



# Massillon Council 554



***Knights of Columbus***

***June, 2023***

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

June is the month we dedicate to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Pope John Paul II championed our devotion to the Sacred Heart because it is the heart of our Church and the backbone of our call to a new evangelization. As Knights our charitable mission is aligned perfectly with the Sacred Heart because it is Jesus who sends us out to perform worthy works.

It gives me great joy to report your Council's significant successes during the recent 124th Annual Ohio State Convention. In total, your Council or its nominees came home with seven awards: three awards for council excellence and four awards for individual accomplishments. I offer a special note of congratulations to the following 2023 Council Award winners: Knight of the Year Bob Pittinger, Family of the Year Chuck and Ruthanne Maier, Volunteer of the Year Anne Ziegelhofer, Youth of the Year Gracen Competty, Humanitarian of the Year Ed Grier (posthumously), Chaplain of the Year Msgr. James Kolp, Supreme Knight Award winners for 2022 - Jeff Heitger and Ron Kurpieski. These men and women have consistently shown a selfless dedication to our Catholic faith and our order, their actions are commendable and evidence that Christ lives among us.

This will be my last report to you as the Grand Knight of our Council. It's hard to believe three years have passed since first elected, we have persevered through a pandemic yet together we have admirably served our parish and community. I am blessed to have served our Council officers, trustees, and members. I eagerly anticipate the new leadership knowing that we will continue to grow, improve, and serve. I remain a dedicated servant to our Council, council leadership, and the success of the Knights mission as it unites with our rich Catholic faith.

### **WAYS YOU CAN HELP THIS MONTH**

Plan on attending our Council Family Picnic on Sunday, June 11 in the Pavilion. We hope to have many of our new members in attendance as well as our new honorary and honorary life members.

Please attend our next council meeting on Tue. June 13 at 7:00 pm as we accept final nominations and then vote for our new council officers for the 2023-'24 fraternal year. Please consider offering a little of your time to the administrative and planning needs of your Council. Immediately following the council meeting, the Massillon Knights Foundation will be accepting second nominations and electing their officers as well.

Attend our combined Council Awards Dinner, Tue. June 27 at 6:00 pm. in the Pinta Room. Please show your support and appreciation for our recent Convention Awardees as we present awards for their excellence in service.

Pentecost is upon us! Behold the great birthday of the Church. May the Peace and love of Christ always guide you.

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

I would like to congratulate Grand Knight Ken McLaughlin and Massillon Council 554 for such an outstanding year as reported at the State Council Meeting several weeks ago in Columbus. Our Council received many honors which were very much deserved. I would like to thank our Council for suggesting me as the Chaplain of the Year. Being at so many meetings and activities gave me the opportunity to see our Council at work.

My Brother Knights, let's make the new Council Year even greater than the last. My prayers and my involvement are at your service.

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

Congratulations to **John Dorka** for being selected as our Knight of the Month for May. John is a member of St. Mary's. He is very active for the Right to Life effort and works the KofC hot lunch each Wednesday.

We also congratulate **Paul and Mary Ann Haig** for being selected Family of the Month for May. They belong to St. Mary Church where Paul works our sound board at Mass. They also work the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry and deliver Meals on Wheels. Paul is our financial secretary and Mary Ann prepares council meeting lunches.

We also congratulate **Sue Hall** as our Volunteer of the Month for May. Sue is a member of St. Barbara where she is a reader at Mass. She volunteers every Wednesday for our Hot Lunch and for our Bingo every Monday.

**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>.

**The Massillon Knights Foundation**

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

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

I hope everyone is doing well and please be careful in this heat wave. The ups and downs in the weather is hard on a lot of people. Please check to make sure everyone is okay.

I want everyone to know that they will be starting the parking lot project sometime this summer. They were supposed to start last week but one of the employees had heart surgery and it is setting them back a couple of months.

The patio is coming along and if you haven't seen it, please stop out and take a look.

