



“Over 113 years of Service to the Massillon Area”

Massillon Council 554



Knights of Columbus

January, 2016

Grand Knight’s Report

By William Shane, Grand Knight

January is here and it’s time to start a new. This year is full of promise with a fresh start!

These are some key dates of interest that should be kept in mind. Saturday January 9 we will be having a **Benefit for Melissa Brelish Loomis**. She is the daughter of our Brother Knight Jim Brelish. The Benefit will be here in our building starting a 6:00 pm, dinner will be provided, cash bar, basket raffle, 50/50 and a DJ. Tickets can be bought in advance for \$10 and \$15 at the door. Please call Mary Dalpra for more information 330-412-5046, also the Knights of Columbus 330-837-9101.

January 24 is our Anniversary / Awards Dinner. Reservations are being taken now for the Swiss Steak Dinner with the cost being \$15 a person. Information will also be posted at the club and on the website.

Our award recipients are Knight of the Year Dick Wilson, Lady of the Year Mary Jo Meyer, Family of the Year Jim and Karen Fondriest, Volunteer of the Year Ron Kurpieski, Clergy of the Year Randy Smith, Supreme Knights of the Year Father Ed Gretchko, Richard Roots and Dan Skirtich and lastly Humanitarian of the Year Steve Clark. Congratulations to all of you!

January 26 at 7 pm will be a 1st Degree.

February is sign-up time for the 200 Club Banquet. Please put in your reservation at the K-Club for the banquet which will be held Friday February 5. Also February 9 we will have a 2nd Degree and a 3rd Degree on February 28.

Please continue to check the website for additional information and updates.

Council Meetings

2nd & 4th Tues 7:00 PM

Dining Room Hours:

**Wed, Thur, Sat 5-8 PM
Friday; 4 – 8 PM**

What’s Happening in...

.....January, 2016

- 1 *Solemnity of Mary;
New Year’s Day*
- 5 7:30 PM 4th Degree Meeting
- 7 7:30 PM Stark County Chapter
- 12 7:00 PM Reg. Council Meeting
- 16 9:00 AM Squires Meeting (St. Mary’s)
6:00 PM Nite at the Races
- 19 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
- 24 6:00 PM Council Anniversary Dinner
- 26 7:00 PM **1st Degree**
- 30 6:00 PM MKF Reverse Raffle

.....February, 2016

- 2 7:00 PM 4th Degree Meeting
- 5 6:00 PM 200 Club Banquet
- 6 9:00 AM Squires Meeting (St. Mary’s)
- 9 7:00 PM **2nd Degree**
- 10 *Ash Wednesday*
5:00 PM Clubroom Fish Fry
- 11 7:30 PM Stark County Chapter Meeting
- 13 6:00 PM “Love Boat”
- 16 5:00 PM MKF Clubroom Dinner
6:30 PM Program Director’s Meeting
7:00 PM Officer & Trustee Meeting
- 20 9:00 AM Squires Meeting (St. Mary’s)
- 23 7:00 PM Reg. Council Meeting
- 27 6:00 PM Nite at the Races
- 28 1:00 PM 3rd Degree at Council 554

Chaplain’s Report

By Msgr James Kolp

Let me begin by wishing each of you a Blessed and Happy New Year! With all the problems and challenges around us we need to remember that God is still with us with His love and assistance. When Saint Paul had challenges God said to him" My grace is sufficient for you." 2 Cor 12/9

One thing I look forward to every year is the March for Life in Washington. I have been taking part in it almost every year since 1973. We Knights of Columbus are a huge part of the March. Knights serve as guides and assistants in many ways. In about 1976 Knights gave me a patch for my jacket that enabled me to walk into the Leaders Tent where all the speakers gather. Now when I go to the March it is so crowded that I can hardly get into the Mall itself. It has grown immensely and every single person is kind and considerate. Paul and Mary Ann Haig go. We'd love to have you join us. Call me for information at 330-871-8346. The March will take place on Friday, January 22nd.

Let us all do all we can to make our Council grow during this New Year. Your prayers and your participation are vital. God wills it.

