



# Massillon Council 554



*Knights of Columbus*

**WEBSITE ISSUE**

*February, 2016*

## **Grand Knights Report, by William Shane, Grand Knight**

(No Report.)

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

We had a great Awards Dinner on January 24th. Congratulations to all the recipients. They inspire us to give of our time, our talents and our treasure to the Church, to our families, to our Council and to so many who are in need.

It seems like we are still in the season of Christmas but something very special will happen on Wednesday, February 10th. It will be Ash Wednesday and it is very early this year. Lent is vital to our own spiritual life and the life of our parishes and to the Church in general. I would like to offer you a special challenge. First of all we have the laws of fasting and abstinence which bind us under pain of sin. Then we have the Lenten observances in our parishes. Besides that I ask you as a Brother Knight to do two things. First of all come to our Tuesday meetings during Lent. Secondly I ask you to speak to one person about joining our great Council.

May you and your family have a faith-filled Lent and be blessed in every way.

## ***What's Happening in...***

### ***.....February, 2016***

- 2 7:00 PM 4th Degree Meeting
- 5 6:00 PM 200 Club Banquet
- 6 9:00 AM Squires Meeting (St. Mary's)
- 9 7:00 PM **2nd Degree**
- 10 **Ash Wednesday**
- 5:00 PM CLUBROOM FISH FRY
- 11 7:30 PM Stark County Chapter Meeting
- 13 6:00 PM "Love Boat"
- 16 5:00 PM MKF Clubroom Dinner
- 6:30 PM Program Director's Meeting
- 7:00 PM Officer & Trustee Meeting
- 20 9:00 AM Squires Meeting (St. Mary's)
- 23 7:00 PM Reg. Council Meeting
- 27 6:00 PM Nite at the Races
- 28 2:00 PM 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree at Council 554

### ***.....March, 2016***

- 1 7:30 PM 4th Degree Meeting
- 5 9:00 AM Squires Meeting (St. Mary's)
- 8 7:00 PM Reg. Council Meeting;  
Nom/Elect delegates State Convention
- 10 11:30AM Isabella Guild Meeting
- 7:30 PM Stark County Chapter Meeting
- 11 6:00 PM Nite at the Races
- 15 5:00 PM MKF Clubroom Dinner
- 6:30 PM Program Director's Meeting
- 7:00 PM Officer & Trustee Meeting
- 7:00 PM Columbian Ladies
- 16 12 Noon Bloodmobile
- 17 *St. Patrick's Day*
- 19 10:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt (Pavilion)
- 22 7:00 PM 1<sup>st</sup> Degree
- 27 *Easter*
- 29 7:00 PM Past Grand Knights Meeting/Dinner

**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**

## Massillon Council 554 2014 - 2015 Officers & Trustees

Chaplain            Msgr. James Kolp 871 8346  
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2- Year Trust       Mike Szillat, PGK 830-4930  
3- Year Trust       Jim Sieber PGK 478-2363

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### Program Activity Chairmen:

Church             Matt Meyer284-9365  
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Youth & Squires   Mike Szillat PGK 830-4930

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

**On Our Sick List:** Gerald Meyer, Bill Hamit, Bill Ringley, Ron Blogna, Paul Hassman.

**In Nursing Homes:** Bill Peters (Amherst Meadows)

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.

### **Isabella Guild Report, by Mary Jo Meyer, President**

No report. We will not meet until March.

### **Columbian Squires Report, by Mike Szillat PGK, Chief Counselor**

(No Report.)

