



Massillon Council 554



Knights of Columbus

July, 2021

Grand Knight's Report, by Ken McLaughlin, Grand Knight

July and Summer demark a start to the Council's new fraternal year. We welcome the 2021-'22 fraternal year with great optimism, especially in light of the global crisis we have endured. Though the Council faced significant adversity we persevered with a renewed hope and a determined focus for our charitable mission.

I thank all of our dedicated officers and volunteers for their service and support. I thank Matt Meyer for all of his years of service as an officer of this council and congratulate him as he assumes his new District Deputy responsibilities from Gary Lamielle - who has done an exceptional job over the last two years. I thank Jim Brelish for accepting the Inside Guard officer position. And, I appreciate the opportunity to continue as your Grand Knight for the current fraternal year; I am ever grateful for your confidence and support.

We look forward to a successful program year that assists our faith, families, communities, and respect for life. We greatly appreciate any effort you can offer in support of our charitable works which take a great deal of time and manpower to complete.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP THIS MONTH:

Please attend our next Council meeting on July 13th at 7pm when we will read the first draft of this year's budget and plan for the Family Picnic scheduled for Aug. 1st. We would love to hear your ideas for ways we can improve as a council.

Please continue to pray for the end of COVID and for all of our members who are ill, suffering, or have lost a loved one. May the peace and love of Christ guide you always.

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

One thing that our Council can be very proud of is the number of tasks and actions that members of our Council do for our parishes and even for the State of Ohio. The cemetery cleanups, the landscaping of parish grounds, the soup kitchen assistance and even Confessional Guard Duty are all actions that our Council can be very proud of.

One group that also does parish assistance is our Columbian Squires. I was a Squire in Canton back in 1941. We were active but not nearly involved in parish life like our great Squire contingent. They have helped with Route 21 cleanup and have done cemetery cleanup and assistance with food distribution. Now that life is beginning to return to normal, I am sure that we will be involved in parish life more than ever before.

What's Happening in...

..... July, 2021

- 4 Independence Day
- 6 7:00 PM 4th Degree Meeting
- 10 3:00 PM Youngstown Diocese - OSC Tour
- 13 7:00 PM Reg. Council Meeting, 1st Budget reading & MKF Report
- 14 7:00 PM DVD Degree – Call Ken at 330-608-7949 to reg
- 20 7:00 PM Installation of Council Officers
- 21 1:00 PM Bloodmobile
- 27 6:00 PM Program Director's Meeting
- 6:30 PM Officers and Trustees Meeting

.....August, 2021

- 1 12-3 PM Council Family Picnic
- 3 7:00 PM 4th Degree Meeting - Ladies Night Picnic at Pavilion.
- 10 7:00 PM Reg. Council Meeting, Budget Vote
- 11 7:00 PM DVD Degree – Call Ken at 330-608-7949 to reg
- 12 7:00 PM Stark County Chapter Meeting
- 15 **Feast of the Assumption**
- 24 6:00 PM Program Director's Meeting
- 6:30 PM Officers and Trustees Meeting
- 31 6:30 PM Council Social Program

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



Family, Knight and Volunteer of the Month for June

Congratulations to **Bob and Mary Kring** for being selected as our Family of the Month for June. They belong to St. Barbara's Parish where they both are lay distributors and readers at Mass as well as other parish activities. Mary is President of the Stark County Right to Life and both are active in the Pro-Life Movement.

We also congratulate **Ken McLaughlin** for being selected Knight of the Month for June. Ken is our current Grand Knight. He manages the St. Vincent de Paul Society at St Mary's and is active in our KofC Round Table projects. He is also one of the sound board engineers for Mass at St. Mary's.

And beginning with this issue of our monthly newsletter, we want to recognize the service of our many volunteers here at our facility who are not Knights of Columbus. We will recognize these individuals as our Volunteer of the Month. For the month of June, we congratulate **Nancy Eberhardt** who works tirelessly every Monday at our Bingo. She is the widow of our former financial secretary, Ron Eberhardt. Congratulations, Nancy!