Club Room Hours

Mon-Tues-Wed: 4-11 PM

Thu-Fri-Sat: 4 -12 AM

9th Annual Massillon Knights Foundation REVERSE RAFFLE

Saturday January 30, 2016 in the Santa Maria Room

Doors Open 6 PM. Dinner 7

Sponsored by the Massillon Knights Foundation.

for building improvement/repair

Tickets are \$40 and includes a Steak Dinner, Open Bar and chance for over \$2,395 in Prizes

Call 330-837-9101 for Tickets. Only 200 Sold!

Massillon Council 554

2014- 2015 Officers & Trustees

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| Youth & Squires | Mike Szillat | 830-4930 |

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

Fraternal Report

By Ken Girt, PGK

On Our Sick List: Gerald Meyer, Bill Ringley, Ron Blogna, Paul Hassman.

In Nursing Homes: Bill Peters (Amherst Meadows)

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.

Isabella Guild Report

By Mary Jo Meyer

Our December Christmas meeting was called to order with prayers for the very sick. Our meal was a plethora of our favorites; stuffed pork chops, mashed potatoes and gravy, along with a lovely tossed salad. For dessert, we had ice cream topped with chocolate and cream.

Door prizes were won by Mary Seifert (2), Pat Wagner, Lorraine Youngman, Dorothy Laubacher, Naomi Murphy, Shirley Albrecht, Charlotte Gibbs, Joann Heather, Joan Decker and Jeannine Morrison.

Winners in 500 were Mary Kay Copeland first, Mary Seifert second, Charlotte Gibbs third and Joann Heather fourth place. In euchre first place went to Barbara Draime, second went to Shirley Albrecht, and tied for third were Dorothy Stortz and Karen Garbarino.

Our next meeting will be held on March 10, 2016. Have a Happy New Year!

From the Editor

by Ken Girt, PGK

Have you accessed our newsletter on our website??? It is being uploaded every month.....

www.massillonkofc554.org

Please make this website one of your "favorites" or "bookmark" the website for frequent reference. You might even add the website link to your desktop.

Stay in touch.....

1000 Club Calendars

Please return calendars ASAP whether they are sold or unsold. They were in high demand when Christmas started to come around and some sellers are requesting more calendars to sell. I would like to thank everyone who helped make this very important fundraiser possible. From printing to stuffing, to distribution and collection and most importantly, selling. Once all the calendars are sold I will give a report on the top sellers and also I will have a list of calendars sold by each seller so they can keep track during the year.

In Memoriam: Harold Hardgrove

Harold "Ted" Hardgrove, age 87 of Massillon, passed away Nov. 11. Ted was born in Canal Fulton and was a lifelong resident of the area.

Ted was a veteran of the United States Army serving during the Korean and Cold War eras; and was a paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne Division, 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment with the rank of Sgt. 1st Class. Ted received accommodations and decorations to include Expert Infantry Badge, Senior Parachutist Badge, Pathfinder Badge and Glider Wings.

Ted was a member of the Electricians Local #540 retiring from WW Schaub Electric. He was former Jackson Twp. Fire Chief, retiring in 1975. He was a member of St Mary's Catholic Church, the K of C #554, was a life member of the 82nd Airborne Association, the Ohio Fire Chief's Association, the American Legion, and FOE #190,

Ted is survived by his wife Eilene (Blickenderfer) Hardgrove of 62 years of marriage; and children Debra, Rebecca, and Todd.

May he Rest in Peace!

Columbian Ladies Report

By Darlene Catazaro

Reminder: The Columbian Ladies next meeting will be January 19th at 7pm. We will be collecting for the 2016 dues. I hope to see you there!

In Memoriam: Don Kassner

Donald J Kassner, age 81, of Massillon died unexpectedly on Wednesday, December 16.

Don was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church of Massillon; Knights of Columbus 3rd Degree and volunteered for St. Vincent de Paul food cupboard.

Donald is survived by his wife Susan (Miller) Kassner, daughter, Dr. Deborah Kassner, and sons, Kevin, Randy and Chris.

MKF

Clubroom Dinners

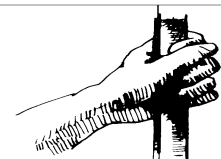
Served 5-7 PM on....

