



# Massillon Council 554



***Knights of Columbus***

***December, 2023***

## **Grand Knight's Report, by Chuck Maier, Grand Knight**

The month of December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of Mary. The doctrine of the Immaculate Conception places Our Lady before the faithful as an example of what God can do and what we can do. Like Mary, we put ourselves in God's hands and at God's service.

The Knights of Columbus Council 554 has the 1000 Club Calendar for the year 2024 on sale now. If you are interested in getting one you can call the office or contact me at 330-418-8741. The cost is \$30 and we do run out of them. There are over 300 chances to win.

Tuesday December 12th is our meeting night starting at 6:00PM. We will have a meal after the meeting and then bunco. You might want to dress festive with your ugly Christmas sweater.

Our Council had two weekly winners so far on the Football Frenzy tickets congratulations to Ed Fealko, and Paul Lambert.

Round Table T shirts have been designed by Council 554 and will be available soon. \$11 each.

The Officers and Trustee meeting will be on Wednesday December 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30.

I wish everyone a glorious Christmas and New Year.

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

The world has already started celebrating Christmas. However, as Knights you and I realize that there are still some 24 days to prepare for the birthday of Jesus. There is no Gloria in the Mass. The priest will wear violet vestments. All this is to remind us that Advent is a bit like Lent. It is a time of prayer, fasting and concern for our fellow man. Let us be a shining example of making Advent very special. Then we will have a truly Blessed "Christmass".

## **Family, Knight and Volunteer of the Month for November 2023**

Congratulations to **John Haubert** for being selected as our Knight of the Month for November. John has been working regularly at our complex in our renovation efforts.

We also congratulate **Chuck and Ruthanne Maier** for being selected Family of the Month for November. Chuck is our Grand Knight and Membership Director and both work at our fundraiser. They are active at St. Mary Church.

We also congratulate **Denise Cambell** as our Volunteer of the Month for November. Denise works every Monday at our Bingo and helps at the St. Mary Bingo on Tuesdays.

## **Massillon Knights Foundation Complex –Business Hours**

**K-Club Bar:** Hours: open Monday thru Saturday from 4:00pm to closing at the discretion of the Bartender.

**K-Club Dining:** The Kitchen is now open 4-8 pm Tuesday through Saturday!  
See page 5 & 6 of website newsletter for latest K-Club Menu

## **Fraternal Report, by Ken Girt PGK**

**On our Member Sick List:** Bill Ringley, Bill Hamit, Jim Kracker, John Scheetz, Walt Featheringham, Sam Meyer, Chuck Meyer, Paul Lucchesi, Joe Vilhosky, Jim Sieber, Larry Coyne and Fr. Mike Seifert.

**On our Member's Family Sick List;** Barbara Piper (wife of Dale), Mary Francis Carmola (daughter of Al).

If you want your name added to our sick list, or if you know of a member or family member who should be added, please send me an email at girtken@ssnet.com or call 330-608-1729.

## **The Massillon Knights Foundation**

**Foundation Trustees:** **One-Year:** James Brelish (Treasurer), Paul Lambert (President), Bob Pittinger, **Two Year:** Dan Skirtich, Dave Harman, Bill Beese **Three-Year:** Bill Shane (Vice President), Jeff Heitger (Secretary), Rick Chapis

### **Massillon Knights Foundation Report, By Paul Lambert, President**

I hope everyone is doing well this season. I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year. Please check with your family and friends to see if they need anything. At this time of the year people get very lonely and sometimes just need somebody to talk to, be that listener or maybe you need to talk to someone, and they will listen. Remember Jesus is the reason for this Holiday Season.

I want to thank my volunteers, Paul Haig, Ken Girt and John Haubert who help me change one set of the doors on the west side of the building. It had rusted out and we had a set of doors inside the building that we could replace them with. Thank you very much.

Our new project is putting the wall back up to the Club Room from the storm we had in the spring. John Haubert and I have built a new wall with a window and have the outside almost done. Now that Thanksgiving is over, we will be working on getting the inside finished and start fixing the other side. Hopefully, we'll be able to finish before the snow comes. As I said in my last newsletter if you would like to donate to help defray the cost of some of the repairs that need to be done, it would be very much appreciated. Please make your check out to the Massillon Knights Foundation (MKF Building Fund), 988 Cherry Road NW, Massillon, Ohio. 44647.

Remember Hot Lunch is every Wednesday serving from 11:45 to noon. I would like to thank Tom Ferrero and Ralph Galloway for taking over on Mondays when Hunger Harvest drops off the food. Tom and Ralph separate the frozen food, put it away and Tom will decide what we will be having on Wednesday for Hot Lunch and take the meat out to thaw. They have been doing this for me for over 2 years so I can do repair work on the building. We have over 20 volunteers that help each other on Wednesday mornings and without their help we would not have a Hot Lunch Program. This is a great program, and many people depend on it. Thank you again for all that you do.

