



Massillon Council 554



Knights of Columbus

February, 2024

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

The Month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family. The special devotion which proposes the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary. And Joseph as the model of virtue of all Christian households began in the 17th century.

I would like to thank the Knights of Columbus Round Table Committees for the great job of taking down the Christmas decorations and putting them into storage. Each Church campus looks great.

We are still looking for a few good men to join the Knights of Columbus. It is very personally rewarding to help others and become a better Christian man. If you know anyone that might be a good fit, ask them.

The 2024 Catholic Men's Conference is scheduled for March 2, 2024 at St Thomas High School in Louisville, Ohio. Registration starts at 8:00AM or use registration link found in ad on page 16. Rosary at 8:30AM, with the program starting at 9:00AM until Noon. Mass will then be celebrated by Bishop David Bonner to close out the day.

Our next 554 Council meeting will be on Tuesday February 13th at 7:00PM. I would like to invite everyone to attend the 6:00PM Mass at St Mary before the meeting.

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

Three cheers for our great council for receiving the Star Council award for the last two years. We are on our way for the next star council award. We need five more new members by May 1. Let's go for it.

Congratulations to brother Paul Crowley of Waynesburg for an interesting letter to the editor of the independent and the repository. He writes about the merger of churches in our area. The letter is filled with Catholic faith.

On Saint Valentine's Day, February 14th, we begin the holy season of Lent. Let's make Lent 2024 a true blessing for our families, our church and our great council.

Family, Knight and Volunteer of the Month for January 2024

Congratulations to **Dave Harman** for being selected as our Knight of the Month for January. Dave has been volunteering on various remodeling projects around the hall and works the Night at the Races.

We also congratulate **Mark & Deanna Hoffer** for being selected Family of the Month for January. Mark, Deanna and their family work various projects around St Mary's, including the Christmas Food Give-Away and decorating the church for Christmas. They are also active in scouting.

We congratulate **Rob Lautenschleger** our Volunteer of the Month for January. Rob works Hot Lunch each Wednesday.

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 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, 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), Thelma Hassman.

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@sssn.net or call 330-608-1729.

From Our Financial Secretary Paul Haig: PLEASE NOTE: 2024 KofC membership cards will be mailed with the 2024 Super Cash Bonanza tickets in February for all Honorary Life and those members that paid dues by February 8th.

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 has been able to overcome the cold weather this month and have stayed warm. I hope you have checked in on your neighbors, family, and friends to see if they need or want anything. Wintertime can be very lonely for some people and sometimes just needs to know someone care. Thank you for caring. Now let's pray for world peace.

I would like to thank everyone who came to our Meatloaf dinner and all the volunteers who cooked, help serve, and cleaned up. Without you these dinners would not be possible. Thank you all again. Our next MKF dinner is Thursday, February 15. It will be a City-Chicken Dinner. Dine-In Dinners served from 5:00 – 6:30 pm. Carry-Out ONLY dinners will be from 5:00 – 5:45. Pick up under Canape. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED. One piece will be \$12.00 and two pieces will be \$15.00; dinner includes salad, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, bread/butter, and desert. The last day for Reservations is WEDNESDAY, February 14 at noon. ABSOLUTELY, NO RESERVATION AFTER 12:00 NOON. Call 330-837-9101 and if no one answers, leave your name, phone number, how many dinners – 1 or 2 pieces and Dine-In or Carry-Out. Only calls before noon on Wednesday, February 15 will be taken for reservations.

Make your plans to come to the Knights of Columbus for the Eclipse in April. More information to follow in the next couple of newsletters.

I have started to clean the back side of the building with the help of John Haubert. We took a load of junk to the scrape yard. We will be working on cutting up the old dish washer and taking that to the scrape yard. We have several things at the pavilion that we will need to get rid of. Of course, we will wait until weather permits. If you would like to be involved, please call the office, and leave your name and phone and I will call you back. Donations to the building fund are being accepted. If you need any information, please call Julie-330-837-9101. This will help us fix the outside by replacing the wood that has deteriorated between the garage and kitchen, also maybe build a new box to collect all the aluminum cans that are being dropped off. That's a reminder to save your cans and bring them out to the K. I take them to recycle when I get a truck load full. Thank you all who are participating in this function.