January 19, 2016
All You Can Eat Spaghetti
\$8 for Adults,
\$6 for children age 2 – 12
Under age 2 – FREE

February 16, 2016
City Chicken
\$10 for Adults,
\$8 for children age 2 – 12
Under age 2 – FREE

Read more about it on our website:

www.massillonkofc554.org



The Massillon Knights Foundation

Foundation Trustees 2012 – 2013 James Brelish (Treasurer), Paul Lambert (President), Jeff Heitger (Secretary), Ron Kurpieski, Ray Tully (Vice-President), Dave Cowley, Jim Sieber, Bob Catazaro, Bill Shane

MKF President's Report

By Paul Lambert, President

I hope everyone had a Blessed Christmas and I want to wish you a Very Happy and Blessed New Year. With the weather so nice I hope you have checked in our your friends and neighbors. This time of year everyone needs some cheer.

Here are the date and menu for our Tuesday night dinner for January and February.

Tuesday, January 19, 2016 - Meatloaf or All You Can Eat Spaghetti from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. \$8.00 for Adults and \$6.00 for children.

Tuesday, February 16, 2016 - City Chicken from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. - \$10.00 for Adults and \$8.00 for children.

Just a reminder that the **Annual Foundation Financial Report** to Council 554 will be given at the **January 12, 2016 meeting**.

Don't forget to get your ticket to our Reverse Raffle. Please buy a ticket or sell one if you can. There are 200 tickets and we have more members than tickets and we should have no problem selling them if everyone helps. Tickets are only \$40.00 and helps support your organization.

Spring Cleaning - my wife and some of the members are to spring clean in January. All the woodwork, carpet on walls will be cleaned and any repairs that need to be done. All of us want to make sure that this building is kept in good condition after all the work that has been done. If you would like to help call me or leave your name and number at the office or bar and when you would be available. A couple hours of your time is all we need - day or night.

Remember also in February we have the Love Boat. It is a great time and if you haven't been to one you are missing a good time.

Fish Fry's
Every Friday
in our Clubroom
4:00 to 8:00 PM
Complex Manager's Report

By Mary Ann Cowley

Happy New Year to everyone! Let's hope 2016 finds you all in good health and much happiness!

It seems as though we have a lot of fundraisers and activities the month of January and early February! If you cannot support them all we sure wish you would at least support one of them. The following are events we have coming up::

Benefit for Melissa Brelish Loomis To begin 2016 I would like to invite you all to purchase a \$10 ticket to our benefit here at the Knights of Columbus for Melissa Brelish Loomis, on Saturday January 9, 2016 Please see full article in this newsletter! Tickets are available at the bar or by calling 330-837-9101.

Nite at the Races is Saturday, January 16, with co-sponsor St. Joseph Holy Name Society. Please get your tickets early. We always have a large crowd in January. Tickets are still ONLY \$10 for the races which includes a buffet meal, beverages. This is a cheap night out, and lots of fun with family and friends.

Reverse Raffle - for our building improvements - Saturday, January 30th - tickets are \$40 each! We only sell 200 tickets and we would like to sell them all at least one week before the event. We always have a hard time getting rid of these 200 tickets! If each member would buy one, we could sell alot more. All we are asking is that you please help us in getting these tickets sold! Ticket holder receives a Steak, Chicken or Scrod Dinner, open bar, and a chance to win over \$2000.00 Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Call 330-837-9101 for tickets or purchase yours at the Bar.

Super Bowl Squares are now available at the bar. Super Bowl Sunday, is February 7, 2016 \$40 a square, open bar, Steak, Chicken or Scrod meal, snacks at half-time and a chance to win \$1000.00 ! This has been filling up rather fast the last few years, so get your square early .If you do NOT have a square you cannot get in that day, its a private party for only 100 people. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. ...dinner served at 5:00 p.m. - game starts around 6:20 p.m.

Don't forget our **Clubroom** is open 6 days a week and Wed - Saturday our Kitchen is open. Don't forget to stop in

and enjoy one of Terri's famous burgers or great salads. Support our dining room, please we would love to see some new faces in here. Wing Wednesdays - .40 cent wings, and happy hour from 4 to 6 p.m. Fish Fry - every Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. During Lent hours for fish are 4 to 9 p.m.

Love Boat Cruise for Valentines Day will be Saturday, February 13th ! This is our biggest fundraiser for the clubroom! If you have never gone on our cruise, let 2016 be your first year! You will not regret boarding with us. Treat your wife, girlfriend, whomever to a fun night out for Valentine's Day! Tickets are \$35 each, includes o'derves, a chocolate fountain, buffet meal and an open bar! We have a casino, DJ. a surprise celebrity guest star at 9 p.m. and much much more! We are now taking reservations so book your Love Boat Cruise - 330-837-9101.

