



Massillon Council 554



Knights of Columbus

April, 2023

Grand Knight's Report, by Ken McLaughlin, Grand Knight

On behalf of the council officers and trustees, we wish you all a joyous Easter season as we celebrate our Risen Christ! April is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Spirit who is consubstantial with the Father and the Son. The Holy Spirit has come for us as a person of Love, and will remain with the Church forever.

Demonstrating our love and care for Priestly vocations, this month your council will submit a significant check for the Diocese of Youngstown Vocation Office. Monies were raised from council members throughout the fraternal year as part of our annual "Support Our Seminarians (SOS)" program. Thank you for your continued support of this vital Knights program, united we continue to make a difference for the future of our Church.

I am proud to announce that for this fraternal year we have added 19 new Knights to our Council. Many thanks to the recruiting efforts of Chuck Maier, Ken Girt and the council. There is no doubt that by conducting our ceremonies after Masses, in the Churches with our Pastor's support, have greatly aided our efforts. Additionally, due to our recruiting successes and our generous charitable and community outreach, we are on target for earning the elusive Star Council award for the second year in a row. Outstanding effort! I offer my heartfelt thanks to everyone that has made this potential achievement even possible. See photo on page 6 of the website version of the newsletter for recently recruited members.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP THIS MONTH

It's not too late to buy/sell the 5 Super Cash bonanza tickets you were provided recently. For each \$5 ticket sold, the council retains a minimum of \$2.40 for our charity fund; every additional sale makes a difference and the possibility of further rebates to the Council. Thank you for your generous support. We need all paid tickets returned to our council office or officer by May 9th.

The Massillon Knights Foundation is planning a special Easter Sunday Buffet from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm and is also available for take-out orders (RSVP by Noon 4/3). Considerable effort goes into planning great meals and special events, please continue to support the Foundation.

Please attend our next council meeting on Tue. April 11th at 7:00 pm as we call for a vote regarding our previously published by-law changes. Your presence and considered input will be welcomed.

A man who was completely innocent, offered himself as a sacrifice for the good of others, including his enemies, and became the ransom of the world. It was a perfect act." -Mahatma Gandhi

May the Peace and love of Christ be with you and your families as we live the Easter message, keep his word so that the love of God is truly perfected in us.

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

In the next few months five of our priests will be retiring. At the same time three deacons will be ordained to the priesthood. This is just a sample of the need we have for more priests in our diocese.

At the end of each regular meeting, we take up a collection for our seminarians. We need to realize that you and I are also to pray each day for vocations. It can be attending weekday Mass; it can be praying the daily Rosary; it can be however you wish to include it, but let's do it. Jesus tells us, "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be open to you." John 7/7

Family, Knight and Volunteer of the Month for March 2023

Congratulations to **Eric Fichter** for being selected as our Knight of the Month for March. Eric is a member of St. Joseph Church where he is president of the Holy Name Society and works our Nite at the Races.

We also congratulate **Jeff and Denise Campbell** for being selected Family of the Month for March. They belong to St. Mary Church where they work Bingo. They also work the KofC Bingo every Monday night.

We also congratulate **Linda Girt** as our Volunteer of the Month for March. Linda belongs to St. Mary Church where she volunteers at the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. She also works the KofC Hot Lunch and MKF Clubroom meals.

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:** Bill Shane (Vice President), Jeff Heitger (Secretary), Jim Sieber. **Two Year:** James Brelish (Treasurer), Paul Lambert (President), Bob Pittinger. **Three-Year:** Dan Skirtich, Dave Harman, Bill Beese

Massillon Knights Foundation Report, By Paul Lambert, President

Spring is here and I hope all is doing well. Please make sure your friends and neighbors are doing well. Hopefully, with some good weather, you will see them out and about enjoying the outdoors.

Our last Thursday night dinner, until fall, will be on April 20, 2023, from 5:00 to 6:30 pm. DINE IN ONLY. Our dinner will be Prime Rib with mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, salad, dessert, and homemade bread. The price is \$18.00 and reservations are a MUST and must be made no later than Tuesday at noon on April 18, 2023. Please call 330-837-9101 and leave your name, how many dinners and what time you will be there. I would like to thank all the people who have supported our dinners and a very special THANK YOU to all the volunteers who make these dinners possible.

Please stop out and see what is going on in our club room and patio. If anyone would like to help purchase some patio furniture, please let us know. If you are getting new and would like to donate your used furniture, please contact me. When the weather breaks you can have a drink or eat on the patio.