### **Clubroom Report, Julie Harman, Complex Manager**

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to all!!

**The Club room will be closed for the holiday starting December 23rd thru December 25th reopening on December 26, 2023 and closed December 30th thru January 1st reopening on January 2, 2024.**

We have a few Christmas parties coming up & the train show coming on December 10, 2023.

The new draft system for the club room has arrived and should be installed soon!

**Nite at the Races** will be Saturday, January 20th sponsored by the Massillon Knights Foundation. Tickets are available at the bar or call the office Monday-Friday 9am-Noon. If no answer, please leave a message.

**Super Bowl Board** is now available at the Bar!

The **Bloodmobile** will be here on January 17th!

**Bingo** is every Monday at 6:30PM & doors open at 4PM. We still need some volunteers as well!! If you are interested, please call 330-837-9101.

Social memberships for 2024 are \$20.00 and now available at the bar or office. Renew by end of the year to be eligible for all the drawings on January 1, 2024!!

We are looking for part-time banquet servers, line cook, dishwasher & maintenance. Please call the office or apply online at [massillonkofc554@sssnet.com](mailto:massillonkofc554@sssnet.com).

**See K-Club flyers on clubroom menu, specials, parties and live music performances on the web version of the newsletter** <http://www.massillonkofc554.org>

### **Friday Fish Fry's**

**Every Friday 4:00 to 8:00 pm**

**With weekly specials.**

**See new Menu on pages 5 & 6 of website version of newsletter**

## 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. There will be copies of the four-page newsletter in the clubroom. We encourage you to read the complete electronic newsletter on our website.... <http://www.massillonkofc554.org>.

**Articles of Interest for December:** Council Meeting Minutes, Membership Recruitment/Degrees information, Council 554 activities, Council 554 Christmas Party, St. Andrew Christmas Novena,

## **BISHOP MASSILLON ASSEMBLY FOURTH DEGREE**

Faithful Friar	Fr. Raymond Paul 833-8091	Faithful Navigator	Roger Piper 936-0974
Faithful Purser	Edward Shuman 854-3691	Faithful Inner Sentinel	Charles Meyer / Leonard Hughes
Faithful Captain	Bob Pittinger 571-5150	Faithful Outer Sentinel	Jim Coughlin, PFN 704-0048
Faithful Admiral	Matthew Meyer, PFN 284-9365	Faithful 1-year Trustee	Charles Maier 418-8741
Faithful Comptroller	Dan Flanagan 966-4937	Faithful 2-year Trustee	Joseph Vilhosky 806-4036
Faithful Pilot	Bryan Stewart 605-8840	Faithful 3-year Trustee	Paul Haig, PFN 837-1185
Faithful Scribe	Graham Zeneri 844-7712	Commanders	James Sieber / Graham Zeneri

## **Faithful Navigator Report, By Roger Piper, Faithful Navigator**

Sir Knights..... our next Bishop Massillon Assembly meeting is Tuesday December 5th 6:30 PM. This is a regular business meeting, not a Ladies Night. Food and beverages will be provided.

Thank you for your support of our November collection drive of donated items for the Massillon Serving Area Military, Active, Veterans and their Widows “SAM Center”. We collected canned vegetables/soups, canned chicken/tuna, pasta/pasta sauce, and jelly/jams. In addition, with the Assembly donation, we were able buy many more items to donate. These items help the SAM Center serve our community.

Also, during the month of November to support our Veterans, we made a donation to Warriors to Lourdes pilgrimage. Warriors to Lourdes gives military men and women who suffer from physical, mental, and emotional injuries an opportunity to begin that healing process by sending them to one of the most popular Catholic pilgrimage destinations in the world. During the past 100 years, millions of pilgrims have flocked to the site, with the hope of receiving a special healing and a deepening of faith. As the patriotic arm of the Knights of Columbus, we want to help these heroes go to Lourdes. I would encourage you to learn more about Warriors to Lourdes and ways that you can help our service men and women make this journey.

Please continue to support our local Parishes, local Councils, Massillon Knights Foundation functions and the K-Club activities. All the best and many blessings to you and your family as we celebrate Christmas and the New Year of 2024.

## **Columbian Ladies Guild, by Karen Franz, President**

Columbian ladies.....I hope you all had a blessed and Happy Thanksgiving. Special thanks to MaryAnn, Elaine, and Mercy for selling a lottery basket at Night at the Races. Great job ladies! A shout out to Annie for the donations.