Nite At The Races for February, February 27th - with co-sponsor Westark Family Services. Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Texas Hold'Em - every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. \$20 buy in - pays out 100% - if your here at 7:00 p.m. no later you receive an extra \$500 chip to put into play. If you haven't tried our game, c'mon out some Thursday and join in. We average 15 to 20 people each evening, not a huge crowd , but a lot of fun!

Bingo - Mondays - Doors open at 4:30 p.m., bingo starts at 7 p.m. Our crowds are holding right around 100 people which is great, let's keep it there. Thanks to Ron Kirpieski for all he does for our Bingo, he is our Principal Chairperson. Also thanks to all of you who work every week of the month! We have a few people who never miss a week of bingo unless they are on vacation, Ron Kurpieski, Dan Skirtich, Sue Hall, Jim Brahm & Nancy Eberhardt ! We appreciate you all ! Thanks again for your constant dedication and countless hours you volunteer!!!



Bishop Massillon Assembly Fourth Degree

Faithful Friar Fr. Raymond Paul 833-2607
 Faithful Purser..... Edward Shuman 854-3691
 Faithful Captain
 Faithful Admiral Paul Haig, PFN 837-1185
 Faithful Comptroller Dan Flanagan 330-966-4937
 Faithful Pilot Roger Piper 837-8164
 Faithful Scribe Frank W Mayle

Faithful Navigator Matthew Meyer 284-9365
 Faithful Inner Sentinel Charles Meyer 833-0593
 Faithful Outer Sentinel Richard Urbanek 854-2001
 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

Some membership dues were passed out at the last meeting. The rest should have been mailed or you can get at the next meeting. Membership cards will be ready soon as well.

Turnout for the Christmas Ball was pretty good. I know there were a few people who couldn't make it this year so hopefully we will have even more next year.

There was a suggestion at the last meeting to move all meeting start times to 7pm. This would help stop confusion on whether or not the meeting starts at 7pm like for a ladies night or 7:30pm for a regular business meeting night. We will vote on this at the next meeting. If you have any input on this, please attend the meeting in January.

Massillon council 554's Anniversary dinner is January 24th. Doors open at 5pm and dinner at 6pm. We would like to have an honor guard post colors for this so if you are attending the dinner and have regalia, please let me know if you can fallout.

Faithful Comptroller Report

By Dan Flanagan, Faithful Comptroller

Happy Birthday to Sir Nights observing birthdays in January: David Flack, William Ringley, Charles Maier, Ronald Wells, David Rohr, and Robert Catazaro.

Congratulations to couples celebrating wedding anniversaries in January: Thomas and Lisa Haig, John and Mary Ann Mountford,

Happy birthday to Sir Knights observing birthdays in February: Joseph Spragg, Victor Wyss, Edward Kraft, John Roberts, Leonard Hughes, Larry Bucher, Jeffrey Heitger Sr, and Gerald Schroeder.

Congratulations to couples celebrating wedding anniversaries in February: Ronald and Judy Seifert, Anthony and Janice Petrecca, Roger and Anita Piper and Robert and Mickey Catazaro

Benefit for Melissa Brelish Loomis.

**Saturday, January 9, 2016
6:00 PM**

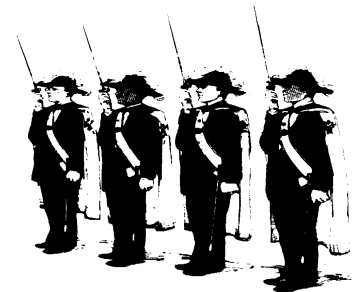
**Tickets - \$10 in advance
Or \$15 at the Door**

Dinner, drawings, 50/50, basket raffles with cash bar and DJ Music

Melissa is the daughter of our Past Faithful Navigator Jim Brelish. She also used to work our Clubroom Friday Night Dinners.

This benefit is to help defray the cost of Melissa's prosthetic arm, which she lost due to a racoon bite back in July. If you would like to attend the benefit, make a cash donation or donate a basket, please call 330-837-9101

You can also call Mary Dalpra for tickets and more information 330-412-5046.



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