



# Massillon Council 554



**Knights of Columbus**

**March, 2022**

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

I am thankful that the Lenten season is upon us. Yes, with Lent comes Springtime but, most importantly, the penitential season is an excellent time to reorient thoughts and deeds to Christ and his sacrificial Passion. To help support your Lenten plans please consider our spiritual programs during Lent: Join us in prayer for the Planned Parenthood Prayer Vigil each Sunday at 2:00 PM through Lent, the St. Joseph Pilgrim Icon Prayer service Wed. March 16 at 7:00 PM, adopt our Mary, Star of Evangelization Icon for private devotion in the home, join your brother Knights for a Lenten Day of Devotion at St. Mary Church or participate via Facebook Live 2:30 PM on Sat. March 26. (See details in this newsletter).

By now you should have received your February member mailing that included your 2022 Membership Card, a council update, and 5 Super Cash Bonanza tickets. If you have not received any of these items, please contact us for assistance. (Office: 330-837-1411). We want to stay in touch with you.

I am pleased to report a successful campaign for People with Developmental Disabilities. Thank you all for your "Gimme-5" contributions, your generosity is exemplary for our flagship fundraiser - 1 anonymous contribution alone equaled \$1,000. Superb!

I am also pleased to announce that Graham Zeneri has offered to head up our Bereavement Committee. This prayer service committee offers support and comfort to families who are suffering from the loss of a Brother Knight. Please contact Graham or myself if we can help.

### WAYS YOU CAN HELP THIS MONTH

Please join us for our March 8 Council Meeting when we will nominate our delegates for the Annual State Convention May 13-15. Please contact Ken Girt (330-608-1729) for the link to the Zoom meeting, all Knights are welcome. Also, join us for a Fraternal Benefits Night on Thursday, March 10 at 7:00 PM (see details in newsletter).

Please consider purchasing or selling the 5 Super Cash bonanza tickets you were recently provided. For each \$5 ticket sold, the council retains \$2.40 for our local charities. An additional \$.60 in rebates will apply if we can submit a minimum of 1 ½ tickets per member by April 1 - more rebates are available based on sales volume. The bulk of the remaining proceeds will support State Council Charities. Thank you in advance for your ongoing support of our charitable mission.

May Christ's sacrifice and love continue to guide you and your families through this Lenten season.

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

I can't think of any year in recent days when the season of Lent was more important. Pope Francis is begging us to pray for peace in the Ukraine and to pray for so many other intentions such as the end of the covid pandemic and the return of so many to the Catholic faith. Besides praying, fasting, abstaining and helping the poor, would you do your very best to work with your parish and our great Council? Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us.

## Family, Knight and Volunteer of the Month for February 2022

Congratulations to **Paul and Elaine Lambert** for being selected as our Family of the Month for February. Paul and Elaine are very active with the Knights Foundation fundraiser and recent kitchen cleaning. Paul is the President of the Massillon Knights Foundation and chairman of the Wednesday Hot Lunch program.

We also recognize **Tom Ferrero** for being selected Knight of the Month, for February. Tom works our Wednesday Hot Lunch program and is the St. Joseph Round Table Chairman. He also helped with the recent kitchen cleaning.

We also congratulate **Caroline "CJ" Bush** as our Volunteer of the Month for February. CJ works every Monday night at our Bingo and also spends time preparing for Bingo during the day.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Our **Council Meeting** on March 8 at 7PM has been changed to a ZOOM MEETING. Please email Ken Girt at [girtken@sssnet.com](mailto:girtken@sssnet.com) for an invite link. Also, we will be nominating delegates to the State Convention on May 13-15, 2022, at Kalahari Resort. Nominations open for any past grand knight. If none are interested, then open to any third-degree member in good standing. Thank you.

## 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>.

In this month’s issue, I have added information about the conflict in Ukraine. Did you know that Ukraine is one of the 75 world-wide jurisdictions of the Knights of Columbus? There are 1,800 brother knights and their families in 40 councils in Ukraine. Please read our Supreme Knight’s letter on page 15. Also in this issue, Council 554 is sponsoring the St. Joseph Icon Service on March 16. See flyer on page 12. And a Lenten Day of Devotion on March 26. See flyer page 13. Also, please read the flyer on page 6 on the free Knight of Columbus webinar on retirement strategies.

