



Massillon Council 554



Knights of Columbus

WEBSITE ISSUE

October, 2017

Grand Knights Report, by Gary Lamielle, Grand Knight

Well, October is here and it is time to say goodbye to summer. Autumn is such a beautiful time in Ohio the changing of the leaves can be breath taking God blesses us with such beauty it is a wonderful time of the year. I hope you take a few moments to read about all the events going on at your club.

I know the foundation looks forward to you coming out and taking advantage of the many things going on at your club. The weekend of October 1st we will be having a church drive at all three parishes to look for new members to join the Knights of Columbus. We all know someone who would make a good knight it may be a friend or family member so why not ask them to join us and help build the right arm of the church. One of the main function of the knights is to assist our priests whenever possible. Each parish has a round table program which is a group of knights to help our priests in whatever way we can. I ask you to please ask your children and grandchildren to consider joining the Knights of Columbus we need young people with fresh ideas and youthful spirit to join us.

As you well know the flu season is upon us if you are inclined to get a flu shot now is the time to think about getting it. The flu can be extremely hard on the elderly so please talk to your doctor about you getting a shot this year. Please take time to pray for all the victims of the weather-related tragedies that have occurred this past month. I know I often forget to thank God for the blessings he bestows on me. We are very blessed in Ohio especially northeast Ohio with the weather we have.

I would like to leave you with a quote from Eileen Elias Freeman. The more you live in the Light of God the less power the darkness has over your life. Please pray the Rosary which is our defense against evil.

Kyrie Eleison on our country and the world Pax.

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

What's Happening in...

.....October, 2017

- 3 7:00 PM 4th Degree Meeting
- 4 7:00 PM Squires Meeting
- 10 7:00 PM Reg. Council Meeting
- 12 **Columbus Day**
7:00 PM Stark County Chapter
- 17 5:00 PM MKF Clubroom Dinner
6:30 PM Program Director's Meeting
7:00 PM Officer & Trustee Meeting
7:30 PM Columbian Ladies Meeting
- 18 7:00 PM Squires Meeting
- 21 9:00 AM Columbian Ladies Craft Show
- 24 7:00 PM **Admission/1st Degree**
- 28 10:00AM Children's All Saints Party
10:00AM 4th Deg Exemp St Hilary Church Akron

.....November, 2017

- 1 **All Saints Day**
7:00 PM Squires Meeting
- 7 7:00 PM 4th Degree Meeting
- 8 1:00 PM Bloodmobile
- 9 7:00 PM Stark County Chapter Meeting
- 11 **Veterans Day**
11 6:00 PM Nite at the Races
- 14 7:00 PM Reg. Council Meeting
- 15 7:00 PM Squires Meeting
- 21 5:00 PM MKF Clubroom Dinner
6:30 PM Program Director's Meeting
7:00 PM Officer & Trustee Meeting
- 23 **Thanksgiving**
- 28 7:00 PM Council Memorial Mass (Col Ladies)

Massillon Council 554 2016 - 2017 Officers & Trustees

Chaplain	Msgr James Kolp	871-8346
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Inside Guard	Phil Glatz	844-5330
Outside Guard	Leonard Hughes	834-7638
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2- Year Trust	Bill Shane, PGK	830-9224
3- Year Trust	Walt Featheringham	
Field Agent	(Vacant)	
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<u>Parish Round Table Coordinators</u>		
St. Mary	Ken Girt, PGK	837-6670
St Joseph	Randy Smith, PGK	323-5904
St Barbara	Ray Tully	837-4877

<u>Program Activity Chairmen:</u>		
Church	Ken McLaughlin	571 1203
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Family	Jim Fondriest	854-4850
Culture of Life	Phil Glatz	844-5330
Youth/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	830-9224

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Fraternal Report, by Ken Girt PGK

On Our Sick List: Gerald Meyer, Bill Ringley, Ron Blogna, Bill Hamit, Ron Kurpieski, Jim Kracker, Jim Bushway, Richard Rootes 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.

Columbian Ladies Guild, By Darlene Catazaro, President.

No Report.

1000 Club Calendars

By Matt Meyer, 100 Club Chairman

The 2018 Lottery Calendars are ready to buy and sell. You may contact Matt Meyer 330-284-9365 or Gary Lamielle 330-327-7223 to pick up calendars.

We are always looking for new people to sell calendars. There are cash rewards for selling calendars so please get in touch with us to learn more about it.

Public Square Rosary

By Phil Glatz, Culture of Life Chairman

Worthy Sirs and Worthy Ladies, I want to invite you to join in a Public Square Rosary Rally on Saturday, Oct. 14th, 2017 at 12 noon outside the Massillon legislative center in Massillon. This Public Square Rosary, sponsored by America Needs Fatima, will be one of over 20,000 rallies that will take place all across the United States on the day. Please join us in offering reparation for the sins and offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to fervently pray for the conversion of the United States. Will you be able to join me and other Catholics on that very important day?

I will need help distributing Attendance Sheets that will need to be filled out by each attendee. I will also need help distributing copies of the prayers and songs that we will be singing, as well as the basics of how to say the rosary. Finally, I will need help putting up the banner for the event.

