



Massillon Council 554



Knights of Columbus

August 2026

Grand Knight's Report, by Graham Zeneri, Grand Knight

The month of August is traditionally dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary with several Marian devotions and Feast days especially the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It's almost as important to me as September which is dedicated as the month of the Seven Sorrows of Mary. We'll get to that next month. For this month we have our Council meeting on August 11th with our dinner provided by Chef Jesse at 6:30. Keep the date and don't miss it. Our council meeting will after the meal.

Our next Officers and Trustee's meeting will be on the 25th at 6:30 but be sure to come in before that and break bread in the clubroom before the meeting.

The quote of the month to carry with you is another one from Christopher Columbus that states " You'll never cross the ocean unless you have the courage to lose sight of the shore." I've leaned on that message since I've been a Knight and it has never failed to bring me prosperity and great bravery. I pray that it does the same for each of you.

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

I hope everyone has been enjoying the summer. I have just returned from a 10-day visit with my seminary classmates. Included in those 10 days was a four-day directed spiritual retreat. It is wonderful to be able to spend time with the Lord and renewing one's spiritual life. August turns our attention to Mary, the mother of God. This month we celebrate the feast of the assumption and in a special way we venerate Mary's Immaculate Heart. It is important to keep close to the mother of Jesus for she will help us in many, many ways. I credit her with helping to guide the surgeon's scalpel during my quadruple bypass surgery 15 years ago. It took place on the feast of the assumption and I asked Mary to be with me during that time. God bless you all and continue to enjoy this summer.

Honorees of the Month for June 2026

Congratulations to **Don Demor** for being selected as our Knight of the Month. Don recently joined our council and is helping every Wednesday at Hot Lunch and works every Monday at Bingo.

We also congratulate **Dave and Julie Harman** for being selected Family of the Month. Both have worked many hours cleaning and weeding our complex flower beds. Dave is a MKF trustee. Julie is our Complex Manager.

Congratulations to **Dee Schroeder** for being selected as Volunteer of the Month. Dee works every Monday at our Bingo.

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, Chuck Maier, Ken Null, Paul Lambert, Jerry Luckner 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), Evelyn Fichter (mother of Eric). and Marianne Jurkovich (wife of George).

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

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,

The Massillon Knights Foundation

Foundation Trustees: **One Year:** Gary Lamielle, Jeff Heitger (Secretary), Rick Chapis (Treasurer),
Two-Year: James Brelish (Vice President), Paul Lambert (President), Bob Pittinger
Three-Year: Terry Philips, Dave Harman, Bill Beese



Massillon Knights Foundation Report, By Paul Lambert, President

I just wanted to remind everyone to be careful in this kind of weather, with the smoke, humidity, and the changing of the temperature. Also, I want to remind you that school will be starting soon so be extra careful when driving – watch for kids on bikes, darting out of parked cars and of course the school buses, getting on and off.

I want to thank Julie and her husband, Dave, for weeding around the building and putting some mulch down. They have done a wonderful job trying to make our building complex beautiful. If you would like to help, just an hour or two a week, you can come out anytime, let Julie know you are here and what you would like to do and work at your own pace. There are a lot of little things that need to be kept up, inside and out and we would like help doing it. Please find time in your schedule to help for an hour or two. This is your complex so let's keep it looking beautiful.

In the near future, we will be getting new carpeting for the club room. Depending on when they are going to install it, you may be inconvenienced for a little while, please be patience with us.

We will be having a Browns kick off Steak dinner on Saturday, August 22. Doors open at 12:00, game at 1:00 and dinner at around 4:30. The cost of the dinner is \$25.00 and includes salad, baked potatoes w/sour cream, green beans, roll and butter and of course your steak. Reservations are required for the dinner.

Clubroom Report, Julie Harman, Complex Manager

Browns yearly board is available at the bar \$25 a square!

I would like to thank Cathy & Jeff Heitger for their donation of mulch for around the building!! I also want to thank my husband, Dave Harman for helping me clean up around the building & pulling weeds & putting the mulch down and thanks to our chef, Jesse for helping with the mulch to!!!

We are planning to have a Browns tailgate steak fry on Saturday, Aug 22, 2026 for the 2nd preseason game at 1pm doors will open at Noon, dinner at 4:30pm, door prizes & football 50/50. Steak dinner will be \$25 per person, includes Steak, baked potato, veggies, salad & rolls. You can sign up at bar. Come out and enjoy the game, good food and fun!!! You can also get your square on the yearly board \$25 a square, just ask at bar!! It's a great fundraiser for the MKF to help with repairs & improvements inside and outside of the buildings. If anyone would like to help volunteer for the dinner it would be greatly appreciated just call 330-833-9101 or talk to Julie.

