



# Massillon Council 554



**Knights of Columbus**

**October, 2023**

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

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, one of the best known of all Catholic devotions. October includes the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (October 7). The best way to celebrate is, of course, to pray the Rosary.

The Massillon K of C Council 554 and Divine Mercy Parish will recite the Rosary for Life every Sunday starting at 2:00PM during the fall 40 days For Life starting October 1st in the Churches of the Divine Mercy Parish. Please join us in saying the Rosary for Life. SCHEDULE, Oct 1 and Oct 8 at Saint Barbara, Oct 15 and Oct 22 at Saint Joseph, 29 Oct at Saint Mary. The last Sunday of the 40 days is 05 November at Saint Mary Church 3:00PM. We will have the Stations of the Cross for Life to commemorate Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a man.

The Massillon K of C Council 554 is proud to present our first Mental Health Forum on Wednesday October 11 at the K of C Hall, 988 Cherry Rd. N.W. Doors open at 6:30 PM. Program begins at 7:00PM. Please come and join us for an informative program. All are welcome. (See article on page 18 of website version of newsletter)

Are you interested in joining the Knights of Columbus and Council 554? Do you have any questions? Contact me Chuck Maier at 330-418-8741 if I don't answer leave your name and phone number I will call back. We are having an Exemplification Degree ceremony at St. Joseph after Mass on Oct 28, 5:15PM. "Catholic men putting their Faith into Action... for our Church and Families and for our Community and Nation"

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

As Catholics and as Knights we are committed to respect the health and safety of women and their parental rights. The proposed amendment to the Ohio Constitution would endanger the health and safety of women. Pro-abortion people are running big ads on TV. Let us speak to our friends and remind them to vote "NO" in November.

## **Family, Knight and Volunteer of the Month for August 2023**

Congratulations to **Fr. Ed Gretchko** for being selected as our Knight of the Month for September. Fr. Ed is the Senior Parochial Vicar in the Alliance area and is chaplain for the Stark County Knights of Columbus.

We also congratulate **Jeff and Cathi Heitger** for being selected Family of the Month for September. Jeff is the secretary for the Massillon Knights Foundation and both he and Cathi work our various fundraisers.

We also congratulate **Vicky Hartman** as our Volunteer of the Month for September. Vicky works our Monday Bingo.

## **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:** 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, 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@ssnet.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**

Gardens are finished and Fall is upon us. The weather is changing and is much cooler. Please check in on your neighbors and friends even if it is just a phone call to see how they are doing, maybe take them for a ride to see the mums and all the fall decorations.

Our next MKF dinner is Thursday, October 19. Dine-In Dinners served from 5:00 – 6:30 pm. Carry-Out ONLY dinners will be from 5:00 – 5:45. Pick up under front Canape. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED. One piece will be \$12.00 and two pieces will be \$15.00; dinner includes salad, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, bread/butter, and desert. The last day for Reservations is WEDNESDAY, October 18 at noon. ABSOLUTELY, NO RESERVATION AFTER 12:00 NOON. Call 330-837-9101 and if no one answers, leave your name, phone number, how many dinners – 1 or 2 pieces and Dine-In or Take-Out. Only calls before noon on Wednesday, October 18 will be taken for reservations. Thank you for supporting our meatloaf dinner last month and all the volunteers.

Our new dishwasher and garbage disposal is completely installed. Again, I want to thank all the people that helped to install our new dishwasher. We will have some painting to do in the kitchen later this month, just to freshen up the walls where the old one was. Please let me know if you would like to help and availability.

Please come out and try our new menu. The Kitchen is open on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturdays from 4:00 – 8:00. The club room has Happy Hour from 4-6 – Monday-Friday and other specials.

Don't forget our tailgate parties on Sunday, our October Fest (21), Austin Haig Acoustic will be playing on some Thursdays in November and December and of course the Nite at the Races starting in November (18).

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

Summer is over and fall has arrived!! We will be having music on Thursday, October 12th & 26th starting at 6:30pm until 8:30pm. Come out and have dinner & enjoy the music by Austin Haig!!

