



Massillon Council 554



Knights of Columbus

March, 2024

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

The Month of March is dedicated to St Joseph Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. St Joseph descended from the royal house of David and was an ordinary laborer. He was chosen to be the Divine spouse of Mary, and bestowed on him as the most honorable gift – he was the “Foster Father of Jesus”.

Starting in March the meeting time for our 554 Council and the Officers and trustees will be at 7:00PM. This allows us to attend the 6:00PM Mass at St Mary before the meeting and be at the meeting after Mass.

Our next Exemplification Degree will be at St Barbara this Sunday March 3rd at 12:15 PM after the 11:00 AM Mass. If you are interested in becoming a Knight of Columbus this is your opportunity. Come and join us.

The Catholic Men's Conference is March 2 at St Thomas Aquinas High School. Registration is \$10 and opens at 8 am.

Council 554 Lenten Day of Devotion will be at St Joseph Church Massillon. The program will start at 2:00PM prior to Mass on Saturday March 9th.

The Highway clean-up was rescheduled for Saturday March 16th. We will meet at St Mary School parking lot at 8:30AM. You are welcome to help.

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

Our nation has had many tumultuous days but perhaps it has never undergone such tumult as this very year. Each of us must do his part to see that decent God-fearing men and women are elected into office. The crucial day for our involvement will be Tuesday, March 19th-the day of our primary election. Do your best to determine who will run for the office of president and who will run for the other offices. I urge you right now to get a list of the candidates. Besides my own study I call people for advice-such as leaders in the Ohio Right to Life. The time is short. God bless America.

Family, Knight and Volunteer of the Month for February 2024

Congratulations to **Christian Campbell** for being selected as our Knight of the Month for February. Chris is the Dean of Students at St. Mary School and helped conduct the Free Throw Contest in January.

We also congratulate **Dave and Jennifer Fischer** for being selected Family of the Month for February. Dave and Jennifer are active at St. Mary Church when Dave serves on the finance Committee and Jennifer is a Reader and Cantor.

We congratulate **Mary Ann Haig** our Volunteer of the Month for February. Mary Ann helps prepare meals for council meetings and the MKF Clubroom Dinners. She also is active in the Columbian Ladies.

Massillon Knights Foundation Complex –Business Hours

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

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

Fraternal Report, by Ken Girt PGK

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

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

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

The Massillon Knights Foundation

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

Massillon Knights Foundation Report, By Paul Lambert, President

I hope everybody is doing well. We have been on a roller coaster with temperatures, going up and down and trying to stay healthy. Be sure to check in on everyone to make sure they are okay.

Our next dinner is Thursday, March 21. It will be Corn Beef and Cabbage. Price \$12.00 Dine-In Dinners served from 5:00-6:30pm. FOR TAKE-OUT ONLY – DINNERS WILL BE FROM 5:00-5:45. Meal includes corn beef, red-skin potatoes, salad, bread, and desert. RESERVATION ARE REQUIRED: The last day for Reservations is Wednesday, March 20 at 12:00 noon. Call 330-837-9101. Please leave your Name, Phone Number, Number of Dinners, Dine-In or Take Out. I would like to thank all the help we had at the City Chicken Dinner. If it wasn't for all the volunteers help, we would not be able to have these dinners. Thank you again.

I want to thank Kobie Electric for all there help and if you need any electrically work done, please contact Kobie Electric. Thanks again to John Haubert for all his help. If you haven't seen the club room LED lights, please come out and check them out. Hope to see you at the Club.

I have several more projects that I will be starting in April. If you would like to help, please call the office, leave your name, and phone number and I will contact you.

Clubroom Report, Julie Harman, Complex Manager

Happy March! Spring will be here before we know it!!

Fish Fry every Friday 4pm until 8pm. During lent 4pm until 9pm. You can call to make reservations for parties of 6 or more call office to make reservations 330-837-9101.

Due to large events the kitchen will be closed the following Saturdays in March: March 2, 9 & 16th.

Nite at the Races Saturday, March 16, 2024 with co-sponsor Tuslaw Baseball/Softball. Tickets are available at the office \$25.00 per person includes open bar and buffet dinner. Buffet will be open 6pm-7:30pm. Please call to reserve your seats 330-837-9101.