## **NOTICE to all First Degree and Second Degree Members of our Council:**

There will be a **SECOND DEGREE** ceremony on Tuesday, February 9, here in our  
Council Hall. **Candidate Call will be 6:30 PM. Degree at 7:00 PM**

There will be a **THIRD DEGREE** ceremony on Sunday, February 28, here in our Council  
Hall. **Candidate Call at 1:30 PM. Degree at 2:00 PM.**

**Please call 330-837-1411 for more information. Please attend!**

**1000 Club Calendars, by Matt Meyer PGK, Chairman**

There are still 28 calendars that have not yet been turned in. I have been contacting sellers to see where they are at. A big thanks and congratulations to our top sellers. I sold, along with my team of family members, 185 calendars, second was Carole Sumption who sold 136 calendars singlehandedly, and Dale "Smoothie" Estep who sold 123 calendars which is over double what he sold last year. Calendars sold really fast in the month of December. If any of the remaining calendars come back unsold, I will let some people know who didn't get a chance to buy this year. Thanks again to all who helped with this campaign.

**Columbian Ladies Report, by Darlene Catazar, President**

Reminder: there will not be a scheduled meeting in February . Please mark your calendars for March 15 th at 7:00 pm. We will be putting the final details on the craft show. Hope to see you there!

<b>The Massillon Knights Foundation</b>
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**Foundation Trustees 2012 – 2013** James Brelish (Treasurer), Paul Lambert (President), Jeff Heitger (Secretary), Ron Kurpieski, Ray Tully (Vice-President), Dave Cowley, Jim Sieber, Bob Catazaro, Bill Shane

**MKF President's Report, by Paul Lambert, President**

Remember our Clubroom Dinner: Tuesday, February 16, 2016 - City Chicken from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. - \$10.00 for Adults and \$8.00 for children.

Remember in February we have the Love Boat. It is a great time and if you haven't been to one you are missing a good time.

**Complex Manager's Report, by Mary Ann Cowley**

**SUPER BOWL PARTY** - Sunday, FEBRUARY 7TH ... must have a square on the board to attend! Squares are \$40 each, steak, chicken or scrod dinner/open bar/snacks at half time!

**ASH WEDNESDAY** - February 10<sup>th</sup> Kitchen open for FISH FRY from 4 to 8 p.m.

**VALENTINE'S DAY CELEBRATION LOVE BOAT** - February 13th - \$35.00/ticket dinner/drinks/casino/DJ/Celebrity guest/keepsake photo ...All Inclusive!

Call for a reservation, 330-837-9101 !

**Nite at the Races** - Saturday, February 27th - Doors open at 6:00 pm Tickets - \$10, on sale NOW.



**K of C Clubroom Presents Our Annual Valentine Special!**  
**8th Annual**  
**“Love Boat” Cruise**

**Saturday, Feb 13, 2016**

“Boarding” at 6:00 PM; “Departs” 7:00PM **Dinner Served from 7:00 to 8:00 PM**

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

**Tickets are \$35 per Person**

See Bartender or call 330-837-9101 for Tickets and Reservations

**MASSILLON**  
**K of C BINGO**  
**Every Monday Night 7PM**  
**Doors open at 4:30 PM**  
**ALL PAPER GAMES**

**Fish Fry's Every Friday**  
**in our Clubroom 4:00 to 8:00 PM**  
**Ash Wednesday FISH FRY Special:**  
**Open from 4:00 to 8:00**

# MKF Clubroom Dinners

Tuesday, February 16, 2016

## City Chicken

\$10 for Adults, \$8 for children age 2 – 12

Under age 2 – FREE

Served 5-7 PM

### **Bishop Massillon Assembly Fourth Degree**

Faithful Friar ..... Fr. Raymond Paul 833-2607  
 Faithful Purser..... Edward Shuman 854-3691  
 Faithful Captain .....  
 Faithful Admiral ..... Paul Haig, PFN 837-1185  
 Faithful Comptroller Dan Flanagan 330-966-4937  
 Faithful Pilot ..... Roger Piper 837-8164  
 Faithful Scribe ..... Frank W Mayle

Faithful Navigator ..... Matthew Meyer 284-9365  
 Faithful Inner Sentinel ..... Charles Meyer 833-0593  
 Faithful Outer Sentinel ..... Richard Urbanek 854-2001  
 Faithful 1-year Trustee ..... Fred Russell, PFN 832-5420  
 Faithful 2-year Trustee ..... James Sieber, PFN 478-2363  
 Faithful 3-year Trustee ..... Frank Csipke, PFN 833-6176  
 Commander ..... James Sieber, PFN 478-2363

#### **Faithful Navigator’s Report, by Matt Meyer, Faithful Navigator**

Please promote membership to the 4th degree. If you know someone who is thinking about it, get them an application ASAP.