We are also getting a new dishwasher, which was badly need, hopefully that will be here by the end of June.

We are still looking for donations for the dishwasher. We must make some adjustments for it to fit. Also, donations to get the rest of the parking lot done on the club room side.

If anyone knows of someone who needs a job, doing dishes, (we will teach them how it is done), cleaning, and part time maintenance (will train), please have them call 330-837-9101 for an interview. We are looking for anyone willing to work.

**Fraternal Report, by Ken Girt PGK**

**On our Member Sick List:** Gerald Meyer, Bill Ringley, Bill Hamit, Jim Kracker, John Scheetz, Walt Featheringham, Sam Meyer, Mike Ziegelhofer, Ted Burch, Chuck Meyer, Paul Lucchesi, Joe Vilhosky, Jim Sieber, Fr. Mike Seifert, Ralph Huff and Neil Maier. **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@sssnet.com](mailto:girtken@sssnet.com) or call 330-608-1729.

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

Summer is finally here!! The patio is coming along great! A few tables were bought for the patio from the 50/50 drawings pulled every other Saturday & we will be adding more tables as soon as we can. I want to thank everyone for their contributions towards this goal!

We are having a Slot Tournament on Saturday, June 3, 2023 starts at 5PM. The kitchen will be open for the tournament to purchase food it will be open 4PM until 8PM.

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.

We are looking for Dishwasher it would be for Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and events, please apply at the office Monday thru Friday 8am-Noon or online at [www.massillonkofc554@sssnet.com](mailto:www.massillonkofc554@sssnet.com).

**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, Wednesday and Friday.**

See page 14 of website newsletter for K-Club Menu

**Friday Fish Fry's**

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

**With weekly specials. Take-Out meals available.**

## **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 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	Paul Haig, PFN 837-1185
Faithful Comptroller	Dan Flanagan 966-4937	Faithful 2-year Trustee	Charles Maier 418-8741
Faithful Pilot	Leonard Hughes 834-5586	Faithful 3-year Trustee	Joseph Vilhosky 806-4036
Faithful Scribe	Graham Zeneri 844-7712	Commander	James Sieber, PFN 478-2363

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

Sir Knights, our next Bishop Massillon Assembly business meeting will be Tuesday, June 6. This is our Past Faithful Navigator Steak Dinner and Ladies Night. We will have a short business meeting at 6:30 PM and then dinner. The cost is \$6 per person for our Assembly Sir Knights and Ladies, a Sir Knight and a guest or a Widow of a Sir Knight. Any additional guests are \$10 each. Our Priests and Past Faithful Navigators cost is \$0. Please RSVP with me for this dinner before Friday, June 2nd by email to [piper6096@gmail.com](mailto:piper6096@gmail.com) or call/text 330-936-0974.

Due to rain and the colder temperatures, the Flag Retirement Ceremony scheduled for May 2nd was cancelled. We are looking to have a short ceremony in August during our Assembly picnic at the pavilion. Thank you, Sir Knights and families that attended recent Honor Guards and Memorial Day events in our Parishes and community.

Our first nomination for 2022-2023 Assembly Officers took place during the May meeting. Second nomination and election of officers will take place at our June meeting. Please consider helping further by becoming an officer. Thank you to our past, present and newly elected 2023-2024 Assembly Faithful Officers. We look forward to this coming year.

I hope you and your family enjoyed the Memorial Day weekend as we kick off the summer months. Let us continue to reflect, remember, and honor those that paid the ultimate sacrifice by giving their life while serving in our Armed Forces. God Bless them and the ones they left behind.

Please call me if I can address any questions.

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

Columbian ladies recently held a May Crowning with the statue of Mary at the KC. We were hoping for a better attendance for this event. We will continue having this event outside (weather permitting) Thank you Mary Ann for Mary's crown.

