



Massillon Council 554



Knights of Columbus

May, 2024

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

The Month of May is dedicated to The Blessed Virgin Mary. Having gone to St Mary Catholic grade school run by the Sisters of Notre Dame, my early childhood memories include honoring Mary during May, a practice I've continued all of my life. Please join Divine Mercy Parish 30 minutes before each weekend Mass and recite the rosary with us.

We have been busy. Council 554 sponsored and volunteered to present a Spaghetti dinner for Divine Mercy Parish. Thanks to all the volunteers. There were over 140 meals served. I hope that the numbers go up. It was great to see new friends and the old friends as well.

There was an exemplification the next day and we welcomed two new members. On Tuesday April 30 held a Past Grand Knights Dinner for Past Grand Knights of Council 554. Help is needed for the Divine Mercy Festival that is being held on May 16, 17, 18, and 19th. Call the parish office if you can help. We are one Parish. The Knights are having a cleanup day at the K of C grounds on Saturday May 11th at 9:00AM. We can use everyone's help, come out and bring a friend. Thanks in advance.

Please mark your calendar for Sunday June 9th. Noon till 3:00PM. (Food served noon to 2pm). We are having our Knights of Columbus Family Picnic. If you have not been to our picnic for a while, come out and enjoy a few hours with fellow Knights and their families. The new Knights from this year will be recognized. We have a lot of new members from the past few years. Come out and get acquainted.

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

I have learned a lot about the life of Christopher Columbus from the works of biographer Samuel Eliot Morrison. Morrison claims that Columbus prayed night prayers with his men. These prayers included the Lord's Prayer, the Hail Mary and the Apostles Creed. Then they sang the song "Hail Holy Queen."

I ask you as a Knight of Columbus to include these prayers in your daily schedule during the month of May.

Family, Knight and Volunteer of the Month for April 2024

Congratulations to **Tim Paul** for being selected as our Knight of the Month for April. Tim is our Council Chancellor

We also congratulate **Tom and Chiquita Seesan** for being selected Family of the Month for April. Tom is our Council Recorder and both he and Chiquita are active at St. Joseph Church in various ministries.

We congratulate **Barb Pittinger** as our Volunteer of the Month for April. Barb works the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry and takes communion to shut-ins. She also is active in the Columbian Ladies with fundraising efforts.

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, Paul Lucchesi, Joe Vilhosky, Jim Sieber, Larry Coyne, Jim Halter and Fr. Mike Seifert.

On our Member's Family Sick List; Barbara Piper (wife of Dale), Mary Francis Carmola (daughter of Al), Kathleen Fealko (wife of Ed), Cristen Farris (daughter of Ed).

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 all is going well and everyone is enjoying the weather. Whether it is cold or sunny remember to check in on your family and friends, you never know if or when they may need your help.

I have several projects coming up in the month of May. I will be putting a new door on our back-up freezer which came last week. Also, we will be getting a new cooler which we will need to be installed in the club room. I will need help cleaning up where the old dishwasher is. The dishwasher needs cut up so it can be junk and anything else that we have back there to get rid of. I will bring my trailer so we can load it and take it to recycle. I would greatly appreciate any help. If you can spare an hour or two that would be very helpful. Please call the office and leave your name if you can help.

On May 11, at 9:00 am, we will be having a clean-up day around the building, trimming bushes, planting some flowers, and putting mulch down. We will have lunch around 12:00. Please just come out or if you have any questions, please call Ken Girt.

Clubroom Report, Julie Harman, Complex Manager

On Sunday, May 5, 2024 we are having a Polka Fest from 1pm-8pm in the Santa Mariea Room. The tickets are \$25.00 each and we will be having two Grammy Nominated Bands John Gora Band & Lenny Gomulka & Chicago Push!!! We will have a food concession stand and cash bar available. Come out & join the fun!

Mark your calendars! We will be having a Summer Concert Series! Saturday, June 15th and Saturday, August 24th with Austin Haig performing and Friday, July 12th will be Dennis Schweizer. Come out & enjoy the patio and music!

This Saturday, May 4, 2024 we will not be having a party for the Kentucky Derby but you can certainly come out to watch the Kentucky Derby. Our kitchen will be open so have dinner, drinks and watch the Derby!! We will also be having our 50/50 drawing at 8PM.

