



Massillon Council 554



Knights of Columbus

November, 2023

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

November is the Month of the Dead. It is dedicated to praying for the Dead. November is entirely devoted to the deceased. That is why it is dubbed Month of the Dead. All Saints Day is November 1st to honor all the saints that have entered the Kingdom of Heaven, and it is a holy day of obligation.

We canceled the highway clean up that was scheduled for Saturday October 26th due to weather conditions. When it is rescheduled, I will post it for anyone that wants to help. An Exemplification Degree ceremony was held at St Joseph and three new members were added. The members of Council 554 were honored to lead the Rosary before each Saturday and Sunday Mass at the Divine Mercy Parish in October. There will be a Memorial Mass at St Mary Divine Mercy Parish on Tuesday November 14th at the regular Tuesday evening Mass time of 6 pm. This is to honor the Knights and Columbian Ladies that passed away this year. There will be a light reception in the narthex of the Church following the service. Due to the Memorial Mass the regular K of C meeting was moved to November 21, at 6:45. The Officers and Trustees meeting will be at 7:00 pm. There will be a movie night presented by the Knights of Columbus entitled The Nativity Story Rated PG. This will be on Saturday November 25th at 7:00PM. It will be presented on the big screen in the main room. We will provide free popcorn. Drinks can be purchased in the K Club. The K Club opens at 4:00PM and you can come out to eat before the movie. Just a reminder to get your Football Craze raffle tickets and money in. The 2024 Lottery calendar is now on sale from the Knights of Columbus members or call a Knight Officer. You can contact me at 330-418-8741. They make a great gift. Have a great Thanksgiving, we have a lot to be thankful for.

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

Enemies of life are pouring large sums of money into Ohio to favor the passage of Issue 1 on the ballot. Their ads on television are very misleading. Would you remind your family members and neighbors to be sure to vote on Tuesday, November 7th and to vote "NO" to issue 1.

Family, Knight and Volunteer of the Month for October 2023

Congratulations to **Tom Seesan** for being selected as our Knight of the Month for October. Tom is a member of Divine Mercy Parish – St Joseph where he reads the Divine Mercy Chaplet or Rosary each Saturday before 4 pm Mass. He is also the Recording Secretary for Council 554.

We also congratulate **Bob and Mary Kring** for being selected Family of the Month for October. Mary is President of Stark County Right to life and both are active at Divine Mercy Parish St. Barbara.

We also congratulate **Lisa Lowden** as our Volunteer of the Month for October. Lisa coordinates and promotes special activities for the K-Club.

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 now 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, Walt Featheringham, Sam Meyer, Mike Ziegelhofer, Chuck Meyer, Paul Lucchesi, Joe Vilhosky, Jim Sieber, Larry Coyne and Fr. Mike Seifert.

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@sssn.net 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 everyone has enjoyed the fall weather and have been able to take a ride and look at the beautiful fall colors. The trees are beautiful and all the mums in full color.

Just a reminder that we will not be having our Thursday To-Go or Dine-In Dinners in November or December. They will resume on Thursday, January 18, 2024. Details will be in the January newsletter.

If you haven't been out to the K Club to listen to Austin Haig, you are missing an evening of fun. He will play again on Thursday, November 9, so plan on coming out to listen to him. We really had a nice time listening to him last night. You can also see our new menu and have your dinner there if you like. Please support our restaurant. The food is delicious. We do have some specials going on during the week.

We have been working on a few projects and one of them is the lights in the middle room. We are changing to LED because that is all we can buy now. Fixtures need to be changed to fit LED lights. I want to thank John Haubert for coming out to help me. Our next project will be the big room. John and I are also working on replacing outside doors where the tables and chairs are kept. I also want to thank Dave Harman for coming out and helping me on different projects. If you have a few hours to spare, I could always use help, please call me at the office and leave your number and I will get back to you.

The compressor on the freezer had to be replaced and hopefully the freezer now is working as it should be. We purchased a new one because our freezer is old and everything is needing replaced, just like our dishwasher. You just can't find parts for them anymore. Our flattop in the kitchen needs new thermocouples and of course they don't make the old ones anymore. I looked and found some replacement parts and ordered them so hopefully these parts will do the trick.