## What’s Happening in...

### .....*March, 2022*

- 1 6:30 PM 4th Degree Meeting (Zoom)
- 2 *Ash Wednesday*
- 8 7:00 PM Reg. Council Meeting; (Zoom)
- 10 7:30 PM Free Webinar on Financial Planning
- 15 5:00 PM MKF Clubroom Dinner
- 16 1:00 PM Bloodmobile
- 17 7:00 PM Stark County Chapter Meeting  
*St. Patrick’s Day*
- 19 6:00 PM “Nite at the Races”
- 22 6:30 PM Officers and Trustees Meeting  
7:30 PM Columbian Ladies Meeting
- 29 7:00 PM Past Grand Knights Meeting/Dinner

### .....*April, 2022*

- 6 6:30 PM 4th Degree Meeting
- 7 7:30 PM Stark County Chapter
- 12 7:00 PM Reg. Council Meeting
- 13 7:00 PM DVD Degree – Call Ken at 330-608-1729 to reg
- 17 *Easter*  
11:00 AM Easter Buffet
- 19 5:00 PM MKF Clubroom Dinner
- 26 6:30 PM Officers and Trustees Meeting  
7:30 PM Columbian Ladies Meeting

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

## Columbian Ladies Guild, by *Karen Franz*

Meeting was held and we reviewed the AED information. We have applied for a grant to cover the cost of three AED’s they will be placed in the pavilion {in the winter it will be put in the small ballroom}, one in the large ballroom, and one in the bar area. Anne Ziegelhofer, and Elaine Lambert have been working on the grant. We hope to have more info at our next meeting.

Thanks to Mary Ann Haig and Sue Hall, our Valentine basket raffle at bingo was a great success. Mary Ann will make a basket to sell at Night at the Races in March. She will also have an Easter basket raffle for bingo.

We have also completed our booklet with information for the rental of the Foundation facility. We have given Julie 50 copies of the booklet, which includes copies in binders to be given out to people who are making inquiries in person, and copies that can be mailed out to phone inquiries. Positive response from Julie with this new informational tool at her finger tips.

If you paid your dues in 2019 you do not need to pay for this year. If you are a new member or a member who have not paid your dues in 2019, you must pay your dues for 2022. Dues are \$10.00 for new or renewing members. See Denise Campbell to pay dues or leave it at the bar in an envelope with you name and phone number.

Keep praying for the health and safety of your family, friends and the Columbian Ladies. May God Bless You All.

## In Memoriam: **Kevin J. Lynskey**

Kevin J. Lynskey, age 92 of Venice, Florida passed away Saturday, January 29. He was born in Sharpsburg, PA, and was a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh. He was a retired director of computer operations for 30 years. Kevin was a member of St. Michael Catholic Church and a 3rd Degree Knight of Columbus. He was preceded in death by his wife, Ann and survived by children Maureen, Cindy and Tim. May he Rest in Peace.

## In Memoriam: **Robert Charles Fisher**

Robert Charles Fisher, Sr. of Hudson, New Hampshire passed peacefully at home on Sunday, December 26, 2021. Bob was born Youngstown and graduated from North High School. He then joined the U.S. Navy serving as a medical corpsman aboard the USS Samuel B. Roberts during the Bay of Pigs Invasion with Cuba. In 1964.

Bob and his wife Diane owned/operated multiple McDonald's franchises for 30+ years. Established entrepreneurs. they then created/operated the Rosemont Banquet and Conference Center of Sharon, Pennsylvania for seventeen years. Bob is a Third-degree member of Council 554. He is survived by his wife, Diane and their children Robert, Darlene and Chaz. May he Rest in Peace.

## In Memoriam: Emil H. Dominick

Emil H. Dominick, 89 passed away on February 8. He was born in Massillon and graduated from Washington High School in 1951. He was married for 58 years to the late Virginia (Reed) Dominick. Emil was a veteran of the United States Army as a paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne Division. He retired after 30 years from Union Drawn Steel and then drove trucks with Roberts Express for 12 years. Emil was a member of St. Barbara's Church and Council 554. He had a collection of over 1,000 ballcaps.