Columbian Ladies Guild, by *Karen Franz*

The Columbian Ladies will not be meeting until September. Just a reminder. You will need to pay your dues for 2021, if you paid your dues in 2020, they will also include 2021. Dues can be paid at the bar or sent to Denise Campbell.

Remember Columbian ladies and their families in your prayers. Have a safe and happy summer.

Fraternal Report, by *Ken Girt PGK*

On our Member Sick List: Gerald Meyer, Bill Ringley, Ron Blogna, Bill Hamit, Jim Kracker, Richard Rootes, John Scheetz, Walt Featheringham, Paul Renier, Sam Meyer, Ron Kurpieski, Mike Ziegelhofer, Ted Burch, & Chuck Meyer.

On our "Family" Sick List:

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@sssnet.com or call 330-608-7949.

In Memoriam: Paul W Haubert

Paul William Haubert, 86, passed away on June 18, following an extended illness. He was born in Canton and retired from Dominion East Ohio Gas. Paul was a firm believer in helping others and had donated over 105 gallons of blood in his lifetime at area blood drives and hospitals. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus Council 554 and was an Army veteran.

Paul is survived by his wife, Margaret "Maggie", children, Eric, Mark and Rebecca. May he Rest in Peace.

The Massillon Knights Foundation

Foundation Trustees: **One-Year:** Dan Skirtich, Terry Phillips, Bill Beese **Two-Year:** Bill Shane (Vice President), Jeff Heitger (Secretary), Jim Sieber **Three Year:** James Brelish (Treasurer), Paul Lambert (President), Bob Pittinger.

Foundation Report, By *Paul Lambert, President*

On Saturday, June 19, 2021, we held a Walk for Cancer at the K of C to honor the life of Paula Ann (Lambert) Harris. After the walk, Father Raymond Paul blessed the path and dedicated it to Gerald (Jerry) Schroeder, whose service and contributions made the path a reality. The path took over a year to complete with the help of many volunteers. The path was to be dedicated last year and when Covid hit, it made us postponed the dedication. We want to thank everybody who came for the Walk, Dedication and the Celebration of Life for Paula. (See photos page 12)

Clubroom Report, *Julie Harman, Complex Manager*

Summer has officially arrived! I want to wish everyone a Happy Fourth of July. The club room will be closed on Monday, July 5th in observance of the holiday.

Just an update for the club; since the COVID-19 pandemic has eased, we have brought back the \$0.50 weekly drawing (every Thursday at 9:30 pm), and the \$5.00 monthly drawing (drawn on the last Friday of the month at 9:30pm)! Dinners are now being served every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 4PM-8PM.

Bingo is every Monday at 6:30PM & doors open at 4:00PM. We are in need of volunteers for bingo, if you would like to volunteer, please call the office at 330-837-9101.

The blood mobile will be here Wednesday, July 21st.

I have had some interest in Nite of the Races coming back in the fall. If you know of a group who would be interested in co-sponsoring, please have them call the office at 330-837-9101.

We are still looking for cooks, dishwashers and servers please apply at the office Monday thru Friday 8AM-12PM, or online at massillonkofc554@sssnet.com.

Massillon Knights Foundation Complex - Business Hours

K-Club Bar: Hours: open Monday thru Friday from 4:00 to 11:00 p.m.

K-Club Dining: The Kitchen open on Wednesday- Friday from 4 to 8. Kitchen closed on Saturday

Bishop Massillon Assembly Fourth Degree

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| Faithful Friar | Fr. Raymond Paul 833-2607 | Faithful Navigator | Roger Piper 936-0974 |
| Faithful Purser | Edward Shuman 854-3691 | Faithful Inner Sentinel | Charles Meyer 833-0593 |
| 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 | Gary Lamielle 327-7223 |
| Faithful Comptroller | Dan Flanagan 966-4937 | Faithful 2-year Trustee | Paul Haig, PFN 837-1185 |
| Faithful Pilot | Leonard Hughes 834-5586 | Faithful 3-year Trustee | Charles Maier 418-8741 |
| Faithful Scribe | VACANT | Commander | James Sieber, PFN 478-2363 |

Faithful Navigator Report, By Roger Piper, Faithful Navigator

Sir Knights, our PFN Steak Dinner in June was well attended. Thank you PFN for your dedication and service for our Assembly. Our election of officers also took place in June. Thank you to our current, newly elected and past officers for your commitment.