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

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 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 May: Council Meeting Minutes, Membership Recruitment/Degrees information, Council 554 activities, K-Club Dining Menu and Live Music events.

First Nomination for Officers & Trustees for 2024-2025

Council 554 will hold our first nominations for Officers and Trustees for the 2024-2025 fraternal year at our May 14 Council Meeting. The second nominations and election will take place at our June 11 Meeting. If you are interested in being involved in our council, please plan to attend the 7:00 pm meeting. Also, the following trustees of the Massillon Knights Foundation are up for re-election: James Brelish (Treasurer), Paul Lambert (President), and Bob Pittinger

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	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 Bishop Massillon Assembly business meeting is Tuesday May 7th 6:30 PM. This a regular meeting with food and beverages 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. Consider helping further by becoming an officer.

Prior to the May business meeting, we will have our annual Flag Retirement Ceremony at 6:00 PM, weather permitting, at the pavilion. Please 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 for your support for our Assembly Spring Gun Show food and drink service that we provided in April. We appreciate the donated desserts and your time provided to help make this a great weekend. This show was one of the best ones we have had in the last couple of years. Thank you!

Congratulations to all the new Sir Knights that joined our Honored Order. The Fourth Degree Exemplification took place on April 20th in Westlake. Especially noted are SK Brian Jones and SK Joe Perrotti 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 4th. 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. The cost is \$6 per person for our Assembly Sir Knights and Ladies, a Sir Knight and a guest or a Widow of a Sir Knight. Any additional guests are \$10 each. Our Priests and Past Faithful Navigators cost is \$0. Please RSVP with me before Friday May 31st. I will be sending email reminders.

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

Columbian Ladies Guild, by Karen Franz, President

Columbian ladies: please check the date for the May meeting. It will be changed because of the holiday. We will be meeting on May14th at 7;00 p.m. at the gazebo (by Mary) for a May crowning and a short meeting

Updates: Muffy has several more members who have paid their dues.

The new carts for the kitchen have arrived. They were put together by Paul (thank you very much!) They are replacements for several of the kitchen carts that were in very poor condition. We hope that these carts will be maintained and in use for quite some time.

We are still shopping for replacement clocks for in the ballrooms. Currently we have battery operated clocks that are not always correct, we are looking into perpetual clocks as replacements for the battery operating clocks.

Carpet replacement in the front lobby has been turned over to the MKF as there is an issue with the concrete sub floor Mary Ann will be making a lottery basket to be sold at bingo for Memorial Day. Thank you, Mary Ann.

Cookies were furnished for the Divine Mercy Parash spaghetti dinner at St Joesph's sponsored by the Knights.

REMINDER; Meeting date change to May14th at the gazebo. This will be our last meeting until September.

As the weather starts changing and getting warmer, please remember to stay hydrated and to check on your friends and family in the changing weather.

Until we are together again, may the Lord bless you, your family and friends. God Bless you;

Council 554’s Annual Family Picnic

Sunday, June 9, 2024 Noon to 3pm, (Food served Noon to 2pm)

For all Members of Council 554, Columbian Ladies Guild, Social Members, and their families; and our

Member’s Widows. We especially extend an invitation to all new members to Council 554!

Free Food, Free Drinks, Games, and FUN! Volunteers needed; please contact any Council Officer.

Upcoming Calendar of Events...

.....May, 2024

- 7 6:00 PM Assembly Flag Retirement Service
- 6:30 PM 4th Degree Meeting
- 9 7:00 PM Stark County Chapter Meeting
- 12 **Mother's Day**
- 14 7:00 PM Reg. Council Meeting 1st Nom of Officers
- 15 1:00 PM Bloodmobile
- 17-19 OSC State Convention – Cincinnati
- 27 **Memorial Day**
- 9:00 AM Memorial Day Parade/Wreath Ceremony
- 28 6:30 PM Officers and Trustees Meeting
- 7:00 PM Columbian Ladies Meeting

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

.....June, 2024

- 4 6:30 PM 4th Degree Meeting, (PFN Steak Dinner)
- 9 12-3 PM Council 554 Family Picnic
- 11 7:00 PM Reg. Council Meeting; Election of Officers
- 14 **Flag Day**
- 16 **Father's Day**
- 18 6:30 PM Officer and Trustee Meeting (Special Night)
- 25 6:00 PM Council Awards Night
- 27 7:00 PM Stark County Chapter Meeting

In Memoriam: George A. Harrigan

George A. Harrigan, 86, of Massillon, passed away on April 23, 2024. George was born in Cleveland, Ohio and graduated from Salem High School. He served our country in the United States Army. George worked for the Alliance Review and retired after 28 years of service. He was also a member of St. Joseph Catholic.