This year the exemplification is at the McKinley Grand hotel in downtown Canton on **May 13-14, 2016**. It only comes around once every couple of years and it would be nice to have a large group of Knights from our district make their 4th degree. I know of a few from Massillon 554 council that are already planning on making their 4th degree at this exemplification. For more information go to <http://www.kofcohdist1.org/exemp.html>.

The Ohio District 1 Biennial Meeting will be held Sunday, March 13th at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish Hall in Macedonia at 2pm. We will need to vote on delegates for this meeting. There is also a diocesan meeting on February 28th and location is TBD.

#### **Faithful Comptroller Report, by Dan Flanagan, Faithful Comptroller**

(No Report.)

# Council 554 's Honorees of the Year

Presented Sunday, January 14, 2016  
at our 115<sup>th</sup> Council Anniversary Banquet.  
Congratulations to the following:

## **KNIGHT OF THE YEAR: RICHARD WILSON**

Richard was born February 13, 1937. He graduated from North Canton High School in 1955 and lettered three years in both track and football. He graduated from the University of Akron with a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics where he met his wife Judy. Richard worked at General Tire which was later Continental in various engineering and administrative positions before retiring after 32 years. He then worked for Quick Draft and then was a self-employed engineering consultant. As a member of St. Joseph he maintained the church bells, did Holy Name Donut Sunday, leader of prayer also serving at the Laurels of Massillon, was VP of Holy Name Society, a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, a volunteer for bingo and lastly an active member of the Right to Life Movement participating in many years of marches in Washington, DC. Richard a member of the Knights of Columbus #554 and a 4th Degree member served as Grand Knight and Treasurer. He helped work on the original construction of our K of C Building and then the recent renovations. He assisted with many projects at the K of C and volunteered his time working bingo. He enjoyed playing softball, golf, tennis and gardening. He coached CYO football and CYO track and Little League Football. Richard and Judy shared 54 years of marriage and have three children and three grandchildren.

Richard passed away from cancer on May 17, 2015 at the age of 78. He was a remarkable man!

## **Supreme Knight Award 2015: Richard Rootes**

One of our Supreme Knight Award recipients for 2015 first joined the order in 1988, is presently a Third Degree Honorary Life member, Fourth Degree member and has been very active over the past 17 years. He has previously held the offices of Treasurer and Financial Secretary and has served as a Trustee and the Family Program Director for a number of years. He received the No. 1 Ohio Family Activity Program Award for 1989-1990. Most recently, he has served a second term as Financial Secretary and dedicated numerous hours performing the duties of that office. He was responsible for all membership records, dues collections, expenditure tracking, collections at all Council events and the associated reports to the State Council.

He and his wife, Catherine, are members of Saint Mary Church and have seven children, four grandchildren and two great grandchild. He and his wife often assist with the setup and other tasks involved with weekly bingo.

This Supreme Knight recipient was an Electrical Engineer and enjoyed a career working at several consulting firms. Additionally, he has served nearly 40 years as an active scout leader and certainly helped to form the strong character of many scouts during that period. He has received the St. George Medal and the Msgr. James Kolp Catholic Souter of the Year award. He is also a Red Cross volunteer having worked 240 hours and donated 18 gallons of blood at blood mobiles. His hobbies include coin and stamp collecting as time has permitted.

The Massillon Council congratulates Richard Rootes as a recipient of the 2015 Supreme Knight Award.

