



Massillon Council 554



Knights of Columbus

April 2026

Grand Knight's Report, by Bryan Stewart, Grand Knight

By the time you're reading this, we are preparing for the end of the Lenten season, and for the resurrection of our Lord. I hope you have been drawn closer to Him during Lent, and have a stronger understanding of His love for us. We should walk with Him every day, not just during Lent or Advent. Seasons come and go, yet His love never fades. Let all things in creation their notes of gladness blend, for Christ the Lord is risen! Our joy that hath no end.

Please plan to attend our next general council meeting on Tuesday, April 14. The kitchen will have a special menu for us to choose from. If you plan to eat, please order your meal no later than 6:30pm, business will begin at 7pm. Knights will be present in all 3 churches April 18 and 19 to answer any questions you may have in joining us. The world will always need Knights! And we will have our next exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity on Sunday, April 26 following the 11am Mass at St. Barbara, degree time 12:15pm. If you know someone who's been thinking of becoming a Knight, this is the perfect opportunity to make it happen.

Finally, if you're interested in becoming an officer for the 2026-2027 fraternal year, first nominations will take place in May. If you have any questions or inquiries, contact any officer for details. Fresh leadership is always welcome! Keep your thoughts and prayers with those serving in the Middle East conflict. May they return home safely. Vivat Jesus!

Chaplain's Report, by Fr. Mike Seifert, Chaplain

With Holy week upon us, I hope you all have been able to celebrate our Lord's passion and death. And now we enter the Easter season which assures us of our living together in heaven with God, our father. My wish to you is that the risen Lord will live with you always. Celebrate and be happy and joyful with your family and friends as I will.

Honorees of the Month for March 2026

Congratulations to **John Dorka** for being selected as our Knigh of the Month. John volunteers every Wednesday for our Hot lunch program and is involved with our Pro-Life activities.

We also congratulate **Pul and Mary Ann Haig** for being selected Family of the Month. Both are active in many of our council's activities and fundraisers, and work the St Mary – St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry.

Congratulations to **James Ziegelhofer** for being selected as Volunteer of the Month. James works every Monday night at Bingo.

Massillon Knights Foundation Complex –Business Hours

K-Club Bar: Hours: open Monday - Saturday from 4:00pm to closing at the discretion of the Bartender.

K-Club Dining: The Kitchen is open 4pm to 8pm Tuesday through Friday. 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, John Scheetz, Sam Meyer, Joe Vilhosky, Jim Sieber, Paul Thayer, Dr. Larry Bucher, Terry Philips, Ken McLaughlin, Jim Theiret, and Larry Alexander.

On our Member's Family Sick List; Mary Frances and Patty Carmola (daughters of Al), Kathleen Fealko (wife of Ed), Cristen Farris (daughter of Ed).

If you want your name or a member's name added to our list, please email girtken@ssnet.com or call 330-608-1729.

Friday Fish Fry's 4pm to 8pm

BISHOP MASSILLON ASSEMBLY FOURTH DEGREE

Faithful Friar	Fr. Ed Gretchko	Faithful Navigator	Chuck Maier 418-8741
Faithful Purser	Edward Shuman 854-3691	Faithful Inner Sentinel	Ray Badzik
Faithful Captain	Bryan Stewart 605-8840	Faithful Outer Sentinel	Jim Coughlin, PFN 704-0048
Faithful Admiral	Bob Pittinger 571-5150	Faithful 1-year Trustee	Paul Haig, PFN 837-1185
Faithful Comptroller	Ken McLaughlin 571 1203	Faithful 2-year Trustee	Matthew Meyer, PFN 284-9365
Faithful Pilot	Edward Custer	Faithful 3-year Trustee	Roger Piper, PFN 936-0974
Faithful Scribe	Graham Zeneri 844-7712	Commanders	James Sieber / Graham Zeneri

Faithful Navigator Report, by Chuck Maier, Faithful Navigator

Our next Bishop Massillon Assembly meeting will be Tuesday April 7th at 6:30PM. There will be a banquet style dinner in honor of Father Raymond Paul, for his years of service with the Bishop Masson Assembly. The buffet will start at 7PM. Reservations are required.

