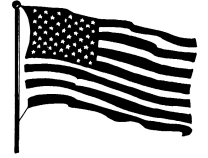




“Over 115 years of Service to the Massillon Area”

Massillon Council 554



Knights of Columbus

May - June, 2019

Grand Knight’s Report

By Robert Pittinger, Grand Knight

Massillon Council 554, along with Stark County K of C Members, St. Barbara Parish with Parishioners from neighboring Catholic Churches, along with Pro – Life Christians conducted their first yearly public prayer vigil. It was held every Sunday during Lent and focused on the 40 Days for Life outside the Canton Planned Parenthood center. The Rosary was recited every week and concluded on Palm Sunday with the Stations of the Cross. On Palm Sunday there were 38 people present, ten Knights from our council and four Knights from other councils. Also, in attendance was Fr. Feicht, Msgr. Kolp and Pastor Moss. Thanks to all the Knights and wives that attended. A heartfelt thanks to all that participated during the 6 Sundays and look forward to next year.

We will be having our Youth Awards on April 23rd after our Officers and Trustees meeting. The following students will receive these awards:

Excellence in Religion: 8th Grade Boy from St. Mary's - Ryan Parlin and 8th Grade girl - Suzanne Codispoti. Excellence in Religion 8th Grade boy from St. Joseph's - Jason Ruppert and 8th Grade girl - Ally Ilg. Excellence in Religion 8th Grade girl from St. Barbara's - Aubrey Spitate. Our **Youth of the Year** goes to Matthew Hersher from St. Joseph's.

What’s Happening in...

.....May, 2019

- 1 7:00 PM Squires Meeting
- 4 5:00 PM Kentucky Derby Party
- 7 7:00 PM 4th Degree Meeting
- 8 7:00 PM 1st Degree (Admission Degree) DVD
- 9 7:00 PM Stark County Chapter
- 12 **Mother’s Day**
- 14 7:00 PM Reg. Council Meeting
1st Nom of Officers
- 15 7:00 PM Squires Meeting
- 17-19 OSC State Convention – Sandusky
- 22 1:00 PM Bloodmobile
- 27 **Memorial Day**
- 28 6:30 PM Officers and Trustees Meeting
7:30 PM Council 554 “Social Night”

.....June, 2019

- 4 7:00 PM 4th Degree Meeting, PFN Night
- 5 7:00 PM Squires Meeting
- 11 7:00 PM Reg. Council Meeting;
Election of Officers
- 12 7:00 PM 1st Degree (Admission Degree) DVD
- 14 **Flag Day**
- 16 **Father’s Day**
- 18 6:30 PM Officer and Trustee Meeting (Special Night)
- 19 7:00 PM Squires Meeting
- 25 7:00 PM Council “Fraternal Night”

Chaplain’s Report

By Msgr James Kolp

We are on the verge of a brand-new month-the month of May. How many of us remember what the month of May meant to us and our families in "the old days." In my family we had a May altar with a statue of Our Lady on the altar. We brought wild flowers to place on the altar. We would pray the Rosary in front of the altar. May was very special. What has happened to all the May devotions? Let's see what we can do to restore at least some of these.

We will pray parts of the Rosary at our Council meeting on Tuesday, May 14th. Please remember to bring your rosary. Also, I invite you to " A Night to Honor Mary" which will be held at St. Michael Church on Friday May 3rd at 7:00 P.M. I believe Bishop Murry will be in attendance. Columbia Magazine describes something that our Order has done in honor of Our Lady, Help of Persecuted Christians. We have built an apartment complex in the city of Erbil, Iraq. It is called the McGivney House and it provides 120 high-quality rent-free apartments for displaced Christians.

Have a great May and add an "r" to the name of the month.

Happy Mother’s Day!