If you would like to donate to help cover the costs of some of these items, it would be greatly appreciated. Just send your donation to Julie at the Office and mark – Building Repair. Also, without the volunteer help, we would not be able to replace any of these items.

Clubroom Report, Julie Harman, Complex Manager

The **Club room will be CLOSED on Thursday and Friday, November 23 & 24, 2023** for the Thanksgiving Holiday. I Hope everyone enjoys their Thanksgiving and

Come out on Saturday, Nov 25, and join us for the **Ohio State vs Michigan Game!** Doors open at 11:30am, game starts at Noon. We will have door prizes, Tip Boards, & fun. Food available for purchase. We will be having our patio 50/50 tonight too so make sure to get your tickets!!!

Nite at the Races Saturday, November 18, 2023 co-sponsor is Domestic Violence Project, Inc. If interested in tickets call the office Monday-Friday 9AM-Noon!!

Don't forget the **Browns Tailgate on Sunday's**. We open at Noon! We have door prizes every quarter, 50/50 drawing at halftime & you can bring your own snacks/food for the games as well.

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

We are still looking for Banquet Servers please apply at the office Monday thru Friday 9am-Noon or online at massillonkofc554@sssnet.com.

See K-Club flyers on 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>.

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
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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

Our next Bishop Massillon Assembly meeting is Tuesday November 7th 6:30 PM. This is a regular business meeting, not a Ladies Night. Food and beverages will be provided. Hope to see there after you VOTE!

Thank you to all the Sir Knights, Ladies and Brother Knights that helped prepare, serve food and drinks for the Stark County Gun Collectors Fall show at the hall. We appreciate your support in making this another successful fundraiser.

The Ohio District One had the Fall Fourth Degree Exemplification on Saturday October 14th. Congratulations to our 5 new Sir Knights that completed the Fourth Degree and have joined our Assembly. Thank you to the Sir Knights that encouraged and helped these worthy Brother Knights complete all of their degrees. The OD1 2024 Spring Exemplification will be on April 21st at the Double Tree in Westlake.

For the past couple of years, during the month of November, we have collected and donated items to the Massillon Serving Area Military, Active, Veterans and their Widows “SAM Center”: Lodging Kits, Thanksgiving Food, 7 Day Food Bags. This year we are looking to focus are a few key items: canned vegetables/soups, canned chicken/tuna, pasta/pasta sauce, and jelly/jams. Please consider purchasing and donating these items to help the SAM Center serve our community. Cash donations will be accepted and I will then purchase the items that are most needed. The last collection date will be our December 2nd dinner.

We look forward to seeing you at this year’s Bishop Massillon Assembly “Tom and Jerry” Ladies Night dinner on Saturday December 2nd at the K of C Hall in the Pinta room. Doors open at 5:30 PM with the Meyer’s Family famous “Tom and Jerry” drinks, with dinner served at 6:30 PM. Our dinner buffet will include baked chicken, roast beef, scrod, penne with marinara, roasted potatoes, buttered green beans, tossed salad with rolls, coffee/tea/iced-tea, and a drink ticket for the K-Club bar. Dress is business casual, but you are certainly welcome to dress more formal. The price is \$25 per person for our Assembly Sir Knights and Lady or Sir Knight and a guest (any additional guests are \$35 each). Please RSVP with me by Friday November 24th.

Please continue to support our local Parishes, Councils, and Massillon Knights Foundation and the K-Club activities.

Columbian Ladies Guild, by Karen Franz, President

We have some reminders for the Columbian ladies.

November 14 -Memorial Mass at St Mary's at 6:00 p.m. We will honoring two Columbian Ladies who have passed away this year. Judy Wilson and Florence Tully. There will be NO meeting in November. Please attend the Mass.

Night at the Races--- We have a basket to raffle off. If you have basket items or baskets to be used for raffles, please contact Mary Ann Haig at 330-309-9640.

Columbian Ladies Christmas Celebration -- December 19th 6:00p.m.at the KC. Cost is \$20.00(for guest) RESERVATIONS are needed and can be made by contacting Ann Ziegelhoffer at 330-844-2051. Deadline for reservations is December 12. All Columbian ladies and their guests are invited. We will have Happy hour (cash bar), dinner and entertainment by Austin Haig to follow dinner. We are looking forward to good fellowship to start the holiday season. NO regular meeting in December.