Emil was preceded in death by his wife, Virginia and is survived by two daughters, Sheri and Lisa. May he Rest in Peace.

## In Memoriam: John Kessel

John R. Kessel, 89, passed away on October 27, 2021, following complications from a stroke. He was born in Massillon, Ohio and was a graduate of St. Mary School and a 1950 graduate of Washington High School He earned his degree in accounting from the University of Cincinnati in 1956. He was drafted into the Army in 1956 and served two years. He retired as a Senior Accountant from Volvo GM Heavy Truck Corp in Orrville. John was a lifelong member of St. Mary church and sang in the choir for over 53 years. He was a member of the Massillon K of C Council #554.

John is survived by his wife of 58 years, Janet and four children, Jodi, Jeffery, Jonathon, and Joel. May he Rest in Peace!

## In Memoriam: Fr. William Bantz

Rev. William E. Bantz, age 89, died Sunday, February 20, 2022. He was born in Canton, raised in Massillon. He was a 1950 graduate of Central Catholic High School and ordained a priest on May 28, 1960. He had served several parishes in the Youngstown Diocese and retired as pastor of St. Joseph – Maximo in 2002. He was a member of Council 554. He is survived by his sisters Kathy and Christine and was preceded in death by his parents, Maurice and Monica Bantz, sister, Judy and brothers, Thomas and David. 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*

I hope everyone is doing well and has weathered the storms well. Please check on your family members and neighbors to make sure they are doing well and don't need anything.

I just wanted to let you know that the driveway is coming along, and we have met at least a quarter of our goal. Thank you everyone for your donations. Please remember all donations are tax deductible.

The kitchen crew has been cleaning the kitchen and if you would like to help, please call Julie at the office between 9:00 and 12:00 noon and leave your name and number and someone will get back to you. We appreciate any help you can give us, even if it is just an hour or two.

Our next Tuesday Night Clubroom Dinner will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, March 15, 2022. See ad below. Thanking you in advance for your support. Happy St. Patrick's Day!

The grill we sold a tip board on was won by Bob Pittinger and the proceed from the board went into the patio fund.

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

Happy March; spring is right around the corner!

**Ash Wednesday** - March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Open for fish fry, 4 to 8 p.m. Lenten Hours on Fridays, 4 to 8:00 p.m. Reservations for parties of 8 or more during Lent. I would also like to introduce our two new line cooks, Ty and Rylie! We will be having dessert specials as well as shrimp baskets for lent.

**Nite at the Races**- Saturday March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022, with co-Sponsor, Tuslaw Baseball/Softball. Tickets are available now, \$20.00 per person, includes open bar and a buffet dinner. The buffet will be from 6pm-7:30pm. Please call the office to reserve your seats!

**Easter Buffet:** April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Please call the office to reserve your seats. See ad on page 4.

**Dart Tournament**- We are beginning a club room dart tournament on Friday nights! There will be a \$5 buy in with first and second place winners. Starts at 8pm!

**Bingo** is every Monday at 6:30PM & doors open at 4:00PM. We still need some volunteers as well! If you are interested, please call 330-837-9101.

I am still looking for a part time janitor position; please apply at the office Monday thru Friday 8AM-12PM or online at massillonkofc554@sssnet.com.

## MKF Clubroom Dinner: "Corned-Beef and Cabbage"

Tuesday, March 15, 2022 **Price: \$10.** Served 5 - 6:30 PM For Take-Out Only!

Meal includes red-skin potato, salad, bread and dessert.

**RESERVATION ARE REQUIRED: The last day for Reservations is Monday, March 14 at 12:00 noon.**

**Call 330-837-9101. Please leave Name, Phone Number, Number of Dinners and Time of Pickup,**

## Bishop Massillon Assembly Fourth Degree

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	Graham Zeneri 844-7712	Commander	James Sieber, PFN 478-2363

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

Sir Knights, I hope you and your family are doing well. Spring is just around the corner! Our next **Bishop Massillon Assembly business meeting on Tuesday March 1st 6:30 PM will be held via Zoom**. Details were emailed out. The virus numbers are looking better for Stark County, so the goal is to be back in the Nina Room for our next meeting with April 5th Ladies Night.