Again, I would like to thank our volunteers for everything they do for our club. They all work very hard, like working the Night at the Races, the Dinners, Bingo, Hot Lunch Program, and anything that needs fixed or cleaned. They are always there and willing to help. Thank you so much again.

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, Fr. Mike Seifert, Joel Fichter, Tony Baltuz, and Neil Maier. **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

We will have a Prime Rib Dinner 4/20/2023 Dine in Only. See ad below.

Easter Buffet April 9, 2023 Dine In Only! 11 AM until 2:30 PM. Please call office for Reservations by Noon April 3, Kentucky Derby party May 6, 2023. More information in next newsletter.

Due to lack of interest as of April 1, 2023 the KITCHEN will NOT be open on SATURDAY's.

I am looking for a dishwasher for Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and events & also a janitor for setting up & tear down of rooms & taking care of pavilion for summer. Please apply at the office Monday thru Friday 8AM-12PM or online at massillonkofc554@sssnet.com.

Bingo every Monday at 6:30PM & doors open at 4:00PM, we still need some volunteers as well! If you are interested, please call 330-837-9101.

Official Notice of Council 554 Bylaw Revision

The Officer and Trustees of Massillon Council 554, in keeping with the directives of Supreme Council, are requesting council approval for the following revision to our bylaws:

1. Remove Article I, Section 2 statement for an initiation fee. Council no longer requires this fee during the membership process. Section 2 to be removed.
2. Revise Article VII, Section 3, to change the maximum amount of incidental expenditures not approved by council budget, without council approval. Amount was \$250. Revised amount will now be \$500.

Please note: Revision to council bylaws were read at the March 14 council meeting, with voting for revision at the April 11 meeting.

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 833-0593
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	Paul Haig, PFN 837-1185
Faithful Comptroller	Dan Flanagan 966-4937	Faithful 2-year Trustee	Charles Maier 418-8741
Faithful Pilot	Leonard Hughes 834-5586	Faithful 3-year Trustee	Joseph Vilhosky 806-4036
Faithful Scribe	Graham Zeneri 844-7712	Commander	James Sieber, PFN 478-2363

Faithful Navigator Report, By Roger Piper, Faithful Navigator

Sir Knights, our next Bishop Massillon Assembly business meeting is Tuesday April 4th at 6:30 PM. This is a Ladies Night with drinks and food provided. Please plan to attend and support our Assembly activities and spend some time with your fellow Sir Knights and Ladies.

Recently, emails were sent to our local Parishes about two United States of America flag programs our Assembly offers: Flag Retirement Ceremony - We take worn flags, inspect and declare them unserviceable to display, and have a ceremony to properly dispose of them with honor. This ceremony normally takes place in the month of May and often a local Boy Scout Troop and/or Cub Scout Pack will join us and assist in the process. Flag Replacement Program – We also will provide, upon inspection or request, a new 5' x 8' United States of America flag to be properly displayed at our local Parishes within the Bishop Massillon Assembly community. We do expect the flag be treated with the upmost respect and follow proper flag etiquette. Attached to the email was a Knights of Columbus United States Flag pdf manual to reference for the history, use and display, burials, and general handling, among other topics.

Thank you for all the dessert donations, monetary donations and those that helped work the food and beverage for the Stark Gun Collectors Spring Show held on Saturday April 1st and Sunday April 2nd. This is a major fund raiser for our Assembly. Your continued support with the Spring and Fall shows is very much appreciated.

Congratulation to all of our new Third Degree Brother Knights in our local Council. Welcome to our Honored Order of fellow Catholics. Please consider, or encourage others, to join our Bishop Massillon Assembly as a Fourth Degree "Sir Knight". This is the last opportunity to sign up for the Spring Fourth Degree Exemplification ceremony, <https://www.kofcohdist1.org/exemplification/>, that will take place on April 29th at the Double Tree in Independence. The Fourth Degree is an inspiring testament of our founding father's patriotism as Catholics. The world needs Knights that will stand up for God and their country; Fourth Degree Assemblies help Knights to put their faith and love of country into action. Being called a "Sir Knight" is more than a title – it's an honor! Ohio District 1 is having a Souvenir Book for the Spring Exemplification as well as a list of all the new Sir Knights from the 2022 Fall Exemplification. Please consider being a sponsor or speaking with potential sponsors - that placing an ad, will help support our Bishop Massillon Assembly and OD1 with activities and programs that we do over the course of the year for the community and Parishes. Please contact SK Paul Haig with any interest or questions haig@sssnet.com.

Happy Spring and Happy Easter to you and your family, Jesus is Risen! Please call me 330-936-0974 with questions.

