



Massillon Council 554



Knights of Columbus

September, 2023

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

The month of September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows, whose memorial the Church celebrates on September 15. Devotion to the sorrows of the Virgin Mary dates from the twelfth century, when it made its appearance in monastic circles under the influence of St. Anselm and St. Bernard. Also, on September 4, 2016 Blessed Mother Teresa became Saint Teresa of Calcutta, and the Church celebrated her profound legacy and declared with joy her sainthood before the world. Her feast day is celebrated each year on September 5. Our Knights of Columbus 554 has a movie of St Teresa and we want to have a family night movie in the near future. Watch the bulletin for details,

We now have 4 new Knights in this fraternal year. We would like you to bring in a new member. "Catholic men putting their Faith into Action... for our church and families and for our community and nation

The fall Rt 21 HI way clean-up is planned for Saturday October 29th 2023. We will meet at St Mary's rear parking lot at 8:30AM for this event. Everyone that helps will be provided a safety vest. This does not take a long time to do and you are helping the community at the same time.

Everyone should have received the Ohio Knights football crazr tickets. This in a very important fund raiser for our council. Please consider purchasing and or selling the tickets. This helps us "554". Also, you could win cash prizes with a total of \$25,000 being given away. **Turn-in date for all sold tickets is October 28.** Thank you!

The annual Stark County Right to Life Dinner will be held on September 16, at the St. Barbara Parish Life Center. See the dinner reservation form on Page 15. The dinner is free! Guest speaker is Ohio Treasurer Robert Sprague.

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

Our Bishops are telling us "In Ohio the dignity of life in the earliest stages is threatened by groups proposing an amendment to Ohio's Constitution for the November 2023 ballot." We are to vote "NO" and do all we can to encourage others to vote "NO". Let us keep the November election in our actions and in our prayers.

Family, Knight and Volunteer of the Month for August 2023

Congratulations to **Stan Stroh** for being selected as our Knight of the Month for August. Stan spends a lot of hours remodeling our facility.

We also congratulate **Tom and Jayne Ferrero** for being selected Family of the Month for August. Tom works our Weekly Hot Lunch and is the Round Table Coordinator a St. Joseph. Both Tom and Jayne are active at St. Joseph.

We also congratulate **Bob McCauley** as our Volunteer of the Month for August. Bob works our Hot Lunch every Wednesday as the dish washer.

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

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

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

The Massillon Knights Foundation

Foundation Trustees: **One-Year:** 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 just can't believe it is September already. Schools are in session and winter sports are beginning. Please be careful when driving and watch out for school children crossing the streets. Please check in on your family and friends to make sure they are okay. Pray for all the people who needs our prayers for any reason.

We will be starting our clubroom dinners on the 3rd Thursday of the month and this month it will be a Meatloaf Dinner on Thursday, September 21, 2023. The meatloaf dinner includes mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, salad, homemade bread, and desert. The price is \$12.00 each. 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. The last day for Reservations is WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 at 12: 00 NOON. Call 330-837-9101. Please leave your Name, Phone Number, Number of Dinners, Dine-In or Carry-Out and what time you will dine-in or pick-up.

We are also starting our Browns tailgate parties for all Sunday's games at 1:00 and 4:00. Come out and join us to watch the game. Bring your own food or food to share. Hot Dogs are provided for everyone.

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@sssnet.com or call 330-608-1729.

Clubroom Report, Julie Harman, Complex Manager

Hope everyone had a good summer, fall is around the corner!!

The Club Room will be closed on Saturday, September 2, 2023 thru Monday, September 4, 2023 for the Labor Day Holiday!! We will be reopening Tuesday, September 5, and we will be starting a new menu from Chef Blaine. Our kitchen will now be open Tuesday thru Saturday 4PM until 8PM! Come out & check out the new menu and have dinner! **See new K-Club menu on Pages 5 & 6 on the website version of the newsletter!**

We are continuing our Happy Hour 4PM-6PM Monday thru Friday and we are starting "Happy Apps" on Wednesdays. \$1.00 off all appetizers 4PM-8PM and "Thirsty Thursday's".. 50 cents off all Beers and Seltzers 4PM-9PM. And, of course, The Queen of Hearts on Tuesdays!! Hope to see more people come out and enjoy the food and fun in the Club Room!!