The **Stark Gun Collectors Spring Show will be Saturday April 2nd and Sunday April 3rd**. We are providing the food and drink service (Assembly fundraiser) for this event. We would appreciate any desserts such as pies, cakes, cookies, brownies, that you would like to donate to help us raise proceeds. If you are able to help work the food/drink service, please contact SK Bob Pittinger 330-571-5150. Thanks for your support with the Spring and Fall shows.

Thank you for purchasing tickets for the "Support Our Veterans 50/50 Raffle Fundraiser". The Monsignor Graham Assembly really appreciated the collaborated effort in raising monies to purchase new video/audio equipment to be donated to MAPS Air Museum. A special thank you to SK Bob Pittinger, for his outstanding efforts with selling the most tickets between the two Assemblies. Well done SK Bob! The winner of the 50/50 drawing was Mary Kring.

Please consider Third Degree Brother Knights from your Council that would be good candidates to join our Assembly. The **Spring Fourth Degree Exemplification will take place on April 22nd-24th at Double Tree Hilton Hotel in Independence**. This 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 helps Knights to put their faith, and love of country, into action. The Fourth Degree is the pinnacle of Knighthood: we live, serve and protect the truth. *Being called a "Sir Knight" is more than a title – it's an honor!*

Have a Happy St Patrick's Day - *May your troubles be less and your blessings be more and nothing but happiness come through your door. Until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of His hand.*

# Easter Sunday Buffet

**Sunday, April 17, 2022 11 AM to 2:30 PM**

(Taking the last reservation for 2:30. Carry-out Orders available until 2:00)

**Seniors - \$18.00      Adults - \$22.00**

**Children under 11 - \$10.00      Children under 2 - FREE**



**MENU:** Browned Sugar Glazed Ham, Italian marinated Chicken, Italian Sausage with peppers/onions, Mashed Potatoes with gravy, Buttered Noodles, Buttered Corn, Green Beans, Salad, Rolls/Butter, Variety of Desserts. Tax and Beverage included in price. Gratuity not included.

Call 330-837-9101 for Reservations! All Reservations by 8:00 pm Tuesday, April 12.

### 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, Mike Ziegelhofer, Ted Burch, Chuck Meyer, Paul Lucchesi, Joe Vilhosky, Jim Sieber, and Jim Hamel.

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.

## Friday Fish Fry's

**Every Friday 4:00 to 8:00 pm during Lent**  
**With weekly specials. Take-Out meals available.**

**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 is open on Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday, 4-8 pm. Closed Saturday

**Massillon Council 554 2021 - 2022 Officers & Trustees**

Officers

Chaplain	Msgr James Kolp	871-8346
Grand Knight	Ken McLaughlin	571 1203
Dep Grd Knight	Ken Girt, PGK	608-1729
Chancellor	Tim Paul	837-1411
Recorder	Graham Zeneri	844-7712
Treasurer	Joe Vilhosky	806-4036
Financial Sec	Paul Haig, PGK	837-1411
Advocate	John Ferrero, Jr.	265-9584
Warden	Chuck Maier	
Inside Guard	Jim Brelish	
Outside Guard	Charles Meyer	
1- Year Trust	Jim Sieber, PGK	478-2363
2- Year Trust	Bob Pittinger, PGK	571-5150
3- Year Trust	Gary Lamielle, PGK	327-7223
Field Agent	Steve Hamrock	284-4034
Bulletin Editor	Ken Girt, PGK	608-1729

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

h Round Table Coordinators

St. Mary	Ken Girt, PGK	608-1729
St Joseph	Tom Ferrero	844-0469
St Barbara	Joel Fichter	830-9301

Program Activity Chairmen:

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	Ken Girt, PGK	608-1729
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	



**Insurance Report, by Stephen Hamrock, FIC**

See the flyer on the next page about our March 10 webinar on retirement strategies. The is **free** to all members and to anyone interested.