Reminder; Reservations are needed for the "Christmas Celebration". Columbian Ladies are free. If you are bringing a guest the cost is \$20.00. Make reservations with Annie Ziegelhoffer 330 844 2051. The celebration will be December 19th at 6:00p.m. We will have dinner and entertainment by Austin Haig. Join us for the celebration by making reservations today. Looking forward to seeing you and your guests.

Mary Ann is looking for baskets to be used for lottery baskets. You can leave them in the coat room, but let someone know that you left baskets.

Ladies, we will not have a meeting in January due to the uncertain weather. If you have issues that need taken care of, please call Karen at 330-243-0106 or Mary Ann at 330-837-1185.

Need something to do with your time? KofC has volunteer needs; bingo, hot lunch, Night at the Races.

Have a very Merry Christmas, remember to check on your family and friends, when it's cold or if they are alone. Share your smiles with someone in need. May the Lord Bless You and family until we are together again.

**Please Note Ladies:** If you would like to receive your own email with the council bulletin link, please email Bulletin Editor Ken Girt and he will add you to the email blast list each month. ([girtken@sssnet.com](mailto:girtken@sssnet.com)). Remember: the website version of the newsletter contains more information than the four-page printed newsletter available in the clubroom.

## **1000 Club Calendars by Matt Meyer, PGK**

Calendar season is in full swing so get your 2024 lottery calendars while you can! They are still only \$30/each and make for a great Christmas present. We even have Christmas envelopes for them so you can “wrap” them up as a gift. Calendars are available from the Club room office or the council office or you may contact me for details. Matt Meyer 330-284-9365. Thank you for buying and selling year after year. The proceeds help to keep the council running smoothly year after year.

## Upcoming Calendar of Events...

### .....December, 2023

- 2 6:00 PM 4th Degree Dinner Party Tom & Jerry
- 5 6:30 PM 4th Degree Meeting (No Ladies Night)
- 8 ***Feast of the Immaculate Conception***
- 12 7:00 PM Reg. Council Meeting
- 19 6:00 PM Columbian Ladies Christmas Party. Music by Austin Haig
- 20 6:30 PM Special Officer & Trustee Meeting
- 25 ***Christmas***
- 31 ***New Years Eve***

### .....January, 2024

- 1 ***Solemnity of Mary; New Year's Day***
- 2 6:30 PM 4th Degree Meeting
- 9 7:00 PM Reg. Council Meeting
- 11 7:00 PM Stark County Chapter Meeting
- 17 1:00 PM Bloodmobile
- 18 5:00 PM MKF Clubroom Dinner
- 20 6:00 PM "Nite at the Races"
- 23 6:30 PM Officer and Trustee Meeting
- 7:00 PM Columbian Ladies Meeting

**Bingo:** Monday Night 6:30 pm **Hot Lunch:** Wednesday 10:45-Noon **Massillon Knights Foundation Mtg:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues of month 6pm  
**Massillon Squires Circle Meeting:** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 7pm at St Joseph School



## Council Christmas Party December 12, 2023

Council 554 will sponsor a Christmas Party on December 12, 2023, beginning at 6:30 pm. A short council meeting will be held at 6:00 to conduct any important business. A light meal will be served at 6:30, followed by a game of BUNCO. All council members and their wife or significant other are welcome to attend. Christmas attire suggested. \$5 per person.

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# The K-Club Dining Menu

Massillon Knights Foundation

Dining available Tuesday thru Saturday, 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm

## Beginnings

- Loaded Potato Nachos** Seasoned Ground Beef topped with Cheese, fresh pico de gallo, black olives, jalapenos, and sour cream **\$10**
- Chicken Fajita Quesadilla** Grilled flour tortilla with grilled chicken, peppers, onions, & cheddar cheese **\$9**
- Poutines** Fresh-cut fries topped with fried cheese curds and rich brown gravy **\$8**
- Chicken, Bacon, Cheddar, & Ranch Boat** Loaded potato skins drizzled with house made ranch **\$10**
- Fried Pickle Chips** Puckering pickle chips served with ranch **\$6**
- Sauerkraut Balls** Served with ranch for your dipping pleasure **\$6**
- Bavarian Pretzel Rods** Served with a mouth-watering Dijon beer cheese sauce **\$9**
- Jumbo Naked Wings** Six wings naked as the day they were born **\$7**
- Breaded Wing Dings** Six crispy-fried jumbo wings tossed in your choice of sauce **\$9**
- OUR SAUCES** Traditional Buffalo/ Drunken/ Whiskey BBQ/ Sweet Chili/ Garlic Parmesan/ General Tso's (Additional sauce for \$.50)

