



# Massillon Council 554



**Knights of Columbus**

**February, 2020**

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

Our Council 554 held its 119th Anniversary Dinner and Awards on January 26, 2020 at the Knights of Columbus hall in Massillon. Our council honorees this year were: Ken Girt - 2019 Supreme Knight Award, Sam Revlock – 2019 Youth of the Year, Msgr. James Kolp – 2019 Chaplain of the Year, Mark and Deanna Hoffer – 2019 Family of the Year, Joe Vilhosky - 2019 Knight of the Year and Robert Gessner - 2019 Council 554 Humanitarian of the Year. See the Anniversary Dinner report on page 5. Congratulations to all.

As the new year is beginning why not ask someone you know to join the Knights of Columbus. Also, if you have lottery calendars out please get them sold and the money turned in to Matt Meyer. Thank you for selling these for the council.

Don't forget the Love Boat party is on Saturday February 15th.

February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:30 pm we will have our New Degree Ceremony at Council 554. See the details below.

February 25<sup>th</sup> is our **Council Social Night** at 7:30 As always continue to pray the Rosary because our mother never turns her back on us. All we need do is ask for her help. Kyrie Eleison for world Peace.

## ***BREAKING NEWS:***

### **NEW Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity**

**New Haven, CT.** On November 23, 2019, the Board of Directors of the Knights of Columbus - Supreme Council approved a new combined ceremonial to be used by all Knights of Columbus Councils. This new ceremonial; *Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity*, allows all 3 degrees to be conferred in a single ceremony.

**Massillon, OH.** The officers and trustees of Massillon Council 554 have whole-heartedly adopted this new degree concept and will sponsor the *Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity* at the Massillon Knights Hall on Sunday, February 23, at 2:00 PM. All current 1<sup>st</sup> degree and 2<sup>nd</sup> degree members are encouraged to attend this 40-minute ceremony and become 3<sup>rd</sup> degree (knighthood) members. Any practical Catholic man is also welcomed to attend and become a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree member. A light luncheon will follow.

Please note: the ceremonials for membership are no longer secret. Wives and families are welcomed to attend and learn about the Knights of Columbus, our charitable service to our Church and our community, the spiritual growth of our Catholic faith and building family values.

If you know of a practical Catholic man, 18-years and older, who is interested in joining, please bring him (and his family) to our February 23 degree. Feel free to invite a family member, friend, neighbor, co-worker, or someone you meet after Mass on Sunday. Let's grow our Council!

**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**

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

Recently I did some searching with my cell phone regarding how much one can find on line about the "makings" of the Knights of Columbus. My thought had been that the proceedings of the Knights of Columbus were very secretive and little exposed to general observation. I was amazed to find that there is a gigantic website describing the K of C in great detail from start to finish.

Many Fourth Degree Knights were very upset when our Order changed the Knighthood apparel to a very simple outfit. Now we see another almost unbelievable move. We have a new ceremonial which allows all 3 degrees to be conferred in a single ceremony and the ceremonials for membership are no longer secret.

Let's go along with the revised ceremonial with all of our energy. Would you do all you can to bring a Catholic friend or neighbor to the February 23rd degree at 2:00 P.M? Our Order is needed more than ever before. You and I can help it to grow and grow and grow.

By the way I saw Bill Ringley recently at the Laurels of Massillon. He wishes you all the best.

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

As of today, we are just waiting on 26 more calendars to be turned in or returned to re-sell. Calendar season for me lasts around 6 months so I want to thank everyone who has participated in this program from printing to stuffing, to selling. It takes many people to pull this off and I'm proud to say that we have been running this program for well over 30 years and going strong! My number one seller this year and every year again is **Carole Sumption**. She sold 138 calendars on her own! **Fr. Mike Seifert** sold over 90 and could still sell more if available! Special thanks to my family as well as they help me sell and process calendars throughout the year. Thank you for a great year and hopefully you are all winners!

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### What's Happening in...