Dues are due in January. Regular membership dues are \$10.00 if you have been a Columbian Lady for 20 years or more the dues are \$5.00. You can leave your dues at the bar, we need to have your name, address and phone number on the envelope or contact Muffy Stewart at 330-605-4870.

We look forward to new projects and new members in 2024. Watch the newsletter for upcoming meeting notices.

Welcome to new member Barb Pittinger, good to see Linda.

With the upcoming holidays make sure you check on your neighbors, friends and family members not just for their physical well-being but their mental well-being as well.

May God Bless you and yours until we are together again.

Upcoming Calendar of Events...

.....November, 2023

- 1 *All Saints Day*
- 7 6:30 PM 4th Degree Meeting
- 9 7:00 PM Stark County Chapter Meeting
- 11 *Veterans Day*
- 14 6:00 PM Council Memorial Mass w/Col Ladies St. Mary
- 15 1:00 PM Bloodmobile
- 21 6:45 PM Reg. Council Meeting
- 7:00 PM Officers & Trustees Meeting
- 25 7:00 PM Family Movie Night "The Nativity Story"

.....December, 2023

- 2 6:00 PM 4th Degree Dinner Party Tom & Jerry
- 5 6:30 PM 4th Degree Meeting (No Ladies Night)
- 8 *Feast of the Immaculate Conception*
- 12 7:00 PM Reg. Council Meeting
- 19 6:00 PM Columbian Ladies Christmas Party. Music by Austin Haig
- 20 6:30 PM Special Officer & Trustee Meeting
- 25 *Christmas*
- 31 *New Years Eve*

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

1000 Club Calendars by Matt Meyer, PGK

Calendar season is in full swing so get your 2024 lottery calendars while you can! They are still only \$30/each and make for a great Christmas present. We even have Christmas envelopes for them so you can "wrap" them up as a gift. Calendars are available from the Club room office or the council office or you may contact me for details. Matt Meyer 330-284-9365. Thank you for buying and selling year after year. The proceeds help to keep the council running smoothly year after year.

Annual Council 554 Memorial Mass

Council 554's Annual Memorial Mass will be held on Tuesday, November 14, at the 6:00 pm Mass at St Barbara's church, with Fr. John Sheridan as celebrant. There are 13 members who will be remembered at this Mass as well as 2 Columbian Ladies remembered who passed away this past year. Light refreshment will be served following the Mass in the main entrance vestibule. A complete list of those being remembered are listed on page 17 of the webpage version of the newsletter. All are welcome to attend as we remember our deceased members.

Council 554 Family Movie Night

Council 554 will present a Family Movie Night on Saturday, November 25, at 7 PM. The movie will be "The Nativity Story", rated PG and released in 2007. Popcorn and soft drinks will be available. You may want to bring your favorite lawn chair instead of the banquet chairs. This is open to all members, social members, Columbian Ladies and their guests. A great time to try dining in the clubroom prior to the movie! See menu on Page 5 & 6 of the webpage version of the newsletter.



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

Austin Haig



Acoustic at The K Club

988 Cherry Rd NW
Massillon

Playing 6:30 - 8:30 pm, on the
following Thursdays

October 12 & 26

November 9

December 7 & 21

Thirsty Thursdays 4 - 9 pm
50 cents off Beer & Seltzers

Must be 21 years old and a current member to
purchase alcohol

Discounted 2023 Social Memberships \$10

K Club Weekly Specials

Happy Hour



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

Starting Sept. 6

Happy Apps Wednesdays

\$1.00 off all Appetizers



Starting Sept. 7

Thirsty Thursdays

50 cents off all Beers & Seltzers

4:00 - 9:00 pm

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

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			Bereavement Chr	Graham Zeneri	844-7712
			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.



Massillon KofC SNAPSHOTS



Massillon Council 554 was awarded the 2022-2023 Star Council Award by Supreme Council. Presenting the award was District Deputy Ron Macala (second from left). Also pictured, on left is Ken McLaughlin, PGK. Grand Knight Chuck Maier (3rd from left) and Council Chaplain Msgr James Kolp (on right). DD Macala also distributed special Star Council Award pins to Ken McLaughlin (Grand Knight pin), Chuck Maier (Membership Director pin) and Ken Girt (Program Director pin).