No secretary's report or treasurers report were available at this time. Karen did a review of last month's meeting in order to cover outstanding business. Donation to sheriff's department, will be handled by Ann and Karen (this is for continuing education)

AED training was given by Ann and there was positive feedback about the training, Mary Ann and Ann will be handling the restocking of first aid kits in various areas of the KC.

After seeing the condition of the gazebo (where Mary's statue is located) a vote was taken by the ladies to contact a painting company for an estimate to have the gazebo scraped and painted. A further motion was made that depending on the estimate we will just go ahead and have the painting done. The painting contractor was contracted and the quote was within the budget. The painting will be done the end of July, unless the contractor has openings before that time.

We hope you all had a pleasant Memorial Day, remembering those service members that have passed, the Gold Star Mothers, and their families. Our next meeting will be September 26 at 7:00 p.m. at the KC. Till we are together again may the Lord watch over you and your family. God Bless you all.

### **In Memoriam: Chalmer Smith**

Chalmer Joseph Smith passed away on May 11, 2023. He in Massillon, Ohio and was a life-long member of Saint Mary's, Saint Barbara's and Saint Joan of Arc Churches. He served two years in the US Army where he served in West Germany. He worked for 42 years at Eaton Engineered Fasteners. He was an active member of the St. Mary's Choir, the Knights of Columbus where he served as an officer, was a member of the Council 554 Bereavement Committee, and played in the golf and bowling leagues.

Chalmer is survived by his wife, Cynthia and children Connie, Christopher, Cheryl, Chad and Clint.

May he Rest in Peace.

## Upcoming Calendar of Events...

### .....June, 2023

- 3 8:30 AM Impact Massillon.  
 6 6:30 PM 4th Degree Meeting, (PFN Steak Dinner)  
 11 12:00 pm Council 554 Picnic  
 13 7:00 PM Reg. Council Meeting; Election of Officers  
 14 **Flag Day**  
 18 **Father's Day**  
 20 6:30 PM Officer and Trustee Meeting (Special Night)  
 27 6:00 PM Council Award Night Party

### ..... July, 2023

- 4 **Independence Day**  
 6:30 PM 4th Degree Meeting CANCELLED  
 11 7:00 PM Reg. Council Meeting, 1<sup>st</sup> Budget reading & MKF Report  
 15 1:00 PM Youngstown Diocese - OSC Tour  
 18 7:00 PM Installation of Officers  
 19 1:00 PM Bloodmobile  
 25 6:30 PM Officers and Trustees 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 554's Annual Family Picnic Sunday, June 11, 2023 Noon to 3pm, (Food served Noon to 2pm)

For all Members of Council 554, Columbian Ladies Guild, Social Members, and their families; and our Member's Widows. We especially extend an invitation to all new members to Council 554!  
 Free Food, Free Drinks, Games, and FUN! Volunteers needed; please contact any Council Officer.