Getting ready for football season. We will be open Sundays at NOON-6PM for the NFL season until the Super Bowl!! Still have a few squares left on the yearly \$25 Brown's Board so stop in and get a square if you haven't already!! First Brown's tail gate will be on Sunday, September 10, 2023. MKF will provide the hot dogs; you can bring in your own snacks/food for your table or the POT LUCK table to share. The new 33-Board we started for this football year sold out at our pre-season Kick-Off Steak Fry Dinner, Aug. 26th! It was a great success. Thank you to everyone who prepared the food, sold tip boards and everyone who came out and enjoyed the food and fun!!

We will be having a Slot Tournament on Thursday, September 14, 2023. Buy in by 6PM and starting approximately at 6:30PM. See Bar to sign up!!

Don't forget our October Fest Saturday, October 21, 2023 4PM-10PM. We will be having a German menu & Music by Dennis Schweizer (Fraq) from 7PM-10PM! We will be having a special 50/50 and tip boards for prizes! Sure to be a Great Time!!!

NITE AT THE RACES-Saturday, November 18, 2023 Tickets available at the office or call 330-837-9101.

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

Friday Fish Fry's

Every Friday 4:00 to 8:00 pm

With weekly specials. See new Menu on pages 12 & 13.

BISHOP MASSILLON ASSEMBLY FOURTH DEGREE

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

Faithful Navigator Report, By Roger Piper, Faithful Navigator

Sir Knights, our next Bishop Massillon Assembly business meeting will take place on Tuesday September 5th. This is a regular business meeting at 6:30 PM with food and drinks provided. We look forward to seeing you. We had a great turnout for our Annual Assembly Picnic with good food and a pleasurable evening. In addition, we had our Flag Retirement Ceremony with the most flags honorably disposed of in several years.

One of our local Councils, SS Philips and James, invited our Assembly to a votive Mass that took place on August 18th. This Mass was for Blessed Father Michael McGivney whom is in the process of being canonized. This was a real special evening with seven Priests, a Deacon, Seminarians, Ladies, Sir Knights and some SKs in Uniform. As SK Br Edward Shuman GK phrased it, "The spirit of Blessed Michael McGivney is alive in our parish."

This year's Patriot Day, in memory of the people killed in the September 11, 2001 attacks, falls on a Monday. The weekday Monday Mass for Devine Mercy Parishes is at St Barbara 9:00 AM Mass. Please consider saving this date and plan to attend the morning Mass. Our Assembly will have Sir Knights in Uniform and will pass out United States of America flags after Mass. All are certainly welcome.

The October meeting on Tuesday the 3rd will be followed by our annual German Food Fest. This 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 past years.

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.

We are now close to the Fall Exemplification. We still have time to sign up your worthy Council candidates for the Fourth Degree. The Fall Fourth Degree Exemplification will take place on Saturday October 14th at St. William Champion in Warren Ohio. Details for this Exemplification are still being finalized. 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.

Please call me if I can address any questions.

Columbian Ladies Guild, by Karen Franz, President

We are meeting September 26, at 7 p.m. This will be our first fall meeting. We are looking forward to seeing everyone. We have several items on the agenda: Memorial mass, Christmas party projects for the upcoming year. Please come to the meeting and give us your input.

Have you paid a visit to Mary in her newly painted gazebo? Columbian Ladies had the gazebo repainted and Mary cleaned. The gazebo is a great place for some quiet time, reflection and prayer. Just a reminder that the sidewalk is wide enough to be used by someone with a walker or wheelchair.

Night at the Races will be November 18. We will have a raffle basket (as a fund raiser for Columbian ladies.). Please consider coming to help sell the basket. It's a fun night and you will be helping us raise funds for our projects. We are also looking for donations of the following items; baskets, chocolates, wine glasses, wine. These are items that go in the basket for Night at the Races. Please see Mary Ann or Karen if you can help that night or if you have items to donate.

Please pray for the people in the states that were in the path of hurricane Idalia. As we get ready for children going back or starting school, make sure to look for school buses, and children walking or waiting and boarding buses. Pray for their safety in their classrooms. May the Lord bless you, your family and friends until we are together again.