THIS IS OUR FINAL MAILED ISSUE OF OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

The officers of Council 554 have decided to discontinue the general mailing of the bulletin, due to the rising costs of postage and printing. The change will take place starting in June 2019. The newsletter and other valuable information about our council and hall is available each month online at www://massillonkofc554.org

There are three options to keep in contact with our Council and Complex:

1. **Provide us with your email address.** We will also send you an email notice when the latest issue of the newsletter is available each month. Send your name and email address to our Financial Secretary, Tim Paul at...: tpaul1951@icloud.com.
2. We will still continue to **print copies of the newsletter and have them available in the club room** for you to pick up if you do not have an email address.
3. If you have no computer and cannot pick up a copy in the clubroom, please notify FS Paul with your address.

We will mail you a copy as last resort.

Thank you for your support of our council.

Robert Pittinger – Grand Knight

Massillon Council 554

2018- 2019 Officers & Trustees

Chaplain	Msgr. James Kolp	871-8346
Grand Knight	Bob Pittinger	571-5150
Dep. Grd Knight	Ken McLaughlin	571 1203
Chancellor	Ed Hill	323-0476
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Financial Sec	Tim Paul	837-1411
Advocate	John D. Ferrero, Jr.	833-3534
Warden	Joe Vilhosky	833-0130
Inside Guard	Bob Catazaro	478-2264
Outside Guard	Leonard Hughes	834-5586
1- Year Trust	William Shane, PGK	268-0545
2- Year Trust	Walt Featheringham	880-4327
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Church	Ken McLaughlin	571 1203
Council	Jim Sieber, PGK	478-2363
Community	Matt Meyer, PGK	284-9365
Family	Ed Hill	323.0476
Culture of Life	Michael Roberts	340.7321
Youth & Squires	Mike Szillat, PGK	830-4930
Membership	Ken Girt, PGK	837-6670

Parish Round Table Coordinators

St. Mary	Ken Girt, PGK	837-6670
St Joseph	Tom Ferrero	832-5757
St Barbara	Joe Vilhosky	833-0130

Web: <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, Gene Hammer, John Sheetz, Jim Kelly, Walt Featheringham, and Chuck Meyer.

In Nursing Homes:

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.

Council Business Meetings

2nd Tues every Month: 7:00 PM

Club Room Hours

Mon-Tues-Wed: 4-11 PM

Thu-Fri-Sat: 4 -12 AM

KITCHEN HOURS

Wed, Thurs, Sat, 5 to 8 p.m.,

...Fridays - 4 to 8 p.m.

Check out our new menu!

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, Cheryl

In Memoriam: Gary L.

Kroah

Gary Kroah, 85, died peacefully on February 19, 2018. He is survived by his wife Rosanna (Naef) Kroah of 61 years and three children, Rebecca, Diane, and John.

He was a 1950 graduate of Lincoln High School and was a Navy veteran of the [Korean War](#). He was a clarinetist, who enjoyed performing in the local community. Gary was a member of KofC 554.

May he Rest in Peace
(Editor's Note: We were recently made aware of Gary's passing)

Council 554 – New Members

Council 554 welcomes new members **Ken Smith, John Paquelet and Steven Dean.**

The winners of our recruitment drawing for July 1 thru December 30 was John Dorka and his proposer Grand Knight Bob Pittinger. They each won a special Council 554 polo shirt.

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.

May he Rest in Peace.

“End of Fraternal Year” Party

Tuesday, June 25, 2019
Dinner served 6:30 to 7:30
Monte Carlo Games 7 to 8.
Raffle for Prizes at 8:00
Cost: Council Member & Wife \$5.00 each
All other Guests: \$10.00 ea.
Sign-up in the Clubroom

Grand Knights Report – (Continued from page 1)

Congratulations to all our Youth Award winners.

On May 4th the Foundation will have their Kentucky Derby Party starting at 5:00 pm. A lot of fun bring your hat.

Our 4th Degree will be conducting a flag burning ceremony on May 7th. If you have an old flag and want us to burn it at this ceremony please drop it off at the club.