A District One Exemplification is scheduled for April 25th at St. Patrick Church, Leetonia, Ohio. We are always looking for a few good men. Invite a Third-Degree member and sponsor them. The Degree will take place at 1 PM with a Candidate call and the Degree 1:30 PM with a Mass at 4 PM and a Banquet at 5 PM.

The Stark County gun collectors are having their spring gun show Saturday April 11th and Sunday April 12th at the Knights Foundation Building. As in the past, we will be serving food and snacks for purchase at that show. We need pies, cookies and snacks donated. This is one of our fund raisers. We also can use volunteers to help serve the food. If you can help, please contact Bryan Stewart at 330-605-8840.

Fallout: Saint Philip and James will be celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the school with a Mass on Friday, May 1. The Mass will be at 8:30AM and the fallout will meet at 8:15AM. We will have a flag retirement ceremony in May. If anyone has damaged or worn-out flags, bring them in and we will properly dispose of them.

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

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

Articles of Interest: Council Meeting Minutes, Membership Recruitment/Degree information, Council 554 activities, K-Club Dining Menu,

Upcoming Calendar of Events...

.....April, 2026

- 5 Easter
- 7 7:00 PM 4th Degree Meeting / Ladies Night
- 9 7:30 PM Stark County Chapter
- 14 7:00 PM Reg. Council Meeting
- 28 6:30 PM Officer and Trustee Meeting
- 6:30 PM Columbian Ladies Meeting

.....May, 2026

- 5 6:00 PM Assembly Flag Retirement Service
- 7:00 PM 4th Degree Meeting
- 12 7:00 PM Stark County Chapter Meeting
- 10 **Mother's Day**
- 12 7:00 PM Reg. Council Meeting 1st Nom of Officers
- 22-24 OSC State Convention – Columbus
- 20 1:00 PM Bloodmobile
- 25 **Memorial Day**
- 9:00 PM Memorial Day Parade/Wreath Ceremony
- 26 6:30 PM Officer and Trustee Meeting
- 6:30 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



He has Risen!

Massillon KofC SNAP-SHOTS



District Deputy Ron Macala (center) presents the 2024-2025 Supreme Council's Star Council Award to Chuck Maier, PGK (left) and Grand Knight Bryan Stewart. This was the fourth year in a row for Council 554 achieving the highest award for a council that exceeds the membership and insurance quotas, service program activities and administrative requirements.



Council 554 welcomes two new members who took the Charity Unity and Fraternity Degree on March 14, 2026, at St. Joseph Church following the 4:00 PM Mass. Pictured left to right, front row: Paul Haig, Financial Secretary, new members Donald Demor and Robert Meek, and Graham Zeneri, Deputy Grand Knight. Second row, left to right: Joe Vilhosky, Bryan Stewart Grand Knight, and Chuck Maier, Membership Director.

Officer and Trustee Nomination and Elections for 2026-2027

The first nomination for Officers and trustees for the 2026-2027 Fraternal Year will take place at our monthly meeting on May 12. The Second Nomination and Elections will take place at our June 9 meeting. If you are interested in running for any of our positions, please contact Bryan Sterward or Paul Haig. If you have any questions about the duties of any officer, please contact us..

The K-Club Dining

Massillon Knights Foundation

Dining available Tuesday thru Friday, 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm



APPETIZERS

Fried Pickles - \$7.00
Pretzel Bites - \$7.00
Potato Skins - \$8.00

Cheese Sticks - \$8.00
Broccoli Bites - \$7.00
Fried Cauliflower - \$6.00

Fried Mushrooms - \$7.00
Cheddar Poppers - \$5.00
Mac-n-Cheese Bites - \$6.00

Sauce's Available: Ranch, Honey Mustard, Cheese Sauce

SALADS

Grilled Chicken - \$12.00

Dressings: Ranch, Italian, Sweet & Sour, French, Honey Mustard, Blue Cheese

For the Kiddos

(\$2 Surcharge for adults ordering kid-sized meals)