MKF dinner will be on Thursday, March 21, 2024. Call for reservations 330-837-9101.

Bloodmobile will be here on Wednesday, March 20, 2024.

Bingo is every Monday at 6:30pm and doors open at 4pm. We still need volunteers if you are interested. Please call 330-837-9101.

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

Friday Fish Fry's
Every Friday 4:00 to 8:00 pm (Until 9 PM during Lent)
With weekly specials.
See new Menu on pages 5 & 6 of website version of newsletter

From the Editor..... Ken Girt, PSD, PGK, Newsletter Editor

Our "printed" newsletter format includes the first four pages of our multi-page electronic newsletter. This four-page document will be mailed to those who requested it. There will be copies of the four-page newsletter in the clubroom. We encourage you to read the complete electronic newsletter on our website.... <http://www.massillonkofc554.org>.

Articles of Interest for March: Council Meeting Minutes, Membership Recruitment/Degrees information, Council 554 activities, Round Table Projects. K-Club Dining Menu and Live Music events.

Please Note: Council 554 Officers and Trustees will be presenting a motion at the March 12 Council Meeting to increase donations to several charitable organizations: OSC Seminarian SOS Campaign: \$1000. OSC Measure-Up Campaign: \$1,500. Salvation Army: \$500. This is a result of the profit from Council 554 share of the Instant Bingo machines and was not included in the annual budget approve in August.

BISHOP MASSILLON ASSEMBLY FOURTH DEGREE

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

Faithful Navigator Report, By Roger Piper, Faithful Navigator

Sir Knights, our next business meeting is on Tuesday March 5th at 6:30 PM. Food and drinks will be provided. We look forward to seeing you. Please plan to attend and support our Assembly activities, fellow Sir Knights, and the festivities the night brings.

The Ohio District One (OD1) Biennial Meeting is scheduled for Sunday March 10th, 2:00 PM, at the Immaculate Conception Parish Hall in Ravenna. This meeting will be followed by a District Meeting for the April Exemplification. The purpose of this meeting is to select (3) recommendations for the position of Master of the Fourth Degree, submit any resolutions, and to conduct the general business of the District Assembly. We need two delegates to represent our Bishop Massillon Assembly. Please let me know if you have an interest in attending this OD1 meeting.

The Stark Gun Collectors Spring Show will be Saturday April 6th and Sunday April 7th. 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. Thank you for your continued support with the Spring and Fall shows.

Please consider Third Degree Brother Knights from your Council that would be "worthy candidates" to join our Assembly. The Spring Fourth Degree Exemplification will take place the weekend of April 19th – 21st at Double Tree in Westlake. The Exemplification ceremony is on Saturday April 20th at 10:30 AM, followed by class photo, hospitality room, Mass, and banquet. Please contact me for additional details or go to <https://www.kofcdist1.org/exemplification/>. The Fourth Degree is an inspiring testament of our founding father's patriotism as Catholics. The world needs Knights that will stand up for God and their country; Fourth Degree Assemblies help Knights to put their faith and love of country into action. Being called a "Sir Knight" is more than a title – it's an honor!

Have a Happy Saint Patrick's Day - May your troubles be less and your blessings be more and nothing but happiness come through your door. Enjoy!

Columbian Ladies Guild, by Karen Franz, President

We would like to see an increase in meeting attendance. Muffy reported that we have 80 members who have paid their dues. But we only had 8 [eight] members in attendance at our February meeting. Share a ride with another member, drop off by a driver might be some of the ways that you could attend a meeting. Wont you try and make the next meeting?

It's not too late to pay your 2024 Columbian Ladies Dues. If you have been a member for 20 or more years your dues are just \$5.00. If you are a new or renewing member your dues are \$10.00. Dues should be paid Muffy Stewart or you can leave it at the bar. We need to have your name, address, and phone number and an email address (if you have one) we need this information for our records.

Our year is starting off on a good note. We have identified several projects that we will be looking into for further consideration. Top of the list is the front entryway carpet. Annie will be checking on this as to what type and size carpet will be needed for this project.

Mary Ann will be putting two baskets together for the Ladies. One will be for Night at the Races (March 16th) and the other will be for Bingo. We look forward to seeing her creations.

