



Massillon Council 554



Knights of Columbus

January, 2020

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

Happy New Year 2020! I hope all of you had a blessed Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

We were able to donate 102 new coats this year due to the generous donations from the American Legion, Council 554, the Columbian Ladies Guild, the Massillon Knights Foundation, St Vincent DePaul Society at St Mary's, Tim Paul, and Jim Fondreist. Thanks to all that contributed and helped in the distribution of the coats to the Massillon City schools and St Mary's School, St. Barbara's School, St. Joseph's School and the Family Living Center.

There are a few dates to mark on your calendar. January 21st the Foundation Clubroom Dinner. They will be having a City Chicken Dinner. This is a great dinner and it really helps the Foundation. Check out your bulletin for cost and time.

January 26th at 5:00 pm is our Anniversary Dinner. The cost is \$12.00 per person and reservations are required. There will be a sign-up sheet in the bar area or call 330-837-1411 for reservations.

January 28th at 7:00 pm a first and second degree here at our Council. If you have not made your second degree this is a perfect time to do this. We ask that you please let us know if you are coming.

As the new year is beginning why not ask someone you know to join the Knights of Columbus. What a wonderful way to start the new year. 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 our council.

As always please pray the Rosary; our mother never turns her back on us. All we need do is ask for her help.

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

My dear friends, it goes without saying that I wish you and your family a very Happy and Blessed New Year. May your lives be filled with the faith and joy that Jesus, Mary and Joseph wish you to have. Time is short and we all have our part to play in restoring all things in Christ in our homes, in our nation and in our world.

One thing we will stress in January in our love of life. We in Stark County have a bus scheduled to leave for the March for Life in Washington. The bus will leave St. Michael's on Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 10:00 P.M. after a 9:30 P.M. Prayer Service. The bus is expected to start for home around 4:00 P.M. on Thursday, January 24. For questions or to make a reservation call the Right to Life Office at 330-837-4277.

There will be a Mass for Life on Sunday, January 19 at 10:30 A.M. at the Basilica of St. John the Baptist in Canton. The Mass will be followed by a reception.

Again, Happy New Year and May God bless you and your family as never before.

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

Please turn in calendars sold or unsold when you can. There are people still wanting to buy but we do not have access to any calendars at the moment. There is a good number sold already but we have more to go. Please contact me if you have any questions. Matt Meyer 330-284-9365.

Knights of Columbus Insurance Agent, by Steve Hamrock

I am very pleased to announce that beginning January 1, I have a real honor and pleasure working with you all of you at Massillon 554; and assisting you with your financial goals and protecting you and your families in following the mission of Fr McGivney. And God willing, I hope to continue this journey for the years to come. See report page 6. God Bless!

Phone: 330-284-4034 **Email:** stephen.hamrock@kofcorg

What's Happening in...

.....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 (554)
- 14 7:00 PM Reg. Council Meeting
- 18 6:00 PM "Nite at the Races"
- 19 9:00 AM Squires Breakfast St Mary
- 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 1st Degree (Admission Degree) DVD
- 7:45 PM 2nd Degree

.....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
- 12 7:00 PM 1st Degree (Admission Degree) DVD
- 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/3rd Degree at 554
- 26 Ash Wednesday

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

Massillon Council 554 2019 - 2020 Officers & Trustees

Officers

Chaplain	Msgr James Kolp	871-8346
Grand Knight	Bob Pittinger	571-5150
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Outside Guard	Bill Shane, PGK	268-0545
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St. Mary	Ken Girt, PGK	837-6670
St Joseph	Tom Ferrero	844-0469
St Barbara	Joe Vilhosky	833-0130

Program Activity Chairmen:

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FAMILY	Ed Hill	323-0476
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Bingo Mgr	Ron Kurpieski	936-8058
200 Club	Bill Shane, PGK	268-0545

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

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>. Articles for January, MKF Reverse Raffle on Page 4, Love Boat on page 5, Council Anniversary Dinner on page 5,

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@ssnet.com or call me at 330-837-6670.

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

Congratulations to **Mark and Deanna Hoffer and their children** 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 **Joe Vilhosky**, for being selected Knight of the Month for November. Joe is also active at St. Barbara's parish and is our Council Warden.