Chicken Tenders & Fries - \$9.00

Grilled Cheese & Fries - \$6.00

Kid-sized Burger with Cheese & Fries - \$8.00

Consuming raw or undercooked meats, poultry etc may increase your risk of food illness

(Food may contain allergens)

HANDHELDS

Comes with Chips

Basic Burger - \$9.00

Mushroom Burger - \$11.00

Bacon Burger - \$11.00

Texas Burger - \$11.00

BLT - \$8.00

Chicken Parmesan

\$12.00

Grilled Cheese - \$7.00

Chicken Sandwich - \$11.00

Brother's Sausage Sandwich - \$10.00

Chicken Bacon Wrap -

\$10.00

Philly Cheese Steak (Chicken or Steak) - \$11.00

SIDES \$4.00

Fresh Cut Fries, Tater Tots, Steak Fries, Onion Rings

WINGS

Bone in or Boneless

Jumbo Naked Wings	6 for \$8.00	12 for \$15.00
Wing Dings	6 for \$9.00	12 for \$17.00

Sauces: Buffalo, Hot Buffalo, Honey BBQ, Spicy BBQ, Garlic Parmesan, Sweet Chili, General Tso's, Bourbon, Teriyaki

*** Consuming raw or undercooked meats, poultry etc may increase you risk of food illness. ***
(Food may contain allergens)

ACO TUESDAY MENU (Tuesday Only)

Burrito: Meat, Lettuce, Onion, Shredded Cheese, Topped with Sour Cream w/Side of Hot Rice or Nachos \$10.00

2 Soft Taco's: Meat, Lettuce, and Shredded Cheese, Tomato w/Side of Hot Rice or Nachos \$7.00 Chicken Quesadilla: \$10.00

2 Chicken Fajita Mix Taco: w/Side of Hot Rice or Nachos \$8.00

Taco Salad: \$12.00 Loaded Nachos (lettuce, tomato & taco meat) 12.00

6 pack of Tacos: (Soft only) \$10.00

ALA CARTE: Small Nachos and Cheese \$5.50

Side of Hot Rice \$5.00

Jalapenos can be added to anything as well!!!

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FRIDAY FISH-FRY MENU (Fridays Only)

Battered or Floured-Blend Fish Dinners 1, 2, & 3 -piece Dinner with 2 sides.
\$12.00 / \$14.00 / \$16.00

9oz Broiled Scrod with two sides \$17.00

Ala-Carte Piece of Fish \$6.00

Shrimp Basket with Fries \$14.00

Fish Sandwich with Fries \$13.00 (Add cheese.. \$.75)

Ala Carte Sides \$4.00 each: Side Salad, Cole Slaw, Cottage Cheese, Applesauce, Mac - n-Cheese, Fresh Cut Fries, Baked Potato, Sweet Potato Fries

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

Method 1. Ohio State Council Exemplification:

For Council 554 First- and Second-Degree Members:

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

Procedure for Online Exemplification for Advancing Members:

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

For New Candidates:

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

Procedure for Online Exemplification for New Member

1. NEW MEMBER completes a Form 100 and submits to Council.
2. Council Admission Committee contacts and talks with the NEW MEMBER. This can be over the phone or an online meeting.
3. Upon approval of the Admission Committee, the Council votes on the NEW MEMBER.
4. Once the council approves the NEW MEMBER, the GK, FS, Ken Girt or other council designee sends the candidate the Ohio State Council **Exemplification Registration** link to NEW MEMBER.
5. NEW MEMBER accesses the registration link, choosing the Wednesday 7:00 PM Degree, completes the form using “554” for the Council Number field, and signing it with an electronic pen on a tablet or via mouse or finger for touch screen. Then click [Submit].
6. The system will automatically forward the **Exemplification Ceremony** link to the NEW MEMBER.
7. NEW MEMBER attends the entire online exemplification via live degree on assigned date and time. Family members welcome to view ceremony.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. FS issues a Third-Degree card to NEW MEMBER.

