



Massillon Council 554



Knights of Columbus

May, 2023

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

The month of May gives way to nature as our flora and fauna blooms to life. This new beginning reminds us of the life Mary gave to Jesus. Without Mary all of the formative events that we know as the life of Christ would be non-existent. Through Mary's acceptance of God's plan, Christ became the greatest force of nature ever known. Mary deserves our honor and May's gift of life is the perfect month to honor our Holy Mother.

The Ohio State Convention will convene May 18-21 in Columbus, OH. Due to the Council's commitment to outreach programs in faith, family, community, life and membership, we will be serious contenders for numerous diocesan and state awards. These awards do not drive our charitable ambition; they are a byproduct of our charitable works. We give incessantly because Christ calls us to charitable duty. Unconditional charitable duty is the essence of our Order. Your Council through your efforts have recently supported the Diocese of Youngstown Vocation Office through our annual "Support Our Seminarians" (SOS) program; Catholic Charities' First-Step program for women, children, and infants in need; and the Massillon Fire Department to help support their AED/First Aid training as well as their annual children's fire safety program. Thank you for your generous support of our charitable fundraising.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP THIS MONTH

Please buy or sell the Super Cash bonanza tickets. For each \$5 ticket sold, the council retains a minimum of \$2.40 for our charity fund; every additional sale makes a difference for our charities through further State rebates to the Council. Thank you for your generous efforts, we are fast approaching sales of 750 tickets! Important: We need all paid tickets returned to our council office, or any council officer by Tuesday, May 9th.

The Massillon Knights Foundation is planning a Kentucky Derby Party Saturday afternoon, May 6th. The Council appreciates any support for the Foundation so they can continue offering their very special dinners and themed events.

Please attend our next council meeting on Tue. May 9th at 7:00 pm as we accept first nominations for council officers for the 2023-'24 fraternal year. Please consider offering a little of your time to the needs of your Council. Your presence and considered input will be welcomed as we plan the remains of our fraternal year.

Plan on attending our Council Family Picnic on Sunday, June 11th 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 save the date and finish off Spring with an afternoon of food, fun, and fellowship.

May the Peace and love of Christ be with you as our families spring to life in the afterglow of Christ's Easter promises.

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

We are now entering the month of May. Just add an "r" and you have MARY. We are entering the month of Mary Our founder Blessed Michael McGivney was raised in an Irish Catholic family and was devoted to praying the Rosary. The Rosary that was pressed into Father McGivney's hands at his burial, recovered when his body was exhumed in 1982, is on display in the reliquary room at the Knights of Columbus Museum in New Haven.

Today there is so much disrespect for the family and for human life in general that we need the help of Mary, the Mother of God. Please join me in praying the Rosary every day during the Month of May. Our Lady will see us through.

Family, Knight and Volunteer of the Month for April 2023

Congratulations to **John Birman** for being selected as our Knight of the Month for April. John is a member of St. Mary's where he worked the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry and helps with round table projects. He also works the KofC hot lunch each Wednesday.

We also congratulate **Matt and Ivy Meyer** for being selected Family of the Month for April. They belong to St. Mary Church where Matt schedules readers and Ivy is the organist. They also help at our "Nite at the Races" and Matt is our 1000 Club chairman. He is also District Deputy #73 for the State Council. And they recently married! (See photo p11).

We also congratulate **John Blackstone** as our Volunteer of the Month for April. John volunteers each Wednesday at our Hot Lunch. He belongs to St. Barbara Church where he is active in the food pantry.

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

Summer is just around the corner and hopefully it will be a nice one. The weather has been up and down this past month. Be careful when you go out and please check in on your family and friend either by calling or visiting them.

I want to thank everyone again for supporting our Thursday night dinners, whether it was dine-in or carry out we appreciate your business. The volunteers that help with these dinners are the best and we couldn't do them without these great volunteers. The next dinner will not be until September or October, we will keep you posted in the August newsletter. Thank you again for all your support, whether a patron or a volunteer.

Please come out to the K Club and enjoy our new patio, weather permitting. We have some new machines so come out and try your luck. Please bring your friends out for an evening of fun. Remember you do not have to be Catholic to be a member of the K Club but have to be a member of the K Club to play the machines, tickets, and sign-up.

I would like to take this time to wish Mike Johnson the best in his retirement. Mike has worked at the K of C for 40 years and now is enjoying his time with his family, especially his grandchildren. We will surely miss him. When you see him tell him Congratulations.