The Assembly annual picnic at the pavilion will take place on Tuesday August 3rd after our 7:00 PM business meeting. We will be serving hamburgers, hotdogs, sides and drinks. We look forward to seeing you for this fun event.

Happy 4th of July as we celebrate the Declaration of Independence and the birth of our American freedom.

4th Degree Exemplification Ad Book

HELP! There will be a live Exemplification in October. As in past years there will be a program book printed. The assembly has an opportunity to generate some income by selling sponsorship space in the program book. rates are \$50.00 half page, \$100.00 full page, to add color is an additional \$50.00 per sponsor. After we generate ten full pages of sponsorship space the Assembly retains half of the funds collected. Less than ten pages and we keep nothing.

We need your help to generate these sponsorships. The only thing we cannot put in the book are "Ads" for financial products in competition with those offered by the Knights of Columbus Insurance Dept. Congratulations to the new Sir Knights from the representative of the company offering those services would be OK.

Contact PFN Paul Haig @ 330-837-1185 if you can help



Council 554's Annual Family Picnic Sunday, August 1, 2021 Food served from 12:00 to 2:00 Children's Games at 2:00 PM

For all Members of Council 554, Columbian Ladies Guild, Social Members, Isabellas and their families; and our Member's Widows. Volunteers needed; please contact any Council Officer.

BINGO WORKERS NEEDED

We need your help!! Our Bingo is keeping this facility afloat. The same people volunteer every Monday and we are getting burned out. Please consider volunteering your time once Monday a month. It is only for 2 to 4 hour a night. Once a month is fine with us and would help us greatly. We need your help to keep the facility going. It belongs to all of us! Thank you.

Massillon Council 554 2020 - 2021 Officers & Trustees

| <u>Officers</u> | | | <u>Parish Round Table Coordinators</u> | | |
|-----------------|--------------------|----------|--|---------------|----------|
| Chaplain | Msgr James Kolp | 871-8346 | St. Mary | Ken Girt, PGK | 608-1729 |
| Grand Knight | Ken McLaughlin | 571 1203 | St Joseph | Tom Ferrero | 844-0469 |
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| Chancellor | Tim Paul | 837-1411 | | | |
| Recorder | Graham Zeneri | | | | |
| Treasurer | Joe Vilhosky | 833-0130 | | | |
| Financial Sec | Paul Haig, PGK | 837-1411 | | | |
| Advocate | John Ferrero, Jr. | 265-9584 | | | |
| Warden | Bill Shane, PGK | 268-0545 | | | |
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| Outside Guard | Charles Meyer | | | | |
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| Bulletin Editor | Ken Girt, PGK | 608-1729 | | | |

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

Program Activity Chairmen:

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| FAITH | Ken McLaughlin | 571 1203 |
| FAMILY | Bob Pittinger, PGK | 571-5150 |
| COMMUNITY | Matt Meyer, PGK | 284-9365 |
| LIFE | Joe Vilhosky | 833-0130 |
| Squires | Mike Szillat, PGK | 268-9879 |
| Membership | Ken Girt, PGK | 608-1729 |
| Complex Mgr | Julie Harman | 837-9101 |
| Bingo Mgr | Ron Kurpieski | 936-8058 |
| 200 Club | Bill Shane, PGK | 268-0545 |
| Virtual Comm Ast | Mark Hoffer | |
| Webmaster | Kyle Shane | |

**Friday Fish Fry's**

Every Friday 4:00 to 8:00 PM In our Clubroom
With weekly specials. Take-Out meals available.