Next concert at pavilion is scheduled for Saturday, August 22nd Floyd Live 7-10pm (Pink Floyd Tribute) Tickets are \$10 each. You can purchase at the gate or online, go to k8event.com. Our cook Jesse will be selling food and drinks (non-alcohol) in the pavilion.

Bingo is every Monday 6:30pm Doors open at 4pm. If you are interested in volunteering, please call 330-837-9101.

See K-Club flyers on the revised clubroom menu, specials, parties and live music performances on the web version of the newsletter (pages 6 & 7) <http://www.massillonkofc554.org>

Columbian Ladies Guild, Elaine Lambert, President

Just a reminder that we will be having our Columbian Ladies meeting next month, Tuesday, September 22 at 6:30 pm. Remember we are still collecting toiletry items for the family center at Comquest. Please bring your items to the meeting or put it in the box in the club room.

Friday Fish Fry's 4pm to 8pm

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 6 & 7 of website newsletter for latest K-Club menu

BISHOP MASSILLON ASSEMBLY FOURTH DEGREE

Faithful Friar	Fr. Ed Gretchko	Faithful Navigator	Ken Girt PFN 608-1729
Faithful Purser	Edward Shuman 854-3691	Faithful Inner Sentinel	Ray Badzik
Faithful Captain	Bob Pittinger 571-5150	Faithful Outer Sentinel	Jim Coughlin, PFN 704-0048
Faithful Admiral	Chuck Maier	Faithful 1-year Trustee	Matthew Meyer, PFN 284-9365
Faithful Comptroller	Ken McLaughlin 571 1203	Faithful 2-year Trustee	Roger Piper, PFN 936-0974
Faithful Pilot	Edward Custer	Faithful 3-year Trustee	Mike Huryn
Faithful Scribe	Graham Zeneri 844-7712	Commanders	Graham Zeneri

Faithful Navigator Report, by Ken Girt, PSD, Faithful Navigator

On Thursday, September 11, 2026, our nation commemorates the 25th anniversary of the terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center in New York City, the Pentagon in Washington DC and the plane crash in Shanksville PA. Our 4th Degree will commemorate the occasion with a fall-out at the September 11, 9 AM Mass at St. Joseph Church. All Sir Knights with new uniforms, are asked to meet at 8:30 am at the church. We will also distribute American Flags after Mass.

A Prayer on 9/11

Today, we pause to remember the lives lost, the heroes who ran toward danger, and the families forever changed on September 11, 2001. Lord, we ask You to bless and comfort those who still carry the weight of that day. May we never forget the unity, courage, and compassion that rose from the ashes.

Grant us peace in our world, strength in our communities, and love in our hearts. May we always honor those who gave the ultimate sacrifice by living with faith, hope, and kindness. We will never forget.

This is a reminder that our Annual Ladies Night Picnic will take place on Tuesday, August 4 at the MKF pavilion. Our usual meeting will take place at 6:30 followed by the Picnic at 7. Come out and enjoy the food and camaraderie.

Ohio District 1 4th Degree Exemplification is on Saturday, August 22 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Canton. This will be the new, revised 4th Degree Ceremony that can now be viewed by wives and family members. Candidate fees remain the same at \$75 (includes meal) and \$40 for Priest (paid for by the Assembly). Sir Knights and Guest banquet meal price is \$25.

The schedule is as follows: Candidate Call - 1:00pm, Degree - 1:30pm, Mass -4:00pm, followed by the banquet at 5:45pm in the basement hall at St. Joseph. To register, please access the OD1 website at:

<https://www.kofcohdist1.org/exemplification/>

If you want to observe the exemplification and attend Mass only, you do not have to register. But please access the website to get the Official Instructions. If you want to attend the banquet, then you need to register using the link above. As mentioned, the meal is \$25. Please call me with any questions you may have.

If you want to join the 4th Degree or know of a candidate, you must complete, sign and submit a Form 4 to me or Faithful Comptroller Ken McLaughlin. Then you must register with the link above as a "Candidate". In fact, there is a "fillable" Form 4 on the website as well. Complete the form, print it out, and submit to Ken McLaughlin or me. We currently have one candidate. If you have any questions, please contact me at 330-608-1729.

Vivat Jesus!



Our "mulch" work force concluded the project at our complex on Thursday, July 30. Shown in the photo on the left are: Ken Girt, Dale Piper, James Zeigehofer, Paul Lambert, Paul Siefert, Mike Zeigelhofer and Linda Girt. Also helping and taking the picture was Elaine Lambert. 14 yards of mulch was delivered courtesy of Jeff and Cathi Heiger. Bob Pittinger helped with the trimming of the bushes. Weeding volunteers included Dave and Julie Harman, with assistance from Chef Jessi and Joe and Matt our maintenance crew. Thanks, everyone!