#### .....February, 2020

- 2 5:00 PM Super Bowl Party
- 4 7:00 PM 4th Degree Meeting (Ladies Night)
- 7 6:00 PM 200 Club Banquet
- 11 7:00 PM Reg. Council Meeting
- 13 7:00 PM Stark County Chapter Meeting
- 14 **Valentine Day**
- 15 6:00 PM "Love Boat"
- 18 5:00 PM MKF Clubroom Dinner
- 7:30 PM Columbian Ladies Meeting
- 25 6:00 PM Program Director's Meeting
- 6:30 PM Officers and Trustees Meeting
- 7:30 PM Council Social Night
- 23 1:30 PM **Knighthood/3<sup>rd</sup> Degree at 554**
- 26 **Ash Wednesday**

#### .....March, 2020

- 3 7:00 PM 4th Degree Meeting
- 10 7:00 PM Reg. Council Meeting;  
Nom/Elect delegates State Convention
- 12 7:00 PM Stark County Chapter Meeting
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 5:00 PM MKF Clubroom Dinner
- 7:30 PM Columbian Ladies Meeting
- 18 1:00 PM Bloodmobile
- 21 9:00 AM DOY Men's Fellowship
- 24 6:00 PM Program Director's Meeting
- 6:30 PM Officers and Trustees Meeting
- 7:30 PM Council Social Night
- 31 7:00 PM Past Grand Knights Meeting/Dinner

**Bingo:** Every Monday Night    **Hot Lunch:** Every Wednesday    **Massillon Knights Foundation Meet:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues of month 6pm  
**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	Vacant	
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	Steve Hamrock	284-4034
Bulletin Editor	Ken Girt, PGK	837-6670
Webmaster	Kyle Shane	

### Parish 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 Alesiano	340-7321
FAMILY		
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 complete electronic newsletter on our website.... <http://www.massillonkofc554.org>.

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

**On Our Sick List: Gerald Meyer, Bill Ringley, Ron Blogna, Bill Hamit, Jim Kracker, Richard Rootes, John Scheetz, Walt Featheringham, John Williams, & 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 **Dan and Marilyn Bose** 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 **Gary Lamielle, PGK**, for being selected Knight of the Month for November. Joe is also active at St. Mary's parish and is our Council Trustee and District Deputy.

## **In Memoriam: Larry Hightower**

Larry A. Haymaker, 76, of Jackson Twp. passed away on Tuesday, January 14. He was born in Canton and was a graduate of Jackson High School, Class of 1961. Larry was a veteran of The United States Navy. He founded Haymaker Tree and Lawn in 1968, and Haymaker Farm Market where Larry and Paula, his wife of 54 years, worked side by side. Larry was a member of Council 554 and the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Bishop Massillon Assembly.

Larry is survived by his wife Paula (Scheetz) Haymaker and their six children Anna, Greg, Dana, Bill, Mark and John. May he Rest in Peace.

## **In Memoriam: Robert Rufo III**

Robert Rufo II, age 29, passed away on November 26, 2014. He graduated from Central Catholic and Akron University. He lived in Canton and was a member of Council 554.

*(Editor's Note: Council 554 was recently notified that Brother Rufo had passed away.)*

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

Columbian Ladies meeting will be February 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30. The ladies will be providing lunch for the first, second and fifth Monday for Bingo, they are continuing to look for help with the lunches. If you would like to volunteer either to make food or to sell at Bingo please call Charlene Dunn or Mary Ann Haig.

The ladies group recently purchased additional tables to be used for banquets, bingo and other activities, dinnerware utensils, additional serving pieces, covers for the rolling racks, and other items for the kitchen.

## **Columbia Ladies Dues**

Just a reminder that our memberships expired on December 31, 2019. Please check your membership card to see what amount you pay for dues. 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.

## **MKF Clubroom Dinner**

**February 18, 2020 Served 5-7 PM**

**“All You Can Eat” Spaghetti Dinner or Meatloaf Dinner**

**\$10 -Adults \$8-children age 2-12 Under 2-FREE**

## **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**

I hope everyone is well and taking care of themselves. This is the time for flu and colds so make sure you do what is necessary to stay healthy. Don't forget to check in with your friends, neighbors, and relatives especially if you have not seen or heard from them.