## Midway Handhelds

- Shaved Ribeye Beef Hoagie** Juicy beef with peppers and onions lathered in a beer cheese sauce and served on an Italian hoagie, fries on the side **\$15**
- Monte Cristo** Thick battered and fried bread, forest ham, roasted turkey, Swiss cheese, with a sweet and savory maple-Dijon mustard, with fries on the side **\$16**
- Chicken Sandwich (Grilled or Fried)** Served on brioche bun with lettuce, tomato, onion, pickles, and mayo, with fries on the side **\$12**
- Chicken Parmesan Sandwich** Delicious marinara, basil pesto, & mozzarella cheese, with side of fries **\$13**
- B & D** Burger Juicy burger topped with bacon, beer-battered onions, cheddar cheese, and our whiskey BBQ sauce aioli, with fries on the side **\$12**
- Burger Basics** Choice of Swiss, American, or cheddar cheese, lettuce, tomato, and onion with fries **\$10**
- BBQ Chicken Flatbread** Rustic, baked crust topped with grilled chicken, bacon, red onion, and a blend of Cheddar and mozzarella cheese **\$14**
- Mediterranean Flatbread** Grilled chicken, red onion, kalamata olive, tomato, pesto, and feta cheese **\$15**

## Friday Fish-Fry Menu (Fridays Only)

- Battered or Floured-Blend Fish Dinners** 1, 2, & 3 -piece Dinner with 2 sides. **\$8 / \$10/ \$12.**
- Ala-Carte Piece of Fish** **\$3** **9oz Broiled Scrod with 2 Sides** **\$15**
- Shrimp Basket with Fries** **\$10** **Fish Sandwich with Fries** **\$9** (Add cheese.. \$.75)
- Ala Carte Sides are \$4 each:** Side Salad, Cucumber Salad, Citrus Slaw, Applesauce, Fresh Cut Fries, Baked Potato (add \$1), Sweet Potato Fries (add \$1.50 as substitution)

**Also Available Fridays is a Select Limited Menu. Ask your server for available items!**

## Sides (Ala Carte sides are \$4 each)

Side Salad  
Applesauce

Cucumber Salad  
Fresh-cut Fries

Citrus Slaw  
Baked Potato (add \$1)

Sweet Potato Fries (add \$1.50 as substitution)

## Midway Salads

**Ham and Turkey Chef** Bacon, egg, tomato, cucumber, and onion with a choice of dressing \$14

**Buffalo Chicken Salad** Crispy-fried chicken tossed with buffalo sauce, cheese, cucumber, tomato, and onion, tossed with ranch dressing \$12

**Greek Chicken and Vegetable Salad** Juicy chicken with fresh bell pepper, tomato, cucumber, kalamata olives, onion and feta cheese over mesclun lettuce tossed with a roasted garlic and oregano vinaigrette \$15

**Salad Dressings:** Ranch, Blue Cheese, Italian, or French

## Midway Entrees

**Herb-Brined Pork Chop** Pan-seared succulent 10 oz, chop with rosemary apple cider jus, served with mashed potatoes and vegetable of the day \$16

**Individual Meatloaf** Your own individual meatloaf served with mashed potatoes with brown gravy and vegetable of the day \$12

**City Chicken** Fried pork on a stick served with mashed potatoes & savory gravy, vegetable of the day \$12

**Mushroom Chicken** Lightly-dusted chicken, pan-seared with a rich and creamy mushroom sauce with mashed potatoes and vegetable of the day \$14

**Cajun Chicken Penne** Chicken, Andouille sausage, peppers, and onions in a delectable cheese sauce and a nice pinch of Cajun spice \$14

**Simply-seared Atlantic Salmon** Served in a buttery wine sauce with mashed potatoes and vegetable of the day \$18

## For the Kiddos

**Chicken Tenders with Fries** \$8

**Grilled Cheese with Fries** \$6

**Kid-sized Burger with Cheese w/ Fries** \$7

**Cheese Quesadilla with Fries** \$6

(\$2 surcharge for adults ordering kid-sized dinners)

## Happy Endings

**Lava Cake with Vanilla Bean Ice Cream** \$9

**Snickers Doodle & Bourbon Ice Cream** \$9

**Bourbon Raisin Bread Pudding** \$7

*Think of your K-Club for Weddings, Dinners, Fundraisers, & any event!*

Just call our office at 330-837-9101. Please leave a message if you get our voicemail.