MASSILLON COUNCIL 554 2025 - 2026 OFFICERS & TRUSTEES

<u>Officers</u>		
Chaplain	Fr. Mike Seifert	933-4148
Grand Knight	Graham Zeneri	844-7712
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Web: <http://www.massillonkofc554.org>

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St. Mary	Ken McLaughlin PGK	571 1203
St Joseph	Tom Ferrero	844-0469
St Barbara	Joel Fichter	830-9301

<u>Program Activity Chairmen:</u>		
Gen Program Dir	Ken Girt, PGK	608-1729
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COMMUNITY	Matt Meyer, PGK	284-9365
LIFE	John Dorka	
Membership	Bryan Stewart. PGK	605-8840
EFF Director		
Youth Chairman	Chris Campbell	
Degree Team Capt	Bryan Stewart. PGK	605-8840
Complex Mgr	Julie Harman	837-9101
Bingo Mgr	Ron Kurpieski	936-8058
Bereavement Chr	Graham Zeneri	844-7712

**Television Coverage of the 144th Supreme Convention**

On Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2026, EWTN will broadcast coverage of the annual **Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention**, live from Denver, CO. The Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN), will present coverage of the Opening Mass at 11:30 AM tentatively, which will be celebrated with over 150 priests, 80 bishops and 8-10 cardinals. EWTN will also provide live coverage of the opening session, including the Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly's annual report, starting at 3:00 PM.

Upcoming Calendar of Events...**.....August, 2026**

- 4 6:30 PM 4th Degree Meeting, Ladies Night Picnic
- 11 7:00 PM Reg. Council Meeting, Budget Vote
- 13 7:00 PM Stark County Chapter Meeting
- 15 **Feast of the Assumption**
- 22 1:00 PM Browns Kick-Off Party
- 25 6:30 PM Officers and Trustees Meeting

.....September, 2026

- 1 7:00 PM 4th Degree Meeting - 6:30 Food
- 7 **Labor Day**
- 8 7:00 PM Reg. Council Meeting
- 10 7:00 PM Stark County Chapter at Co 554
- 11 9:00 AM 25th Anniversary 9/11 Attack
- 16 1:00 PM Bloodmobile
- 22 6:30 PM Officers and Trustees Meeting
- 6:30 PM Columbian Ladies Meeting
- 29 6:30 PM Bonco

Bingo: Monday Night 6:30 pm **Hot Lunch:** Wednesday 10:45-Noon **Massillon Knights Foundation Mtg:** 3rd Tues of month 6pm

Cleveland Browns Kick Off Steak Fry

Saturday, August 22. Doors open at 12:00, game at 1:00 and dinner 4:30.

The cost of the dinner is \$25.00 and includes salad, baked potatoes w/sour cream, green beans, roll and butter and of course your steak. Reservations are required for the dinner. 330-837-9101

Massillon KofC SNAP-SHOTS



Council 554 presented their annual awards for 2025 on June 30. Shown in pictures left to right: Rick Chapis Knight of the Year, Anne Zeigelhofer – Volunteer of the Year, Fr. Raymond Paul – Religious of the Year and Mat and Ivy Meyer – Family of the Year. Congratulation to all our Honorees. Gaurd



Members of Bishop Massillon Assembly 820 Honor Guard participated in the July 4 Mass at St. Columba for 250th Anniversary Celebration of the birth of our nation. Bishop Bonnar was the Main Celebrant Thanks to Paul Beidenbach, Bryan Stewart, Graham Zeneri and Ken Girt. Not shown was Anthony Shaner. Also pictured third from right, Msster Brandon Robinson and IPSD Jeff Kiliany on right.



Eight Sir Knights partipated in the July 2 Silver Rose Mass at St. Barbara Church. Fr. Mike Siefert was celebrant.



Grand Knight Graham Zeneri presents a check to Gary Lamielle, President of the Divine Mercy Men's Group.