OUR NEXT MEETING IS MARCH 26th AT 7:00 P,M, AT THE KofC. Hope to see you there. We are certainly looking forward to spring but I'm afraid Old Man winter is not done with us yet, so please remember to check on your friends and neighbors. Until we are together again may the Lord Bless you and your family and friends.

Council 554 is proud to announce our 2023 Annual Awards: Fr. John Sheridan-Religious of the Year, Bryan and Muffy Stewart-Family of the Year, Charles Roberts-Youth of the Year, Tom Ferrero-Knight of the Year, Bill Poole-Humanitarian of the Year, John Ferrero and Mike Johnson-Supreme Knight's Award, George Maier-Blue Coat of the Year, and Paul Lambert and John Haubert-Co-Volunteers of the Year Award. Awards will be presented in June.

Upcoming Calendar of Events...

.....March, 2024

- 2 9:00 AM DOY Catholic Men's Conference
- 5 6:30 PM 4th Degree Meeting
- 9 2:00 PM Lenten Day of Devotion
- 12 7:00 PM Reg. Council Meeting; Nom/Elect delegates
- 16 8:30 AM Highway Cleanup.
- 17 **St. Patrick's Day**
- 6:00 PM Nite at the Races
- 20 1:00 PM Bloodmobile
- 21 5:00 PM MKF Clubroom Dinner
- 26 6:30 PM Officers and Trustees Meeting
- 7:00 PM Columbian Ladies Meeting
- 31 **Easter**

.....April, 2024

- 2 6:30 PM 4th Degree Meeting / Ladies Night
- 6 & 7 4th Deg Fundraiser – Food Service at Gun Show
- 9 7:00 PM Reg. Council Meeting
- 11 7:30 PM Stark County Chapter
- 13 7:00 PM K-Club "Spring Fling"
- 18 5:00 PM MKF Clubroom Dinner
- 23 6:30 PM Officers and Trustees Meeting
- 7:00 PM Columbian Ladies Meeting
- 30 6:30 PM Past Grand Knights Meeting/Dinner

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

In Memoriam: Ron Seifert

Ronald J. Seifert, age 81, of Canton, passed away Saturday, February 10. Born in Massillon to Mary and Joseph Seifert, Ron was the second oldest of nine children raised in a home that affectionately became known as the "Seifert Rompin' Rancho." Ron spent a decade as a tool grinder at The Timken Company and three decades at The Hoover Company before retiring in 2002. He was an active member of St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church for 58 years, a member of KofC Council 554 and proudly served as Faithful Navigator with the 4th Degree Bishop Massillon Assembly

Ron is survived by wife of 60 years, Judy, and children David, Diane, Lisa, Laura, and Dan and his mother Mary. May he Rest in Peace.

In Memoriam: Samuel A. Krempasky

Samuel A. Krempasky, age 93 of Massillon, passed away Wednesday, February 21. He was an Army veteran and was a graduate of Grove City College. Sam retired from Akzo Salt Company in 1992.

Sam was a member of Divine Mercy Parish St. Joseph Campus and St. Mary Campus, St. Joseph Holy Name Society, 1st Catholic Slovak Union, and Knights of Columbus 3rd Degree #554. Sam is survived by daughter, Kathryn and son, Samuel. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Rose and son, John and daughter, Margaret Jantzen. May he Rest in Peace.

MKF Clubroom Dinner: "Corned-Beef and Cabbage"

Thursday, March 21, 2024 Price: \$12.

Dine-In meals served 5 - 6:30 PM in Clubroom **Take-Out** meals served 5:00 – 5:45 PM
 Meal includes red-skin potato, salad, bread and dessert.

RESERVATION ARE REQUIRED: The last day for Reservations is Wednesday, March 20 at noon.
Call 330-837-9101. Please leave Name, Phone Number, Number of Dinners and whether you will DINE-IN (in Clubroom) or TAKE-OUT (at front door canopy).

Lenten Day of Devotion

Join us at St. Joseph Church for a Lenten Afternoon of Prayer and Devotion hosted by Council 554. Taking place on Saturday, March 9, 2024, starting at 2:00 pm, the event will begin with a prayer and reflection led by Fr. John Sheridan. We will then recite in the Holy Rosary, Stations of the Cross, and the Divine Mercy Chaplet & Novena. Our Lenten Day of Devotion concludes with the Mass of the Fourth Sunday of Lent.