Stephen Hamrock,  
Knights of Columbus Insurance





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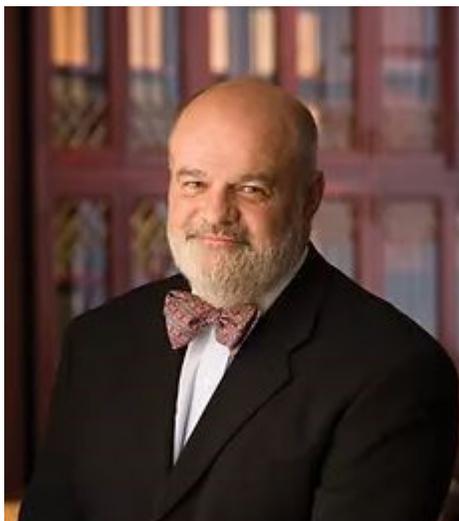
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Protecting Catholic families since 1882.

The Knights of Columbus presents a FREE webinar:  
**“Purpose Driven Retirement Strategies”**

**Thursday, March 10, 2022 7:30 pm.**

**Presented by award-winning author and financial thought leader, Joe Jordan**



**Joe Jordan** is an Award-winning author of *Living a Life of Significance* (Acanthus Publishing, 2013). It has sold over 100,000 copies and is translated in five languages. Formerly, ran insurance sales at Paine Webber and more recently was a senior vice president at MetLife. Founder of the Insured Retirement Institute and has been featured on the cover of *Life Insurance Selling* magazine. For three consecutive years, honored by *Irish America* magazine as one of the "Top 50 Irish Americans on Wall Street." Inducted into the Fordham Football Hall of Fame and played rugby for the New York Athletic Club for 30 years.

**Webinar Description:** Join us for an informative online presentation by award-winning author, financial thought leader, and brother Knight Joe Jordan. Joe will show you the keys to a prosperous retirement without losing sight of your faith and values. His message has helped boomers & seniors with successful retirement strategies that go beyond just ROI (Return on Investment) and deal with ROL (Return on Life).

In “Purpose Driven Retirement Strategies” Joe will discuss the two fundamental questions you will face when planning for retirement: 1) How will you spend your time? 2) How are you going to pay for it?

This hour-long Knights of Columbus webinar is **free** to all members of the Knights of Columbus and anyone interested in obtaining thoughts on retirement strategies. For the registration link for this webinar, please contact Ken Girt at 330-608-1729 or email at [girtken@sssnet.com](mailto:girtken@sssnet.com). He will then email you the registration link.

**Please note: There are three methods that a Catholic man or existing 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree member can advance to THIRD 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
- 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. 330-608-1729 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.

Council 554 New Member Recruitment Goal	
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**SUPER CASH BONANZA 2022**

OHIO STATE COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OHIO CHARITY FOUNDATION

**DRAWING DATE**  
 May 21, 2022  
 Kalahari Resort  
 7000 Kalahari Drive  
 Sandusky, OH 44870  
 Donor need not be present.  
 Ticket Rules on Back.  
**Donation \$5.00**  
 All proceeds benefit local charities

**1st Prize \$49,680**  
 Payable \$414/month for 10 years!

**2nd Prize \$18,780**  
 Payable \$313/month for 5 years!

**3rd Prize \$12,720**  
 Payable \$212/month for 5 years!

4<sup>th</sup> Prize..... \$4,000      14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> Prizes... \$1,000  
 5<sup>th</sup> Prize..... \$3,000      18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> Prizes..... \$750  
 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> Prizes..... \$1,500      22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> Prizes..... \$500  
 10<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> Prizes... \$1,250

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OVER \$108,000 In Cash Prizes

**2022 Super Cash Bonanza Campaign**

The 2022 Super Cash Bonanza Campaign will start this month and conclude on May 21, 2022 with the Drawing at the State Convention in Sandusky. This ticket sales for this campaign provides money for our council’s charity fund. Please consider buying or selling the tickets we will be mailing to you this month. The letter that is mailed with the tickets will explain the campaign. Thank you for your generosity!

## Council 554 and our Parish Round Tables Report

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 Parish

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

No projects at this time. Remember to email me so I can add your email to our list for notification of projects here at St. Joseph Church.