## **Family of the Year 2015: Jim and Karen Fondriest**

Congratulations to Jim and Karen Fondriest for being selected as Family of the Year for 2015. Jim and Karen have been married for 33 years and attend Saint Mary's Church. They have three children, all graduates of Saint Mary's, Central Catholic and The Ohio State University. Their daughter, Maria, is a Registered Nurse at The Ohio State Medical Center in Columbus. Their son, Jim, is a Patent Attorney for Proctor and Gamble in Cincinnati and their son, Mike, is an engineer for the Timken Company here in Canton.

Karen is a Registered Nurse and has worked for over 40 years in the Postpartum area of Labor and Delivery at Aultman Hospital. She has provided care to many thousands of newborns and their mothers during that time along with critically important instructions to their parents. She also helped manage the hot lunch program at Saint Mary's school for 6 years when the children were younger. Karen has served as the Treasurer of the Central Catholic Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto Committee Ladies Guild for 15 years. She also helps the Council with food prep and serving at the summer picnic and assembles and donates a number of the door prize baskets for other events.

Jim is a Professional Engineer and worked 32 years for the Goodyear Aerospace Corporation before retiring in 2013. He helped coach many youth soccer, softball and baseball leagues when the children were growing up. Both he and Karen were active with scouting in the past. Jim joined the Knights 3 years ago and has since been very active. He served as the Council Warden for two years and is performing the duties of the Council Recorder for 2015 and the upcoming year. He serves as the Family Program Manager where he coordinates the activities for the annual summer picnic and assists with other events. Jim helps to prepare and serve food for the both the summer picnic and the Breakfast with Saint Nick. He also helps out with Adopt-a-Highway program, is active with Degree ceremonies and volunteers many hours of his time to the remodeling program for our facilities.

The Massillon Council congratulates Jim and Karen Fondriest as the 2015 Family of the Year.

### **Supreme Knight Award 2015: Dan Skirtich**

Dan's volunteer calling started back in the Fall of 1976 when he began helping at St. Barbara's bingo. By January of 1977 he and his wife Jill were in charge and the start of his crazy funny t-shirt legend was born. They ran bingo there until 1985 when the last of their 4 kids finished 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

Many years later he returned to calling bingo when 3 of his grandkids were attending St. Barbara's and his daughter roped him in again, when once a month it was her night to work bingo. Now he works every Wednesday and Special Bingo night they have.

The Knights of Columbus came asking about 10 years ago to put his legendary bingo calling skills to use for them, he has been there practically every Monday since unless he is riding the train across country.

The Night at the Races was added to his volunteer rotation about 2 years ago and he has even donned an apron to help at a banquet for the kitchen. St Mary's Bingo has even seen him a time or two when they asked him for help when they were short a caller. He has also been known to volunteer a good story or 5, while he tempts everyone with his award winning fudge.

But his BEST volunteer work is helping out his family and friends, he is very generous with his time and kindness for anyone in need, especially running around for his kids and grandkids at the drop of a hat. We would not survive without all his help and We hope We never have to.

He loves his Bingo volunteer work and from the stories We hear, They love him back.

### **Volunteer of the Year 2015: Ron Kurpieski**

Ron has three grown children Stacey ( Chris of Maine, Kevin ( Moira) of Columbus , and Lisa(Brian) of Philadelphia. They have given him two grandsons Owen and Landon who bring smiles to "Poppops " face.The end of January he will have another smile, Kevin and Moira are expecting another grandson.

Ron was born and raised in Pittsburgh where he has become a lifelong fan of both the Steelers and the Penguins.He graduated from California University in Pennsylvania Pittsburgh is where his volunteering started where he was an altar boy in his parish. When he moved to Massillon ( more than 30 years ago ) he continued his volunteering. He was a Scout Master at St Mary's parish, where he was an Eagle Scout Consultant and help the troop with their religious awards.His daughters wanted Dad as a volunteer also so he became involved In Girl Scouts, helping with cookie sales and other troop activities. Ron became an official Girl Scout when he "flew " up with the girls in their troop.