George is survived by his children, George, Miles Harrigan, and Sue. May he Rest in Peace!

In Memoriam: Darrel Sutton

Darrel Gene Sutton, 73, of Massillon, passed away on April 26, 2024. Darrel was born in Wooster, Ohio and was a graduate of Dalton High School. He graduated from Kent State University while playing basketball through his school years. He was a devout Catholic and attended Divine Mercy Parish. Darrel was a member of Council 554.

Darrel is survived by his wife of 48 years, Christine and daughters Yvette and Andrea.
 May he Rest in Peace.

Massillon Knights Foundation – Landscaping Project

All members of Council 554 and the K-Club are invited to help with a beatification project on Saturday, May 11, starting at 9 am. (Weather permitting). It's great to have beautiful hall for weddings, trade shows and parties and it makes sense to have beautiful grounds as visitors arrive. The work being planned includes spreading mulch, trimming bushes and some dead limbs from some of our trees. The more volunteers we have, the sooner we can finish. Pizza and refreshments will be served around noon. Thanks in advance.

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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	Cucumber Salad	Citrus Slaw
Applesauce	Fresh-cut Fries	Baked Potato (add \$1)
Sweet Potato Fries (add \$1.50 as substitution)		

Midway Salads

<u>Ham and Turkey Chef</u>	Bacon, egg, tomato, cucumber, and onion with a choice of dressing	\$14
<u>Buffalo Chicken Salad</u>	Crispy-fried chicken tossed with buffalo sauce, cheese, cucumber, tomato, and onion, tossed with ranch dressing	\$12
<u>Greek Chicken and Vegetable Salad</u>	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
<u>Salad Dressings:</u>	Ranch, Blue Cheese, Italian, or French	

Midway Entrees

<u>Herb-Brined Pork Chop</u>	Pan-seared succulent 10 oz, chop with rosemary apple cider jus, served with mashed potatoes and vegetable of the day	\$16
<u>Individual Meatloaf</u>	Your own individual meatloaf served with mashed potatoes with brown gravy and vegetable of the day	\$12
<u>City Chicken</u>	Fried pork on a stick served with mashed potatoes & savory gravy, vegetable of the day	\$12
<u>Mushroom Chicken</u>	Lightly-dusted chicken, pan-seared with a rich and creamy mushroom sauce with mashed potatoes and vegetable of the day	\$14
<u>Cajun Chicken Penne</u>	Chicken, Andouille sausage, peppers, and onions in a delectable cheese sauce and a nice pinch of Cajun spice	\$14
<u>Simply-seared Atlantic Salmon</u>	Served in a buttery wine sauce with mashed potatoes and vegetable of the day	\$18

For the Kiddos

<u>Chicken Tenders with Fries</u>	\$8	<u>Grilled Cheese with Fries</u>	\$6
<u>Kid-sized Burger with Cheese w/ Fries</u>	\$7	<u>Cheese Quesadilla with Fries</u>	\$6

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

Happy Endings

<u>Lava Cake with Vanilla Bean Ice Cream</u>	\$9
<u>Snicker Doodle & Bourbon Ice Cream</u>	\$9
<u>Bourbon Raisin Bread Pudding</u>	\$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



The K Club presents:



Summer Concert Series



Sat. June 15 - Austin Haig

6:30- 9:00 pm

Fri. July 12 - Dennis Schweizer

7:00 - 10:00 pm

Sat. August 24 - Austin Haig

6:30 - 9:00 pm

2024 Social Memberships available \$20.00

**Membership required to purchase alcohol or participate in
Club gaming**

Attention all Members

All members of Council 554 and the K-Club social members are invited to help with a landscaping project on Saturday, May 11, at 9 am. (Weather permitting.)



It's great to have beautiful facility for weddings, trade shows and parties and it makes sense to have beautiful grounds as visitors arrive.



