



# Massillon Council 554



*Knights of Columbus*

*December, 2019*

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

We had our Annual Memorial Mass on November 26th. We lost seven Knights and one Columbian Lady this past year. We had 65 people in attendance. As always it was a beautiful service led by Fr. Ed Gretchko. A special thanks to Michael Alesiano for providing the beautiful music for this solemn occasion. I also want to thank Mary Ann Haig, Florence Sieber, and Barb Pittinger for preparing all the food for that night.

Last year we gave 79 coats to kids of our Massillon community and I am happy to say that this year we will be able to match last year's donation thanks to the contributions from the following: **Council 554, Columbian Ladies, the Massillon Knights Foundation, the American Legion Post 221, St. Vincent DePaul and Tim Paul.** We will be distributing the 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.

We will have our Council Christmas Party on December 10th which is 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 21st 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.

Please continue to pray for Bishop Murry. Also keep Msgr. Kolp and Fr. Mike Seifert in your prayers.

I hope each and every one of you have a blessed and joyful Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

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

In a few days we will be celebrating the great Feastday of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady. Since December 8th lands on a Sunday this year the day will be celebrated on the following day -Monday, December 9th. There is no obligation to attend Mass on Monday because the day does not fall on December 8th but I know that you and your family will be at Mass on Monday

We are named Knights of Columbus so it is good for us 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 offered during the day, after sunset and before the first night watch all hands were called to evening prayer. 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, "Seamen sing or say it after their own fashion." But they offered their prayers to Our Lady day after day and night after night.

As we prepare for Christmas remember that the word Christmas is a combination of two words- Christ and Mass. It would be great if we began adding the extra "s".

May you and your family have a great Feastday of the Immaculate Conception and a "Christmass" filled with faith and love.

**Holidays Clubroom Closing: Christmas Eve and Christmas Day – Closed.  
New Year's Eve - and New Year's Day - Closed**

**Club Room Hours: Monday thru Saturday: 4 PM until Closing (last customer served)**

**Dining Room Hours: Wed and Thur: 5 - 8 PM, Friday; 4 – 8 PM**

**Council Meetings: 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 PM Social Meeting 4th Tuesday at 7:30 PM**

## 2020 Lottery Calendars, by Matt Meyer, 1000 Club Chairman

Calendars are moving really fast this year which is great. There are only a few calendars to hand out at the moment. If you have calendars and can't sell them, please turn them back in as they are always in demand just before Christmas. We have over 400 calendars sold at this point but have a long way to go so get them sold and back in as soon as you can. Thank you for selling and buying calendars which has now become a tradition for over 30 years!

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### What's Happening in...

#### .....December, 2019

- 3 7:00 PM 4th Degree Meeting; Tom & Jerry (Ladies Night)
- 7 6:00 PM 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Ball
- 8 **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**
- 10 7:00 PM Reg. Council Meeting  
7:30 PM Council Christmas Party
- 11 7:00 PM 1<sup>st</sup> Degree (Admission Degree) DVD
- 17 6:00 PM Columbian Ladies Christmas Party
- 18 6:30 PM Special Officer & Trustee Meeting
- 21 10:00AM Breakfast with St. Nick
- 25 **Christmas**
- 31 **New Years Eve**

#### .....January, 2020

- 1 **Solemnity of Mary; New Year's Day**
- 7 7:00 PM 4th Degree Meeting
- 9 7:00 PM Stark County Chapter Meeting
- 14 7:00 PM Reg. Council Meeting
- TBD Council Free Throw Contest
- 18 6:00 PM "Nite at the Races"
- 21 5:00 PM MKF Clubroom Dinner  
7:30 PM Columbian Ladies Meeting
- 22 1:00 PM Bloodmobile  
6:00 PM Program Director's Meeting Special Night  
6:30 PM Officers and Trustees Meeting Special Night
- 25 6:00 PM MKF Reverse Raffle
- 26 5:00 PM Council Anniversary Dinner
- 28 7:00 PM 1<sup>st</sup> Degree (Admission Degree) DVD  
7:45 PM 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree

**Bingo:** Every Monday Night      **Hot Lunch:** Every Wednesday      **Admission 1<sup>st</sup> Degree:** Second Wednesday of the Month  
**Massillon Knights Foundation Meeting:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of month; 6 PM  
**Massillon Squires Circle Meeting:** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 7 PM, at St Joseph School

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## Massillon Council 554 2019 - 2020 Officers & Trustees