First and Second Degree Ceremonies

First and Second Degree ceremonies will be held on Tuesday, January 28, 2020. The First Degree video will be at 7:00 PM and the Second Degree will follow. If you know of a possible candidate for membership, please bring him to our First Degree. And we encourage all current First Degree members to advance to the Second Degree. A Third Degree Ceremony has been scheduled for Sunday, February 23, 2020, at 2:00 PM here at our MKF Hall.

In Memoriam: Gene Hammer

Gene Hammer died December 19, 2019. He was born in Canal Fulton and moved to Massillon at age 10. He was employed at the Griscom-Russel Co. and operated Hammer Enterprises and Sales Co. He was also employed at Minerva Paper Co., the Timken Co., and had been an Ohio State Auctioneer since 1949. He was a big band record collector and at one time had one of the largest record collections in the city. He was a World War II veteran serving with the U.S. Army Medical Corps. He was a lifetime member of the VFW Post 3124 and played in the drum and bugle corps. He was a member of the K of C 554 and the Massillon Eagles 190.

He is survived by a daughter, Cheryl Marsh.

May he Rest in Peace!

In Memoriam: John J David

John J. David, age 102 of Massillon passed away November 27, 2019 at the Laurels of Massillon. He was a 1936 graduate of Washington High School and served in the Army during WWII. He retired from David Brothers, Camelot Music and the Galaxy. He was Paul Brown's student manager for three years. While in the Army he played ping pong with Dwight Eisenhower and beat the General who then threw his paddle on the table.

He was preceded in death by his first wife Peggy (Welch). He is survived by the love of his life Marci (Mayle) David with whom he shared 29 years of marriage on August 31st. He leaves two children: John and Joanne.

May he Rest in Peace!

Columbian Ladies Report, by *Darlene Catazaro, President*

Reminder: There will be a meeting on Tuesday, January 21 at 7:00 pm. We will be collecting dues for 2020, please plan to attend. Stay warm and continue to pray for peace.

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 – January 21, 2020

“City Chicken”

Reservation Requested: Deadline for reservation is Friday, January 17, 2020. Prices are: \$12.00 with Reservations and \$15.00 at door.

Children from 2 – 12 are \$8.00. Children 2 and under free. Served 5-7 PM

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 want to wish everyone a very Happy New Year. Be sure to read about our upcoming events: the MKF Clubroom Dinner on January 21 with City Chicken and our annual Reverse Raffle that helps with our renovations and repair expenses. Your help is needed to keep our complex going. Thanks.

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

Happy New Year to all, filled with good health and happiness.

Nite at the Races is Saturday, January 18th. Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$15.00 each and on sale now. Call the office to reserve your tickets today. 330-837-9101. Ticket price includes buffet meal and open bar. Co- sponsor - St. Joseph Holy Name Society

MKF Building Improvement **Reverse Raffle** - Saturday, January 25th, tickets are \$40.00 and on sale now. See the bartender or call the office. Only 200 Sold! \$2480.00 given out in Cash Awards. Doors open at 6 p.m. Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Super Bowl board is available at the bar. \$50.00 a square ... \$1000.00 in Cash Prizes. Includes dinner, open bar, and snacks at half time. Get your square ASAP. The board fills up fast and only 100 guests can attend. If you do not have a square, you cannot attend the party.

Love Boat will be Saturday, February 15th. \$40.00 a per person ... again. Includes Open Bar. Dinner, o'derves , DJ, surprise celebrity guest star. Call and make your reservations now. 330-837-9101.

Bloodmobile - January 22nd ...in the Pinta Room



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

Thanks to all who attended the Christmas Ball. It was a real special evening and I know everyone enjoyed it. We are looking for band suggestions for next year so let us know. Our next meeting is January 7th and we will discuss more about the future of the Christmas Ball.

2020 is upon us and we need to focus on recruiting new 4th degree members.

The website to order a new uniform is now live and ready to take orders. The site is <https://www.kofcuniform.com/> The uniform is listed for \$449. We are still offering \$100 off from the Assembly for anyone who gets the new uniform. There are still only 2 of us with the new uniform. We really need to get more members with the uniform so we can have proper fallouts.