Remember the Ohio State Council sponsors - LIVE - Online Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity every 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 7 PM. This allows the user to either log in via a computer, tablet or smartphone as well as call in on phone.

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

Contact any of the following for the registration link:

- Chuck Maier Grand Knight: massillonward2@yahoo.com
- Paul Haig, Financial Secretary: haig@sssnet.com
- Ken Girt: girtken@sssnet.com

Method 2. Massillon Council 554 Exemplification:

Council 554 will continue to offer the Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity ever Second Wednesday of the month, with a DVD of the ceremony at 7:00 PM. This is for new members as well as current 1st Degree and 2nd Degree members wishing to advance to the full 3rd degree of the Order. It is a 35-minute video. Please contact Ken Girt to register. 330-608-1729 or girtken@sssnet.com,

Method 3. “Live” Exemplification in area Churches:

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

Membership

As you know, the exemplification degrees of the Knight of Columbus have been **REVISED**. All three degrees are now exemplified in **ONE 30-minute ceremony**. An on-line degree ceremony is available for new candidates and for any 1st or 2nd degree member desiring advancement to the 3rd degree membership. And we frequently schedule a “live” degree after one of our three weekend Masses at Divine Mercy Parish. Notices on scheduled degrees are posted in our newsletter.

We recommend candidates for membership complete the Online E-Membership registration by scanning the code above. Be sure to use “554” for the **Preferred Local Council**” and enter proposer Membership Number in “**Member Referral Number**” field. We will then contact candidate with next degree scheduled.

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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

Ohio State Council Charity Donations: Council 554 annually donates to the Ohio State Council’s Measure-Up Campaign (supporting programs for those with Developmental Disabilities), S.O.S. Campaign (Support our Seminarians), and Matching Fund (provides financial support of the Youngstown Diocesan Media Library for instructional books and videos on our Catholic faith. Council also provides \$500 to an area seminarian through the Supreme Council RSVP program.

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

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

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

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

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

Divine Mercy Parish – Council 554 Round Table Activities

1. **Divine Mercy Chaplet.** Council 554 Round Table members promote a weekly recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet. At St Barbara Church: every Thursday following the 9:00 am Mass. At St Joseph Church: at 3:30 pm on Saturday, prior to the 4:00 pm Saturday Mass. At St. Mary Church: every Wednesday at 3:30 pm before the close of the Holy Eucharist Adoration.
2. **Cemetery Cleanup** Look for announcements in Sunday bulletin.
3. **Rosary and Novena for Life.** Council 554 round table members sponsors a Rosary and Novena for Life throughout the year. Look for announcements in Sunday bulletin.
4. **Landscaping parish grounds.** Council 554 members volunteer landscaping on the grounds of each of the three churches of the Divine Mercy Parish. This includes maintaining the St. Joseph Memorial Garden. Look for announcements in Sunday bulletin.
5. **Soup Kitchen** Council 554 members volunteer at the "Soup Kitchen" held every Monday at St. Joseph Church Hall
6. **Support St Vincent de Paul Society and Community Outreach Serves.** Various Council 554 Round Table members help each week at the St Mary – St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Pantry for distributing food for the less fortunate in the Massillon community. Also, members help to unload the weekly delivery of 4,000 pounds-plus of food from the Akron-Canton Food Bank each Thursday at 9:30 am. If you are interested in helping, please call St Vincent de Paul Society at 330-837-0084. Round Table members also serve the needy at St. Joseph Church Hall with groceries and clothing each Monday. Parishioners at St. Barbara serve the needy with groceries one Saturday of the month.
7. **Sanctuary Decorations for Christmas and Easter** Council 554 Round Table members help to erect and take down the Christmas and Easter decorations for the sanctuary and church each year at all three churches of Divine Mercy Parish. Look for announcements in Sunday bulletin.
8. **Parish Social Dinners** Members of the Round Table Committee help with the quarterly social meals following weekend Masses.

Divine Mercy Parish – Council 554 Round Table Committee.