The K-Club Dining

Massillon Knights Foundation

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



APPETIZERS

Pizza Bites (8) \$7

Fried Mushrooms (6) \$7

Cheese Sticks (6) \$8

Corn Dog Bites (8) \$6

Onion Rings (6) \$4

Tater Kegs \$6

Cheddar Poppers (8) \$6

Hot Pepper Cheese Stuffed Pretzel \$6

Sauces Available: Ranch, Honey Mustard, Cheese Sauce

SIDES

French Fries \$4

Sweet Potato Fries \$6

Tater Tots \$6

Applesauce \$4

Cottage Cheese \$4

SALADS

Side Salad \$4

Grilled Chicken Salad \$12

Grilled Steak Salad \$14

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

Grilled Cheese & Fries \$6

Kid-sized Burger with Cheese & Fries \$8

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

(Food may contain allergens)

HANDHELDs:

w/Fresh Cut Fries

BLT \$10

Grilled Cheese \$7

Brother's Sausage Sandwich \$10

Basic Burger \$10 (bacon, cheese add \$1)

Philly Cheese steak (Chicken or Steak) \$11

Chicken Bacon Ranch Wrap \$10

WINGS Bone in or Boneless

Jumbo Naked 6 for \$8 12 for \$15 Boneless 6 for \$8 12 for \$15

Wing Dings 6 for \$9 12 for \$17 3 Tenders w/Fries \$10 6 Tenders w/Fries \$15

Sauces: Honey BBQ, Kansas City BBQ, Hot Spicy BBQ, Carolina Gold, Garlic Parm, Xtra Hot, Buffalo, Hot Honey, Stinkin Hot Garlic, Thai Sweet Chili, Teriyaki, General Tso's, Bourbon, Jamaican Jerk

TACO TUESDAY MENU (Tuesday Only)

3 Beef Tacos \$8

6 Beef Tacos \$12

3 Chicken Tacos \$6

6 Chicken Tacos \$10

Super Burrito w/Rice \$10

Loaded Nachos \$12

3 Chicken Fajita Tacos (Soft Only) \$10

3 Beef Fajita Tacos (Soft Only) \$12

Beef Quesadilla \$12

Chicken Quesadilla \$10

Taco Salad \$12

Taco Logs w/Rice \$10

Sides

Salsa & Chips \$4

Refried Beans \$4

Queso & Chips \$7

Jalapenos \$1

Rice \$4

Oreo Churros (6) \$6

FRIDAY FISH-FRY MENU (Fridays Only)

Battered or Floured Cod 1-, 2- & 3-piece Dinner with 2 sides \$12/\$14/\$16

Breaded Catfish 1- or 2-piece Dinner w/2sides \$10/\$14

9oz Boiled Scrod w/2 sides \$17

Breaded Shrimp Basket w/Fries \$14

Breaded Clam Strip Basket w/Fries \$14

Fish Sandwich w/Fries \$13

Fish Hog Sandwich (bacon and American cheese) w/Fries \$17

Xtra Sides for Friday

Baked potato \$4

Mac-n-Cheese \$4

Veggie of night \$4

*** Consuming raw or undercooked meats, poultry etc. may increase you risk of food illness. ***

(Food may contain allergens)

Revised: June 1, 2026

MEMBERSHIP & DEGREES: There are two methods 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.

Membership CUF Degree

Remember the Ohio State Council sponsors - LIVE - Online Exemplification of **C**harity, **U**nity and **F**raternity 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:

Bryan Stewart, Membership Chair: thebryanstewart@icloud.com

Paul Haig, Financial Secretary: haig@sssnet.com

Ken Girt: girtken@sssnet.com

Method 2. "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.

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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Four new members of Council 554 were exemplified on Sunday, July 26 at St. Barbara Church. The newest members are pictured left to right, first row: Michael McCarthy, Michael Rinder, David Kameron, and Michael Viront. Left to Right, Second Row Degree Team: Chris Newstetter, Paul Haig, and Ken McLaughlin. Back row: Degree Team: Bryan Stewart and Graham Zeneri. Welcome new members!

Membership Enrollment Form 11881

Print this page of the Form 11881 below to recruit a family member, co-worker, neighbor or friend to Knights of Columbus. The man must be a practical Catholic man, 18 years and older. Make sure you add your Membership Number in the [Member Referral Number] line. Return the completed form to the Council for processing.



Membership Enrollment Form

- ☐ **Yes!** I am a baptized Catholic man over the age of 18 and a practicing Catholic. Please sign me up for e-membership in the Knights of Columbus at no cost for the first year (a \$30 value)!

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Email: _____ Cell Phone: (_____) _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State/Prov.: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Parish: _____ Parish City, State: _____

Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____ Former Member? ____ Yes ____ No

Preferred Language: ____ English ____ Français ____ Español ____ Other: _____

Member Referral Number: _____

Council #: 554

By signing below, I attest to the accuracy of all the information provided above.

Signature: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

To complete your registration as an e-member, we will input the information you provided above into our online membership system. Once that is complete, you will need to confirm your membership by responding to an email that you will receive from the Knights of Columbus at the email address you listed above. If you do not respond to the registration email, a Knights of Columbus representative may reach out to you to help you complete the registration process.