### Official 2023 Super Cash Bonanza Winners List

Prize #	Winner	Prize	Ticket #	Council
1	Alfred S Fricano - East Liverpool, OH	\$414.00 A MONTH FOR 10 YEARS (\$49,680	534700	507
2	Doug Dusenberry - Newark, OH	\$313.00 A MONTH FOR 5 YEARS (\$18,780)	109324	721
3	Ray Pesho - Broadview Hts, OH	\$212 A MONTH FOR 5 YEARS (\$12,720)	241273	
4	Rick Thomas	\$4,000.00	400652	5621
5	Pat Wehrman - Minster, OH	\$3,000.00	037064	5239
6	Erich Hesselbrock - Hollywood, MD	\$1,500.00	594809	14882
7	Dennis Gnage - OH	\$1,500.00	317772	546
8	Mary Jude Schroeder - Hudson, OH	\$1,500.00	688231	10936
9	Justin Rieman - Ottawa, OH	\$1,500.00	013436	
10	Rev. James S. Duell - Covington, OH	\$1,250.00	023576	15424
11	David J. Wuebker - Saint Henry, OH	\$1,250.00	239012	2640
12	Lori Long - Montpelier, OH	\$1,250.00	266535	5226
13	Frances - Burlington, KY	\$1,250.00	554003	3369
14	Fr. Ed Littlemen - Toledo	\$1,000.00	491224	13636
15	Clayton Kiralofe - Eaton, OH	\$1,000.00	029409	3754
16	Ann Bocker -OH	\$1,000.00	669820	
17	Dawn Wehrle - Edgerton, OH	\$1,000.00	661400	
18	Bob Neiswone - Springboro, PA	\$ 750.00	308457	5063
19	Phillip Elerby - Hermitage, PA	\$ 750.00	465893	4571
20	Joe Seifert Jr. - Navarre, OH	\$ 750.00	526478	554
21	J. Stefonsky - Stow, OH	\$ 750.00	194503	10936
22	Nick Seibert - Bryan, OH	\$ 500.00	261104	
23	Christopher Brown - Cincinnati, OH	\$ 500.00	038219	15533
24	Dcn. Frank Iannarino - Dublin, OH	\$ 500.00	455373	
25	George Halloran - Brandenton, FL	\$ 500.00	457238	10765
26	Jerry Malik - Mingo Junction	\$ 500.00	363248	4361

## **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 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. 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  
 Chuck Maier Membership Chairman: massillonward2@yahoo.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 2022 - 2023 OFFICERS & TRUSTEES**

<u>Officers</u>			<u>Round Table Coordinators</u>		
Chaplain	Msgr James Kolp	428-5555	St. Mary	Ken Girt, PGK	608-1729
Grand Knight	Ken McLaughlin	571 1203	St Joseph	Tom Ferrero	844-0469
Dep Grd Knight	Chuck Maier	418-8741	St Barbara	Joel Fichter	830-9301
Chancellor	Tim Paul	603-502-4455			
Recorder	Graham Zeneri	844-7712			
Treasurer	Joe Vilhosky	806-4036			
Financial Sec	Paul Haig, PGK	837-1411			
Advocate	John Ferrero, Jr.	265-9584			
Warden	Bryan Stewart	605-8840			
Inside Guard	Jim Brelish				
Outside Guard	Charles Meyer				
1- Year Trust	Bob Pittinger, PGK	571-5150			
2- Year Trust	Gary Lamielle, PGK	327-7223			
3- Year Trust	Ken Girt, PGK	608-1729			
Field Agent	Marty VanDevere	858-0963			
Bulletin Editor	Ken Girt, PGK	608-1729			
Web: <a href="http://www.massillonkofc554.org">http://www.massillonkofc554.org</a>					
			<u>Program Activity Chairmen:</u>		
			Gen Program Dir	Ken Girt	608-1729
			FAITH	Ken McLaughlin	571 1203
			FAMILY	Bob Pittinger, PGK	571-5150
			COMMUNITY	Matt Meyer, PGK	284-9365
			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	
			Virtual Comm Ast	Mark Hoffer	

## **COUNCIL 554 MEETING MINUTES: Date: 5/9/23 Present: 12**

**Chaplain's Message:** As I mentioned in the article in the monthly bulletin. May is a very important month for us to pray to Our Lady. Then I find out the great news that St. Mary's will be praying The Miraculous Medal Novena again which I believe began way back in 1940. It's so very important that we pray the rosary every day during this month of May asking Our Lady to help us in every way.

There's one thing in the state of Ohio to keep in mind. The State Representatives are discussing the Constitution and that it might be changed which would not be in the favor of life. The State Representatives are having a vote regarding this tomorrow and it is very concerning. Let's pray that our country will have good leadership. Thank you very much.

**GK Report:** Next Council meeting will be on June 13th at 7pm. We'll be voting in our new officers. Next Officers and Trustee's meeting will be on May 23rd at 6:30. Our next Chapter meeting will be on May 11th at St. Michael in Canton at 6:30 with a night of reflection. Fr. Ed will be leading the rosary. The family picnic will be on June 11th. The awards dinner will be on June 27th.