Columbian Ladies Guild, by Karen Franz, President

Columbian ladies meeting was held on Tuesday (3/27). A thank was given to Mary Ann and Annie for putting together the lottery basket for Nite at the Races, Mary Ann has done 2 other baskets for selling at Monday night bingo. Thanks also to Mercy and Linda for their excellent job of selling basket tickets at the races

Report was given on the sale of the raffle tickets from Ohio KofC. This is a joint project with the council that Ken McLaughlin (Grand Knight) suggested. The drawing is in May so we will have tickets available until deadline.

Membership – We continue to receive dues at the bar. Just a reminder we need to have your address and phone number on the envelope. Muffy has agreed to become our new membership chairperson. She will work Denise to become familiar with the paperwork.

We will be having a new secretary and Sue will working with MaryAnn to become familiar with this position.

Thank you to both of these ladies for stepping up to fill these positions.

A motion was made and seconded to make a donation to the Sheriff's Department training programs.

Be kind to yourself and those around you. May the Lord hold you in the palm of his hand until we are together again.

Massillon Knights Foundation Complex – REVISED 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 open 4-8 pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Open until 9 pm on Fridays during Lent! See page 11 of website newsletter for K-Club Menu

Upcoming Calendar of Events...

.....April, 2023

- 4 6:30 PM 4th Degree Meeting / Ladies Night
 9 **Easter**
 11:00 AM Easter Buffet.
 11 7:00 PM Reg. Council Meeting
 12 7:00 PM DVD Degree – Call Ken at 330-608-1729 to reg
 13 7:30 PM Stark County Chapter
 20 5:00 PM MKF Clubroom Dinner
 25 6:30 PM Officers and Trustees Meeting
 7:00 PM Columbian Ladies Meeting
 28 10:00 AM 4th Degree Exemplification - Independence

.....May, 2023

- 2 6:00 PM Assembly Flag Retirement Service
 6:30 PM 4th Degree Meeting
 6 5:00 PM Kentucky Derby Party
 9 7:00 PM Reg. Council Meeting 1st Nom of Officers
 10 7:00 PM DVD Degree – Call Ken at 330-608-1729 to reg
 14 **Mother's Day**
 17 1:00 PM Bloodmobile
 19-21 OSC State Convention – Columbus
 23 6:30 PM Officers and Trustees Meeting
 7:00 PM Columbian Ladies Meeting
 29 **Memorial Day**
 9:00 PM Memorial Day Parade/Wreath Ceremony

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

New Insurance Agent for Council 554

Massillon Council 554 has a new Knights of Columbus field agent. His name is Marty VanDevere. His phone number is: 330 858 0963 and his email is martin.vandevere@kofc.com.

In Memoriam: John Forgan

John Edwin Forgan, 90, of Massillon, passed away on February 25, following a brief illness. He was born in Beaver Falls, PA and was a graduate of Washington High School, Class of 1950. He was a veteran of The United States Navy and retired from The City of Massillon Fire Department in 1985. He was a member of Knights of Columbus and St. Barbara Church.

John is survived by his loving wife of 69 years, Gloria and their children, Kathi, Debby, Rick, Laurie, and Tom.
 May he Rest in Peace.

Friday Fish Fry's

Every Friday 4:00 to 8:00 pm (Until 9 pm during Lent)
With weekly specials. Take-Out meals available.

MKF Clubroom Dinner: "Prime Rib"

Thursday, April 20, 2023 Price: \$18.

Dine-In Only - meals served 5 - 6:30 PM in the Clubroom

Meal includes Mashed Potato, Green Beans, Salad, Home-Made Bread and Dessert.

RESERVATION ARE REQUIRED: The last day for Reservations is Tuesday, April 18 at 12:00 noon.

Call 330-837-9101. Please leave Name, Phone Number, Number of Dinners

Easter Sunday Buffet

Massillon Knights Foundation Hall

Sunday, April 9, 2023 11 AM to 3:00 PM

(Taking the last reservation for 2:30. Carry-out Orders available until 2:00)

MENU: Two Carving Stations with Prime Rib and Ham, Cheese & Spinach Stuffed Chicken, Baked Cod w/ White Wine Sauce, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Bacon & Sausage, Egg & Vegetable Casserole, French Toast Sticks, Cream & Mushroom Penne Pasta, Scallop Corn O'Brien, Shaved Brussels Sprouts, Chicken Tenders, French Fries, Salad, Roll & Butter. Marinated Fruit Salads & Assorted Desserts Display. Coffee, Tea & Iced Tea.