May 14th at our regular Council Meeting we will have the 1st Nomination of Officers.

The State Convention will be held in Sandusky on May 17-19 at Kalahari Resort.

Please read the notice on page 1 about our discontinuing the general mailing of our monthly bulletin.

I hope everyone has a great Memorial Day and a safe summer. Vivat Jesus!

Knight and Family of the Month

Congratulations to our Knight of the Month for March 2019: **John Dorka.** And Knight of the Month for April 2019: **Charles Reed**

Congratulations to our Family of the Month for March 2019: **Ray and Pat Halter.** And Family of the Month for April 2019: **Mike & Sue Ziegelhofer.**

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The Massillon Knights Foundation

Foundation Trustees 2018 – 2019 Three Year: James Brelish (Treasurer), Paul Lambert (President), Dave Cowley. Two-Year: Bill Shane (Vice President), Jeff Heitger (Secretary), Jim Sieber, One-Year: John Williams, Bob Catazaro, Ron Kurpieski.

Foundation Report

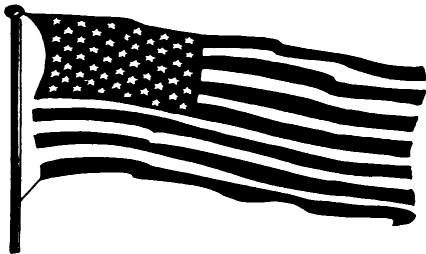
By Paul Lambert, President

I hope everyone is doing well and had a good Easter. I hope you checked in on your neighbor and wished them a Happy Easter. The weather is changing and hopefully we'll see everybody outside soon as the weather gets warmer.

I want to thank Joanne Heather for her donation to Hot Lunch. She made a basket and sold it at the Fish Fry and the proceeds were donated to the Hot Lunch Program. Thanks to anyone that helped her also.

If you have been out to the K you can see that we have been working on the walking path when the weather permits. Thanks to Chuck Sheets for going out whenever he is able. We'll keep plugging along until it's done.

I don't know if you have been out to the club lately but our parking lot is in need of repair badly. The winter has not been good for it. I am establishing a parking lot fund so if you would like to donate to this fund which is tax deductible please send your donation to the Massillon Knights Foundation (MKF) at 688 Cherry Road N.W., Massillon, Ohio 44647. It will be greatly appreciated. We probably will have some type of fundraiser in the future. Also, we save Aluminum cans and the proceeds will go into the parking lot fund so if you can please save your cans and drop them off at the K. Make sure they are just the **aluminum cans** please.



FISH FRY'S
Every Friday
in our Clubroom
4:00 to 8:00 PM

Complex Manager's Report

By Mary Ann Cowley

Happy Spring To all!

Happy Mother's Day to all the moms out there. Hope you all have a special day!

We will start out our first weekend in May with our combined **Kentucky Derby/ Cinco de Mayo Party**, Saturday, May 4th. This is a clubroom fundraiser, and loads of fun! Prizes to those with our category Derbys! Mexican Menu, Free Play juke box! Bet on your favorite horse for \$2.00. Mint Julips available! Doors open at 4:00 p.m.

Looking Ahead -

Brown's Tailgate Parties - we will open for ALL games this year. Will post a schedule in a later newsletter and in the clubroom. Squares will be \$25.00 this year. The Board will go on sale in JULY.

Bingo every Monday at 7:00 p.m. Doors open at 4:00 p.m. Please support our bingo program!

Don't forget to stop in this summer for a drink and support your clubroom. Summer is a slow time, so we need all the business we can get in these summer months.

If we don't have an event scheduled in July, August on a Saturday, our kitchen will be CLOSED on Saturdays for clubroom dining. You are able to bring in a pizza or your favorite food if you want on those Saturdays. We will post a list of Saturdays this summer, when our kitchen will be closed.