Fr. Sheridan will also be available to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the devotions and before the 4:00 pm Mass. Come and immerse yourself in a time of spiritual renewal and reflection as we journey through the Lenten season together. All are welcome to attend.

The K-Club Dining Menu

Massillon Knights Foundation

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

Beginnings

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

Midway Handhelds

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

Friday Fish-Fry Menu (Fridays Only)

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

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

Sides (Ala Carte sides are \$4 each)

Side Salad
Applesauce

Cucumber Salad
Fresh-cut Fries

Citrus Slaw
Baked Potato (add \$1)

Sweet Potato Fries (add \$1.50 as substitution)

Midway Salads

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

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

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

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

Midway Entrees

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

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

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

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

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

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

For the Kiddos

Chicken Tenders with Fries \$8

Grilled Cheese with Fries \$6

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

Cheese Quesadilla with Fries \$6

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

Happy Endings

Lava Cake with Vanilla Bean Ice Cream \$9

Snickers Doodle & Bourbon Ice Cream \$9

Bourbon Raisin Bread Pudding \$7

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

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

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

Menu effective date: September 5, 2023

K Club Weekly Specials

Happy Hour



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

Happy Apps Wednesdays

\$1.00 off all Appetizers

Thirsty Thursdays

50 cents off all Beers & Seltzers

4:00 - 9:00 pm





Spring Fling at The K Club



Saturday, April 13, 2024

4:30 pm – 10:30 pm

Join us for Dinner, Drinks, Music & Fun

Musical Guest :

Dennis Schweizer

7:00 – 10:00 pm



2024 Social Memberships \$ 20.00

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

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

Method 1. Ohio State Council Exemplification:

For Council 554 First- and Second-Degree Members:

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

Procedure for Online Exemplification for Advancing Members:

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

For New Candidates:

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

Procedure for Online Exemplification for New Member

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

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

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

Contact any of the following for the registration link:

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

Method 2. Massillon Council 554 Exemplification:

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

Method 3. "Live" Exemplification in area Churches:

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

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MASSILLON COUNCIL 554 2023 - 2024 OFFICERS & TRUSTEES

<u>Officers</u>			<u>Round Table Coordinators</u>		
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			Webmaster	Kyle Shane	

COUNCIL 554 PROGRAM ACTIVITIES:

Massillon “Knights in Action”

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PRAYERS:

Prayer for Vocations

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

Prayer to St. Joseph

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

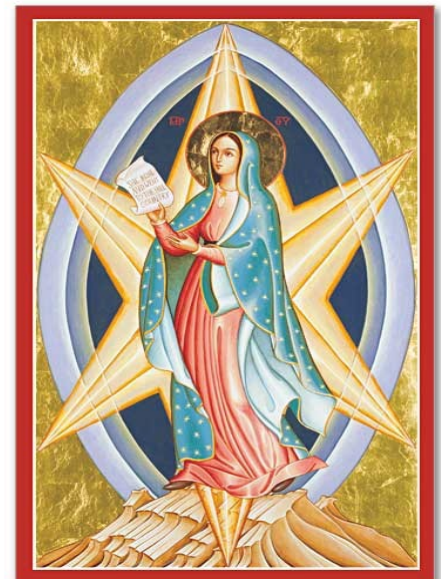
My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is great as your power. Amen

Youngstown Diocese Prayer & Icon Visitation Program

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

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

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



COUNCIL 554 MEETING MINUTES: Date: 2/13/24 Present: 12

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

Chaplain's Message. Monsignor Kolp reminded us that tomorrow was the beginning of Lent. We need to pray for our country and all that is going on right now; all the wars in the world, especially in the Ukraine and the brother Knights who are there. Finally, we need to keep up the good work.

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

Grand Knight Report. Dinner for Pastor Moss on February 29, 2024 at St. Benedict. They are asking for a donation for his Pro-Life activities. Ken Girt made a motion to give \$200. Seconded by Bob Pittinger. Motion carried. Chuck is working on another Movie Night. "Miracle of Manchester" is being considered. More information to be coming.