The work being planned includes weeding, spreading mulch, trimming bushes and dead limbs from some of our trees. We will meet at 9 am. The more volunteers we have, the sooner we can finish. Please bring rakes, shovels, gloves, wheel barrows and hedge trimmer (if you have one). Family members invited as well.

We will have pizza and refreshments around noon.



Massillon KofC SNAPSHOTS



Council 554 congratulates two new members of the Knights of Columbus who took their degree on Sunday, April 28, following the 8 am Mass. Pictured, from left to right, front row: new members Louis Poppovich and Ken Null, and Paul Haig. Back row: Degree Team members Ken McLaughlin, Chuck Maier, Ken Girt, Joe Vilhosky and Gary Lamielle. Welcome Louis and Ken!



Council 554 sponsored the initial Divine Mercy Parish quarterly social after the April 27 4 pm Mass at St. Joseph center. Our first meal was a spaghetti dinner and was prepared by the Ferrero family. Pictured above on the left is Tom Ferrero (left) and John Ferrero (right) and their sister Kathy Calhoun. In addition to the Ferrero family, KofC Round Table members and their wives helped with the meal and included: Gary Lamielle, Tim Altier, Ken McLaughlin & Sue Courter, Ken & Linda Girt, Bryan & Muffy Stewart, Chuck & Ruthanne Maier, Nathan Courter and Jeff & Denise Campbell. Also assisting were several members of the Columbian Squires pictured on the right above. The meal was free but a good-will offering was suggested for the Knights of Columbus "Support "Our Seminarians" Fund which collected almost \$500. Thanks to all the knights and their families who helped support this parish social gathering.

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 on the first and third 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 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 7 PM. This allows the user to either log in via a computer, tablet or smartphone as well as call in on 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>		
Chaplain	Msgr James Kolp	428-5555	St. Mary	Ken Girt, PGK	608-1729
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3- Year Trust	Bob Pittinger, PGK	571-5150			
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			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	Sue Hall	933-1620
			Bereavement Chr	Graham Zeneri	844-7712
			Webmaster	Kyle Shane	

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

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

Ohio State Council Charity 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 (provides financial support of the Youngstown Diocesan Media Library for instructional books and videos on our Catholic faith. Council also provides \$500 to an area seminarian through the Supreme Council RSVP program.

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

Council Family Picnic: Council sponsors an annual picnic for the families of our members.

Council Bereavement Committee: When requested, bereavement committee conducts a service at the wake of our deceased members.

Youth Awards and Squires Support: Council awards Youth of the Year and Excellence in Religion Awards to area youths. Council also supports Massillon Columbian Squires Circle 2645 for boys ages 10-18.

Red Cross Bloodmobile Support: Massillon Knights Foundation provide facilities for blood drive six times a year.

Divine Mercy Parish – Council 554 Round Table Activities

1. **Divine Mercy Chaplet.** Council 554 Round Table members promote a weekly recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet. At St Barbara Church: every Tuesday of the month following the 9:00 am Mass. At St Joseph Church: at 3:30 pm on Saturday, prior to the 4:00 pm Saturday Mas. At St. Mary Church: every Wednesday at 3:30 pm before the close of the Holy Eucharist Adoration.
2. **Cemetery Cleanup** Look for announcements in Sunday bulletin.
3. **Rosary and Novena for Life.** Council 554 round table members sponsors a Rosary and Novena for Life throughout the year. Look for announcements in Sunday bulletin.
4. **Landscaping parish grounds.** Council 554 members volunteer landscaping on the grounds of each of the three churches of the Divine Mercy Parish. This includes maintaining the St. Joseph Memorial Garden. Look for announcements in Sunday bulletin.
5. **Soup Kitchen** Council 554 members volunteer at the "Soup Kitchen" held every Monday at St. Joseph Church Hall
6. **Support St Vincent de Paul Society and Community Outreach Serves.** 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. Round Table members also serve the needy at St. Joseph Church Hall with groceries and clothing each Monday. Parishioners at St. Barbara serve the needy with groceries one Saturday of the month.
7. **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 at all three churches of Divine Mercy Parish. Look for announcements in Sunday bulletin.
8. **Parish Social Dinners** Members of the Round Table Committee help with the quarterly social meals following weekend Masses.