We are now open every Sunday for NFL games and doors open at noon! Browns tail gating parties are going great! Come and enjoy some football & fun!

We will be having a **Slot Tournament** on Thursday, October 19, 2023! \$40.00 buy in by 6:30pm and tournament will start at approximately 7PM!! We will be playing "The Phantom Fair"! Come out and join the fun. (Remember you must be a Knight, Columbian Lady or Social Member to play)

**October Fest** is Saturday, October 21, 2023 4pm-10pm in the club room. Musical Guest Dennis Schweizer (Fraq) 7pm-10pm. As a result, that the October Fest is on October 21, 2023 we will not be open for the Massillon vs McKinley game. We will be opening at 4PM.

Don't forget about our weekly specials: Happy Apps Wednesday's and Thirsty Thursday's.

Bingo is every Monday at 6:30pm & doors open at 4:00pm, we still need volunteers as well!! If you are interested, please call

**See K-Club flyers on specials, parties and live music performances on pages 7, 8, & 9 on 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 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 will take place on Tuesday October 3rd with a Ladies Night. Our annual German Food Fest will take place in the pavilion after a short business meeting at the hall. We plan to feature German food, desserts and beverages. You don't want to miss this one, for it has been a fun evening in the past years. We look forward to seeing you.

This year's Patriot Day, in memory of the people killed in the September 11, 2001 attacks, fell on a Monday. We had Sir Knights in Uniform for the weekday Monday 9:00 AM Mass for Divine Mercy Parishes at St Barbara. Our Assembly had United States of America flags after Mass to give to those in attendance. Thank you for your support.

There are two Fall Outs requested for Sir Knights in Uniform and guests. October 1st 11:30 AM Mass for Life at St. Paul North Canton with The Most Revered Bishop David Bonnar presiding. This marks the beginning of "October Respect Life Month" and to pray for the defeat of the pro-abortion amendment to the Ohio Constitution. October 14th, the Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services of the DOY "Honoring our Cemeteries", 11:00 AM Mass at Calvary Cemetery Chapel. Bishop David Bonnar will be presiding. A reception will follow. RSVP by calling 330-832-1866.

On Saturday October 7th & Sunday the 8th, the Stark Gun Collectors Fall Show will take place. We are providing the food and drink service (Assembly fundraiser) for this show. We would appreciate any desserts such as pies, cakes, cookies, or brownies that you would like to donate to help us raise proceeds. If you are able to help work the food/drink service, please contact SK Bob Pittinger 330-571-5150.

The 2023 Fall Fourth Degree Exemplification will take place on Saturday October 14th 10:30 AM at St. William Church in Warren. The official schedule and further details are available on the KofC Ohio District 1 online site. We have candidates for this event and encourage Sir Knights to attend, especially if you haven't attended a Fourth Degree Exemplification for a while. The Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus was established 1900, adding patriotism to its foundational principles. An inspiring testament of our founding fathers' patriotism as love of God and love of country go hand in hand.

Save the date for our Assembly Tom & Jerry Dinner Ladies Night scheduled for Saturday evening December 3rd at the Club.

### **Columbian Ladies Guild, by Karen Franz, President**

We had our first meeting on Sept 26. This organization depends on its members to actively support the organization. Please help us by meeting attendance, project participation and supporting the Knights programs.

I hope all of you have had an opportunity to check out our spring project. The refurbishing of the gazabo and Mary's statue. The gazabo was in bad need of a clean-up and new paint. Please check it out, this is a good place to have a quiet visit with Mary, or just a place to stop and take time for yourself. The sidewalk to the gazabo is wide enough for a walker or wheelchair, so please take time to visit the gazabo.

We will be having baskets during the year for bingo thanks to Mary Ann. We will also be having a basket for the Night at the Races. We are looking for basket items for in the baskets (no alcohol in the bingo baskets). Please contact Mary Ann Haig if you would like to donate a basket or items for the baskets.