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 or call 330-608-1729.

Clubroom Report, Julie Harman, Complex Manager

Spring has arrived! I want to wish a Happy Mother's Day to all.

I would like to give a special welcome to our newest bartender Tabby! She has been training with Steph since beginning of April and she will be working on Thursday's and Saturday's. Come out and introduce yourself & and check out our patio and have a drink!!!

Kentucky Derby Party May 6, 2023! Doors open at Noon Kentucky Derby is around 6:57PM. We will be running some race films on the big screen before the derby. There will be mint juleps, tip boards & a special 50/50 drawing! We will also have a buffet available for purchase from 4PM until 6PM.

With Mike Johnson retiring I am in desperate need of help around the building! Mowing, Pavilion and setting up rooms for events. If anyone is interested, please give me a call or stop in at the office Monday-Friday 8AM-Noon. Thank you!

Bingo 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 still looking for Banquet Servers & Dishwashers please call the office Monday-Friday 8AM-Noon or apply online at 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 13 of website newsletter for K-Club Menu

New Insurance Agent for Council 554

Massillon Council 554 has a new Knights of Columbus field agent. His name is Marty VanDevere. His phone number is: 330 858 0963 and his email is martin.vandevere@kofc.com.

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 is Tuesday May 2nd 6:30 PM. This is a regular business meeting with food and drinks provided. Our first nomination for Assembly Officers will take place during this May meeting. Second nomination and election of officers will take place in June. We are only as good as the effort we put forth to support our fellow Sir Knights, Parishes and our Community. Please consider helping by becoming an officer.

Please join us PRIOR to the meeting 6:00 PM at the pavilion, for a Flag Retirement Ceremony. Bring your worn-unsuitable to display United States of America flags to be honorably disposed of. Those that bring a flag will receive a ticket towards a drawing for one of three new 3'x5' flags to be given away during our business meeting.

Thank you, Sir Knights, from our Assembly and Canton Monsignor Graham Assembly, that participated in Honor Guards during the month of April. We had 10 Sir Knights in Uniform for the wedding of SK Mathew Meyer and Lady Ivy. With 9 Sir Knights in Uniform for the Canton Monsignor Graham Assembly Fallout in presenting a Chalice, to honor Father Hetzel's ordination to the Priesthood at the St Michael 5:30 PM Mass on Sunday April 23.

Congratulations to all the new Sir Knights that joined our Honored Order. The Fourth Degree Exemplification took place on April 29th in Independence. Especially noted are SK Michael Pudlosky and SK Aaron Shiplett that joined our Bishop Massillon Assembly. We look forward to them being active within our Assembly.

Save the date for our annual Past Faithful Navigator (PFN) Steak Dinner - Ladies Night on Tuesday June 6th. The business meeting will be at 6:30 PM followed by our PFN steak dinner. Please plan to attend for a nice meal, honor our PFNs, and enjoy the time with our fellow Sir Knights and Ladies. Please RSVP with me before Friday June 2nd. I will be sending an email reminder.

Have a great month of May. Feel free to call me to address any questions.

Columbian Ladies Guild, by Karen Franz, President

Columbian Ladies welcomed Ivy Meyer as a prospective new member. Ivy recently married Matt Meyer, Welcome Ivy.

Old business includes the upcoming AED class that will be conducted by Anne to show people where are units are located and to give people an over view of the unit and how to use it.

Elaine has more information to find out about we can receive Epi Pens as a donation from an outside group will keep us updated. Annie will be contacting the sheriff's department about our donation to their ongoing education program,

We took a vote about setting up the craft show again. The vote was negative, so at this time we will not be having the craft show.

We also are changing our meeting next month to May 16. we will be celebrating Mary and getting to use our new patio and weather permitting we will have our meeting on the patio weather permitting so mark your calendars as to the date change but we will still be meeting at 7. This will be our last meeting until September so please join us in celebrating Mary.

Until we met again; May the Lord bless you and keep you in the palm of his hand. God Bless you all.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

June 3: Annual Impact Massillon beautification project by the Massillon area churches. This year, State Ave NE off 1st Street will be the location. We will park at St. Mary Church at 8:30 AM. Contact Ken McLaughlin (330- 571 1203) by May 3 to sign-up and order a t-shirt.