### Officers

Chaplain	Msgr James Kolp	871-8346
Grand Knight	Bob Pittinger	571-5150
Dep Grd Knight	Ken McLaughlin	571 1203
Chancellor	Ed Hill	323-0476
Recorder	Matt Meyer, PGK	284-9365
Treasurer	Paul Haig, PGK	837-1185
Financial Sec	Tim Paul	837-1411
Advocate	John Ferrero, Jr.	833-3534
Warden	Joe Vilhosky	833-0130
Inside Guard	Bob Catazaro	478-2264
Outside Guard	Bill Shane, PGK	268-0545
1- Year Trust	Jim Sieber, PGK	478-2363
2- Year Trust	Gary Lamielle, PGK	327-7223
3- Year Trust	Ken Girt, PGK	837-6670
Field Agent	(Open)	
Bulletin Editor	Ken Girt, PGK	837-6670
Webmaster	Kyle Shane	

### Prish Round Table Coordinators

St. Mary	Ken Girt, PGK	837-6670
St Joseph	Tom Ferrero	844-0469
St Barbara	Joe Vilhosky	833-0130

### Program Activity Chairmen:

FAITH	Michael Aliciano	340-7321
FAMILY	Ed Hill	323-0476
COMMUNITY	Matt Meyer, PGK	284-9365
LIFE	Robert Kring	833-9851
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	268-0545

Web: <http://www.massillonkofc554.org>

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### From the Editor.....Ken Girt, PSD, PGK, Newsletter Editor

Our "printed" newsletter format includes the first four pages of our multi-page electronic newsletter. This four-page document will be mailed to those who requested it. We will also have a supply of this four-page printed bulletin available each month for pick-up in our clubroom.

We encourage you to read the electronic newsletter on our website... <http://www.massillonkofc554.org>. Articles of Interest for December: 200 Club Banquet on Page 4, Breakfast with St Nick on Page 5, Keep Christ in Christmas Activities on Page 5, Memoriam for our Deceased Members 2018-2019 on Page 6, MKF Reverse Raffle on Page 4.

## **Fraternal Report, by Ken Girt PGK**

**On Our Sick List:** Gerald Meyer, Bill Ringley, Ron Blogna, Bill Hamit, Jim Kracker, Richard Rootes, Gene Hammer, John Scheetz, Walt Featheringham, John Williams, Fr Mike Seifert, Msgr James Kolp & Chuck Meyer. If you want your name added to our sick list, or if you know of a member who should be added, please send me an email at girtken@sssnet.com or call me at 330-837-6670.

## **Family of the Month and Knight of the Month for November.**

Congratulations to **Walt and Andrea Peters** for being selected as our Family of the Month for November. They are very active in numerous ministries at St. Mary's parish. We also congratulate **James Thieret**, for being selected Knight of the Month for November. Jim is also active at St. Mary's and our Columbian Squires Circle.

## **Columbian Ladies Report, by Darlene Catazaro, President**

Remember, mark your calendar for the Christmas Party on December 17. Doors open at 6:00 pm and dinner served at 6:30 pm. You must RSVP to Mickey Catazaro 330 478-2264 by December 7. The menu will be choice of chicken, scrod or swiss steak. Hope to see you there.

## **Columbia Ladies Dues**

Just a reminder that our memberships expire on December 31, 2019. Please check your membership card to see what amount you pay for dues. I will be collecting dues at our Christmas Party, Tuesday, December 17. If you are not attending, please put the amount you owe in an envelope with your name and leave it at the bar or office. You can also send it to Elaine Lambert c/o Columbian Ladies, 988 Cherry Road N.W., Massillon, Ohio.

## **The Massillon Knights Foundation**

**Foundation Trustees 2019-2020:** **One-Year:** Bill Shane (Vice President), Jeff Heitger (Secretary), Jim Sieber **Two Year:** James Brelish (Treasurer), Paul Lambert (President), Dave Cowley. **Three-Year:** John Williams, Bob Catazaro, Terry Phillips.

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

Winter is here and I just want to remind everyone Christmas is just around the corner and to check on love ones and neighbors to make sure they are okay and don't need anything. I hope all of you will make it out for some of our activities that are scheduled for the months of December and January.

Elaine and I would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and hope to see you at the one of the functions.

## **Complex Manager's Report, By Mary Ann Cowley, Complex Manager**

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone!

The clubroom will be closed the following days due to the Holiday schedule: Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, New Year's Day

**Nite at the Races** - Saturday, January 18th, 2020 with co-Sponsor, St. Joseph Holy Name Society. Tickets will be available by December 12th or there around. \$15.00 per person, includes open bar and a buffet meal. This is our only Nite at the Races scheduled for this year so far. The event calendar doesn't coincide with the dates the organizations need. Until further notice, this is the only one we have scheduled.