Ron's involvement with the Knights began when he signed up for membership after hearing a presentation at Mass about the Knights. He is a fourth degree Knight.He is a trustee for the Foundation.He became more active with the Knights when he started volunteering at bingo, they were short handed for people to sell "tickets " before bingo started.Like every volunteer he said he would do that once a month, but he soon found out that he was always having to be reminded about his turn so he said "I will just come every week, then I won't have to remember when it is my turn." Of course like others that volunteer this led to other adventures volunteering at the Knights. He helped with the Circus, Nite at the races,and the Love Boat ( where he discovered a secret talent, being the chocolatier for the Love Boat). . He has been the cashier for the lunch counter for the gun shows. He is a baker and a soup maker for bingo lunches.

But his largest volunteer endeavor happened when ,Mary Ann approached him and asked if he would help with bingo .They were looking for a chairperson for bingo. after thinking about it Ron agreed to run bingo once a month so he would be able to visit his children and go fishing. Surprise once a month turned into an every week commitment to bingo.! Ron comes in the afternoon and gets all of the tickets, money and paperwork ready for the bingo players. He does the paperwork required for the state to keep our license. He recruits people to help with selling tickets, selling the bingo cards, and lucky jar as well as the bartenders. If there is someone missing from any of these positions Ron steps up and fills the position. He handles issues with the bingo patrons, such as someone is too cold or some one is too warm. Ron's typical answer is DON'T touch that thermostat ! Or Dan looking for the stapler. His response is bring it back where you got it from .To all of the regular bingo patrons he is Mr Bingo from the KC.

Ron is a supporter of the KC with his regular attendance at meetings, fund raisers,Sunday football games, golf team,and supporting our kitchen.

### **Religious of the Year 2015: Deacon Randy Smith**

Deacon Randy Smith was raised in Massillon and attended St. Mary School and graduated from Central Catholic High School in 1983. He is currently employed at St Joseph Parish as the cemetery caretaker and office manager. He is also the Coordinator of Religious Education and Youth Minister. He is in charge of training servers and Eucharistic ministers.

Randy is a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 554 where he served as Grand Knight and Faithful Navigator for the Bishop Massillon Assembly.

Randy and his wife, Lee Ann, have been married for 23 years. He was ordained as a Permanent Deacon on September 14, 2014 and is also the Associate Vocation Director for the Youngstown Diocese.

Congratulations Deacon Randy Smith, our 2015 Religious of the Year.



**Humanitarian of the Year 2015: Steve Clark**

Steve Clark is a volunteer for the Stark Fire Department Rehab Unit. This organization is committed to providing rehydration and nourishment to first responders at fire and major incidents. The unit is staffed by current and retired firefighters that have been trained as rehab specialists.

Council 554 congratulates Steve Clark for his valuable serve to his community.

**Supreme Knight Award: Fr. Ed Gretchko**

Fr Ed Gretchko, pastor of St. Mary Parish in Massillon, has been a member of our council since 1974. In addition to his duties at St. Mary's, he manages the National Shrine of St. Dymphna, which is located at the St. Mary rectory. He also serves as chaplain of the Monsignor Labbe Columbian Squires Circle and is the chaplain of the Massillon Tiger Football team.

Council 554 congratulates Fr. Ed Gretchko for his valuable serve to our council and our church.



(Left to Right) Bill Shane, Grand Knight, and Judy Willson, widow of Richard Wilson, "Knight of the Year"



(Left to Right) Jim Fondriest, Bill Shane, Grand Knight, and Karen Fondriest, "Family of the Year"



(Left to Right) Matt Meyer, Bill Shane, Grand Knight, and Mary Jo Meyer, "Lady of the Year"



(Left to Right) Deacon Randy Smith, "Religious of the Year", Bill Shane, Grand Knight, and Fr. Raymond Paul.



(Left to Right) Ron Kurpieski, "Volunteer of the Year" and Bill Shane, Grand Knight



(Left to Right) Richard Rootes, "Supreme Knight Award" and, Bill Shane, Grand Knight,



(Left to Right) Bill Shane, Grand Knight, and Dan Skirtich, "Supreme Knight Award".