Clubroom Report, Julie Harman, Complex Manager

Happy February! We have plenty of events here at the K Club and for the Foundation:

We have Night at the Races on Saturday, March 16, 2024, and tickets are \$25.00 each. No tickets at door. Please call 330-837-9101 or see the bartender.

We will be having a tailgate party for the Superbowl! Doors open at 4PM. It will be run just like our regular season Browns tailgates.

We will be having our **Fish Fry for Ash Wednesday on February 14th, 4PM-8PM**. Since Ash Wednesday falls on Valentine's Day, we will be having a **Dinner Special on Saturday, February 17th**. There are three entrée choices: 10 oz strip steak, chicken roulade, & jumbo crab- stuffed shrimp scampi. Served with a salad, risotto & asparagus. \$75 for two dinners, \$40 for one. Reservation only by February 12. 330-837-9101.

Don't forget our MKF dinner, on Thursday, February 15th. We will be having City Chicken! Dine In or Take Out. See ad on page 4.

We still need volunteers for Bingo, if you would like to help, please call the office if you have any questions. 330-837-9101

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 (Until 9 PM during Lent)
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 February: Council Meeting Minutes, Membership Recruitment/Degrees information, Council 554 activities, Round Table Projects. K-Club Dining Menu and Live Music events.

BISHOP MASSILLON ASSEMBLY FOURTH DEGREE

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| 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, I certainly hope the new year is treating you well. Our next business meeting is on Tuesday February 6th at 6:30 PM. This is a Ladies Night with drinks and food provided. Please plan to attend and support our Assembly activities, fellow Sir Knights and Ladies.

With the recent passing of Sir Knights from our Assembly. I wanted to remind you to let your wishes be known to your family and funeral home pre-planning on what kind of honor you would like, if any, from the Assembly. We cannot assume that you wish to have an Honor Guard nor a Sword Ceremony. These services need to be requested by the family. Furthermore, we continue to need more Sir Knights that have the Official Uniform of the Fourth Degree for these and other Honor Guard requests. We will provide \$100 reimbursement for any Sir Knight of our Assembly that purchases the complete Uniform package.

It's not too early to consider Third Degree Brother Knights from your Council that would be "worthy candidates" to join our Assembly. The Spring Fourth Degree Exemplification will take place on April 20th at Double Tree in Westlake. The Fourth Degree is an inspiring testament of our founding father's patriotism as Catholics. The world needs Knights that will stand up for God and their country; Fourth Degree Assemblies help Knights to put their faith and love of country into action.

Let me know of any patriotic activities that our Assembly could consider doing this year. Happy Saint Valentine's Day!

Columbian Ladies Guild, by Karen Franz, President

Columbian ladies welcome to 2024. We will be meeting in February. We will be meeting on Tuesday the 27th of February at 7p.m. Please join us we are looking forward to growing our group. We will be setting up some projects for us to work on during this year. So come to the meeting and bring your ideas.

DUES ARE DUE. If you have not paid your dues, they are due at this meeting. Dues are \$10.00 for new and current members with less than 20 years as a member of the Columbian ladies. If you have been a member for 20 years or more your dues is \$5.00. Dues can be paid to Muffy Stewart or left at the bar in an envelope. Please put your name, address, and phone number (if Muffy has questions) on the outside of the envelope. Muffy will mail your membership card.

Special thanks to Mary Ann, who made a basket to raffle off at Night at the Races. Mercy, Linda, Anne who helped sell the basket at recent Night at the Races.

The weather has been crazy. It's either cold and snowy or warmer and rainy. Whatever the weather I hope all of you are healthy and safe. Please remember to check on your family and friends to make sure they are doing well. Remember to pray for the Columbian Ladies, as well as your family and friends.

May the Lord watch over you until we are together again.