**Bingo** continues every Monday, doors open at 4 p.m.

**Bloodmobile** - Wednesday, January 22, 2020

**MKF Reverse Raffle** - Saturday, January 25th! Tickets are \$40 per person! This fundraiser helps support our facility. There are only 200 sold. Call 330-837-9101 to get a ticket. We should have them around the 2nd week of December. Thanks!

**Event coming up: -**

Super Bowl Party Sunday, February 2nd, 2020

Love Boat Fundraiser, Saturday, February 15, 2020.



## **Fish Fry's**

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

## 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	James Sieber, PFN 478-2363
Faithful Comptroller	Dan Flanagan 966-4937	Faithful 2-year Trustee	Frank Csipke, PFN 833-6176
Faithful Pilot	Leonard Hughes 834-5586	Faithful 3-year Trustee	Fred Russell, PFN 832-5420
Faithful Scribe	Mike Huryn	Commander	James Sieber, PFN 478-2363

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

December is upon us and that means Tom and Jerry night which will be on December 3rd. This is a lady's night that everyone enjoys. The Tom and Jerry drinks are sure to keep you warm on a cold night!

The Christmas Ball is the following weekend on December the 7th which you should already have your tickets/reservations turned in.

Merry Christmas to everyone and with the new year around the corner, start recruiting new 4th degree members for the upcoming spring exemplification in Boardman!

# 200 CLUB BANQUET

Friday, February 7, 2020

Doors Open at 6:00 PM, Buffet Dinner at 7:00 PM

Meal includes: Italian Sausage, Baked Chicken, Green Beans, Redskin Potatoes, and Rigatoni with Sauce, and Beer and Pop

There will be 15 Payouts of \$50 Each

Deadline for Signups is January 1, 2020 with dues of \$35 Paid in Full.

I will post the signup sheet in the entrance way of the clubroom and I will post a sheet of the members that are PAID for the February 7 Dinner.

If you are not on the list then you still owe. Any Knight or Male Social Member interested in joining, call Bill Shane at 330-268-0545 before January 1, 2020.

## 13th Annual Massillon Knights Foundation REVERSE RAFFLE

Saturday January 27, 2018 in the Santa Maria Room

Doors Open 6 PM. Dinner 7 PM

Sponsored by the Massillon Knights Foundation.

for building improvement and repair

Tickets are \$40 each and includes a Steak Dinner,

Open Bar and chance for over \$2,480 in Prizes

Call 330-837-9101 for Tickets. Only 200 Sold!

# Celebrate with the Knights of Columbus!



## **BREAKFAST WITH ST. NICHOLAS**

Saturday, December 21, 2019

10:00 – 11:30 AM

Delicious Breakfast! Special Guest!  
Children 12 and under receive a gift!



**RSVP to Mike Szillat (330) 268-9879 (text preferred) or  
email at ... mikeszillat@gmail.com.**

**Indicate number of children by age and gender.**

**Massillon Knights Hall 988 Cherry Rd. NW, Massillon, Ohio**

### COUNCIL PROGRAM ACTIVITIES:

#### **FAITH ACTIVITIES – “Keep Christ in Christmas”**

Members of Council 554 are encouraged to “Keep Christ in Christmas” this season. Here are some suggestions for your families:

1. Send Nativity theme cards. And use Nativity theme stamps from the post office!
2. Put a Nativity creche or “Keep Christ in Christmas” sign in your yard and in your home.
3. Attend the Breakfast with St. Nick breakfast with your children or grandchildren. See information above.
4. Sign a Christmas Card for our members in area nursing homes at our meeting on December 10. (If you know of a member in a nursing home, please email me his name and the nursing home he resides, at [girtken@sssnetcom](mailto:girtken@sssnetcom))
5. Volunteer at our area churches decorating for Christmas or helping at our three parishes in food basket distribution.
6. Say “Merry Christmas” instead of “Happy Holidays”.



Thank you and have a very Blessed and Merry Christmas!

**The following Brother Knights were remembered at our Nov 26, 2019 Memorial Mass:****In Memoriam: John Sibila**

John F. Sibila, age 103 of Massillon, passed away Thursday, December 13, 2018. John owned and operated Ventura Shoe Repair for 32 years. He was an Army veteran serving in the Asiatic Pacific Theater during WWII.

John was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church where he was head usher for many years. John also belonged to the K of C Council #554, 3rd Degree, VFW Post # 3124, American Legion Post #221, and Tiger Gun Club.