Council 554 conducted a Degree Exemplification on Saturday, October 21, at St. Joseph Church following the 4 PM Mass. Three new members were welcomed into the Order with one of our members advancing to Third Degree. Pictured, left to right, front row are new members Austin Haig, Johnnie H. Maier, and Tim Watko, followed by Robert Rohrer (advanced to 3rd Degree) and Degree Team member Paul Haig. Second row, left to right, Degree Team members: Ken McLaughlin, Chuck Maier (GK), Ken Girt, Joe Vilhosky, Bryan Stewart and Gary Lamielle. Welcome Austin, John and Tim!!



It's "Live" music at your K-Club! We recently had two local musicians playing in the clubroom with more performances being planned. Pictured above on the left is Dennis Schweizer who performed at the K-Club's Octoberfest on October 21. Pictured on the right is Austin Haig, who is entertaining on special Thursday evenings during November and December. Austin is also scheduled to perform at the Columbian Ladies Christmas Party on December 19. Read about the upcoming performance in the newsletter and bulletin board.

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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

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
May	Paul & Mary Ann Haig	John Dorka	Sue Hall
June	Paul & Elaine Lambert	Gary Lamielle	Stacey Dougherty
July	Dale and Barb Piper	Bryan Stewart	Karen Franz
August	Tom and Jayne Ferrero	Stan Stroh	Bob McCauley
September	Jeff & Cathi Heitger	Fr. Ed Gretchko	Vicky Hartman
October	Bob and Mary Kring	Tom Seesan	Lisa Lowden

COUNCIL 554 MEETING MINUTES: Date: 9/12/23 Present: 12

Chaplain's Message. Monsignor Kolp opened the meeting with a prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

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

Grand Knight Report. Chuck Maier handed out his agenda that contained many important dates for the Council.

Membership. Degree Ceremony scheduled for October 28 following 4:00 PM Mass at St. Joseph.

Programs. 1. Need to get the football tickets in. 2. 40 Days for Life on Sundays in front of Planned Parenthood. 3. Talked of the membership drive. 4. Memorial Mass at St. Mary's on November 14 at 6:00 pm. 5. Because of the Memorial Mass, our regular council meeting will be moved to November 21

Committee. No report

4th Degree. Ladies Night Octoberfest at the pavilion on October 3.

District Deputy Ron Macala. Our council was awarded the Star Council Award. We should be proud of this accomplishment.

Foundation Report. The Bingo machines are up and running and doing well for the MKF and council.

Unfinished business. All bills are paid. We currently have 450 members.

Financial Report. The report was sent out by Ken M. There were no questions. Ken Girt made a motion to accept the financial report. Seconded by Bob Pittenger. Motion carried.

New Business. No Report.

Good of the Order. Honorees for August: Fr. Gretchko (Knight), Cathi and Jeff Heitger family (Family), Vickie Hartman (Volunteer)

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

LIFE Activities

40 Days for Life Fall 2023 Prayer Vigil *by Joe Vilhosky, LIFE Activities Chr.*

The Massillon K of C Council 554 and the Divine Mercy Parish will be reciting the Rosary for Life followed with the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 2:00pm in our Churches during the fall 40 Days for Life except the last week, Stations of the Cross at 3:00pm.

Our Peaceful Right for Life Prayer Vigil will be in our Divine Mercy Parish Churches.

Schedule of fall 40 Days for Life Rosary and Chaplet – 2023:

Sunday 01 October – Saint Barbara Church – 2:00pm

Sunday 08 October – Saint Barbara Church – 2:00pm

Sunday 15 October - Saint Joseph Church – 2:00pm

Sunday 22 October - Saint Joseph Church – 2:00pm

Sunday 29 October - Saint Mary Church – 2:00pm

Sunday 5 November – Saint Mary Church - 3:00pm – We will conduct the Stations of the Cross at this time to commemorate the time of day that Jesus Christ's died. Given the agony of crucifixion, Jesus died at the ninth hour (3 p.m.) (15:34, Matthew 27:46, Luke 23:44). ("Excruciating," coincidentally, derives from the Latin crux, "cross.").

Please join us for this beautiful prayer. The Rosary is one of the most powerful forms of Catholic personal prayer. The intentions will be on a different Mystery each week. The intentions will address the evils such as legalized abortion, euthanasia, and all other attacks against human life and against the institution of the family in our society. We will pray for everyone from mothers considering abortion and health care workers who participate in abortion to children who are impacted by adoption or the foster care system.