The Religious Appreciation dinner will be on Sunday June 4th from 4-7 at St. Joseph in Canton. It's \$20 a person. The social is at 4pm. Dinner is at 5pm. Awards program is at 6pm.

My GK report is to the newest members of our roles in the last 2 years. We as a council have done a very good job recruiting but as I continue to say we've done a poor job of incorporating our new members into our administration of our council and that's a problem because we continue to recycle our officers. We have over 440 members and we have all that you see in this room who do all the work of the Knights. Signing on we all agree to the precepts of the Knights of Columbus. Charity. Unity. Fraternity. We continue to serve these endeavors and it's fantastic that we are able to serve in those capacities but our council has to be run and we have to have good people who are willing to sacrifice a Tuesday a month to come in and take positions to help make decisions for our council going forward. If it is all possible, we need to reach out to anybody especially those who have become a member in the last 2 years to serve a beautiful organization not only for our community but our faith, our parish, and our priests.

**Financial report and Previous Meeting Minutes:** Accepted as distributed.

**Membership report:** 4 new members pending. We will set a degree in July.

### **Other Reports:**

**4th Degree Report:** We had two new members join that were from our council. We hope to have two more in the fall. The flag retirement was postponed from last Tuesday the new date to be discussed.

**Squires:** They are planning events during the summer but there are no more details than that.

**Insurance report:** Our newest insurance agent still needs to get his 3rd Degree and we are working to get him involved.

**Massillon Knights Foundation** No report

**Parish Round Table Projects:** The Easter decorations take down for St. Mary's will be this Saturday at 9am.

**District Deputy Report:** DD 73 Matt Meyer. I received an email stressing to turn in Roundtable reports. They said Supreme hasn't been getting Roundtable reports. We have our convention coming up and we should have a good turnout.

**Old Business:** We have five Tuesdays this month where we usually have a social and bunko night. May 30

**New Business:** 1st Nominations of Officers: Grand Knight - Chuck Maier, Deputy Grand Knight: Graham Zeneri or Bryan Stewart, Chancellor - Tim Paul, Recorder - No nominations. Warden - No nominations, Treasurer - Ken McLaughlin, Advocate - John Ferrero or George Maier, Inside Guard - Joey Logan, Outside Guard - Jim Brelish, 1st year Trustee - Gary Lamielle, 2nd year Trustee - Ken Girt 3rd year Trustee - Bob Pittinger

The Mary Shrine outside of the building is in disrepair again. We would like to partner with our Columbian ladies to work on it. Also, we have a parishioner from St. Mary's who would like to step in and help manicure it and get rid of some of the dead items and things. We'll talk more about it at our Officers and Trustee's meeting to set up a program in the future where we can all pitch in and maybe paint it and whatever is necessary to keep it nice.

**Good of the Order** Honorees for April Knight of the month - John Birman Family of the month - Matt and Ivy Meyer.

Volunteer of the month - John Blackstone

**Closing prayer recited:**

<b>2023 Family, Knight and Volunteer of the Months</b>			
	<b>Family of Month</b>	<b>Knight of Month</b>	<b>Volunteer of Month</b>
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

# **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 every Friday of the month at 12:30 pm preceding the closing of the Holy Eucharist Adoration and 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**

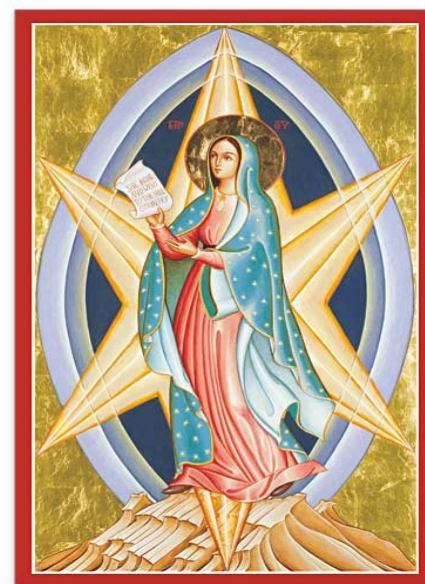
**Glorious Patriarch St. Joseph, whose power makes the impossible possible, come to my aid in these times of anguish and difficulty. Take under your protection the serious and troubling situation that I commend to you, that they may have a happy outcome (*list requests*). My beloved father, all my trust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