Gentleman, please tell your wives and extend the invitation to your children and their children. I can be reached at: 330-844-5330 or tgp491994@gmail.com anytime. I hope to see each of you there.

MKF - Clubroom Dinner

Served 5-7 PM

October 17, 2017

Meatloaf Dinner

Or

All You Can Eat Spaghetti Dinner

\$8 -Adults \$6-children

age 2-12, Under 2-FREE

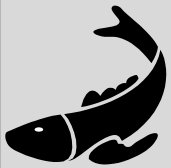
The Massillon Knights Foundation

Foundation Trustees 2016 – 2017 James Brelish (Treasurer), Paul Lambert (President), , Bill Shane (Vice President), Jeff Heitger (Secretary), Ron Kurpieski, John Williams, Dave Cowley, Jim Sieber, Bob Catazaro

Foundation Report

By Paul Lambert, President

Wing It will be performing in the Clubroom on Saturday, October 14th from 8 to 11 p.m. Come out and support your clubroom and have a sandwich and support our kitchen. Let's make 2018 coming up a great year for our clubroom activities and business for our kitchen.



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

Faithful FriarFr. Raymond Paul 833-2607
 Faithful Purser.....Edward Shuman 854-3691
 Faithful CaptainLeonard Hughes 834-7638
 Faithful AdmiralPaul Haig, PFN 837-1185
 Faithful Comptroller...Dan Flanagan 966-4937
 Faithful PilotRoger Piper 936-0974
 Faithful ScribePhil Glatz 844-5330

Faithful NavigatorMatthew Meyer 284-9365
 Faithful Inner SentinelCharles Meyer 833-0593
 Faithful Outer SentinelJim Coughlin
 Faithful 1-year TrusteeJames Sieber,PFN 478-2363
 Faithful 2-year TrusteeFrank Csipke, PFN 833-6176
 Faithful 3-year Trustee Fred Russell, PFN 832-5420
 CommanderJames Sieber,PFN 478-2363

Faithful Navigator Report, *By Matt Meyer, Faithful Navigator* No Report.

Faithful Comptroller Report *By Dan Flanagan*

September Birthdays: Clark Richards, James Hohman, Paul Bishop, JOHN Mountford II, Paul Lucchesi, Jerome Hathaway, Robert Heitger III, Fr Raymond Paul, and Thomas Haig

September Anniversaries: Ronald and Sue Wells, Patrick and Antoinette Garvey, Robert and Rebecca Heitger, Michael and Mary Lou Loudiana, William and Constance Shane, James and Dorothy Thewes, Virgil and Karre Wendling, Norman and Lois Budd, Richard and Kay Beaudry and Michael and Deborah Szillat

October Birthdays: Keith Stahler, George Elum, Roger Piper, Carmine Russo, Robert Smith and Frank Minocchi

October Anniversaries: Bryan and Rhonda Knowles, James and Virginia Hohman, Keith and Carole Stahler, Kenneth and Linda Girt, Larry and Paula Haymaker and Floyd and Linda Appleman

“Abuse of Flag is Disrespectful to all Americans”

When we stand placing our hand over our heart saying the pledge, we are loyal, responsible, faithfully making a promise to our beautiful country,

This great nation: under God;” each word clarifies the true meaning of what we pledge.

When our government took our pledge and prayer out from our now generation, they took our nourishment to survive. It is no wonder that we have more violence and immortality at an increase. Amazing how this infiltration has seeped in, taking our beautiful country down to the very core of our existence. A cancer that grows and hurts the deepest part of our souls.

When you abuse anything for so long, you lose it forever. Our Flag pledge is blending of stars of greatness, with stripes indicating our military – those who fought and those who are still fighting for each of us to keep us safe and free. She is not just a piece of cloth, but a precious symbol which represents all citizens and should be respected with dignity. Each tiny thread represents a member of our armed forces. She is our blanket of freedom.

Our pledge flag is our voice as she waves peacefully around the world. When she is abused, so, too, are we as a nation. And a nation is only as strong as its people.

God bless the United States of America and its people.

Jeanie Wilson, Canal Fulton

(Editor’s Note: Jeanie’s letter appeared in the Evening Independent on Monday, September 4, 2017. She is one of our Wednesday Hot Lunch workers.)

Knights of Columbus Service in the Great War, Part II



A "Casey" at the Front

By Joseph Pronechen

"CASEYS" AND CHAPLAINS

To run the huts, Knights of Columbus workers, known as secretaries, began arriving in France from the United States in March 1918. These men did not qualify for military service but still wanted to help as much as they could. Their uniforms were like the U.S. Army's but with "KC" on their shoulder badge and buttons. Naturally, secretaries quickly got the nickname "Casey."

One such Casey was Frank Large, later grand knight of Palos Council 35 in Bristol, CT. His poor vision prevented him from enlisting, but he served as a secretary and chaplain's assistant at southern U.S. camps. His uniform and several items from his work are displayed in the museum exhibit.