The protection of life is a prayer intention of the Church, and the Knights of Columbus. As Knights we remain committed to defending the right to life of every human being – from the moment of conception to natural death.

Vivat Jesus

Officers & Members of K of C Massillon, Oh Council 554



Deceased Members of Council 554

November 20, 2022 - November 20, 2023

James Simon

James V. Simon, 79, of Massillon passed away on September 7, 2022. Jim served in the Navy on the US Forrestal after graduation from Canton Central Catholic. Jim and his family owned and operated several taverns in Massillon before he retired from the Army Navy Club #207.

Samuel “Ron” Blogna

Samuel Ronald Blogna, 81, passed away on Saturday, December 31, 2022. He worked as a foreman for the former Ekco Housewares where he retired with 40 years of service. He proudly served his country in the Army National Guard as a food service specialist. Ron was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church.

John A. Climo

John Anthony Climo, 89, of Massillon, Ohio, passed away of February 10, 2023. He was born in Rochester, Pennsylvania and was a graduate of Massillon Washington High School. He played fullback for football and was a 4-year starter and State Champion. He was a member of the St Joseph's Catholic Church. John and his wife owned and operated 6th Street Pizza and Koonies Bar for 12 years.

John Forgan

John Edwin Forgan, 90, of Massillon, passed away on February 25, 2023, following a brief illness. He was a veteran of The United States Navy and retired from The City of Massillon Fire Department in 1985. He was a member of St. Barbara Church.

Memoriam: Larry Hug

Lawrence (Larry) V. Hug, Jr., age 81, passed away on March 29, 2023. Larry attended Walsh University, where he was the number one player on the Men's Golf Team from 1963 to 1966. He was a long-time parishioner of St. Mary's Church in Massillon where he served as a member of the Parish Finance Advisory Council

Richard D. Paul

Richard D. Paul, Sr. age 96, of Canton, passed away Saturday, April 22, 2023. He 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.

Dr. Raymond McMahon

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 was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, where he served as an usher

Chalmer Smith

Chalmer Joseph Smith passed away on May 11, 2023. He was born in Massillon, Ohio and was a life-long member of Saint Mary's, Saint Barbara's and Saint Joan of Arc Churches. He served two years in the US Army where he served in West Germany. He was an active member of the St. Mary's Choir.

Anthony Baltuz

Anthony “Tony” Baltuz, 76, of Massillon passed away on May 21, 2023. He was born in Sharon Pennsylvania and graduated from Sharon High School.

Theodore Burch

Theodore Dwain Burch, 81, passed away August 17, 2023. Ted was a Vietnam veteran and received the Army Commendation Medal. Ted was a member of Saint Barbara's Catholic Church

Gerald Meyer

Gerald L. Meyer, age 89, passed away Thursday, August 17, 2023. He was a veteran serving in the Navy and in the Army and Air Force Reserves. Gerald was a member of Divine Mercy Parish - St. Joseph Campus.

Frank Galindo

Francisco "Frank" A. Galindo, 82, of Massillon, passed away on September 21, 2023. He served in the Army in 1959. He retired from Crown Cork & Seal Co Inc

Todd Ostapack

Todd Ostapack, 56, passed away on Sunday, May 28, 2023 unexpectedly, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He studied at Southgate School, Whipple-Dale Center, and Higgins Workshop. He was a member of the Sounds of Silence Choir, which gave a command performance for the President of the United States in the Oval Office January 1993. He participated in Stark County Special Olympics during his teen years.

Deceased Members of Columbian Ladies Guild November 20, 2021 - November 20, 2022

Judy Wilson

Judy Wilson, 84, wife of deceased member Richard Wilson, passed away on May 1, 2023. She was a member of Divine Mercy Parish at St Joseph Church. Judy served for many years as the treasurer of the Columbian Ladies Guild.

Florence Tully

Florence M. Tully, age 101, passed away Friday, August 4, 2023. She was the mother of members Tim, Raymond and Tom Tully and was recruited for the Columbian Ladies by her sister-in-law, Zita Wantz. She was a member of Divine Mercy Parish at St. Barbara's.