### St Barbara Parish

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

Council 554 sponsored a Degree Ceremony at St. Barbara Church, on Sunday, February 27 after the 10:30 AM Mass. New members for Council 554 included: Austin Phillips, Joe Siefert III, Kevin Cushman and Jon Mazur. Also advancing to Third Degree were members: Michael Thomas, Steve Berger and John Paquelet. 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 Parish

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

Our next project will be decorating the sanctuary for Easter. I will notify everyone. If you are not currently receiving project notification from me, and if you belong to St. Mary's parish, please send me an email so that I can retain your email address for future project notifications. Thanks for being part of our St. Mary Team.

## 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**

### 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.**

# Council 554 Meeting Minutes: Date: 2/8/22 Present on Zoom: 10

**Chaplain's report** It's great to Zoom and say hello to all of you. We've received 15 members. Fantastic! Keep up the good work and God will bless us.

**Minutes Last Meeting:** Accepted as distributed in the newsletter.

**GK report** Council meeting will be via Zoom for March to limit contact during the spike in Covid infections, and likely will go back to normal in April. Due to the amount of unfinished work to be completed, our Officer and Trustee meeting will remain in person.

**Financial report:** Joe Vilhosky sent the report by email. It was accepted as submitted.

**Membership report:** Next live degree will be at St. Barb's on February 27th following the 10:30 Mass

**Other reports:**

**4th Degree** Thanks to all those who participated in the Mass for Life We would like to add a letter about the 4th degree to be handed out after the 3rd degree Exemplifications. The spring 4th degree exemplification will take place on April 22nd-24th at Double Tree in Independence We are still offering \$100 towards the total price of the official 4th degree

**Squires:** They hope to resume meetings soon.

**Insurance report:** by Steve Hamrock Another webinar for Insurance will take place March 10th

**Massillon Knights Foundation** Tuesday February 15th from 5 to 6:30 City chicken dinner 1pc \$12 2pc \$15 It includes a salad mashed potatoes green beans bread and desert. Rsvp by Monday February 14th at noon. Take out only. Fish fry's are 4 to 8 Fridays in club room. Take out available. Superbowl party is Sunday February 13th Doors open at 4:30. 2 steak dinners for \$25. Reserve steaks by February 9<sup>th</sup>. Dinner is served at 5pm. Dart tournament is on Friday nights. There will be a \$5 buy in with 1st and 2nd place winners and it starts at 8pm

**Parish Round Table Projects:** No reports

**Old Business:** The Anniversary Dinner postponed until June 28th will be discussed at the officers and trustees meeting.

**New Business:** The celebration of Monsignor's 50 years as Council Chaplain will take place on July 24<sup>th</sup>. We will discuss at officers and trustees meeting.

**Good of the Order** Knight of the month – Robbie Bettilyon. Family of the month – Vince and Mindy Drexler. Volunteer of the month – Gary 'Moose' Meyers

**Closing prayer recited:**

## 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.

<b>2022 Family, Knight and Volunteer of the Months</b>			
	<b>Family of Month</b>	<b>Knight of Month</b>	<b>Volunteer of Month</b>
January	Vince and Mindy Drexler	Robbie Bettilyon	Gary Myers
February	Paul & Elaine Lambert	Tom Ferrero	Caroline "CJ" Bush
March			
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# Massillon KofC SNAPSHOTS