Our next Tuesday night dinner is February 18 from 5:00 to 7:00. It will be a meatloaf dinner or all you can eat Spaghetti for \$10.00. Children - \$8.00 and children under 2 and under free. Next month's dinner will be Corn Beef & Cabbage and Spaghetti. More information later.

We need your help in supporting our club and fundraisers. The Love Boat is coming, please support it. We have the Queen of Hearts drawing starting again on Tuesday nights and of course we have BINGO every Monday. If you would like to help at Bingo or help with the food, please call the office. We could use help for an hour, maybe 2 hours. You don't have to stay all night. If you know someone that needs to get out a little, please tell them about helping at Bingo. It would be greatly appreciated.

As many of you know by now our manager, Mary Ann Cowley and her mother, Mrs. Marianne Jurkovich are retiring on February 29. Please stop out and wish them well in their retirement. They both have done a great job and we will miss them very much.

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

Don’t forget our Valentine Special, the Love Boat Cruise on February 15.....



**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**

Includes: O’derves, Open Bar, Door Prizes, DJ Music, “Casino”

**\$40 per person. Call the Office for Reservations 330-837-9101**



**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**

We had what I think was our first calling hours fallout without the regalia. It was a little strange as there was no saluting or marching since we were just wearing a tux and social baldric. I know it will take time, but we really need our SKs to obtain the new uniform so we can have proper fallouts with all the elegance that we used to have.

Ladies night is February 4th so bring your ladies that night for a meal and drinks.

We have 1 candidate so far for the spring exemplification. We need to start getting in applications as soon as possible so please recruit and get a signed form 4 in. We will once again need sponsorships to help defray the cost of the exemplification. If you know of someone or some business that would like to sponsor this exemplification, please let us know. The class honoree for the 2020 Exemplification for the Youngstown Diocese is Monsignor Michael Cariglio, Jr., Rector of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Basilica.

The Biennial Meeting is coming up on March 15, 2020. This meeting is being held at Mary Queen of Peace Parish, 4423 Pearl Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44109. We will also be giving recommendations for the next Master so if anyone has suggestions, they can pass it along at our next meeting.



Honorees from Council 554's Annual Anniversary Dinner on Sunday, January 26, 2019 were: (Front, left to right: Zach Hoffer, Nick Hoffer, and Msgr James Kolp, 2019 Chaplain of the Year, Back, left to right: Bob Gessner – 2019 Humanitarian Award recipient, Mark Hoffer - 2019 Family of the Year, Sam Revlock – 2019 Youth of the Year, Joe Vilhosky – 2019 Knight of the Year, and Ken Girt – 2019 Supreme Knight Award. Missing from photo were Deanna Hoffer and daughter Lucy and son William.

### **Council 554 Anniversary Banquet Report. *By Robert Pittinger, Grand Knight***

Our Council 554 held its 119th Anniversary Dinner and Awards on January 26, 2020 at the Knights of Columbus hall in Massillon. The evening started with a prayer from our worthy chaplain Msgr. James Kolp which was followed by a delicious meal prepared by Terry Paul and the staff at the K of C. Following the dinner, the awards ceremony began.

The first award for Supreme Knight went to Ken Girt. The second award was for Youth of the Year going to Sam Revlock. Chaplain of the Year was awarded to Msgr. James Kolp. The Family of the Year went to the Hoffer family. The award for Knight of the Year was presented to Joe Vilhosky. The final award, the Humanitarian of the Year, went to Bob Gessner. Congratulations to all.

The ceremony was well attended with 66 people present. We were honored to have at our head table our District Deputy – Gary Lamielle, our State Treasurer, Jeff Kilianny, and his wife Judy. Also at the table were Council Chaplain, Msgr. James Kolp, Grand Knight, Bob Pittinger and wife, Barbara, Deputy Grand Knight, Ken McLaughlin and guest Sue Courter.