\*\*\*Consuming raw or undercooked meats, poultry etc. may increase your risk of food illness. (Food may contain allergens).\*\*\*

Menu effective date: September 5, 2023

# Austin Haig



## Acoustic at The K Club

988 Cherry Rd NW  
Massillon

Playing 6:30 - 8:30 pm, on the  
following Thursdays

October 12 & 26

November 9

December 7 & 21

**Thirsty Thursdays 4 - 9 pm**  
**50 cents off Beer & Seltzers**

Must be 21 years old and a current member to  
purchase alcohol

Discounted 2023 Social Memberships \$10

# **K Club Weekly Specials**

## **Happy Hour**



**Mon. - Fri. 4:00 - 6:00 pm**

Starting Sept. 6

## **Happy Apps Wednesdays**

**\$1.00 off all Appetizers**



Starting Sept. 7

## **Thirsty Thursdays**

**50 cents off all Beers & Seltzers**

**4:00 - 9:00 pm**

## **MEMBERSHIP & DEGREES:** There are three ways that a Catholic man or existing 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree member can advance to 3rd Degree.

### **Method 1. Ohio State Council Exemplification:**

#### **For Council 554 First- and Second-Degree Members:**

The Ohio State Council has a “virtual” online Third-Degree Ceremony that is held every Wednesday at 7:00 pm. If you are interested in advancing to the third degree, and we do encourage it, please email me (Ken Girt) and I will provide a link for registering. My email is.... [girtken@sssnet.com](mailto:girtken@sssnet.com). You then will be sent a link for viewing the 30-minute ceremony at home. And yes, your family can view the ceremony as well. Call Ken Girt with any questions. 330-608-1729

#### **Procedure for Online Exemplification for Advancing Members:**

1. The GK, FS or other council designee forwards the **Exemplification Registration** link to members that wish to advance to the to the Third Degree.
2. The member accesses and registers with the Ohio State Council for the degree using the link.
2. The State will then forward the **Exemplification Degree** Link is sent to member after he registers.
3. Advancing Member attends the live online exemplification on Wednesday at 7 PM. Member must be on-line and attend the entire degree. Family members are welcome to view ceremony.
4. The FS or GK are notified that member attended the online Ceremony.
5. FS sends in Form 100 to Supreme indicating member or members advanced to Third Degree. FS issues new Degree card.

#### **For New Candidates:**

If you know of a worthy candidate for membership in the Knights of Columbus, he can also attend the new online Exemplification from the Ohio State Council. See procedure below. Call Ken Girt with any questions. 330-608-1729

#### **Procedure for Online Exemplification for New Member**

1. NEW MEMBER completes a Form 100 and submits to Council.
2. Council Admission Committee contacts and talks with the NEW MEMBER. This can be over the phone or an online meeting.
3. Upon approval of the Admission Committee, the Council votes on the NEW MEMBER.
4. Once the council approves the NEW MEMBER, the GK, FS, Ken Girt or other council designee sends the candidate the Ohio State Council **Exemplification Registration** link to NEW MEMBER.
5. NEW MEMBER accesses the registration link, choosing the Wednesday 7:00 PM Degree, completes the form using “554” for the Council Number field, and signing it with an electronic pen on a tablet or via mouse or finger for touch screen. Then click [Submit].
6. The system will automatically forward the **Exemplification Ceremony** link to the NEW MEMBER.
7. NEW MEMBER attends the entire online exemplification via live degree on assigned date and time. Family members welcome to view ceremony.
7. Upon completion of the degree, the State Warden or other appointed designee will complete the Form 450 and submits to Supreme. Exemplification result is sent to Grand Knight, Financial Secretary, and Membership Director per normal procedure.
8. GK, or FS or other council designee completes the Form 100 from the Officer-On-Line with all fields completed, including dates, proposer name and Membership Number, and ensures all signatures and the proper check boxes are complete. The Form 100 is then submitted to Supreme and State.
9. FS issues a Third-Degree card to NEW MEMBER.

Remember the Ohio State Council sponsors - LIVE - Online Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity every Wednesdays at 7 PM. This allows the user to either log in via a computer, tablet or smartphone as well as call in on the phone.

Each person is required to register. The GK, FS and Council Membership Director are the keepers of the registration link. Therefore, at least one officer should be aware of candidate taking the Exemplification.

Contact any of the following for the registration link:

Chuck Maier Grand Knight: massillonward2@yahoo.com  
 Paul Haig, Financial Secretary: haig@sssnet.com  
 Ken Girt: girtken@sssnet.com

## **Method 2. Massillon Council 554 Exemplification:**

Council 554 will continue to offer the Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity ever Second Wednesday of the month, with a DVD of the ceremony at 7:00 PM. This is for new members as well as current 1st Degree and 2nd Degree members wishing to advance to the full 3rd degree of the Order. It is a 35-minute video. Please contact Ken Girt to register. 330-608-1729 or [girtken@sssnet.com](mailto:girtken@sssnet.com).