Upcoming Calendar of Events...

.....February, 2024

- 6 6:30 PM 4th Degree Meeting (Ladies Night)
- 8 7:00 PM Stark County Chapter Meeting
- 11 5:00 PM Super Bowl
- 13 7:00 PM Reg. Council Meeting
- 14 **Valentine Day**
Ash Wednesday
- 15 5:00 PM MKF Clubroom Dinner
- 27 6:30 PM Officers and Trustees Meeting
- 7:00 PM Columbian Ladies Meeting

.....March, 2024

- 2 9:00 AM DOY Catholic Men's Conference
- 5 6:30 PM 4th Degree Meeting
- 12 7:00 PM Reg. Council Meeting;
Nom/Elect delegates State Convention
- 14 7:00 PM Stark County Chapter Meeting
- 16 8:30 AM Highway Cleanup.
- 17 **St. Patrick's Day**
- 20 1:00 PM Bloodmobile
- 21 5:00 PM MKF Clubroom Dinner
- 24 Pregnancy Support Collection/ASAP
- 26 6:30 PM Officers and Trustees Meeting
- 7:00 PM Columbian Ladies Meeting
- 31 **Easter**

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

In Memoriam: John Istnick

John A. Istnick, 75, of Massillon, at his home on November 9, 2023. He was born in Youngstown and graduated from Washington High School. John furthered his education at Lorain Community College, Ohio University and graduated from Kent State University with a bachelor's degree.

John was a hard worker throughout his entire life. He worked for Tom Straughn's, Nobel Shoes and then had a 24-year career with LTV, EDS and BCT, the former Republic Steel, where he retired from as a payroll specialist. He was a member of Divine Mercy Parish - St. Joseph Church.

John is survived by his wife Claudette; sons Dustin and Nathan and daughter Nicole. May he Rest in Peace.

In Memoriam: Walter Featheringham

Walter Featheringham, Jr., 96, of Massillon, passed away January 15, 2024. He was born in Massillon and was a U.S. Marine serving in the Pacific during WWII. He was a member of Divine Mercy Parish/St. Mary's, K of C #554 3rd and 4th Degree Bishop Massillon Assembly, American Legion, Massillon Lions Club, and enjoyed senior softball until age 91. Walt was a government procurement officer with the Department of Defense for 31 years.

Walt is survived by sons, Brian and Craig and his wife, Marilyn. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Dolores. May he Rest in Peace

In Memoriam: Charles Reed

Charles Reed passed away on his 81st birthday, Monday, December 11, 2023. He was born in Akron and was a graduate of Garfield High School. He received a bachelor's degree in industrial engineering in 1964 and an MBA in 1970 from the University of Akron.

Charles was a member of St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus Massillon Council 554, BPOE, Eagles and the Polish American Club. He is survived by his wife, Fran and children Becky, Debbie, Mindy and Chip. My he Rest in Peace!

MKF Clubroom Dinner – Thursday, February 15, 2024

“City Chicken”

The price of the dinner is \$12 for one-piece; \$15 for two-piece. Meal includes: mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, dessert and home-made bread.

Dine-In Served in Clubroom 5-6:30 PM. Take-out Served 5 to 5:45 PM.

Reservations are required by noon on Wednesday, February 14. Call 330-837-9101.

Please leave your Name, Phone Number, Number of 1-pc or 2-pc Dinners, Dine-In or Take-Out and what time you will dine-in or pick-up. (Pick up under the front Canape.)

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

K Club Weekly Specials

Happy Hour



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

Happy Apps Wednesdays

\$1.00 off all Appetizers

Thirsty Thursdays

50 cents off all Beers & Seltzers

4:00 - 9:00 pm





Spring Fling at The K Club



Saturday, April 13, 2024

4:30 pm – 10:30 pm

Join us for Dinner, Drinks, Music & Fun

Musical Guest :

Dennis Schweizer

7:00 – 10:00 pm



2024 Social Memberships \$ 20.00

**Membership required to purchase alcohol or
participate in any gaming.**

MEMBERSHIP & DEGREES: There are three ways that a Catholic man or existing 1st or 2nd 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. 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.