PRAYER DURING CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

O clement, O loving, O sweet Mother Mary. We, your children of every nation, turn to you in this pandemic. Our troubles are numerous; our fears are great. Grant that we might deposit them at your feet. Take refuge in your Immaculate Heart, and obtain peace, healing, rescue, and timely help in all our needs. You are our Mother. Pray for us to your Son. 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

Our Massillon Parish and Knights of Columbus Websites:

St. Mary: <https://www.stmarymassillon.com/>

St. Joseph: <https://www.sites.google.com/view/stjosephmassillon/home>

St. Barbara: <https://www.saintbarbaraparish.com/>

Knights of Columbus Supreme Council: <http://www.kofc.org>

Ohio State Council Knights of Columbus: <http://www.kofcohoio.org>

Massillon Council 554: <http://www.massillonkofc554.org>

Insurance Report, by Stephen Hamrock, FIC

Summer is in full swing; vacations and backyard barbeques, outdoor sports and yardwork! I look forward to this time of year with flowers in bloom and thoughts of a much needed and anticipated summer vacation. I hope your summer is going well for you!

In last month's message I mentioned taking stock of all the things that need to be done around the house. And I further suggested that taking stock should extend to seeing where you and your family stand when it comes to financial protection. It's interesting to read about Blessed Michael McGivney's attitude in *Faith and Fraternalism* by Christopher J. Kauffman: "Though he [Fr. McGivney] seems to have been well aware of the value of ceremonials as the binding force for fraternal unity, he spent his energy in promoting the insurance feature." You know the story well; how the untimely death of his father nearly derailed Fr. McGivney's plans to become a priest. As the curate of St. Mary's, he encountered families in similar situations. So, it's no wonder he was so practical when it came to making sure families were financially sound.

In my position I feel a deep kinship with Fr. McGivney in helping to protect Catholic families. I see myself as your partner in facing this planning process. You don't have to go it alone. With our new financial need's analysis tool, with cutting edge software, robust and in-depth, we can approach this together. Since my last message a number of members reached out to me. Let me give you a fictionalized account about two of them. I recently met with a brother Knight and his wife who have a couple of young children. Together, we were able to see that based on what this couple wanted for their family, there was a need in two particular areas. One, the brother's group life insurance, while free as a benefit, was not enough to do what he wanted his life insurance to do. He desired more to make sure, if he had an untimely passing, his wife and children could stay in the same home, could still attend Catholic grade school and could afford to make a college education a reality. The other area that he had not thought about was what I call the "death of his earning power." What if he became sick or hurt and could not work? His employer provided very minimal coverage for a few months, but after that there was nothing. We explored how the Knights could fill that void and make his family whole. All this from spending time with me. The best part for him...and for you, is that this service is absolutely free. Many others in the industry charge fees for this kind of analysis. It's a fraternal benefit that I am happy to provide.

The other couple was recently retired. Well past the stage of this former young couple. I completed a financial needs analysis for them. They were in very good shape financially; had all their proverbial ducks in a row in almost every area. The area that they were concerned with was an extended care event. How could they protect all that they had worked for and saved in the event of needing help with daily living activities? I was able to help them plan for that and shift the financial burden to the Knights. The other issue they looked at was setting aside a little of what they had saved to help their grandchildren. We were able to set up a plan to pass that money tax free to them.

Maybe you have similar concerns; meeting with me can allay them. I am your partner as we share our brotherhood in the Order. That kind of relationship is rarely found elsewhere in the financial services world. Let's get together and see where you stand.

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Please note: There are three methods that a Catholic man or existing 1st or 2nd Degree member can advance to THIRD Degree.

Method 1. Ohio State Council Exemplification:

Attention 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 and Saturday morning at 9 am. 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. 330-608-7949

Procedure for Online Exemplification for Advancing Members:

1. The GK, FS or other council designee forwards the Exemplification Registration to members that wish to advance to the third degree.
2. The Exemplification Degree Link is sent to member after he registers.
3. Advancing Member attends the live online exemplification on Wednesday at 7 PM or Saturday at 9:00 AM. 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. 330-608-7949

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 link to Exemplification Registration
5. NEW MEMBER accesses the registration link, choosing either Saturday 9:00 AM Degree or 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 are 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 and Saturdays at 9AM. 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:

Ken McLaughlin, Grand Knight: kmac.neo@gmail.com
 Paul Haig, Financial Secretary: haig@sssnet.com
 Ken Girt, Membership Chairman: 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. 330-608-7949 or girtken@sssnet.com.