Adults: \$35.00 Seniors: \$26.00 Kids 12 & Under: \$12.99

All Reservations by Noon, Monday, April 3. Call 330-837-9101



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:

Ken McLaughlin, Grand Knight: kmac.neo@gmail.com
 Paul Haig, Financial Secretary: haig@sssnet.com
 Chuck Maier Membership Chairman: massillonward2@yahoo.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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Council 554 held a Third Degree Ceremony on Sunday, March 26, following the 8:00 am Mass at St. Joseph Church, with seven new members exemplified. Pictured left to right, front row are new members: Dr. David Drees, Jack Shepard, Steve Ilg, Don Kendel, Keith Hoffman, Tim Beamer, and Kevin Phillips. Also pictured in front row is Ed Elum, who advanced to the 3rd Degree. The Council 554 Degree team, pictured left to right, second row, is Graham Zeneri, Chuck Maier, Matt Meyer, Ken McLaughlin, Ken Girt, Paul Haig, Gary Lamielle and Joe Vilhosky. Welcome new members!

MASSILLON COUNCIL 554 2022 - 2023 OFFICERS & TRUSTEES

<u>Officers</u>			<u>Round Table Coordinators</u>		
Chaplain	Msgr James Kolp	428-5555	St. Mary	Ken Girt, PGK	608-1729
Grand Knight	Ken McLaughlin	571 1203	St Joseph	Tom Ferrero	844-0469
Dep Grd Knight	Chuck Maier	418-8741	St Barbara	Joel Fichter	830-9301
Chancellor	Tim Paul	603-502-4455	<u>Program Activity Chairmen:</u>		
Recorder	Graham Zeneri	844-7712	Gen Program Dir	Ken Girt	608-1729
Treasurer	Joe Vilhosky	806-4036	FAITH	Ken McLaughlin	571 1203
Financial Sec	Paul Haig, PGK	837-1411	FAMILY	Bob Pittinger, PGK	571-5150
Advocate	John Ferrero, Jr.	265-9584	COMMUNITY	Matt Meyer, PGK	284-9365
Warden	Bryan Stewart	605-8840	LIFE	Joe Vilhosky	806-4036
Inside Guard	Jim Brelsh		Squires	Mike Szillat, PGK	268-9879
Outside Guard	Charles Meyer		Membership	Chuck Maier	418-8741
1- Year Trust	Bob Pittinger, PGK	571-5150	Complex Mgr	Julie Harman	837-9101
2- Year Trust	Gary Lamielle, PGK	327-7223	Bingo Mgr	Ron Kurpieski	936-8058
3- Year Trust	Ken Girt, PGK	608-1729	Bereavement Chr	Graham Zeneri	844-7712
Field Agent	Marty VanDevere	858-0963	Webmaster	Kyle Shane	
Bulletin Editor	Ken Girt, PGK	608-1729	Virtual Comm Ast	Mark Hoffer	

Web: <http://www.massillonkofc554.org>

COUNCIL 554 MEETING MINUTES: Date: 3/14/23 Present: 10

Chaplain's Message: It's a very interesting time as we continue with Lent. It will be interesting on Friday the 17th because the Bishop has given a dispensation from abstinence for the feast of St. Patrick. Two days later we come to St. Joseph which will move to Monday. As Knights we need to be involved in our Parishes and Councils and do anything we need to do the next few weeks to make them special.

Minutes Last Meeting: Accepted as distributed in the newsletter.

GK Report: Next Officers and Trustee's meeting will be on March 28th at 6:30. We will break bread around 5:45. Next Stark Chapter meeting will be on April 13th at 6:30 in Navarre. The Catholic Men's Fellowship Conference is on March 25th at JFK high school. The St. Joseph Icon ceremony will be on Thursday, March 23, in St. Joseph at 7pm. Our Officers and Trustee's will meet after our meeting to pick from our two nominations for our Youth of the Year.

Financial report: Accepted as distributed.

Membership report: Our next Exemplification will be on Sunday, March 26, in St. Mary's around 9:15 (after Mass).

Other Reports:

4th Degree Report: By Roger Piper, FN: I sent out an email for our flag retirement ceremony also our flag replacement program along with that I sent out a PDF on A KofC flag manual on how to properly care for a flag and how to display a flag. To show gratitude for a flag which went to our local parishes. Ohio District One had our meeting on March 11th. We will have a concession stand at the Stark County Gun Collections Spring Show on April 1st and 2nd. I would like to encourage any 3rd Degree Knight that would like to become a 4th Degree Sir Knight that the Exemplification is coming up on April 28th - 30th at Double Tree in Independence. Ohio District One is having a souvenir book so anyone who has a business who would like to support our assembly can be in our souvenir book. Also coming up in April we are having a fallout to honor SK Matt Meyer and soon to be Lady Ivy Adams at their wedding at St. Mary's.