## **Method 3. "Live" Exemplification in area Churches:**

Also, Council 554 is conducting a "live" Degree Ceremony every other month in our local churches after a Sunday Mass, for New Members as well as for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree members to advance to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree. If you wish to attend the "live" degree, please Contact Ken Girt at 330-608-1729 or email at [girtken@sssnet.com](mailto:girtken@sssnet.com). Family members are now welcome to attend our degree ceremony! Watch for notices in the newsletter on upcoming degree ceremonies.

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## **MASSILLON COUNCIL 554 2023 - 2024 OFFICERS & TRUSTEES**

<u>Officers</u>			<u>Round Table Coordinators</u>		
Chaplain	Msgr James Kolp	428-5555	St. Mary	Ken Girt, PGK	608-1729
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Advocate	John Ferrero, Jr.	265-9584			
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			LIFE	Joe Vilhosky	806-4036
			Squires	Mike Szillat, PGK	268-9879
			Membership	Chuck Maier	418-8741
			Complex Mgr	Julie Harman	837-9101
			Bingo Mgr	Ron Kurpieski	936-8058
			Bereavement Chr	Graham Zeneri	844-7712
			Webmaster	Kyle Shane	

# **COUNCIL 554 PROGRAM ACTIVITIES:**

## **Massillon “Knights in Action”**

The “Massillon Knights in Action” lists some of the charitable projects accomplished by Council 554 members. If you want to help in our charity work, please contact any Officer / Round Table Coordinator.

**Hot Lunch** Every Wednesday, volunteers from our council and our social membership cook a hot meal for the needy of the Massillon area. Meals are packaged and distributed from 10:45 am to 12:00 pm. Volunteers are asked to call Hot Lunch Chairman Paul Lambert at the complex office at 330-837-9101.

**Bingo** Our major fundraiser for the Massillon Knights Foundation is our weekly Bingo which starts at 6:30 PM every Monday. Volunteers can call the complex office at 330-837-9101

**Coats for Kids** Our Coats for Kids project is a Supreme Council program in which 554 can purchase boxes of new coats for needy children in the Massillon Community. Coats are purchased from donations from Council 554, the Columbian Ladies, St. Mary – St Vincent de Paul Society, Massillon American Legion Post 221, and private contributors. If you would like purchase a box of coats, please contact the FS office at 330-873-1411.

**Adopt-A-Highway** Volunteers from Council 554 pick-up trash along Route 21 north of Massillon in a two-mile corridor on both north and south lanes. Council 554 needs 8 to 10 volunteers for cleanup in the spring and fall. Cleanup detail involves two to three hours on a Saturday morning. If interested, contact Matt Meyer at 330-284-9365

**Charitable Donations:** Council 554 annually donates to the Ohio State Council’s Measure-Up Campaign (supporting programs for those with Developmental Disabilities), S.O.S. Campaign (Support our Seminarians), and Matching Fund (provide financial support of the Youngstown Diocesan Media Library for instructional books and videos on our faith).

**Impact Massillon:** Knights support Divine Mercy Parish in this annual ecumenical service to beatify a local neighborhood

**Round Table St. Barbara Church** (Contact Joel Fichter: 330-830-9301 email: [fichterlaw@sssnet.com](mailto:fichterlaw@sssnet.com))

1. **Divine Mercy Chaplet.** Council 554 Round Table members promote a monthly recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet every Tuesday of the month following the 9:00 am Mass.
2. **Cemetery Cleanup** Council 554 Round Table members meet on a Saturday morning in March or April to clean the cemetery. Look for announcement in Sunday bulletin.
3. **Rosary and Novena for Life and Patriotic Rosary.** Council 554 round table members sponsors a Rosary and Novena for Life and a Patriotic Rosary throughout the year. Look for announcements in Sunday bulletin

**Round Table St. Joseph Church** (Contact Tom Ferrero 330-844-0469 email: [tferrero@sssnet.com](mailto:tferrero@sssnet.com))

1. **Divine Mercy Chaplet.** Council 554 Round Table members promote a monthly recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:30 pm on Saturday, prior to the 4:00 pm Sunday Mass.
2. **Landscaping parish grounds.** Council 554 members volunteer landscaping parish grounds. They especially take pride in maintaining the St. Joseph Memorial Garden located at the north side of the parish office building. If interested in helping, please call Tom Ferrero 330-844-0469.
3. **Soup Kitchen** Council 554 members volunteer at our "Soup Kitchen" held every Monday
4. **Holy Name Society** Council 554 members are active in the St. Joseph Holy Name Society which raises money for church projects. Members also volunteer for many parish activities.