Divine Mercy Parish – Council 554 Round Table Committee.

<u>St. Joseph Church</u>	Coordinator: Tom Ferrero, 330-844-0469 - tferrero@sssnet.com ,
<u>St Barbara Church</u>	Coordinator: Joel Fichter, 330-830-9301 - fichterlaw@sssnet.com
<u>St Mary Church</u>	Coordinator: Ken Girt, 330-608-1729 – girtken@sssnet.com

If you belong to Divine Mercy Parish and have not been getting our notices of round table projects, please send your email address to girtken@sssnet.com. We will include you on future projects that help our pastor, Fr. Sheridan, our parish and our three churches. Thanks.

COUNCIL 554 MEETING MINUTES: Date: 4/9/24 Present: 13

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

Chaplain’s Message. Monsignor Kolp reported that Knights helped prepare all three churches for Easter. They were beautiful for the Easter celebration. He also mentioned the baldachino over the altar in St. Peter’s in Rome is in need of repair. The Knights (internationally) have offered to financially take care of the repairs. Finally, he stated the he hopes that our council continues to be one of the best in the state.

Minutes. A motion was made by Ken Girt to accept the minutes of the March 12, 2024 meeting as distributed in the newsletter. Seconded by Bob Pittinger. Motion carried.

Grand Knight Report. PGK Brian Stewart filled in for Chuck Maier who was ill. The April Officer & Trustees meeting is Tuesday April 23. At the May 14th Council meeting we will have the first nomination for officers for 2025-2025 Fraternal year. “Spring Fling” party this Saturday April 12 in the clubroom.

Membership. We have met our goal for new members for this fraternal year and are on the way to Star Council. April 28—Exemplification after 8 am Mass. There are two people who need approval, Boshko Poppovich and Frank Perez. A motion was made by Ken Girt to approve these two. Seconded by Tim Paul. Motion carried.

Program Activities. The council will be sponsoring a free spaghetti dinner at St. Joseph’s on April 27 after the 4:00 Mass. It is hoped that we can rotate a meal between the three churches on a regular basis. Help will be needed at the dinner. Ken McLaughlin will make up a list as to where he needs help. A free-will donations will go to the support of the seminarians. There will be a degree at St. Mary’s on April 28. Our council is one of 28 in the state to get 6 new members since December. We will get a Supreme pop-up banner for this incentive. Past Grand Knights Dinner to be held April 30th. The cost is \$10 for guests.

Squires Report: Nathan Courter will be the new Chief Counselor. We need to make sure all counselors have gone through the Safe Environment training.

4th Degree. The last gun show was a success for the 4th Degree’s concession stand. Matt Meyer thanked all who attended calling hours for his father, Chuck. There will be a 4th Degree exemplification in Westlake on April 20. We will have two persons there—Brian Jones and Joe Perrotti

Insurance Agent Report: No report.

District Deputy Report: District Deputy Ronald Macala congratulated 554 on receiving Star Council status. The state convention is May 17-19 in Covington KY. He reminded us that Bishop Bonnar issued a letter about churches being coordinating units. St. Michael will now be a unit with Sts. Philip and James. The State Deputy Director asked him to take on the five councils in Tuscarawas County on a temporary basis. He will be quite busy.

Unfinished business. None

New Business: The State Council wants to collect \$3,500 to ASAP Program at the state convention. A motion was made by Ken Girt to provide \$500 for this initiative. Seconded by Bob Pittinger. Motion passed. Gary Lamielle suggested that the council help out at the Divine Mercy Parish (St. Barbara) Festival. The proceeds will help support the entire Divine Mercy Parish. An email will be sent out to all Round Table knights requesting help.

Financial Report for January: Council 554 Donations: \$1000 for SOS Seminarian Support OSC. Donated \$25 for Masses said for Chuck Meyer. \$1,528.80 sent to OSC for charity raffle.

Instant Bingo Fund Transactions in March: \$1,688 transferred to 554 Charity Fund and \$9,287 donated MKF.

Good of the Order. March awards: Family of the Month—Ken and Nancy Null. Knight of the Month—Graham Zeneri Volunteer of the Month—Merci Lojo

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
March	Ken & Nancy Null	Graham Zeneri	Merci Logo
April	Tom & Chaquita Seesan	Tim Paul	Barb Pittinger