June 4: Stark County Clergy Night. The Knights in Stark County will honor our area clergy with a dinner at St. Joseph Canton. Cost of meal is \$20, includes drinks, tax and gratuity. Dinner at 6:00 PM. If planning to attend, contact Gary Lamielle (330-327-7223) or Ken Girt (330-608-1729) or Ken McLaughlin (330- 571 1203).

June 11: Council 554 Annual Family Picnic has been moved to Sunday, June 11. Noon to 3 pm... Food served Noon to 2 PM. Open to all 554 members, social members, Columbian Ladies and families. Special invitation to all new members of Council 554! Free Food & Free Drinks. See you there!

Upcoming Calendar of Events...

.....May, 2023

- 2 6:00 PM Assembly Flag Retirement Service
- 6:30 PM 4th Degree Meeting
- 6 5:00 PM Kentucky Derby Party
- 9 7:00 PM Reg. Council Meeting 1st Nom of Officers
- 14 **Mother's Day**
- 16 7:00 PM Columbian Ladies Meeting (special night)
- 17 1:00 PM Bloodmobile
- 19-21 OSC State Convention – Columbus
- 23 6:30 PM Officers and Trustees Meeting
- 29 **Memorial Day**
- 9:00 AM Memorial Day Parade/Wreath Ceremony

.....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

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: Larry Hug

Lawrence (Larry) V. Hug, Jr., age 81, passed away on March 29. He graduated from Canton Central Catholic High School where he was a stand out on the golf team. Larry attended Walsh University, where he was the number one player on the Men's Golf Team. He graduated from Walsh in 1966 with a Bachelor of Arts in General Business. Walsh honored Larry in 1994, when they inducted him into the "Wall of Fame" for his athletic excellence and contributions to the Men's Golf program. Larry also served on the Walsh University Advisory Board from 2016 to 2019.

Larry began his accounting career working for the U.S. Treasury Department of the Federal Government. He obtained his Certified Public Accounting certificate and in 1979 he opened his own accounting practice until his retirement in 2020.

Larry was a member of St. Mary's Church in Massillon where he served as a member of the Parish Finance Advisory Council and was a Third-Degree member of KofC Council No. 554.

He is survived by his loving wife, Clarice; daughters, Julianne and Kristin. May he Rest in Peace.

In Memoriam: Richard D. Paul

Richard D. Paul, Sr. age 96, of Canton, passed away Saturday, April 22. He was born in Massillon and was a veteran of the Korean Conflict serving in the U.S. Army. Richard owned and operated Dumont's Sporting Goods in Canton. He was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church where he sang in the choir and was an usher. He coached St. Mary's football from 1948 -1964. He was a member of K of C Council #554.

Richard is survived by daughter Therese and sons Kevin, Rick and Michael. He was preceded in death by his wife Barbara J. May he Rest in Peace.

In Memoriam: Dr. Raymond John McMahon, Jr.

Dr. Raymond John McMahon, Jr., 92, of Canton, passed away on April 22, 2023. Raymond was a graduate of St. Johns High School, John Carroll College and Marquette University School of Medicine. He was a Captain in the United States Army Medical Corp. A long-time physician, Raymond served the Massillon area as a doctor of internal medicine for twenty-eight years. He then went on to be one of the founding members of Home Town Health, serving as Medical Director and Sr. Vice President/Chief Operating Officer. He eventually retired from Aetna Health where he served as Medical Director and Vice President of Health Services Management. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, where he served as an usher and was a 3rd and 4th degree member, of the Knights of Columbus in Massillon.

Raymond is survived by his children, Michael, Colleen, Ruth and Patrick. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Patricia and wife, Jule. May he Rest in Peace.

Friday Fish Fry's
Every Friday 4:00 to 8:00 pm
With weekly specials. Take-Out meals available.

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 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,

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.

Council 554	
Recruitment	
20	
19	
18	
17	
16	
15	
14	
13	
12	
11	
10	
9	
8	
7	
6	
5	
4	
3	
2	
1	

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: http://www.massillonkofc554.org					
			<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: 4/11/23 Present: 12

Chaplain's Message: Congratulations to our council for having 19 new members this year. There are lots of opportunities for our new members to get involved and grow in many ways. On Sunday I had the chance to come to our KofC Easter buffet and it was really nice. Again, we have so much to be thankful for. Let's do a lot of praying this Easter season and ask that the risen Christ to bless our council, our parish, our families, and our community to do God's holy will. Keep up the good work and let's keep going like we have these last months

Minutes from Previous Meeting: Approved as distributed in newsletter.