In Memoriam: Theodore Burch

Theodore Dwain Burch, 81, passed away August 17, 2023. He attended Jackson schools and Kent State. Ted was a Vietnam veteran and received the Army Commendation Medal. He retired from Hoover company in 1980, and managed Rolling Hills Village MHC from 1978 to 2006. Ted was member of St. Barbara's Church, and a 3rd Degree Council 554.

Ted is survived by wife 53 years Carolyn and son Scott. May he Rest in Peace.

In Memoriam: Gerald Meyer

Gerald L. Meyer, age 89, passed away Thursday, August 17, 2023. He was born in Bolivar and was a graduate of Central Catholic High School. He was a veteran serving in the Navy and in the Army and Air Force Reserves. Gerald retired from the Hoover Company after 32 years of service. He had worked part time for Heitger Funeral Home, Waltner Funeral Home, and Renner's.

Gerald was a member of Divine Mercy Parish - St. Joseph Campus, Knights of Columbus 3rd Degree and 4th Degree. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Rosemarie (Jordan) Meyer and children, Gary, Denise and Mike.

May he Rest in Peace.

Upcoming Calendar of Events...

.....September, 2023

4 Labor Day

- 5 6:30 PM 4th Degree Meeting
- 11 9:00 AM Assembly Patriot Day Mass St Barbara
- 12 7:00 PM Reg. Council Meeting
- 14 7:00 PM Stark County Chapter at Co 554
- 20 1:00 PM Bloodmobile
- 21 5:00 PM MKF Clubroom Dinner
- 26 6:30 PM Officers and Trustees Meeting
- 7:00 PM Columbian Ladies Meeting

.....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 2:00 PM Massillon-McKinley Game Party
- 4:00 PM K-Club October Fest
- 24 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

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 1st or 2nd Degree member of the Order to advance to full knighthood as a 3rd 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.

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 – Thursday, September 21, 2023

“Meatloaf Dinner”

The price of the dinner is \$12.00. Meal includes meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, dessert and home-made bread. Reservations are required by noon on Wednesday, Sept 20.

Dine-In Served in Clubroom 5-7 PM. Take-out Served 5:00 to 5:45 PM.

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.

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

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

Method 1. Ohio State Council Exemplification:

For Council 554 First- and Second-Degree Members:

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

Procedure for Online Exemplification for Advancing Members:

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

For New Candidates:

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

Procedure for Online Exemplification for New Member

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

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

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

Contact any of the following for the registration link:

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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COUNCIL 554 PROGRAM ACTIVITIES:

Massillon “Knights in Action”

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1. **Divine Mercy Chaplet.** Council 554 Round Table members promote a monthly recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet every Friday of the month at 12:30 pm preceding the closing of the Holy Eucharist Adoration and 3:30 pm on Saturday, prior to the 4:00 pm Sunday Mass.
2. **Landscaping parish grounds.** Council 554 members volunteer landscaping parish grounds. They especially take pride in maintaining the St. Joseph Memorial Garden located at the north side of the parish office building. If interested in helping, please call Tom Ferrero 330-844-0469.
3. **Soup Kitchen** Council 554 members volunteer at our "Soup Kitchen" held every Monday
4. **Holy Name Society** Council 554 members are active in the St. Joseph Holy Name Society which raises money for church projects. Members also volunteer for many parish activities.

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

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

PRAYERS:

Prayer for Vocations

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

Prayer to St. Joseph

Glorious Patriarch St. Joseph, whose power makes the impossible possible, come to my aid in these times of anguish and difficulty. Take under your protection the serious and troubling situation that I commend to you, that they may have a happy outcome (*list requests*). My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is great as your power. Amen

Youngstown Diocese Prayer & Icon Visitation Program

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

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

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



Massillon KofC SNAPSHOTS



Sts. Phillip and James Council 11037 held a Degree Ceremony on Sunday August 13, 2023 in Canal Fulton. Taking his degree for Council 554 was Nick Nikolis, pictured on the left, front row. Nick was proposed by Keith Wilson, who became a member of Council 554 on July 30. Congratulations Nick and Keith!

Council 554 also congratulates our KofC Insurance Agent Marty VanDevere who became a member of Council 554 on an on-line Degree on July 26. Please contact Marty for KofC Insurance information.