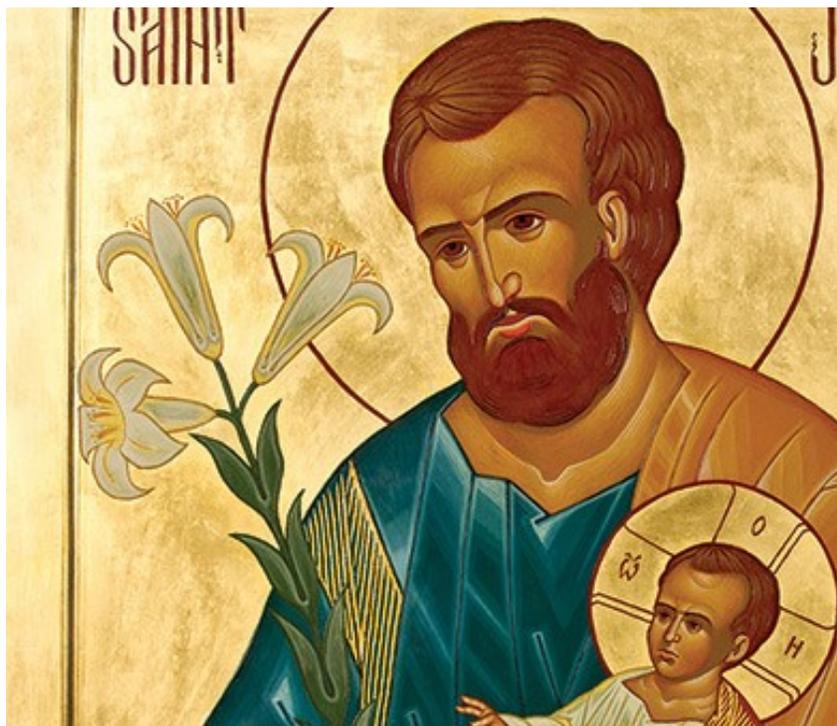


Four new members of Council 554 took the Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity on Sunday, February 27, following the 10:30 AM Sunday Mass at St. Barbara's Church. Pictured in the front row, from left to right, is Fr. Matthew Mankowski, Pastor of St. Barbara's and new members Austin Phillips and Jon Mazur. Left to right, second row, advancing members were Michael Thomas, Steve Burger and John Paquelet. Degree Team Members pictured in the third row are Joel Fichter, St. Barbara Round Table Chairman, Ken McLaughlin (Grand Knight 554), Chuck Maier, Gary Lamielle, Paul Haig, Matt Meyer (District Deputy) and Ken Girt. Absent from the photo was Joe Vilhosky, Degree Team and new members Joe Siefert III and Kevin Cushman. We also welcome new member Jacob Rypien, who took his degree on-line. Congratulation new Members of Council 554!



The Massillon Knights Foundation has hired two new line-cooks for the kitchen. Picture on the left is Ty Tabellion, who has been working since November. He previously worked as a cook at the Navarre Moose for eight years. Pictured on the right is Rylie Cole, who is a junior at the R.G. Drage Culinary School. They will be preparing meals for our Friday Night Fish Frys during Lent.

# St. Joseph Pilgrim Icon Prayer Service



Massillon Council 554 and St. Joseph Parish will present a **St. Joseph Pilgrim Icon Prayer Service** on **Wednesday, March 16, 2022, at 7:00 pm**. Included in this hour-long service will be Benediction, readings from sacred liturgy, homily by Fr. Raymond Paul and the recitation on the rosary. All members of the three parishes in Massillon are encouraged to attend at St. Joseph Church.

Every few years, the Knights of Columbus selects an icon of a saint whose patronage is particularly inspiring to Knights and their communities. Ohio has received 4 of these icons which will travel from council to council and serve as the centerpieces for prayer services in parishes throughout the Order. Since the first traveling pilgrim icon of Our Lady of Guadalupe in 1979, more than 174,800 council and parish prayer services with some 22 million participants have been held.

The Pilgrim Icon Program is an effort to spread devotion to St. Joseph and pray for the courage to stand up and carry out our mission of protecting, defending, and raising future generations. The prayer service, flowing from the Year of St. Joseph declared by Pope Francis in 2021, and inspired by his apostolic letter *Patris Corde*, and is sponsored by Knights of Columbus.

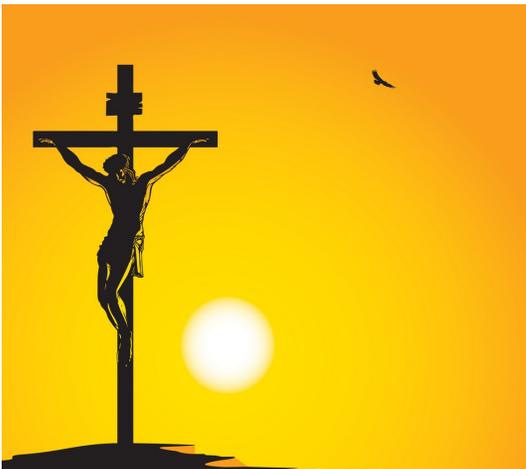
# “Lenten Day of Devotion”

Knights of Columbus  
Massillon Council 554  
is sponsoring a  
“Lenten Day of Devotion” on  
Saturday, March 26, 2022, at  
2:30 pm, at St Mary Church  
in Massillon.