GK Report: Next Officers and Trustee's meeting will be on April 25th at 6:30. We will break bread around 5:45. Next Council meeting will be on May 9th at 7:00. Next Chapter meeting will be Thursday the 13th in Navarre Brewster. June 11th is our family picnic. June 27th is our awards dinner. Save those dates. I'm very proud of this Council and all that we accomplished this year. We always do very well with our programming and membership has always been an issue for the last two years. Because we've held these ceremonies in the churches, we've had the Pastor's blessing. We are very proactive in inviting people to become Knights and continue to fulfill their obligation to serve. It's a beautiful way for those to call themselves Catholic men, to serve their church, priests, and communities. With like-minded individuals we can get a lot more accomplished together more so than a person on their own.

We are very grateful for our new Knights in attendance today and we appreciate that your here.

Financial report: Accepted as distributed.

Membership report: We had seven members in our last degree ceremony. There's no Degree scheduled at this time. We do have a couple people interested and we'll get them in after June. We met our state goal and we're on track for doing what we need to do for star council. On Good Friday at our fish fry in the KofC clubroom, Chuck and Ruthanne put together an Easter basket to raffle off. We made \$181 from that and it's going in the SOS fund.

Other Reports:

4th Degree Report: The Spring Exemplification ceremony will be held on April 29th at Double Tree in Independence Ohio.

Squires: Nothing new to report. They are always trying to get involved in all that they can. We hope to have them involved with Impact Massillon.

Insurance report: Insurance virtual seminars are held throughout the spring. April 13th and also in May.

Massillon Knights Foundation We have our last Thursday night dinner on April 20th. It's going to be prime rib and includes mashed potatoes; green beans and you get everything you come to expect with those dinners. They're fabulous. Dine In only for \$18. You need to get your reservations by April 18th. 50/50 will be held every other Saturday. Tickets are six for \$5. If you're here you get 50%. If you're not you get 40%. Bingo help replacements needed. We're getting 2 or 3 new electronic pull tab machines. The total deposits on July 1st beginning of March..... \$1,662

Parish Round Table Projects: Thank you to all who showed up and put up the Easter decorations at St. Mary's. We'll probably be taking them down on Saturday April 22nd at 9am. Ken Girt will send out an email for that.

District Deputy Report: DD 73 Matt Meyer. Nothing new to report except the convention is coming up May 19th-21st.

Old Business: The most important thing to resolve today is our list of Bylaw changes. Article 1 section 2 for the statement for an initiation fee. The Council no longer requires this fee during the membership process the fee is waived. Article 7 section 3 we are proposing to change the maximum amount of incidental expenditures that are not approved by our council budget or without a council approval. The previous amount was \$250 We are recommending a change to \$500 That can be voted on through the council meeting without any type requirement of notifying the general membership and if it's not included in our budget. The motion to approve these Bylaw changes was made and seconded then unanimously approved.

New Business: None

Good of the Order Honorees for March: Knight of the month - Eric Fichter. Family of the month - Jeff and Denise Campbell. Volunteer of the month - Linda Girt.

Closing prayer recited:

2023 Family, Knight and Volunteer of the Months			
	Family of Month	Knight of Month	Volunteer of Month
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

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 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)

- 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

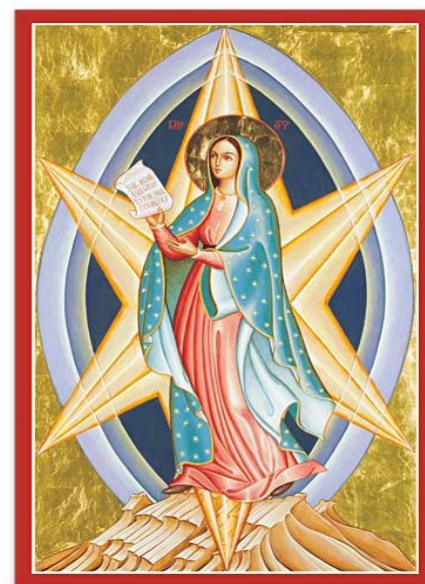
Glorious Patriarch St. Joseph, whose power makes the impossible possible, come to my aid in these times of anguish and difficulty. Take under your protection the serious and troubling situation that I commend to you, that they may have a happy outcome (*list requests*). My beloved father, all my trust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



Please help our council's charity fund by selling the Super Cash Bonanza tickets that were mailed to you. Return all sold tickets and money to the FS office by May 9. Thanks for your support!