Tabby Kirkham is one of our new Bartenders at the K-Club. She is an accounting specialist but always liked bartending. Welcome, Tabb!

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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

COUNCIL 554 MEETING MINUTES: Date: 8/10/23 Present: 12

Chaplain's Message: Keep up the good work of the Order with all our charitable activities.

Minutes from Last Meeting: Approved as distributed in newsletter.

GK Report: At Muffy Stewart's birthday party, they held a 50/50 raffle. Brian and Muffy Stewart donated \$140 to our council's SOS fund. Also, we took in two new members at the July 30 degree: Vince Spicocchi and Keith Wilson.

Financial report and Previous Meeting Minutes: Accepted as distributed.

Membership report: Our next Degree will be in October following another Church Drive at our three churches.

Other Reports:

4th Degree Report: Fallout request in Cleveland at the little Italy Festival. No ward on a fallout at North Jackson Shrine.in celebrating the feast of the Assumption.

Squires: No Report.

Insurance report: Marty VanDevere asked if anyone had any questions, to feel free to call him anytime. Contact information is in our bulletin.

Massillon Knights Foundation No report

Parish Round Table Projects: No report.

District Deputy Report: No report

Old Business: Presented the budget for vote. Motion made and approved to accept 2023-2024 budget.

New Business: Held a recruitment incentive drawing for two new members from 2022-2023 and their sponsor.

Winners were Matthew Maier – recruited by Chuck Maier and Kevin Phillips recruited by Chuck Maier. Each will receive council polo shirt.

Good of the Order Honorees for July: Knight of the month – Bryan Stewart Family of the month – Dale and Barb Piper, Volunteer of the month - Karen Franz

Closing prayer recited:

LIFE Activities

Respect Life Novena Fall 2023 *by Joe Vilhosky, LIFE Activities Chairman*

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Knights of Columbus Massillon Council 554 are inviting all Catholics to join them in praying a Novena for Life to promote the sanctity of life.

The novena — a prayer said for nine consecutive days — will begin on Friday, Sept. 22, and conclude on Saturday, Sept. 30.

“In our current situation, we choose to pray for the restoration of respect for the sanctity of all human life, which is the most urgent need of our day,” the novena’s first reflection reads.

“Our novena is a sustained form of prayer and an act of faith that addresses systemic evils such as legalized abortion, euthanasia, and all other attacks against human life and against the institution of the family in our society.”

Along the way, the faithful are asked to 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 Massillon, Ohio Knights of Columbus Council 554 first began sponsoring the novena in 2020, before the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade* in a ruling that freed states to decide abortion policy.

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

The 9 Days for Life is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day’s intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life.

Vivat Jesus

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

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 24 September - Saint Barbara Church – 2:00pm

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

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

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

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

Sunday 29 October – 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.

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"CELEBRATE LIFE DINNER"

Our Annual "Celebrate Life Dinner" will be held on Saturday, September 16, 2023. Our speaker for the evening will be Ohio Treasurer, Robert Sprague. Treasurer Sprague became Ohio's 49th Treasurer of the State of Ohio on January 14, 2019. He is Pro-Life and his talk will focus on the November election and the importance of what it will mean to the State of Ohio. He has overseen the implementation and development of Family Forward, a program designed to support prospective parents navigating the adoption process. Ohioans seeking to adopt may qualify for reduced interest loans that may be used to help manage adoption costs. Treasurer Sprague's hometown of Findlay, Ohio is where he first entered public service. He and his wife Amanda are the proud parents of five children. There will not be a charge for attending the dinner, however, diapers, wipes, or formula will be accepted to be given to a Local Pregnancy Center. The dinner will be held at Saint Barbara Parish Life Center, 2813 Lincoln Way NW, Massillon with a buffet dinner. Doors will open at 5:00 pm and dinner at 6:00 pm. Enjoy a free meal and listen to a pro-life speaker. Tickets must be reserved in advance to RIGHT TO LIFE OF STARK COUNTY, PO Box 8834, Canton, Ohio 44711 **OR** by phone at 330-837-4227 **OR** email Mary at: mak19812016@hotmail.com.

Name (please print) _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

Email _____

I would like to make _____ reservations.

Reservation deadline is September 9, 2023