<u>St. Joseph Church</u>	Coordinator: Tom Ferrero, 330-844-0469 - tferrero@sssnet.com ,
<u>St Barbara Church</u>	Coordinator: Joel Fichter, 330-830-9301 - fichterlaw@sssnet.com
<u>St Mary Church</u>	Coordinator: Ken McLaughlin, 330-571 1203 kmac.neo@gmail.com

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

COUNCIL 554 MEETING MINUTES: Date: 3/10/2026 Present: 14

Opening Prayer: Chaplain Fr. Michael Seifert opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:00 pm.

Minutes: A motion was made by Chuck Maier to accept the February 10, 2026 minutes as presented. Seconded by Eric Feichter. Motion carried.

Chaplain’s Message: Fr. Seifert informed the members present that today was the feast day of St. Marcarius, Bishop of Jerusalem. St. Marcarius was present at the Council of Nicaea and was instrumental in developing the wording in the church’s Nicene Creed. He also supervised the construction of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem. Fr. Seifert went on to add that we are halfway through Lent. What are we doing? If we do what God asks, the world will be a better place.

Grand Knight’s Report: Grand Knight Bryan Stewart informed the members that this was the meeting to determine the delegates the State convention. Bryan also went over the calendar of upcoming dates for the council. March 14 is the Catholic Men’s Fellowship conference at St. Thomas High School. There is also a degree at St. Joseph after the 4:00 pm Mass. March 21 is the Lenten Day of Devotion at St. Joseph beginning at 2:00 pm and ending with the 4:00 pm Mass. March 24 is the Past Grand Knight’s Dinner. March 31 is the next Officers and Trustees meeting which is moved because of the Past Grand Knight’s Dinner. April 14 is the next regular monthly council meeting.

Financial Report: Treasurer Ken McLaughlin reported the following numbers ending February 2026: Checking account \$5,178.41; Savings account \$60,669.39; Calendar account \$36,362.21; Bingo account \$19,271.85; Total all accounts including Bingo and Calendar accounts \$121,481.39. He also reported that bingo revenues for the month of December (always two months behind) to the Foundation amounted to \$9,292.36 and \$1,689.52 to the council. In addition, \$10,817.36 was given to charities including the amount given to the Foundation from the bingo machines.

Council 554 Donations: Council gave donations for Masses said for Mike Zeigler and Paul Sander and \$1,000 to St. Mary School for Nite at the Races. Council donated \$6,576 to MFK from Bingo Machines.

Membership: The Degree was moved from March 7 to March 14.

Program Director’s Report: Graham Zeneri reported that he called Cara Lipinski to remind her that we would like a name for the Youth of the Year. She is to get back to him with a name. The RSVP program report will be turned into the state.

District Deputy Report: District Deputy Ron Macala attended the meeting. He presented the council with the 2025 Star Council Award. He praised Massillon’s council for the work being done. He said all councils are struggling with membership.

Insurance Report: Assistant General Agent Larry Suter discussed events of the insurance of the Knights of Columbus.

Fourth Degree Report: Chuck Maier reported that there will be a Ladies night on April 7, 2026. Fr. Raymond Paul will be honored for his years of service to the Bishop Massillon Fourth Degree Assembly 820. There will be a dinner and the cost is \$16. A District One Exemplification is scheduled for April 25 at St. Patrick Church in Leetonia. Let the council know of any third Degree Knight that is interested in Fourth Degree. A Blue Mass is scheduled for March 17, 2026 at St. Joseph Church in Canton. The uniformed members of the Massillon assembly have been invited to attend. The Stark County Gun Club will be having its next gun show the weekend of April 11 and 12. Volunteers are needed to help with the concessions.

1000 Club Calendars: Matt Meyer gave a final report to the council in regard to the 2025 calendar sales. All calendars were sold and income generated amounted to \$30,000. A total of \$325 was also realized as those winners could not be located. Expenses were \$21,594 and included \$1,550 for printing; \$17,725.00 in prizes; \$1,950 for bonuses for sellers; \$294 for postage; \$75 for new checks. Profit amounted to \$8,730.