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!

4th Prize..... \$4,000

5th Prize..... \$3,000

6th to 9th Prizes..... \$1,500

10th to 13th Prizes... \$1,250

14th to 17th Prizes... \$1,000

18th to 21st Prizes..... \$750

22nd to 25th Prizes \$500

OHIO STATE COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OHIO CHARITY FOUNDATION

DRAWING DATE
May 20, 2023
Hilton Columbus Downtown
402 North High Street
Columbus, OH 43215
Donor need not be present.
Ticket Rules on Back.
Donation \$5.00
All proceeds benefit local charities

201621

OVER \$108,000 In Cash Prizes

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 ,

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

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

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

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

We 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

Knights of Columbus offers a full spectrum of insurance products for you and your family. Contact me today for a complimentary financial needs analysis.



Martin VanDevere
Field Agent
(216) 438-1993
martin.vandevere@kofc.org

Massillon KofC SNAPSHOTS



Members of the Bishop Massillon 4th Degree served as Honor Guard for the wedding ceremony of Past Grand Knight and Past Faithfull Navigator Matt Meyer and Ivy Adams on April 15 at Divine Mercy – St Mary Church.



Anne Ziegelhofer conducts a training session on our facility's new AED defibrillator machines on Wednesday, April 26. Attending the session were Massillon Knights Foundation personnel, Columbian Ladies members and Council 554 officers. Three new machines are available in the building for emergency life resuscitation.



Bishop Massillon Assembly had two new members exemplified at the 4th Degree ceremony held Saturday, April 29, in Independence. Pictured, left to right, Paul Haig - District Marshall, Aaron Shiplett - new member, Michael Pudloski – new member, Roger Piper – Faithful Navigator Bishop Massillon Assembly, and Ken Girt, PSD, PFN. Welcome Aaron and Michael!



Council 554's Annual Family Picnic

Sunday, June 11, 2023

Noon to 3P,

(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.

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.

Ready to Respond

Ohio Knights assist their community following an environmental disaster



Rich Ferris, grand knight of Reagan Council 1890 in East Palestine, assists a member of the community picking up cleaning supplies at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. *Photo by Lucy Schaly*

Since 38 cars of a freight train derailed in East Palestine, Ohio, on Feb. 3, sparking fires and releasing hazardous chemicals into the air and waterways, the village's 4,700 residents have needed help. Knights in East Palestine and nearby towns have risen to the occasion, with assistance from Knights around the country.

"It wakes you up out of your slumber when something like this happens," said Rich Ferris, grand knight of Reagan Council 1890 in East Palestine. "These Knights will help at the drop of a dime."

A few days after the derailment, many residents were required to evacuate while officials conducted a "controlled venting" of toxic substances. In the town of Columbiana, 10 miles west, St. Jude Council 10183 served meals to displaced people. Then, as residents returned to East Palestine, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish began receiving calls offering water, food and more. Knights from Council 1890 jumped into action, unloading donated supplies into the church basement as they arrived.

"I'll hear that a delivery is a half-hour out and send a text to 20 Knights," Ferris said. "No one responds, but I know guys will be there."

Even weeks after the incident, Knights continue to unload deliveries four to five times a week to restock the basement, where people receive free supplies daily. With residents uneasy about possible phosgene and hydrogen chloride poisoning, bottled water and cleaning materials are particularly in demand.

Donations have come in from councils in Ohio and Pennsylvania, as well as the Supreme Council. And Ferris has received calls from councils across the country offering aid.

"I'm so grateful the Knights stepped up to the needs of our community," said Father David Misbrener, pastor and council chaplain. "They're always present."

When the attention dies down, Ferris said, the need will remain; the long-term effects of the disaster won't be known for years. With help from a disaster relief fund established by the Ohio State Council, the Knights will continue supporting their community.

"It's been an emotional roller coaster," Ferris said. "But the kindness and prayers we've received has restored my faith in humanity."

ELISHA VALLADARES-CORMIER is associate editor of Columbia and a member of Sandusky (Ohio) Council 546.

