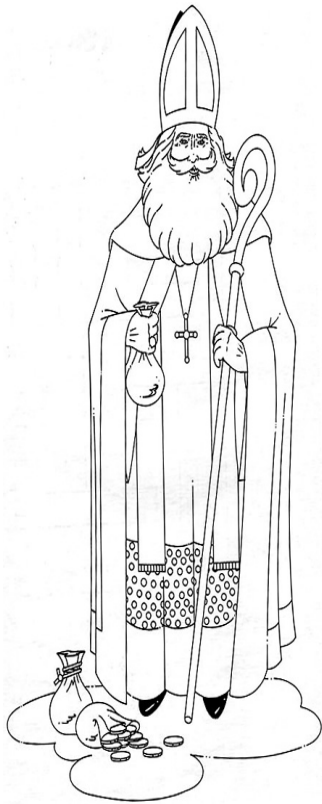
Wanda was preceded in death by her husband Edward in 2004. She is survived by three daughters and five sons: Edward, Steve, Tim, John, Barbara, Linda, Jim and Kristin.

Patricia Girt

Patricia A Girt, 91 of Massillon, passed away on Sunday, July 8, 2018 after a long illness. She was a member of St. Barbara Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 49 years, James Girt; and son, Richard. She is survived by her sons Ken, David and Robert and daughters Linda, Sandra, and Joan.

May God grant them all Eternal Rest!



Breakfast with St. Nick

Come join us on Saturday, Dec 15 for our annual St. Nick event for children and families!

Doors open at 9:45 AM, and the program & breakfast will run from 10:00 to 11:30am.

Please RSVP to Mike Szillat
at....mikeszillat@gmail.com

or (330) 268-9879 (texts preferred).

Reply with number of adults, and number of children with their ages & gender. Children 12 and under will receive a gift presented by our special guest!

**RIGHT TO LIFE OF STARK COUNTY
46th MARCH FOR LIFE – 2019 – WASHINGTON DC
ANNUAL RED EYE BUS TRIP
FRIDAY, JANUARY 18, 2019**

WE WILL LEAVE ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 2019 FROM SAINT MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH ON FULTON ROAD NW, CANTON AND START HOME AT APPROXIMATELY 4:00 P.M. FOLLOWING THE MARCH ON FRIDAY. THE COST WILL REMAIN THE SAME AS LAST YEAR AT \$45.00 PER PERSON. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION. CALL THE RIGHT FOR LIFE OFFICE AT 330-837-4227 OR MARY AT 330-833-9851 FOR QUESTIONS OR TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS.

News from our Parishes:

St. Barbara's Catholic Schools' Week begins January 28 through February 2. We welcome visitors to come and see all the things that we are learning. Contact the school office (ask for Lisa) at 330-833-9510.

Council 554 Round Table Initiative: Divine Mercy Chaplet Recitation

Council 554 members is conducting the **Divine Mercy Chaplet** recitation once a month in our local parishes. Our Lord said through his apparitions to St. Faustina: "It pleases me to grant everything souls ask of me by saying the chaplet." The chaplet should be said during the 3:00 hour, for all of us who need His divine mercy.

The schedule is as follows:

St. Joseph The chaplet recitation at St. Joseph Parish is scheduled on the third Friday of the month at 3:00 PM, in the church following the Blessed Sacrament Exposition which runs from 9:00 AM thru 3:00 PM.

St. Mary The chaplet recitation at St. Mary Parish is scheduled on the first Tuesday of the month, at 3:30 PM, in the chapel in the parish center on 1st Street. The recitation of the chaplet will be said prior to the regular Tuesday Mass for St. Dymphna at 4:00 PM.

St. Barbara The chaplet recitation at St. Barbara Parish is scheduled on the fourth Tuesday of the month, 3:00 PM, in the church.

All are welcome at all of the scheduled recitations. To learn more about the Divine Mercy Chaplet, visit...

<https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/praythechaplet.php>