In the audience we had our Faithful Navigator - Matt Meyer, Youngstown Diocese District Deputy Coordinator - Chris Dodson, Fr. Raymond Paul, Pastor of St. Joseph's Church in Massillon, he is also our Faithful Friar Bishop Massillon Assembly. Also, in the audience was Fr. Mike Seifert, now retired from St. Clements Church in Navarre and Ken Girt, Past State Deputy and State Special Report Chairman and his wife Linda.

I want to thank Terri Paul and her staff for preparing our meal. Thanks to Florence Sieber for making the two cakes. I would like to thank Ken McLaughlin, our Deputy Grand Knight, Tim Paul, our Council Financial Secretary, Paul Haig, our Treasurer, and Matt Meyer, our Recorder for help in organizing this event.

## Insurance Report, by *Stephen Hamrock, FIC*

Love is in the air! We spend a lot of time thinking about our loved ones during the month of February and especially around Valentine's Day. Technically, it's St. Valentine's Day, originally the feast day of a Roman saint from the third century. There is much speculation about the origins of the feast and even some discussion about the identity of the saint. We do know that this St. Valentine was martyred on February 14, 269 and the feast day was instituted by Pope Gelasius I in 496. But how did St. Valentine, a martyr, come to be associated with love and romance? Again, there is much speculation and one popular story is that he cured the blind daughter of his jailer. Before he was led off to his death, he wrote her a note and signed it "Your Valentine."

Unlike St. Valentine, most of us are not called to martyrdom, but we do think about our loved ones...and we write love notes and greeting cards. Gifts are commonly given to the ones we love. But have you ever considered some special gifts for the ones you love?

That's really what insurance is all about. People buy insurance because they love someone. Life insurance because you love your wife and children. If you're not here to provide for them you want to make sure they can stay in the same home you love - right?. You want to make sure that your children will have the college education they will need; you want your family to continue to live the lifestyle you've been so fortunate to be able to provide. With a whole policy, you even have living benefits that you can enjoy!

You want to make sure that if you are sick or hurt and can't work, your family still has money coming in to pay the bills. Disability Income Insurance helps provide for that.

Yes, you've been able to provide a lifestyle for your family, but sometime down the road, you'll take the assets accumulated and retire. Long Term Care Insurance helps me protect those assets in case you have an extended care event. You won't have to spend down all that you've saved to pay for care...you can shift that risk to the Knights. Your retirement annuities will help you and your wife enjoy your golden years. With a lifetime minimum interest rate guarantee you know you'll always be in the black with an account.

All the products we have available are centered around protection; protection for me, you, for our families and for what we've been able save. Is your protection where you want it to be for your loved ones?

At this Valentine's Day, let's sit down; you, me and your wife and see where you stand. Make sure you have insured your love. Go ahead and buy that greeting card, write her a love note...maybe even get a beautiful arrangement of flowers or a dozen roses. But remember, the gift of protection will be there when it's needed most.

Vivat Jesus!





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## 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>

This is a reminder for those who signed up for our..

## **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

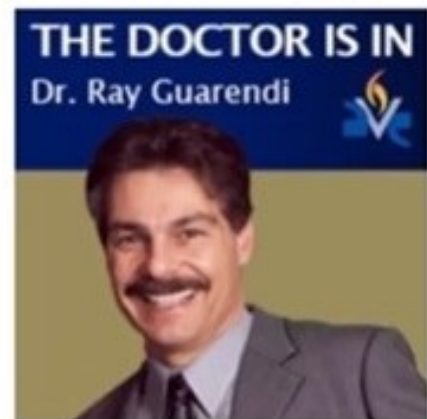
There will be 15 Payouts of \$50 Each

## **Save the Date**

Catholic Men's Fellowship  
Conference

Saturday, March 21, 2020

Dr. Ray Guarendi To Be  
Our Featured Speaker



**At St. Thomas Aquinas High School. 9AM to 4PM Concludes with  
Mass with Bishop Murry**