**Remember our
 Veterans this
 Memorial Day.
 Fly your Flag!**



KENTUCKY DERBY CINCO DE MAYO PARTY

Saturday, May 4, 2019
in the clubroom
with Mexican Menu, derby
contest, derby boards, Mint
Julips and free play on our
juke box.
Doors open at 4:00 PM

Columbian Ladies Report

By Darlene Catazaro

Thank you, ladies for the vote to move forward with plans to purchase new items for the K of C. It was decided to purchase 5 more tables, money donated toward an ice machine, provide a cement pad and walkway to our Blessed Virgin Mary and pricing to purchase new dinnerware and silverware sets. This was an amazing meeting and we are encouraging all ladies to mark your calendar to attend our May meeting. Please continue to pray and have a great month.

MASSILLON K of C BINGO

Every Monday Night 7PM

Doors open at 4:30 PM

ALL PAPER GAMES

Bishop Massillon Assembly Fourth Degree

Faithful Friar Fr. Raymond Paul 833-2607
 Faithful Purser Edward Shuman 854-3691
 Faithful Captain Roger Piper 936-0974
 Faithful Admiral Paul Haig, PFN 837-1185
 Faithful Comptroller Dan Flanagan 966-4937
 Faithful Pilot Leonard Hughes 834-5586
 Faithful Scribe

Faithful Navigator Matthew Meyer, 284-9365
 Faithful Inner Sentinel Charles Meyer 833-0593
 Faithful Outer Sentinel Jim Coughlin, PFN
 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

I want to congratulate and welcome two new 4th degree members Ed Custer and Charlie Reed. They both made their degree on March 30th in Boardman. We look forward to them and their wives becoming active in our Assembly.

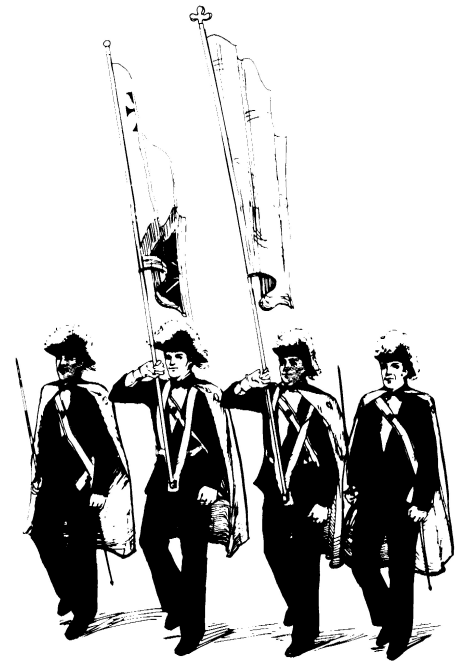
It is never too early to recruit new candidates for the next exemplification. There will be one in the Fall. The date hasn't been determined yet but I will keep everyone posted.

On May 7th, we will start at 6:30pm with the Flag Retirement Ceremony. The regular meeting will start then at the normal time of 7pm. The assembly will raffle off 3 brand new flags from Wacker Signs. If you bring in an old U.S. Flag to retire, you will get a raffle ticket for a chance at one of the new flags. We need Sir Knights in full regalia for the Ceremony. Please dress for this if you are able to.

Thanks to all who helped out at the gun show. It was another successful weekend even though the crowds were not quite as large. A special thanks to Roger Piper who cooked the food on both days and then cleaned up after it was over on Sunday.

The Past Faithful Navigators dinner will be our next ladies night on June 4th. We will be having steak. Let us know ahead of time if you are coming to this so we have a decent count for how many steaks to get.

We are planning to be in the Memorial Day parade again this year. We desperately need SKs in full regalia/new uniform for this. Let's show our patriotic pride by participating in this parade. The parade just goes down Lincoln Way and ends at city hall. It is a very short walk. This is the last year for the regalia as well so put it to good use. This may be the last year we participate as well if we do not get any members to get the new uniform. The parade is Monday, May 27th at 9am.



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