**Round Table St. Mary Church** (Contact Ken Girt, PGK 330-608-1729 email: [girtken@sssnet.com](mailto:girtken@sssnet.com))

- 1 **Divine Mercy Chaplet.** Council 554 Round Table members promote a weekly recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet every Wednesday at 3:30 pm before the close of the Holy Eucharist Adoration in the church. (10am - 4pm)
- 2 **Support St Vincent de Paul Society** Various Council 554 Round Table members help each week at the St Mary – St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Pantry for distributing food for the less fortunate in the Massillon community. Also, members help to unload the weekly delivery of 4,000 pounds-plus of food from the Akron-Canton Food Bank each Thursday at 9:30 am. If you are interested in helping, please call St Vincent de Paul Society at 330-837-0084.
- 3 **Sanctuary Decorations for Christmas and Easter** Council 554 Round Table members help to erect and take down the Christmas and Easter decorations for the sanctuary and church each year. If you are interested in helping, please call Ken Girt at 330-608-1729.
- 4 **Landscaping parish grounds.** St. Mary Round Table members are asked to provide landscaping and miscellaneous repair for the church grounds. If interested in, please call Ken Girt at 330-68-172.

## **PRAYERS:**

### **Prayer for Vocations**

**God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.**

### **Prayer to St. Joseph**

**Glorious Patriarch St. Joseph, whose power makes the impossible possible, come to my aid in these times of anguish and difficulty. Take under your protection the serious and troubling situation that I commend to you, that they may have a happy outcome (*list requests*).**

**My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is great as your power. Amen**

### **Youngstown Diocese Prayer & Icon Visitation Program**

There is a new Diocesan Prayer and Icon Visitation program in our diocese that highlights and emphasizes the "Journey of Love" of Bishop Bonnar's Episcopal Motto "*That All May Be One*". The icon "*Mary, Star of the New Evangelization*" was presented to our new Bishop on April 11, 2021, on behalf of the Knights in the Youngstown Diocese.

Massillon Council 554's Icon is now available for members to use in their homes. Please contact Ken McLaughlin at 330-571-1203 to reserve the Icon along with a manual for suggested prayer services. Please feel free to invite members of our parish to participate as well, even if they are not members of the Knights of Columbus.

The icon is to be placed in a different home each week and remain there until the following week, when it will be transferred to the next intended recipient. During this program, a log of weekly visitations will be maintained by each council.



## 2023 Family, Knight and Volunteer of the Months

	Family of Month	Knight of Month	Volunteer of Month
January	Mike & Sue Ziegelhofer	Ron Kurpieski	Anne Ziegelhofer
February	Matthew & Carrie Competty	Dan Skirtich	Paulette Martin
March	Jeff & Denise Campbell	Eric Fichter	Linda Girt
April	Matt & Ivy Meyer	John Birman	John Blackstone
May	Paul & Mary Ann Haig	John Dorka	Sue Hall
June	Paul & Elaine Lambert	Gary Lamielle	Stacey Dougherty
July	Dale and Barb Piper	Bryan Stewart	Karen Franz
August	Tom and Jayne Ferrero	Stan Stroh	Bob McCauley
September	Jeff & Cathi Heitger	Fr. Ed Gretchko	Vicky Hartman
October	Bob and Mary Kring	Tom Seesan	Lisa Lowden
November	Chuck and Ruthanne Maier	John Haubert	Denise Campbell

## COUNCIL 554 MEETING MINUTES: Date: 11/21/23 Present: 8

**Chaplain's Message.** Grand Knight Chuck Maier opened the meeting with a prayer and Pledge of Allegiance  
**Minutes.** Minutes of the October 10 meeting were approved as printed in newsletter.

**Grand Knight Report.** Chuck Maier handed out his agenda that contained many important dates for the Council.

**Membership.** There is one new application for membership, Martin Marcoguissepe. Motion to accept nomination was made and approved. Supreme reports Council 554 has 8 new members for fraternal year.

**Programs.** 1. Family Movie night, November 25. Bring your own comfortable chair. 2. Disaster relief program. Chuck Maier to set something up after the first of the year. 4 Discussion on Dec 12 Council meeting and Christmas party with ladies; 6:00 Council Meeting, 6:30 meal (\$5 each). 7.00 Bunco.