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 1st and 2nd Degree members to advance to the 3rd Degree. If you wish to attend the "live" degree, please Contact Ken Girt at 330-608-1729 or email at 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> | | |
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| Chaplain | Msgr James Kolp | 428-5555 | St. Mary | Ken Girt, PGK | 608-1729 |
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| | | | Webmaster | Kyle Shane | |

Massillon KofC SNAPSHOTS



Matt Meyer is pictured above (left) receiving the 2022-2023 Supreme Council Star District Award from Chris Dodson, State District Deputy Director, at the Jan 11 Stark County Chapter Meeting in North Canton.



Bob McCauley, one of our weekly Hot Lunch workers, celebrated his 93 Birthday on January 30. Pictured above, L to R, Rob Lautenschleger, Bob, John Blackstone, Paul Lambert, Dale Piper, John Dorka and Bob Pittinger. (Hidden is John Birman)



Council 554 welcomed three new members of Council 554 who attended the Degree Ceremony on Sunday, January 21 at St. Mary's Church. Pictured above are, left to right, front row: New Members Darin Wenzel, Donald Riley, Martin Marcoquispe II, and Grand Knight Chuck Maier. Back Row, left to right, Degree Team Gary Lamielle, Ken McLaughlin, Bryan Stewart, Ken Girt and Paul Haig.

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)

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)

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)

- 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.



| 2024 Family, Knight and Volunteer of the Months | | | |
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| | Family of Month | Knight of Month | Volunteer of Month |
| January | Mrk & Deanna Hoffer | Dave Harman | Rob Lautenschleger |

COUNCIL 554 MEETING MINUTES: Date: 1/9/24 Present: 14

Opening Prayer: Chaplain Msgr. Kolp opened the meeting with a prayer, followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

Chaplain's Message. Monsignor Kolp mentioned two numbers: 1835 and 48. 1835 refers to the year Andrew Jackson was president and the U.S. had no debt. He said that over the year, he contributes to lowering the debt and perhaps more people could do that. 48 refers to the fact that that several years ago, 48 converts entered the church at Little Flower. He wished all a Happy New Year.

Minutes. Minutes of the December 12 meeting were approved as printed in newsletter.

Grand Knight Report. The next degree will be at St. Mary's on January 21, 2024 after 8 m Mass. The new Round Table shirts are available. We received a thank you note from St Rapheal for the donation for the Life service. The highway cleanup has been rescheduled for March 16. At 8:30 at St. Mary parking lot.

Membership. Two new candidates for membership were voted on and approved: Devon Wentzel and Don Riley. We may have four additional for the Jan 21 degree at St. Mary at 9:15 am.

Program Activities. The following activities will be reported to the state: Family Movie Night, Columbian Ladies Christmas Party, RSVP Support for Augustine Drexler, Keep Christ in Christmas, Coats for Kids, Memorial Mass. Upcoming Activities: catholic Men's Conference on March 2 at St. Thomas Aquinas High School and the Pregnancy Support program in March.

Committee. Disaster Relief Committee to meet soon.

4th Degree. Fallout at St Michael's for Funeral

District Deputy Ron Macala. Youngstown DD Coordinator Matt Meyer gave brief results of DD Meeting in Columbus.

Foundation Report. No report

Unfinished business. All bills are paid.

Financial Report. The most recent monthly financial report was distributed to the members by email prior to the meeting. Report approved. Everything is up to date. Bingo Machine Income through November 2023; Council donated \$84,427 to the MKF and \$15,317 deposited to council charity fund.

Recent Charitable Donations: \$500 each to St. Mary, St Joseph and St Barbara for their food pantries, \$200 to St. Mary School for Fr. Tully Scholarship, \$240 for American Legion Boys State, and \$100 to Catholic Charities.

