



Massillon Council 554



Knights of Columbus

July, 2019

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

I hope everyone has dried out and now we can finally enjoy the summer sunshine. We are now starting a new Fraternal Year. Thanks to all the officers who put in all the hard work this past year making our council a success.

The installation of Officers will take place at Council 554 on July 16th this will include all five councils, (District-wide). Congratulations to our new District Deputy, Gary Lamielle, we look forward to working with Gary and completing all our programs.

We will have our first Budget reading on July 9th at 7:00 pm and MKF report. All members are invited.

On July 10th there will be a 1st Degree. There are two new members from Council 554 making their 1st Degree. Please come and support them.

Don't forget we will have a Highway Clean up on July 20th. We will meet at St. Mary's parking lot at 9:00 am. If you can help please contact Matt Meyer at 330-284-9365 or myself at 330-571-5150, thank you.

Council 554 will be sending two delegates to the Youngstown Diocese State Tour Meeting on Saturday, July 13th. We will be bringing back the Football Frenzy Tickets.

Our council had the End of Fraternal Year Party on June 25th with forty-nine people in attendance. Everyone enjoyed the food, the games and entire evening.

We need to try and bring in one new member a month. If each of us brought in one new member a year we could meet our quota. So please try; all you need to do is ask. Also don't forget the members who made their degrees. We need to encourage them to come to our meetings.

Please read your newsletter to see all the wonderful things going on at your Council and the Foundation.

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

We are now in a brand, new month with all of its opportunities and challenges. July in the month dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus. I believe this month has special meaning for us in Western Stark County. Around 1840 Father Francis de Sales Brunner came through this area with a group of Precious Blood priests and brothers. They had come from Germany. They stayed all night in Dungannon near Lisbon. The next night they were in western Stark County. The Schmidt family of Massillon invited them to stay all night at their home. The Catholic people realized that they were in town and they begged Father Brunner to arrange for one of them to remain here since Massillon did not have a priest. Since the group were invited to be in Ohio by the bishop, they felt compelled to go to Cincinnati to meet with the Bishop. They were assigned by the Bishop to serve in western Ohio. Eventually the group began Brunnerdale Seminary which location is now called Glenmoor. Several of our past State Deputies spent time at Brunnerdale Seminary discerning whether God might be calling them to the priesthood. Precious Blood Fathers, Brothers and Sisters have had a lasting impression on many of our earlier families in our area. Each time you take Brunnerdale Avenue, I urge you to recall the many years that Precious Blood Fathers, Brothers and Sisters were in our area.

There is a beautiful Litany of the Precious Blood of Jesus. If you would like a copy, just get in touch with me.

What's Happening in...

..... July, 2019

- 2 7:00 PM 4th Degree Meeting
- 4 **Independence Day**
- 9 7:00 PM Reg. Council Meeting, 1st Budget reading & MKF Report
- 10 7:00 PM 1st Degree (Admission Degree) DVD
- 13 1:00 PM Youngstown Diocese - OSC Tour Meeting
- 16 7:00 PM Installation of Officers (District-wide)
- 23 6:00 PM Program Director's Meeting
- 6:30 PM Officers and Trustees Meeting
- 7:30 PM Council Social Night
- 31 1:00 PM Bloodmobile

.....August, 2019

- 4 12-5 PM Council Family Picnic
- 6 7:00 PM 4th Degree Meeting / Picnic (Ladies Night)
- 8 7:00 PM Stark County Chapter Meeting
- 13 7:00 PM Reg. Council Meeting, Budget Vote
- 14 7:00 PM 1st Degree (Admission Degree) DVD
- 15 **Feast of the Assumption**
- 17 6:00 PM "Happy Days" Dance (Fundraiser)
- 27 6:00 PM Program Director's Meeting
- 6:30 PM Officers and Trustees Meeting

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

From the Editor.....

Ken Girt, PSD, PGK, Newsletter Editor

Our new "printed" newsletter format will include the first four pages of our multipage 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 document available each month for pick-up in our clubroom. If you wish to read the entire multi-page issue, please see the document on our website.... <http://www.massillonkofc554.org>.

Please feel free to share and forward this weblink with someone you know who might be interested in the Knights of Columbus and Massillon Council 554.

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 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.

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

Columbian Squires Report, By Mike Szillat, Chief Counselor, Massillon Squires #2645

Congratulations to our new officers, elected on June 5: Chief Squire - Jonathan Szillat, Deputy Chief Squire - Ben Frank, Notary - Jaxon Gohlike , Bursar - Steven Bettilyon

As new Chief Squire, Jonathan appointed Aaron Shiplett as Chancellor. Other appointed positions will be decided by the new Chief Squire.

A big thank you to the Thierets for working on our gavel to return it to its former glory. After many years, it had become quite worn down, and now it looks brand new! Thank you also to Nathan Courter as he passes the gavel to Jonathan for the 2019-2020 fraternal year. *Esto Dignus,*