UPCOMING; Our October meeting will be the Memorial Mass on Nov 28. Further details will be coming from the Knights. November 18th is Night at the Races. We will need people to help to sell the basket, and if you have items to donate for the basket, please contact Mary Ann. Our next projects will be shared in upcoming newsletters, be sure to check them out. I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting. Until we are together again may the Lord watch over you and your family and friends.

## Upcoming Calendar of Events...

### .....October, 2023

3 6:30 PM 4th Degree Meeting Ladies Night Pavilion  
 9 **Columbus Day**  
 10 7:00 PM Reg. Council Meeting  
 12 7:00 PM Stark County Chapter  
 19 5:00 PM MKF Clubroom Dinner  
 21 4:00 PM K-Club October Fest  
 24 6:45 PM Officers and Trustees Meeting  
 7:00 PM Columbian Ladies Meeting

### .....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 7:00 PM Reg. Council Meeting  
 15 1:00 PM Bloodmobile  
 21 6:45 PM Officers and Trustees Meeting (Special Night)  
 28 6:00 PM Council Memorial Mass w/Col Ladies St. Mary

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

## Charity, Unity and Fraternity Degree Ceremony

Council 554 will conduct a Degree Ceremony on Saturday, October 28, following the 4 PM Mass at St. Joseph. If you know of a Catholic man, 18 years and older, who is interested in joining the Knights of Columbus, please have them contact our Grand Knight and Membership Director, Chuck Maier at 330-418-8741, or any officer of the council. This is also an excellent opportunity for a 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree member of the Order to advance to full knighthood as a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree member. The ceremony will last around 30 minutes. Share your interest in the Knights of Columbus with others and let's build our Order!

**PLEASE NOTE:** The turn-in date for the Football Frenzy Sweepstake Contest was omitted from the recent letter you received with the three tickets. All tickets should be returned to the council by October 28, 2023. The first weekend games for the contest are scheduled for November 4, 2023. Thanks for your support.

## 1000 Club Calendars by Matt Meyer, PGK

2024 lottery calendars are being printed this month and should be ready to sell by mid-September. Get them as early as you can as they sell out before Christmas. The price as always remains the same at \$30/calendar. Contact me if you have any questions or would like to reserve some calendars. Matt Meyer 330-284-9365 or kofccalendars@gmail.com

## MKF Clubroom Dinner – October 19, 2023

### “City Chicken”

**The prices of the dinner are: \$12 for one piece, \$15 for two.**

**Meal includes: mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, dessert and bread & /butter.**

**Dine-In served in Clubroom 5-6:30 PM. Take-Out served 5:00 to 5:45 PM.**

**Reservations are required by Wednesday, October 18 by Noon. Call 330-837-9101.**

**Please leave your Name, Phone Number, Number of Dinners, Dine-In or Take-Out and what time you will dine-in or pick-up. Take-Out meals at front canopy.**

## In Memoriam: Frank Galindo

Francisco “Frank” A. Galindo, 82, of Massillon, passed away on September 21, 2023 from a long battle with Parkinson’s Disease. He was a graduate of Washington High School, then he enlisted in the Army in 1959. Trying his hand at several jobs throughout his life, he found his place at Central Sates Can Company/Crown Cork & Seal Co Inc where he worked until his retirement.

Frank is survived by his wife of 59 years, Betty and children, Pamela, Robert and Steven  
 May he Rest in Peace.

# 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

# Octoberfest



Saturday, Oct. 21, 2023

4:00 - 10:00 pm

The K Club at Massillon  
Knights Foundation

**Musical Guest 7:00 - 10:00 pm**



Dennis Schweizer (Frag)



Special German Menu 4:00-8:00 pm

**\*Raffles\***

Free Entry for Members

Discounted 2023 Social memberships for \$10

Non Members cannot  
purchase alcohol nor  
participate in club gaming





# 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 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:girtken@sssnet.com). You then will be sent a link for viewing the 30-minute ceremony at home. And yes, your family can view the ceremony as well. Call Ken Girt with any questions. 330-608-1729

#### **Procedure for Online Exemplification for Advancing Members:**

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

#### **For New Candidates:**

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

#### **Procedure for Online Exemplification for New Member**

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

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

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

Contact any of the following for the registration link:

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](mailto:girtken@sssnet.com),

## **Method 3. "Live" Exemplification in area Churches:**

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

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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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			Bingo Mgr	Ron Kurpieski	936-8058
			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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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



Members of Massillon Council 554 attended the annual Stark County Right to Life Dinner on Saturday, September 16, at Divine Mercy Parish – St. Barbara Parish Center in Massillon. Attending were Msgr James Kolp, Fr. Tom Cebula, Bryan Stewart, Ken McLaughlin, Bob Kring, Graham Zeneri, Alex Turner, Bob Pittinger, Dale Piper, Chuck Maier, John Dorka, John Birman, Al Miller, Joe Vilhosky, Joe Perrotti, and Ken Girt. Also attending was Fr. John Sheridan, Pastor of Divine Mercy Parish and Fr. Don Feicht. Keynote Speaker for the dinner was Robert Sprague, Ohio Treasurer of the State.

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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

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

**Chaplain's Message.** Monsignor Kolp opened with a prayer. He said he was proud of the Knights in our Council for taking an active part in pro-life activities.

**Minutes.** Minutes of the August 8 meeting were approved as written.

**Grand Knight Report.** It was moved and seconded to appoint Tom Seesan as Secretary. Mass for Life at St Paul's in North Canton on Oct 1 at 11:30 AM. Men's retreat at Franciscan University September 16.

He reported on the Memorial Mass held at St. Barbara's on September 11. Six 4<sup>th</sup> degree Knights were there.

**Membership.** We will have a booth at the Octoberfest on October 1. Information on the Knights will be handed out.

**Programs.** Some of our upcoming projects. Grief share session at St. Barbara Church. Bloodmobile Sept 20. Hot Lunch every Wednesday. High way clean up Oct 28 8:30 AM.

**Committee.** No report

**4<sup>th</sup> Degree.** Ladies Night Picnic on October 3.

**District Deputy.** Reported that we had a great fraternal year (2022-2023).

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

**Unfinished business.** 1. Chuck would like to start up monthly movies for families. This will be discussed at the next Trustees meeting. 2. October 11—speaker on Mental Health for the Holidays. 7:00 pm. 3. Calendar stuffing will be September 19. 4. Rosary for Life. Need people to lead. Also, rosary before all the weekend Masses in the month of Oct.

**Financial Report.** No report

**New Business.** 1. Possibility of a "Welcome Home Weekend" to see if we can get those who left Divine Mercy after the merger to return. 2. Eucharistic Adoration at the churches. Can we get more Knights to participate?

**Good of the Order.** Honorees for August: Stan Stroh (Knight), Tom/Jayne Ferrero (Family), Bob McCauley (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.

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# Mental Health Forum

The Massillon Knights of Columbus Council 554 is proud to present our first Mental Health Forum on Wednesday, October 11 at the Knights of Columbus Hall at 988 Cherry Rd NW. Doors open at 6:30 PM, program begins at 7 PM. All are welcome!

This will be an informative event covering all aspects of mental health including: coping, identifying, treating, and specifically, coping with mental health during the holiday season.

Our guest speaker is Dr. Lee Reynolds of 4KidHelp and Adults in Canton. Dr. Reynolds is a psychiatrist who specializes in brain health of children, teens, and adults. He has a bachelors degree in Christian theology from the College of Wooster. In medical school at Case Western Reserve University, he did a year of research on the genetics of arthritis. Following medical school, he trained at Harvard University and became the 3rd generation protégé of Sigmund Freud. In total he spent 16 years in college. He has been in practice for 33 years, specializing in treating the most mentally ill persons. His jobs have included teaching at Harvard Medical School, running the hospital program for the most psychiatrically ill children in Massachusetts, being the head doctor for a large drug clinic, being the in-home therapy expert for children in Boston underprivileged neighborhoods, and being the Medical Director of 2 Community Mental Health Centers. Since moving to Ohio in 2004 he has focused on treating and running a private practice which treats all ages regardless of insurance, and which integrates therapy and medical services. In total, he has seen over 15,000 patients.