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You can also sign up a Catholic man for the Knights of Columbus by using the E-Membership “Join Us” QR Code below. Be sure to enter “**554**” in the space for “**Preferred Local Council**”.



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.

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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: 7/14/2026 Present: 16

Opening Prayer: Grand Knight Graham Zeneri opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. Chaplain Fr. Michael Seifert followed with an opening prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Minutes: A motion was made by Chuck Maier to accept the minutes of the June 9, 2026 meeting as presented. Seconded by Bob Pittinger. Motion carried.

Chaplain's Message: Fr. Seifert informed those present that today was the feast of St. Kateri Tekawitha. She was an American saint born in Ayersville, New York in 1670. She became a Christian at the age of 20 and she is known for bringing Christianity to Native Americans. She died at the age of 24. She was canonized by Pope benedict XVI in 2012. Fr. Seifert reminded us that because of the extreme heat, we should check in on our elderly neighbors to make sure they are OK.

Grand Knight's Report: Grand Knight Zeneri reported the following dates and activities: July 18 and 19 Membership Drive after all the Masses; July 21 is the installation of officers beginning at 7:00 pm; July 25 is the awarding the youth Excellence in Religion Awards at the 4:00 Mass at St. Joseph; July 26 there will be a Degree at St. Barbara after the 11:00 Mass; August 3 is the Divine Mercy Men's Group steak fry at the K of C pavilion; August 9 is the Divine Mercy Parish Picnic at the K of C pavilion; August 11 is the next regular council meeting.

Financial Report: Treasurer Ken McLaughlin reported the following numbers ending June 30, 2026: Checking Account \$9,163.16; Savings account \$65,158.49; Calendar Account \$21,309.16; Bingo Account \$28,162.27; Total Operating Accounts \$74,321.65; Total All Accounts (Bingo and calendar Accounts included) \$123,793.08. He also reported that Bingo revenue for April (two months behind) was \$18,689.65 of which \$15,814 was given to the Foundation and \$2,875.33 was realized by the council. For fiscal Year 2025-2026, the bingo machines produced \$120,606.40 for the Foundation and \$22,681.33 for the Council. Also, for the Fiscal Year, \$39,084.79 was given to various charities other than the Foundation

Council 554 Donations: . B Wicker \$1000 scholarship. DMP Youth Convention - \$2000. Safe Haven Baby Box \$5000. DMP Men's Group \$1000. Sidney Wise & Issac Wicker \$100 each Excellence in Religion.

Membership: We have one potential new member—Nicholas Trolino.

Program Director's Report: No Report

District Deputy Report: We welcomed our new District Deputy Bryan Stewart! He commended our council on a great past year. He reported that State has added some new programs related to COR and requirements for Star Council

Insurance Report: No Report

Fourth Degree Report: Chuck Maier reported that on August 4th will be Lady's Night Picnic. There will be an Exemplification on August 22, 2026 at St. Joseph in Canton beginning at 1:00 pm. Mass will follow at 4:00 pm

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Gary Lamielle, Knight and current president of the Divine Mersy Men's Group thanked the council for its generous donation of \$1,000 to help the group with its financial programs. Chuck Maier reported that there will be a Blue Mass on October 2 at St. Joseph beginning at 10:30 am. October 2 is the feast of Guardian Angels. Ken McLaughlin informed the group that the budget will be fine tuned at the next Officer's and Trustees meeting to be finalized and voted upon at the August council meeting.

The Good of the Order: Grand Knight Graham Zeneri announced that the Knight of the month is Bryan Stewart; Family of the Month is Bob and Barb Pittinger; Volunteer of the Month is John Blackstone.

Closing Prayer Chaplain Fr. Michael Seifert closed the meeting at 7:38 pm with the prayer for the canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney.

Respectfully submitted: Thomas Seesan, Council Recorder

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	Family of Month	Knight of Month	Volunteer of Month
January	Bob and Mary Kring	Jim Kracker	Rose Hammel
February	Ken & Linda Girt	Tim Altier	Karen Franz
March	Paul & Mary Ann Haig	John Dorka	James Zieglhofer
April	Jeff & Denise Campbell	Eric Fichter	Sue Hall
May	Paul & Elaine Lambert	John Birman	Vickie Hartman
June	Bob & Barb Pittinger	Bryan Stewart	John Blackstone
July	Dave & Julie Harman	Don Demor	Dee Schroeder



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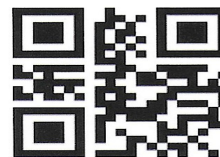
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