Method 3. Supreme Council "On Demand" Exemplification:

A new candidate or advancing member can use the Supreme Council "ON Demand" Exemplification procedure. This ceremony can be seen ANY DAY, and ANYTIME of day.

For instructions, go to:

- www.KofC.org/Ceremonials
- Click on [ONLINE EXEMPLIFICATION]
- Click on [ENGLISH INVITATION]
- Click on [VIEW ON DEMAND]
- Complete the registration form and click [SUBMIT]
- Follow the instructions.

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 served from 10:45 am to 12:00 pm. During the current COVID-19 pandemic, the meals are for take-out only. New 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 councils can purchase boxes of new coats for need children in the Massillon Community. An average of 8 boxes of 12 coats are purchased each year to be distributed in late November and early December. 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 approximately 8 to 10 volunteers for cleanup in the spring and fall. Cleanup detail usually lasts between two to three hours on a Saturday morning. If interested, contact Matt Meyer at 330-284-9365

Round Table St. Barbara Parish (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 fourth 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 Parish (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 every second Friday of the month at 12:30 pm preceding the closing of the Holy Eucharist Adoration.
- 2 **Church Sanitization during pandemic.** Members of the St. Joseph Round Table help sanitize the church following Sunday Mass. Please come to the back of the church after Mass to help.
- 3 **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 .
- 4 **Soup Kitchen** Council 554 members volunteer at our "Soup Kitchen" held every Monday. Lunch is provided to approximately 150 people every week.
- 5 **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 Church activities

Round Table St. Mary Parish (Contact Ken Girt, PGK 330-608-749 email: girtken@sssnet.com)

- 1 **Divine Mercy Chaplet.** Council 554 Round Table members promote a monthly recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet every Wednesday at 3:00 pm during the Holy Eucharist Adoration in the parish center chapel.
- 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 330-837-6670.
- 4 **Landscaping parish grounds.** St Mary Round Table members are asked to gather to provide landscaping and miscellaneous repair for the church grounds. If interested in, please call Ken Girt at 330-837-6670.
- 5 **“Confessional Guard Duty”** One of the premier projects for the Parish Round Table is providing security for our priest(s) during our Saturday scheduled confession, from 11:00 am until end. Members use the time for prayer, Stations of the Cross, rosary, reading and making confession themselves. A yearly schedule is created for our volunteers. If you are interested in helping, please call Ken Girt at 330-837-6670.
- 6 **Church Sanitization during pandemic.** Members of the St. Mary Round Table help sanitize the church following Sunday Mass.

Council 554 Meeting Minutes: DATE 6/8/21 present: 14

GK Report: Awards picnic June 22nd dinner at 6pm. Presenting the honoree awards. Round table this Saturday at 8am at St. Mary's and Rectory. State council awards. We received Youth of Year for Anthony Jones, Best community program for hot lunch, State Knight of the Year Ken Girt. Received silver award for overall programming. Gary got Silver wing award as D.D. And we also received Columbian Meeting. Budget meeting June 23rd. July 13th is first budget reading.

Chaplains Report: Tues June 22nd awards day will be very exciting for all of us. Saturday Sept. 18th Bishop Bonnar will be coming to St. Thomas for Mass at Noon. Our Bishop never joined the knights until just recently. Met him just once. Many challenges and changes in appointments. Pray that people get back to church after the covid restrictions dropped. Keep up the good work and keep going with the council.

Financial Report: Emailed

Membership Report: Christian Campbell taking his degree soon.

Other Reports:

Program Activity Report:

1. FAITH – No Report
2. FAMILY – picnic on August 1st.
3. COMMUNITY – No Report
4. LIFE – No Report

Squires – joining us for roundtable project this Saturday at St. Marys

4th Degree: Graham Zeneri is going to take his 4th degree.