The 90-minute program will be streamed live on St. Mary  
Parish website: <https://www.stmarymassillon.com/>

The program will include the recitation of the Rosary,  
the Chaplet Divine Mercy, the Stations of the Cross, and a  
Lenten reflection by Fr. Ed Gretchko.



All parishioners of St. Mary,  
St. Joseph and St. Barbara Churches  
are welcomed to attend  
or view virtually online.

## 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.



## Prayer for the people of Ukraine

We fly to Your patronage.

○ Virgin Mother of God.

Despise not our prayers in our needs.

but deliver us from all dangers.

since you alone are pure and blessed.

○ most glorious Ever-Virgin Mary,

the Mother of Christ our God.

accept our prayers

and present them to Your Son and our God.

that for the sake of You.

He enlighten and save our souls.

—from Ukrainian prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mother





Knights of Columbus worldwide are praying for their brother Knights and families in Ukraine, where the Order has been present for nearly a decade — and counts more than 1,800 members in 40 councils across the nation. Pictured above are members of Blessed Nicholas Charnetsky Council 16848 in Zolochiv, Ukraine, praying during a 2020 event benefitting children with special needs. For the council’s various efforts assisting children with Down syndrome, autism, cerebral palsy and other conditions, the Knights in Zolochiv received the Order’s International “Life” Program Award during the Order’s 138th Supreme Convention.

### ***Message from Supreme Knight, Patrick Kelly:***

Brother Knights,

The situation in Ukraine is dire and worsening. The people of Ukraine, and our brother Knights and their families in that nation, need our help.

I call upon all Knights to join me in praying for peace in Ukraine, and especially for the safety of our more than 1,800 brother Knights and their families who suddenly face the danger of war. Please also join me in responding to the recent [appeal](#) of Pope Francis to join him in prayer and fasting for Ukraine on Ash Wednesday, March 2.

In addition to our prayers, the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council has committed \$1.5 million for immediate distribution to support Ukrainian refugees, including Ukrainian Knights and their families. We will be working with our councils in Poland as well as the Latin and Greek Catholic Churches in Ukraine to provide humanitarian assistance.

Knights of Columbus Charities has launched the Ukraine Solidarity Fund for this purpose, and the Supreme Council will match all funds up to \$500,000. Please prayerfully consider contributing to this effort. For additional information about the Knights of Columbus Ukraine Solidarity Fund and how to donate, please visit [here](#).

Let me conclude with the words I addressed to our brother Knights in Ukraine in a video message to them: “In this time of intense danger, know that your brother Knights of Columbus around the world are praying for you, your families and all the people of Ukraine. We ask that our Lord protect you and your loved ones and restore peace in your land. We ask that He give you strength and courage to persevere.”

Fraternally,  
Patrick E. Kelly  
*Supreme Knight*

## The 40 days for Life during Lent 2022

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE PRAYER VIGIL.** Please join the K of C Massillon Council 554 and the Catholic Parishes of Stark West in a peaceful public prayer vigil on Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> of March at 2:00 P.M. outside of the Canton Planned Parenthood center. The Rosary followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited; in the belief that human life is sacred because from its beginning it involves the creative action of God and it remains forever in a special relationship with the Creator. God alone is the Lord of life from its beginning until its end: no one can under any circumstance claim for himself the right directly to destroy an innocent human being.

We also ask for repentance to those who work there and those who patronize the abortion center. If you wish to join us for these two important vigils, please meet us at Planned Parenthood; 2663 Cleveland Ave NW - Canton, OH across from the Post Office. We are not permitted to park, walk, or stand on the Planned Parenthood property. We must stay on the public sidewalk. If you need transportation, please contact Joe Vilhosky at (330) 806-4036 or Carol at (330) 933-4583.

### 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.kofcohio.org>

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