John is survived by daughter Maria. He was preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, Sandra.

**In Memoriam: John Martin**

John Herman Martin, age 83, passed away on February 14. He was born in Massillon, and graduated from Massillon High School. He retired from Reiter and Harter Dairy after 37 years as a truck driver. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church where he was active with the St. Vincent DePaul Society food kitchen and bingo. In addition, he was a Fourth Degree with the Knights of Columbus. He also served as an officer for Council 554.

John is preceded in death by his wife, Marilyn of 54 years and is survived by his two daughters, Linda and Janet

**In Memoriam: Ralph Forrer**

Ralph Forrer, 79 of Canton, passed away peacefully on March 4, 2019. Ralph was born in Canton, Ohio he lived his life in Ohio and wintered in Palm Harbor, FL. after retirement with his loving wife Sandra. He had a lifelong career with Allstate Insurance as a senior claims analyst for over 30 years.

Ralph was a member of F.O.E in North Canton, K of C in Massillon, AMA life member, Jackson Alumni Association, Highland Lakes Country Club in Palm Harbor, and the Allstate Golf League.

Ralph was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Christine Marie, and his wife of 43 years, Sandra Marie. He is survived by his daughter,

**In Memoriam: Francis Aowad**

Francis S. Aowad, age 95, of Massillon passed away on April 6. He was a member of St Mary's Parish and a member of Council 554.

Francis was preceded in death by his wife Martha and is survived by his children Theresa, Christine, Joseph, and Margaret.

**In Memoriam: James H. Kelley**

James (Jim) Kelley, age 77 of Akron passed away at his residence on April 9. He was born in 1942. He was a 1960 graduate of Central Catholic High School and served in the Army Reserve. He lived in Perry Heights most of his life and retired from Crown Cork & Seal Co. He was a member of Council 554.

Jim is survived by his wife of 54 years Barbara (Cebula) Kelley, three sons: Michael, Patrick and Mark.

**In Memoriam: Raymond Meanor**

Raymond B. Meanor, age 77, passed away on October 4, 2019. He was born in Massillon and was a graduate of Washington High School. Raymond retired from Aqua Ohio after 40 years of service as a backhoe operator. He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus. Raymond is survived by his wife of 56 years, Jean and 2 children, Donald and Kimberly.

**In Memoriam: Gary Harper**

Gary J. Harper, age 88 passed away October 22, 2019. He was born in Jackson Twp and was a 1949 graduate of Massillon Washington High School and a 1954 graduate of Miami University of Ohio. Gary retired after 42 years of service at the former Union Drawn Division of Republic Steel and was an accountant for several local businesses. He was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church where he was involved with the nave crew and sang in the choir for over 40 years. He was a lifetime honorary member of the K of C Council #554. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Carol, son Thomas and daughter Leanne.

## New Membership Recruiting Tool – Council 554 Landing Page

Supreme Council has now created a “Landing Page” for recruiting members for Council 554. For those with I-Phones or I-Pads, you can save the link below as one of your web favorites. When you find a potential candidate, access the link, have your candidate enter the contact information and press [Submit]. The information goes to Supreme and copied to Council Membership Chairman Ken Girt. We will process the application and you will get credit for recruiting a new member. Just access the link below and save.

[https://info.kofc.org/OH-Landing-Page-Council-554\\_Landingpage.html](https://info.kofc.org/OH-Landing-Page-Council-554_Landingpage.html)

## 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:

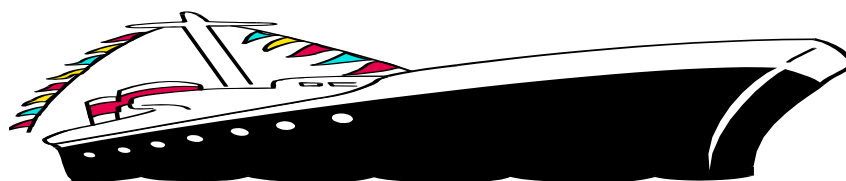
**St. Joseph** the chaplet recitation at St. Joseph Parish is scheduled on the third Friday of the month at 12:30 PM, in the church following the Blessed Sacrament Exposition which runs from 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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>



## The “K Club” Presents Our Annual Valentine Special!

# “Love Boat” Cruise

**Saturday, Feb 15, 2020**

“Boarding” at 6:00 PM; “Departs” 7:00 PM

**Dinner Served from 7:00 to 8:00 PM**

Open Bar, Door Prizes, DJ Music, “Casino”

**Mark your Calendars! More Details in next month’s Newsletter**