Insurance Report: None

District Deputy's report: Really proud of this council and the effort everyone put in during the past year during the pandemic. June 24th stark county chapter meeting live in person at St. Mike's. Get a jump on next fraternal year. Playing catch up makes it much more difficult. Silver Rose is coming to Ohio. TBD.

Old Business: Still waiting to get credit card. Gave copy of bylaws to the bank. The minutes of the meeting need to reflect someone who would be authorized to take out a loan since that is what a credit card does. The bylaws do not state that specifically. Tim Paul posed question: Why can't we get a debit card? Credit card is more secure and will not need the requirements above. Wouldn't have to also keep writing checks then. We would need another bank account. We should authorize either Joe Vilhosky or Ken McLaughlin.

New Business:

2nd Nominations/Elections of Officers for the year 2021-2022

GK: Ken McLaughlin - motion to close nominations by Ken Girt 2nd by Gary Lamielle

DGK: Ken Girt - motion to close nominations by Paul Haig 2nd by Joe Vilhosky

Chancellor: Tim Paul - motion to close nominations by Ken Girt 2nd by Bob Pittinger

Recorder: Graham Zeneri - motion to close nominations by Ken Girt 2nd by Gary Lamielle

Treasurer: Joe Vilhosky - motion to close nominations by Ken Girt 2nd by Gary Lamielle

Advocate: John D. Ferrero - motion to close nominations by Ken Girt 2nd by Gary Lamielle

Warden: Bill Shane - motion to close nominations by Ken Girt 2nd by Gary Lamielle

Inside Guard: Jim Brelish - motion to close nominations by Ken Girt 2nd by Bob Pittinger

Outside Guard: Charles Meyer - motion to close nominations by Ken Girt 2nd by Gary Lamielle

3-yr Trustee: Gary Lamielle - motion to close nominations by Ken Girt 2nd by Paul Haig

All nominations passed with an AYE vote

Other New Business:

Gary Lamielle made a motion for Joe Vilhosky to be authorized to use a Credit Card and or take a loan. Joe declined the motion. Motion to table by Ken Girt. Ken McLaughlin 2nd. Financial Secretary is not authorized to purchase anything for the council so he cannot be on the credit card.

June 19th 9-11 Walk for cancer at our walking path. Checks can be made to cancer society. \$10 will get you a t-shirt while supplies last.

Gary Lamielle asked to be diocesan chairman of S.O.S. program. Looking to get 100% participation from all the state councils. We could as a council run a 50/50 at the picnic to help fund this.

Good of the order: May 2021 FoM: Gordon and Susan Cox, KoM: Paul Haig

Grand Knight's Summary Despite covid, we have been quite active with our programs and appreciate all the work everyone has done this year. We can't survive in the future unless we get those in the pews to join the Knights.

Foundation Trustee Election

3 terms up but are re-running: Bob Pittinger, Paul Lambert, Jim Brelish Ken Girt moved to close nominations, Gary Lamielle 2nd. Motion passed and the three were elected.

nomination to replace Bob Catazaro: Bill Beese and Gary Lamielle. Ken Girt moved to close nominations. Proceeded with secret ballot: Jim Brelish and Tim Paul were part of counting committee. Bill Beese was winner of the vote.

Massillon KofC SNAPSHOTS



Council 554 held its annual Anniversary Celebration and Awards Dinner on Tuesday, June 22, 2021 held at our pavilion. Our regularly scheduled dinner in January was postponed due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Pictured above, from left to right, is Ken Girt, PGK, PSD, who was honored as the 2020 Knight of the Year, Barb and Bob Pittinger PGK, who were honored as 2020 Family of the Year, Paul Haig, PGK who was honored as one of the Supreme Knight Award Recipient for 2020, Msgr James Kolp who was honored as our 2020 Chaplain of the Year, and Major Tom Perks, representing the Massillon Salvation Army congregation, who were honored as our 2020 Humanitarian Award for their work in feeding and caring for the needy in the Massillon community. Missing were Supreme Knight Award recipients for 2020 Bill Ringley and Fr. Thomas Cebula, and 2020 Council Youth of the Year, Anthony Jones, from St. Joseph Church. Also at the banquet were those members who became **Honorary Life** during 2020; Ken Girt, Ray Tully Robert Rohrer and Tim Paul. The following members also achieved Honorary Life during 2020: Timothy Bryan, Michael Burns, Paul Herrera, Michael Hutkowski, Daniel Kemp, John Longheier, Paul Stock, Frank Perciballi, John Ruda, Mark Sweany, and Gerald Meyer.