Massillon Council 554 2019 - 2020 Officers & Trustees

| <u>Officers</u> | | | <u>Parish Round Table Coordinators</u> | | |
|-----------------|--------------------|----------|--|-------------------|----------|
| Chaplain | Msgr James Kolp | 871-8346 | St. Mary | Ken Girt, PGK | 837-6670 |
| Grand Knight | Bob Pittinger | 571-5150 | St Joseph | Tom Ferrero | 832-5757 |
| Dep Grd Knight | Ken McLaughlin | 571 1203 | St Barbara | Joe Vilhosky | 833-0130 |
| Chancellor | Ed Hill | 323-0476 | | | |
| Recorder | Matt Meyer, PGK | 284-9365 | <u>Program Activity Chairmen:</u> | | |
| Treasurer | Paul Haig, PGK | 837-1185 | FAITH | Ken McLaughlin | 571 1203 |
| Financial Sec | Tim Paul | 837-1411 | FAMILY | Ed Hill | 323-0476 |
| Advocate | John Ferrero, Jr. | 833-3534 | COMMUNITY | Matt Meyer, PGK | 284-9365 |
| Warden | Joe Vilhosky | 833-0130 | LIFE | Michael Roberts | 340-7321 |
| Inside Guard | Bob Catazaro | 478-2264 | Squires | Mike Szillat, PGK | 830-4930 |
| Outside Guard | Bill Shane, PGK | 268-0545 | Membership | Ken Girt, PGK | 837-6670 |
| 1- Year Trust | Jim Sieber, PGK | 478-2363 | Complex Mgr | Mary Ann Cowley | 837-9101 |
| 2- Year Trust | Gary Lamielle, PGK | 327-7223 | Bingo Mgr | Ron Kurpieski | 936-8058 |
| 3- Year Trust | Ken Girt, PGK | 837-6670 | 200 Club | Bill Shane, PGK | 268-0545 |
| Field Agent | (Open) | | | | |
| Bulletin Editor | Ken Girt, PGK | 837-6670 | | | |
| Webmaster | Kyle Shane | | | | |

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

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

Keep supporting the activities of our council and foundation. Thanks

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

Here are a couple of upcoming club-room activities.....

**2019 BROWN’S BOARD
KICK-OFF STEAK FRY**

Sunday, July 21, 2019 3:00 PM

in the clubroom and on the Patio

Cost for Steak Fry - 2/\$25.00 Single - \$15.00

Browns Board Squares - \$25.

The Club will be open for all the games this year.

You win \$20 if your here and \$10 if you’re not.

Sign up at the Bar

“HAPPY DAYS” DANCE

Music by Ryan Parkinson

Saturday, August 17, 2019, 6 PM

Buffet Dinner: 6 - 7 p.m., Music & Dancing 7 - 10 p.m.

Cost: \$40 couple or \$25 per person. For tickets: 330-837-9101



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

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| 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*

Our next regular meeting will be Tuesday, July 2, at 7:00 PM. And mark August 6 on your calendar to make sure you attend our Ladies Night program – our Annual Picnic.

Adopt-a-Highway

Council 554 's annual cleanup of a 2-mile section of Route 21 will be held on Saturday, July 20. We will meet at St. Mary's Church at 9:00 AM. Please let Matt know if you are planning to help us (330-284-9365). Be sure to bring gloves, work shoes or boots and suggested long sleeve shorts and trousers. Safety vests and bags will be provided.

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>

And SPECIAL THANKS to Bob Kring who created our Divine Mercy Chaplet pamphlets for St. Barbara and St. Mary parishes.

News from our Parishes:

St. Barbara Evangelization Committee & K of C Rosary For Life

Saint Barbara Parish Evangelization committee in conjunction with Massillon K of C Council #554 will hold a Rosary for Life with the Glorious Mystery recited immediately following the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, June, 30. Please consider joining us as we pray this Pro-Life Rosary for all lives from conception to natural death. As Sister Lucia of Fatima told us that "There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot solve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary.

SENATOR BEN SASSE DEFENDS KNIGHTS AT JUDICIARY COMMITTEE HEARING 6/5/2019

By Andrew Butler, *Knights of Columbus*



The hallowed halls of the U.S. Senate were the site of a provocative but important question by Sen. Ben Sasse to a judicial nominee: “Are you now or have you ever been involved in the organization of a fish fry?”

It was funny, but it wasn’t necessarily a laughing matter.

At issue was the recent move by some of Sasse’s colleagues to question judicial nominees about their membership in the Knights of Columbus.

At a recent U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee hearing, Sen. Sasse (R., Neb.) defended the Knights of Columbus in a series of questions to Peter Phipps, a nominee for United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit. Phipps is a Knight belonging to Edward Douglass White Council 2473 in Arlington, Va.

Sasse then asked Phipps if he had gotten questions for the record about being a member of the Knights of Columbus. Phipps said he had received questions during the process for his district court nomination back in May 2018.

Phipps is not the only judicial nominee to be questioned over his membership in the Knights. Last December, Brian C. Buescher was questioned about whether his Knights of Columbus membership would prevent him from “fairly and impartially” hearing cases on the U.S. District Court for the District of Nebraska. Several senators stated that the organization had “taken a number of extreme positions” on the issues of same-sex marriage and abortion. Phipps explained to Sasse that the Knights of Columbus is a Catholic fraternal organization dedicated to uniting men of faith. He noted that it was founded in the late 19th century to help provide for families at a time where many men faced dangerous working conditions.

“It’s a charitable organization,” Phipps said. “It’s an organization that has social and recreational activities that many members of my family have really enjoyed and really benefitted from.”

Sasse then provided for the record a number of facts about the Knights:

- Knights of Columbus is the largest Catholic fraternal service organization in the world.
- In 2017 the Knights volunteered and contributed more than \$185 million to charitable organizations and activities.
- Also in 2017, Knights volunteered more than 75,600,000 service hours.
- The Knights have a proud tradition of standing against the forces of prejudice and oppression such as the Ku Klux Klan.

Sasse expressed his concern that questioning over membership in the Knights is “becoming common practice on the committee.”

“I really hope we reconsider this new tradition on this committee of asking people about their religious commitments.”

This is not the first time Sen. Sasse has come to the aid of the Knights. In January of this year, he introduced a resolution adopted by unanimous consent that “disqualifying a nominee to federal office on the basis of membership in the Knights of Columbus” violates that anti-religious test clause of the U.S. Constitution.