New Business. 1. Motion made to donate \$800 to help with expenses for the Divine Mercy Parish Youth Group for their trip to the March for Life this month in Washington DC. 8 students and 3 chaperones. Motion was seconded and approved.

Good of the Order. Honorees for December were: Terry Phillips (Knight), Bryan and Muffy Stewart (Family), Sue Schetzer (Volunteer)

Closing Prayer: Prayer for the canonization of Fr. McGivney lead by Msgr Kolp.

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 ,

Thanks to the four KofC embers who helped with the Christmas Decorations. 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

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

We are grateful for all the volunteers to come on January 13 to take down the Christmas decorations. If you belong to Divine Mercy Parish - St. Mary Church and have not been getting our notifications of round table projects, please send me your email address. We will include you on future projects that help our parish and church. Thanks

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Adopt-A-Highway

Massillon Council 554 will conduct our bi-annual highway cleanup of a 2-mile stretch of State Road 21 north of Massillon, on Saturday, March 16, starting at 9 am. We will meet in the St. Mary Church parking lot at 8:30 to coordinate travel to the project area. Help to beautify the Massillon community!

Notice to all Past Grand Knights: At the March 12 meeting, Council 554 will vote on delegates to the annual Ohio State Council Convention on May 17-19, 2024, in Covington KY (across the river from Cincinnati). Nominations are open to any past grand knight. If none, any 3rd Degree Member is eligible.



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Catholic Men's Conference

- Saturday March 2, 2024
- St Thomas Aquinas High School
- Louisville, Ohio
- Registration and Social 8:00 - 9:00 AM; Rosary at 8:30 AM
- Conference 9:00 – 12:15 PM
- 12:15 PM Mass with Bishop David Bonnar
- Admission is only \$10.00
- Register at <https://www.cmfdov.org/>
- Become a Sponsor of this event



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Public Service Information from the Stark County Sheriff's Office.....



Safe Internet Practices: Navigating the Digital World Securely

By: Sergeant Bryan Johnson, Stark County Sheriff's Office

In today's increasingly digital world, the importance of safe internet practices cannot be overstated. As we approach **Safe Internet Day** on February 6th, it's a great time to reflect on the steps we can take to protect ourselves and our families online. Under the leadership of Sheriff George T. Maier, the Stark County Sheriff's Office is committed to not only ensuring physical safety but also fostering a secure digital environment for our community.

The internet, a resource that has become integral to our daily lives, also poses various risks. Cyber threats can range from identity theft and financial fraud to more personal attacks like cyberbullying. It's important to be aware of these risks and to adopt strategies to avoid them. Here are some key practices to consider:

- 1. Strong Passwords:** Use complex and unique passwords for different online accounts. Consider using a password manager to keep track of them securely.
- 2. Privacy Settings:** Regularly check and update the privacy settings on social media platforms and other online accounts to control who can see your information.
- 3. Safe Browsing:** Be cautious about the websites you visit. Ensure they are secure (look for 'https' in the web address) and avoid clicking on suspicious links.
- 4. **Protect Personal Information**:** Be mindful of the personal information you share online. Think twice before sharing sensitive details like your address, phone number, or financial information.
- 5. Update Regularly:** Keep your software and devices updated. Regular updates often include patches for security vulnerabilities.
- 6. Educate Children:** It's crucial to educate children about the dangers of the internet. Encourage open conversations about online activities and set clear rules for internet use.
- 7. Beware of Scams:** Phishing scams can appear in emails, texts, or social media messages. They often mimic legitimate sources to steal information. Always verify the source before responding to such requests.

Under Sheriff Maier's tenure, the Stark County Sheriff's Office has placed a high priority on community education and awareness about cyber safety. Initiatives such as community seminars, school programs, and online resources have been a part of our proactive approach to ensure that our citizens are equipped with the knowledge to navigate the digital world safely.

As we continue to embrace the benefits of the internet, let us also commit to being vigilant and informed about its risks. Safe Internet Day serves as a reminder of our shared responsibility in creating a safer digital community. By adopting these safe internet practices, we can all contribute to a more secure online experience.