Members of the St. Mary – Council 554 Round Table Committee gathered for a mulch project on Saturday, June 12 at the church. 15 yards of mulch were spread on the church’s flower beds. Pictured left to right, front row; Graham Zeneri Alex Turner, Steve Bettilyon, Charles Roberts and Kasey Davis. Middle row, left to right: Robbie Bettilyon, Bob Pittinger, J.J. Jones and John Roberts. Top row, left to right, Paul Biedenbach, Ken McLaughlin, Ken Girt, Gary Chaddock and John Daugherty. Not pictured were Mark Hoffer and his sons Nick and Will.



The Officer and Trustees of Massillon Council 554 for 2021-2022, were elected at the monthly meeting on June 8. From left to right, front row: Pau Haig – Financial Secretary, Ken McLaughlin – Grand Knight Msgr James Kolp – Chaplain, Gary Lamielle – 3 Year Trustee, Jim Brelish – Inside Guard. Back row: Graham Zeneri – Recorder, Ken Girt – Deputy Grand Knight, Bob Pittinger – 2nd Year Trustee, Joe Vilholsky Treasurer and Tim Paul – Chancellor. Missing from photo were John Ferrero – Advocate, Jim Sieber – 1 year Trustee, Chuck Meyer – Outside Guard and Bill Shane – Warden.



Council 554 Chaplain Msgr James Kolp was honored after the June 8 council meeting with a small birthday cupcake to celebrate his upcoming birthday on June 11. Msgr Kolp is turning 96! He has been Council 554 Chaplain for 48 years. Congratulations Monsignor!



On Saturday, June 19, 2021, we held a Walk for Cancer at the K of C to honor the life of Paula Ann (Lambert) Harris. After the walk, Father Raymond Paul blessed the path and dedicated it to Gerald (Jerry) Schroeder, whose service and contributions made the path a reality. The path took over a year to complete with the help of many volunteers. The path was to be dedicated last year and when Covid hit, it made us postponed the dedication. We want to thank everybody who came for the Walk, Dedication and the Celebration of Life for Paula.

New Membership Recruiting Tool – Council 554 Landing Page

Supreme Council has created a “Landing Page” for recruiting members for Council 554. For those with I-Phones or I-Pads, you can save the link below as one of your web favorites. When you find a potential candidate, access the link, have your candidate enter the contact information and press [Submit]. The information goes to Supreme and copied to Council Membership Chairman Ken Girt. We will process the application and you will get credit for recruiting a new member. Just access the link below and save.

https://info.kofc.org/OH-Landing-Page-Council-554_Landingpage.html

Council 554 Round Table Initiative: Divine Mercy Chaplet Recitation

Massillon Council 554 is resuming our promotion and participation in the **Divine Mercy Chaplet** recitation each month in our local parishes. Our Lord said through his apparitions to St. Faustina: "It pleases me to grant everything souls ask of me by saying the chaplet." The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us — all of us. And, he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

The schedule is as follows:

St. Joseph The chaplet recitation at St. Joseph Parish is scheduled on the third Friday of the month at 12:30 PM, in the church following the Blessed Sacrament Exposition which runs from 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM.

St. Mary The chaplet recitation at St. Mary Parish is scheduled each Wednesday at 3:00 PM, in the chapel in the parish center on 1st Street.

St. Barbara The chaplet recitation at St. Barbara Parish is scheduled on the fourth Tuesday of the month, 9:45 AM, in the church, following the 9:00 am morning Mass. The Chaplet is said during the Eucharistic Adoration.

All are welcome at all of the scheduled recitations.

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>.