Unfinished Business: Grand Knight Bryan Stewart asked for volunteers to help with the Lenten Day of Devotion. All slots were filled after Knights present volunteered. In regard to the state convention to be held Memorial Day weekend, the following delegates were appointed; Grand Knight Bryan Stewart will be an automatic representative. A motion was made by Ken Girt to appoint Paul Haig as the other representative. Seconded by Chuck Maier. Motion carried. A motion was made by Ken Girt to nominate Bob Pittinger as an alternate. Seconded by Ken Smith. Motion carried. A motion was made by Ken Girt to Close the nominations for alternate. Seconded by Eric Fichter. Motion carried. Bob Pittinger is alternate one. A motion was made by Ken Girt to nominate Chuck Maier as alternate two. Seconded by Bob Pittinger. Motion carried. A motion was made by Ken Girt to close the nominations for second alternate. Seconded by Gary Lamielle. Motion carried. Chuck Maier is alternate two.

New Business: Treasurer Ken McLaughlin said that \$800 is in the budget for the rental of one of the rooms for the upcoming Easter egg hunt. It was announced that Tim Altier is the Knight of the Month; Ken and Linda Girt are the Family of the Month; Karen Franz is the Volunteer of the Month.

The Good of the Order: Family of the month for December is Bob & Mary Kring, Knight of the Month is Jim Kracker, Volunteer of the Month is Rose Hammel

Closing Prayer: Fr. Michael Seifert closed the meeting at 8:01 pm with the Prayer for the Canonization of Fr. Michael McGivney.

Respectfully submitted: Thomas Seesan, Council Recorder

2026 Family, Knight and Volunteer of the Month			
	Family of Month	Knight of Month	Volunteer of Month
January	Bob and Mary Kring	Jim Kracker	Rose Hammel
February	Ken & Linda Girt	Tim Altier	Karn Franz
March	Paul & Mary Ann Haig	John Dorka	James Ziegelhofer



Larry Suter
Assistant General Agent

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Knights of Columbus®

Career Opportunity:

The Knights of Columbus is seeking a motivated, professional Catholic man for a career/business opportunity serving the Catholic families in this area. Motivated candidates need no prior experience as we include a complete training program and business development system. A complete benefits package is offered as well with this full-time position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more information, and/or an initial interview please contact, Larry Suter, Assistant General Agent, by phone or text at 330-280-2626 or via email at larry.suter@kofc.org.

Becoming a Knight of Columbus is now more valuable than ever!

As a member of the Knights, you're eligible for a member/spouse accidental death benefit up to **\$5,000**.

If you take advantage of our insurance program, you're also eligible for:

- A death benefit of **\$5,000** for stillborn or infant children
- A guaranteed issue life insurance policy of **\$10,000** for any minor child
- A monthly stipend up to **\$500** and college scholarships up to **\$20,000** for orphans to age 19

Widows of insured members also have full access to purchase financial products.

Why do we provide all this?

Because of our Founder!



Turn over to learn more about Blessed Michael McGivney.

All of the eligibility provisions of the Order's programs of fraternal benefits are not included. Terms and conditions apply.

Knights of Columbus | One Columbus Plaza | New Haven, CT 06510

Who is Blessed Michael McGivney?

Defender of widows and orphans.

Apostle of Christian family life.

Founder of the Knights of Columbus.

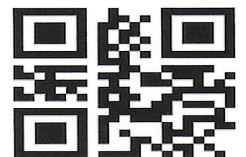
A compassionate priest in a culture strongly prejudiced against Catholics, Father McGivney recognized the spiritual and economic struggles of his parish's families.

In response, he founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882, uniting Catholic men and providing mutual financial aid to members.

Today, there are over 2.1 million Knights around the globe. We continue our Founder's mission by providing Catholic men and their families with opportunities to deepen their faith, enhanced fraternal benefits, quality financial products and services, and chances to serve their parishes and communities.

Become a Knight and unlock these benefits!

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