Membership. Working on getting new members. We need 3 more in March to win a pop-up banner incentive for the council. There will be a Degree at St. Barb's on March 3. Scott Ryder's re-application for membership was approved. And Paul Haig reported that 60 members are behind in their dues.

Program Activities. The annual Catholic Men's Fellowship conference is coming up on March 2.

We received permission to sponsor the Lenten Day of Devotions at St. Joseph Church on Saturday March 9. It will begin at 2:00 with Fr. Sheridan's reflection on the Lenten Season. We will have the Stations of the Cross, Rosary, and the Divine Mery Chaplet and Novena. We will close with 4:00 PM Mass. ASAP donation--\$500. All projects have been turned in except the Men's Conference, ASAP program, Coats for Kids, and Highway Clean-up.

Council 554 Annual Awards were announced: Fr. Sheridan-Religious of the Year, Bryan and Muffy Stewart-Family of the Year, Charles Roberts-Youth of the Year, Tom Ferrero-Knight of the Year, Bill Poole-Humanitarian of the Year, John Ferrero and Mike Johnson-Supreme Knight's Award, George Maier-Blue Coat of the Year, and Paul Lambert and John Haubert-Co-Volunteers of the Year Award. Awards to be presented in June.

Highway clean-up to be held March 16. Silver Rose Thursday July 11. Mass and program to be set up. 5 more members needed to be a Star Council.

4th Degree. Fall out is needed to escort Bishop Bonnar at the Mass at the Men's Conference. The 4th Degree is going to be open to the public in the future.

District Deputy Report: District Deputy Ron Macala report the free throw tournament was January 27. Thanks to Ken McLaughlin and Christian Campbell for their help. He wants to hold our finals at St. Mary's every year. It is a central location and a good gymnasium. The regional finals will be at Garrettsville Garfield High School. He complimented our council on the good job we continue to do and we are on our way to Star Council.

Foundation Report. No report

Unfinished business. All bills have been paid. Ken McLaughin mentioned that we still need a lot of work to act as one parish. Perhaps we can have our own pancake breakfasts or spaghetti dinners.

Financial Report for January: Council 554 Donations: \$800 to the youth group of the Divine Mercy Parish for their trip to the March for Life in Washington. Provided \$75 total for Mass intentions for recently deceased Brothers Istnick, Featheringham, and Reed. Received a \$100 rebate from Supreme Council toward our \$500 RSVP check to Augustine Drexler. And we received \$1,778 from the Ohio State Council from the council's sale of the Football Sweepstake Campaign.

Instant Bingo Fund Transactions in January: \$1,936 transferred to 554 Charity Fund and \$9,030 donated to the Massillon Knights Foundation.

New Business A motion was made by Bob Pittinger to make a donation of \$75 to CMY-DOY for the March Men's Conference. Seconded by Ken Girt. Motion carried.

Good of the Order. January awards: Family of the Month—Mark and Deanna Hoffer. Knight of the Month—Dave Harman, Volunteer of the Month—Rob Lautenschleger. At the March meeting we will be electing delegates to the State Convention in May.

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

2024 Family, Knight and Volunteer of the Months			
	Family of Month	Knight of Month	Volunteer of Month
January	Mark & Deanna Hoffer	Dave Harman	Rob Lautenschleger
February	Dave & Jennifer Fischer	Christian Campbell	Mary Ann Haig

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 ,

We are looking for members of St. Joseph Church to help count Sundry collection money on Monday mornings at 9 am at Divine Mercy Parish office (formerly St. Barbara School). Please call me if you are interested. And please email me your address so that I can add your name to our St. Joseph Round Table Committee list for notification of future projects.

St Barbara Church Coordinator: Joel Fichter, 330-830-9301 - fichterlaw@sssnet.com

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

St Mary Church Coordinator: Ken Girt, 330-608-1729 – girtken@sssnet.com

Thanks to Round Table Knights for moving an altar from St. Mary's to St. Barbara: Ken McLaughlin, Ken Girt, Mark Hoffer, John Birman and Jim Fondriest. If you belong to Divine Mercy Parish - St. Mary Church and have not been getting our notices of round table projects, please send me your email address. We will include you on future projects that help our parish and church. Thanks

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Adopt-A-Highway

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

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