# Massillon KofC SNAPSHOTS

## From the 124th State Convention



Grand Knight Ken McLaughlin accepted the Gold Award for Program Excellence for Council 554 at the 124<sup>th</sup> KofC State Convention on May 20, held at the Columbus Hilton Downtown



Grand Knight Ken McLaughlin accepted the Division One First Place Award for Council 554 from State Deputy Mark Siracusa at the 124<sup>th</sup> KofC State Convention on May 20,



Grand Knight Ken McLaughlin accepted the Family of the Year for the Youngstown Diocese - Chuck and Ruthanne Maier from State Deputy Mark Siracusa at the 124 State Convention. Pictured on right is Joe Hartle, State Family Director.



Grand Knight Ken McLaughlin accepted the Chaplain of the Year for the Youngstown Diocese, Msgr James Kolp, from State Deputy Mark Siracusa at the 124<sup>th</sup> KofC State Convention on May 20 in Columbus





Grand Knight Ken McLaughlin accepted the Youth of the Year for the Youngstown Diocese – Gracean Competty, from State Deputy Mark Siracusa at the 124<sup>th</sup> State Convention in Columbus.



District Deputy Matt Meyer was recognized for his performance requirements as a district deputy. Pictured with Matt is State Deputy Mark Siracusa.



Massillon Council 554 was recognized as the 4<sup>th</sup> Place Council for the State of Ohio at the May 20 State Deputy's Banquet at the 124<sup>th</sup> State Convention held in Columbus at the Downtown Hilton Hotel. Shown on the left were those from Council 554 attending the convention. From Left to right: Matt Meyer District Deputy 73, Ken McLaughlin Grand Knight, Ken Girt Past State Deputy and Paul Haig, Financial Secretary and convention delegate.





Matt Meyer, (left) Past Faithful Navigator of Bishop Massillon Assembly Fourth Degree, placed a wreath at the Memorial Park in downtown Massillon for all the deceased members of the Knights of Columbus killed in all wars. The ceremony was held on Memorial Day. Also pictured (center) is Ken Girt, Past Faithful Navigator who was serving with the Honor Guard of the Massillon American Legion, and (on right) Paul Haig, Fast Faithful Navigator.

## 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 will help with the 2023 IMPACT MASSILLON project on June 3. Please let me know if you are interested to help. We need to register all volunteers and order t-shirts by May 3. Thanks. 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

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## LIFE Activities:

### Right for Life June 23 Newsletter

- Ohio voters will get the chance to decide whether to make it harder to pass constitutional amendments just ahead of a possible November vote on an amendment that would enshrine abortion rights in the state. If you want to stop a change in the Ohio Constitution from becoming law, please vote at the 2023 SPECIAL ELECTION | AUGUST 8, 2023.
- Abortion does not save women's lives. & Women's Health
- Abortion is the direct and intentional, killing of a child in the womb.
- Abortion is never medically necessary. It does not treat or solve any pregnancy-related complication.
- Outlawing abortion will not affect treatment for miscarriage.
- Treatment for miscarriage and abortion is not the same thing.
- There is a complete moral and legal difference between losing a child through miscarriage and intentionally taking the life of a child.
- In the tragic case of miscarriage, surgery may be necessary—and is an ethical treatment—to remove the remains of an unborn child who has already died.
- While the same surgery is done to perform an abortion, abortions impose this procedure on a living child with the intention of ending his or her life.
- Women can get the lifesaving treatments they need—without abortion.
- In rare cases, and in the absence of better alternatives, life-threatening maternal health conditions may require interventions that indirectly and unintentionally lead to the death of an unborn child.
- Abortion restrictions will not prevent women from receiving these treatments.
- When the lives of mother and child are in immediate danger, the goal is to fight to save both patients.
- Effective treatments exist that seek to save the life of the mother and never to intentionally harm her unborn child.
- When a woman's life is at risk in pregnancy, preterm delivery may be used as a lifesaving medical intervention to preserve the life of both mother and child.
- Ectopic pregnancies result when an embryo implants outside the uterus—often in the fallopian tube. Sadly, such embryos cannot survive, and this condition can pose serious risks to the mother. While ectopic pregnancies sometimes resolve naturally, interventions are often necessary.
- When done ethically, treatment for an ectopic pregnancy is not abortion. Ethical interventions include the removal of the damaged fallopian tube containing the embryo or, if embryo death has already occurred, medication can be used to resolve the ectopic pregnancy.
- Bottom line: Abortion restrictions never prevent women from receiving life-saving treatment.

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# ***K-CLUB*** Dining Menu

## **Massillon Knights Foundation**

Home for Knights of Columbus - Massillon Council 554

988 Cherry Road, Massillon OH 44647

**Open: Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday – 4 to 8 pm.**

### **APPETIZERS \$6.00 EACH**

Fried Pickles, Cheese Sticks, Onion Rings,  
& Pub Pretzels

### **SALADS \$9.00**

Grilled Chicken Salad  
Buffalo Chicken Salad

### **JUMBO BONLESS OR BONE IN WINGS:**

6 Wings **\$6.00**/12 Wings **\$12.00**

(Wednesday Dine-in Special \$0.75 each)

**Breaded Wings**-6 for \$7.50/12 for \$15.00

(Wednesday Dine-in Special (\$1.00 each)

### **OUR SAUCES**

Jack's Whiskey BBQ, Buffalo, Sweet Chili  
Drunken, General Tso, Garlic Parmesan

### **SALAD DRESSINGS:**

House, Balsamic, Ranch, Italian, French,  
Sweet & Sour, Honey Mustard & Blue Cheese

### **BURGERS & SANDWICHES** Served with Fries

Hamburger \$10.00 add cheese \$0.75

BLT on Texas Toast \$8.00

Grilled Cheese on Texas Toast \$6.00

4 Chicken Tenders with Fries \$8.00

### **FISH FRY FRIDAY'S ONLY**

#### **Battered or Floured Blend Fish Dinner**

1, 2 & 3-Piece Dinner w/2 Sides

\$8.00 \$10.00 \$12.00

Ala Cart: Piece of Fish \$3.00

9oz. Broiled Scrod w/2 Sides \$15.00

Shrimp Basket w/Fries \$10.00

Fish Sandwich w/Fries \$9.00

(add cheese \$0.75)

### **TACO TUESDAY'S ONLY**

2 Tacos Hard or Soft with Rice \$6.50

Loaded Nachos \$7.00

Taco Salad \$10.00

6 Pack of Tacos Hard or Soft \$9.00

Chicken Quesadillas \$8.00

Chicken Fajita Quesadilla \$10.00

#### **Ala Cart:**

1 Taco \$2.25

Mexican Rice \$2.75

Jalapenos can be added!

### **KIDS 10 AND UNDER**

(With Accompanying Adult Meal)

Grilled Cheese w/Fries \$5.00

2 Chicken Tenders w/Fries \$5.50

Hamburger w/Fries \$6.00

Cheese Quesadillas \$6.00

1 piece Fish Dinner w/Fries \$5.00

(Friday Only)

### **SIDES**

Tossed Salad, Veggie of the Day, Fresh-Cut Fries & Sweet Potato Fries

Baked Potato \$2.00

**Consuming raw or undercooked meats, poultry etc. may increase your risk of food illness.**