**Committee.** No report

**4<sup>th</sup> Degree.** 4th Degree Tom and Jerry Night on Dec 2.

**District Deputy Ron Macala.** No report

**Foundation Report.** No report

**Unfinished business.** All bills are paid.

**Financial Report.** The most recent financial report was submitted to the Officer & Trustees by email prior to the meeting. We have received over \$12,000 in Bingo proceeds since January 1, 2023, all to be used for charity. We remain healthy in regards to finances. (Scribe's notes) There were no questions.

**New Business.** 1. A motion was made by Gary Lamielle to donate \$100 to St. Raphael's for the use of their building for the recent Right to Life activity. Seconded by Bryan Stewart. Motion carried. 2. A motion was made by Bob Pittinger to give each church in Divine Mercy Parish \$500 for their food programs for Christmas. This amounts to \$1,500. Seconded by Paul Haig. Motion carried.

**Good of the Order.** Honorees for October: Tom Seesan (Knight), bob and Mary Kring (Family), Lisa Lowden (Volunteer)

**Closing Prayer:** Prayer for the canonization of Fr. McGivney lead by DKG Bryam Stewart.

## Faith Activities: Parish Round Table Support

The purpose of the Knights of Columbus -Parish Round Tables is to encourage councils which own separate facilities from the parishes, to bring their charitable service and support back into their parish. Parish Round Tables have been established in our Massillon parishes and we will announce projects or requests from our pastors. Each of our Parish Coordinators have an email list that we use to get the message out for a short notice, upcoming project. Please email the coordinators below so they will have your address for your parish.

**St. Joseph Church** Coordinator: Tom Ferrero, 330-844-0469 - [tferrero@sssnet.com](mailto:tferrero@sssnet.com) ,

Please email me your address so that I can add your name to our St. Joseph Round Table Committee list for notification of future projects.

**St Barbara Church** Coordinator: Joel Fichter, 330-830-9301 - [fichterlaw@sssnet.com](mailto:fichterlaw@sssnet.com)

Please email me your address so that I can add your name to our St. Barbara Round Table Committee list for notification of future projects.

**St Mary Church** Coordinator: Ken Girt, 330-608-1729 – [girtken@sssnet.com](mailto:girtken@sssnet.com)

We are tentatively planning a Christmas Decoration project at St. Mary Church on Saturday, December 23, as soon as we get approval from our pastor. I will be notifying every one of the time that we will decorate the sanctuary. Please email me your address so that I can add your name to our St. Mary Round Table Committee list for notification of future projects

**Council 554 “Round Table” Shirt** We have ordered a supply of Round Table shirts for our volunteers at all churches of Divine Mercy Parish. The cost is \$11. Please let Ken Girt know if you want one of these shirts to wear for our projects. (330-608-1729) Thanks.

## **Divine Mercy Parish & K of C Council St. Andrew Christmas Novena**

The prayer of the St. Andrew Christmas Novena is traditionally prayed, beginning on the feast of St. Andrew (Nov 30) and concluding on Christmas Eve. In 2023, Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday.

### **Who was St. Andrew?**

St. Andrew was Jesus’s first apostle and the older brother of St. Peter. In the Gospel of John, we hear the account of Christ calling on two brothers and fishermen Simon (Peter) and Andrew. They were putting a net into the sea. Jesus said to them, “Follow Me. I will make you fish for men!”

While this exchange between Jesus, Andrew and Peter is brief, what followed was Jesus’s Sermon of the Mount and the Feeding of the 5,000, two of the most critical moments in the Gospels and the rest of the Gospel of which Peter is a key figure. How he was forgiven, redeemed, and called upon to build the Church – but Andrew remains a critical character in the Gospels; Andrew led Peter to Jesus.

### **Why is it called the St. Andrew Christmas Novena?**

St. Andrew’s feast day of November 30 precedes Christmas and helps us to determine the start of Advent. To answer this question more fully, however, the thematic underpinnings of Andrew’s role in the Gospel narrative align well with the purpose of this novena: to prepare for His coming.

### **How to Pray the St. Andrew Christmas Novena**

With a few exceptions, we pray novenas for nine days. The St. Andrew Christmas Novena is one such exception – we pray this novena for 25 days, overlapping with much of the liturgical season of Advent.

Begin the novena, the feast of St. Andrew, Nov 30<sup>th</sup> and conclude on Christmas Eve.

**Time needed: 5 minutes - Pray this novena for 25 days.**

**Make the Sign of the Cross.** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

### **Say the St. Andrew Christmas Novena prayer.**

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen.

**Name any intentions or other prayers you wish to share with God. Maybe consider your response to Jesus’s call to follow Him; just as he called on Andrew and Peter, he also calls on us to let go and surrender.**

**Conclude with the Sign of the Cross.** In the name of the Father, the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.