The Caseys dispensed items such as candy, gum, cigarettes, playing cards, sewing kits, razors, postcards, and rosaries. The KC secretaries sometimes even went to the front lines and trenches to

hand out items to soldiers. They also operated large mobile food trucks known as rolling kitchens — a Knights invention — to bring the men hot coffee, cocoa, and other warm food.

The secretaries even provided tremendous quantities of sports gear and equipment, including baseball bats and gloves emblazoned with the order's emblem. During their first month overseas, 14,772 baseballs, 2,286 sets of boxing gloves, and 1,687 footballs were doled out. Doughboys played 5,000 games of baseball every day wearing uniforms also supplied by the Knights.

No doubt some got pointers from Hall of Fame infielder Johnny Evers, who played on the Boston Braves 1914 World Series winning team and was the league's MVP. A member of Troy (NY) Council 176, Evers joined the Caseys and served overseas from July to December 1918.

Caseys also helped the wounded in the field and hospitals, writing letters for men unable to do so themselves. One KC secretary, Frank Larkin, a past grand knight of Mystical Rose Council 268 in New York, NY, remembered a badly wounded young soldier at a hospital in Neuilly, France, calling out to him: "Have you a minute to spare, Casey?" The young man first wanted to write a letter but then said, "Casey, get a priest." He had a smile on his face as a chaplain gave him the last rites.

Since more than a third of the soldiers were Catholic, chaplains were there to serve the men—and serve with them. Among the first five K of C chaplains to arrive in France, for example, was 1st Lt. Chaplain John B. DeValles. Known as the Angel of the Trenches, Father DeValles never recovered from exposure to mustard gas while ministering on the front lines. He died shortly after the war, in 1920. His tunic, helmet, Distinguished Service Cross, Portuguese Military Order of Christ, and French Croix de Guerre medals are on display in the K of C Museum exhibit.

The exhibit includes numerous other World War I artifacts as well, including a 13th-century altar stone from Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Reims, which was bombed during the war; uniforms, helmets and hats from service members; a rosary and pocket shrine; the Catholic Prayer Book for the Army and Navy; and an autographed manuscript of "The Peacemaker" by famous poet and journalist Joyce Kilmer, a Knight from New York who died in the war.

The exhibit even includes a gallery simulating a trench and trench warfare, complete with lighting and special sound effects.



Men of the 32nd "Red Arrow" Division Visiting a Mobile Kitchen at Juvigny, France

SERVICE AND SACRIFICE

By the end of the war in November 1918, more than 116,000 American men and some 60,000 Canadians had died in the conflict. Among them were 1,500 members of the Knights of Columbus from the United States and approximately 120 Knights from Canada. Both the first and the last U.S. officers to die in the war were Knights.

“The first name on the casualty list of the American army in France is that of Dr. William T. Fitzsimmons of Kansas City, killed in a German air raid on our hospitals,” wrote former President Theodore Roosevelt in the fallen doctor’s hometown paper. “To the mother he leaves, the personal grief must in some degree be relieved by the pride in the fine and gallant life which has been crowned by the great sacrifice. We, his fellow countrymen, share this pride and sympathize with this sorrow.”

Lt. Fitzsimmons was a member of Kansas City Council 527. In 1914, before the United States entered the war, he had served as a volunteer with the Red Cross in France for four months, returned home, and was commissioned as a lieutenant in the Medical Officers Reserve Corps. When the AEF was formed, he immediately volunteered and was with the first five physicians heading overseas in June 1917.

Fitzsimmons was waiting to help the wounded at Base Hospital 5 in Pas-de-Calais, France, on the afternoon of 4 September, when he was killed by a bomb from a German plane. His memory wasn't forgotten, nor was that of 1st Lt. Chaplain William F. Davitt, the last U.S. officer and chaplain to be killed in the war. A member of Holyoke (MA) Council 90, Father Davitt volunteered as a K of C chaplain and served with the 125th Infantry. He was killed by one of the last shells fired in the war, just over an hour before the ceasefire at 11 a.m. on Armistice Day, 11 November 1918.

The priest had already been awarded the Croix de Guerre and Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) for organizing and leading the rescue of 40 wounded soldiers cut off from the troops. One soldier wrote that Father Davitt's "DSC" should stand for "Died in the Service of Christ!"



A "Casey" Assists a Wounded Doughboy in the Argonne Forest

Even though the war ended on 11 November 1918, a number of the recreation centers remained in full swing. Serving troops at a hut in Koblenz, Germany, Knights gave a new meaning to the nickname "Doughboys," producing more than 40,000 doughnuts a day in their large kitchen.

Overall, about 1,100 men and women served overseas to run nearly 150 K of C huts. Even more worked in a comparable number of huts stateside.

The war relief effort during World War I made such an impression that between 1917 and 1923, approximately 400,000 men joined the Knights, doubling the prewar membership. Through its war relief efforts, both on the battlefield and behind the lines, the Knights of Columbus earned international esteem and recognition. And it was through this work that the Knights brought the message of charity, care, and Christ to countless servicemen.

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