13th Annual Massillon Knights Foundation REVERSE RAFFLE

Saturday January 25, 2020 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!

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

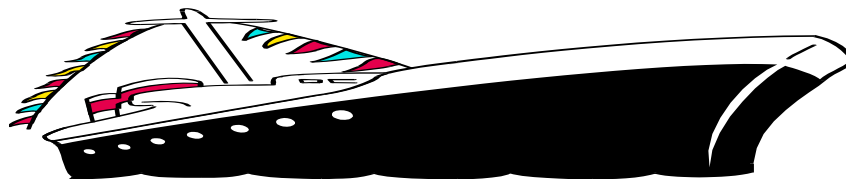
200 CLUB BANQUET

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



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

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119th Anniversary Dinner

Sunday, January 26, 2020

Doors open at 5:30 PM Buffet Dinner at 6:00 PM includes:

Spaghetti, Salad, Rolls, Cake, Coffee/Tea

Annual Awards program follows the meal

Cost: \$12.00 per person

Cost includes gratuity. Reservations Required.

Stop by council office for Reservations or call 330-837-1411.

Insurance Report, by *Stephen Hamrock, FIC*

Happy New Year! As we begin the new year it's common to review the past year and look at what we'd like to accomplish in the new one. Already there's been much advertising and talk about 2020 and the relation to our eyesight...how we'll be able to see more clearly, look at the year with new vision, not be shortsighted.

Of course, all this talk about the future brings us to the usual thinking about the new year...making resolutions. That is a good thing! All of us want to resolve to do those things that will lead to happier, healthier lives. Some of the most common resolutions are to lose weight, get in shape and exercise more. Others resolve to stop smoking. If you think about the spiritual, many new year's resolutions concern having a more centered prayer life or receiving the sacraments more often. Many of my friends think more about quality time...quality time spent with their family and friends; those that are most important in their lives.

As you think about family, one resolution I can help you keep is to update your Family Service Record and take stock of your financial goals. Are you where you want to be? Do you have a plan? With our professional approach using the Profiles+ Forecaster financial needs analysis you can see if there are any gaps in your coverage and how close you are to achieving your goals and aspirations.

Some members are not aware of all the products we have to offer: Life insurance, long term care insurance, disability income insurance and retirement annuities. These products can help protect your family in all the financial situations where you might find yourself. Life insurance protects your loved ones financially if you are not here to help provide. The need for life insurance changes at different stages of a person's life: Young and unmarried members and the man retiring next month each have life insurance needs, but the type and amount may vary widely. I can give you some advice on that. Disability income insurance provides a paycheck if you are sick or hurt and can't work. If your company offers some, do you know how much, for how long and is it taxable? I can help sort that out. Long term care insurance protects those assets you've worked so hard all your life to accumulate. Don't deplete all the family's savings for a care event when the Knights can take on that risk. With all the concern about market volatility and the health of Social Security, our fixed rate annuities guarantee a minimum interest rate for life, the safety of conservative investment strategy and an income stream you cannot outlive.

What's most important to you and your family? There is no cookie cutter answer. That's why I meet with members and their spouses and first determine what issues are of most concern to you. From there I can help analyze where you are in relation to your goals and construct a plan to get you where you want to go. All done in the comfort of your home and at your convenience.

As a brother Knight and your field agent I have so much more responsibility than a simple financial advisor or stock broker. We'll take a look at your dreams, goals and aspirations for 2020 and beyond. Resolve today to meet with me and ensure that at the end of this new year, your financial picture will be seen with 2020 vision.





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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

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 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>

March for the Unborn

Right to Life of Stark County Red Eye bus leaving St. Michael's in Canton on Thursday, January 23, 2020. We will leave D.C. at approximately 4:00 p.m. Friday, January 24th following the March and arrive back to St. Michael's around 12:00 midnight depending on weather and traffic. Cost is \$45.00 per person with reservation by January 17, 2020. Call Mary Kring for details at 330-837-4227, email at marykring46@hotmail.com or Mary at 330-833-9851