Squires: Nothing to report at this time. They are meeting and planning for the upcoming spring.

Insurance report: We did get our Fraternal Benefit Night form submitted.

Massillon Knights Foundation Things are going well with our electronic pull tab machines. Our profits are more than expected.

Parish Round Table Projects: Easter decorations for St. Mary's will be on Holy Saturday April 8th.

District Deputy Report: DD 73 Matt Meyer. No Report.

2023 1000 Club Final Report 996 Calendars sold. Expenses for the year 1600 for printing expenses: Calendar prizes 17,400, Unclaimed prizes 150, Seller bonuses 2053, Postage paid 236, New checks 5922, Other expenses for glue sticks and stuff 25.11. Total expenses 21,223.33. Profit of 8,656.66 to give to the council.

Old Business: We will discuss the Cor program more at the Officers and Trustee's meeting. We should have it quarterly on a Tuesday where there is no other meeting. We need to focus on Faith in action and we also need to get more Knights to recruit and get engaged. Our Bylaws will be put up to vote at our next Council meeting.

New Business: We voted to accept membership nomination for Rick Wachtel, Steve Ilg, Peter Ceico, Tim Baimar, and Marty Vandevere. Our State Convention is being held in Columbus on May 19-21. Nominations for delegates were unanimously voted in. GK Ken McLaughlin and Paul Haig with alternate delegates Joe Vilhosky and Graham Zeneri.

Good of the Order For February: Knight of the month - Dan Skirtich, Family of the month - Matthew and Carrie Competty, and Volunteer of the month - Paulette Martin.

Closing prayer recited:

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. An average of 8 boxes of 12 coats are purchased each year to be distributed in late November and early December. 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.

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

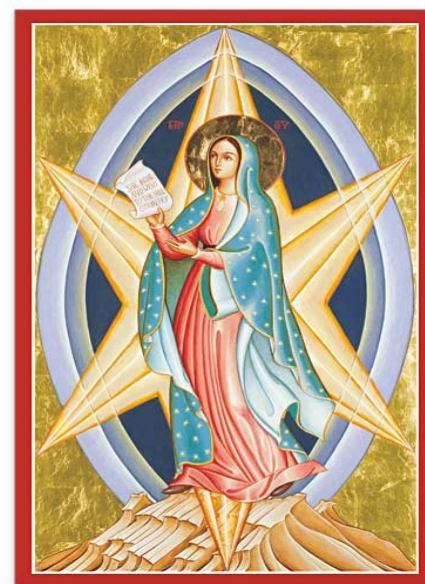
Glorious Patriarch St. Joseph, whose power makes the impossible possible, come to my aid in these times of anguish and difficulty. Take under your protection the serious and troubling situation that I commend to you, that they may have a happy outcome (*list requests*). My beloved father, all my trust 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.



The Massillon K of C Council 554 and the Divine Mercy Parish of Massillon consisting of Saint Barbara Campus, Saint Joseph Campus, and Saint Mary Campus will continue reciting the Rosary for Life followed with the Divine Mercy Chaplet every **Sunday at 2:00pm** during the 40 days of Lent as we have over the years, **starting on Sunday February 26** but in the churches of the Divine Mercy Parish.

Due to the fact that data show there have been 22 times more attacks on pro-lifers since the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade compared to attacks on pro-choice organizations, according to John Lott, the founder and president of the Crime Prevention Research Center (CPRC). Groups such as Jane's Revenge has organized and taken credit openly for attacks against Pro-Life and Catholics. Our Peaceful Prayer Vigil for Right for Life will be in our Churches and not the sidewalk of Planned Parenthood.

Please join us for this beautiful prayer. One of the most powerful forms of Catholic personal prayer is the Rosary. The gentle repetition in the Rosary helps us to enter into the silence of our hearts, where Christ's spirit dwells. The intentions will be on a different Mystery each week.

Schedule of 40 Days for Life Rosary and Chaplet for Lent 2023

- Sunday 26 Feb and 5 March - Saint Barbara Church – 2:00pm
- Sunday 12 March and 19 March - Saint Joseph Church – 2:00pm
- Sunday 26 March - Saint Mary Church – 2:00pm
- Palm Sunday 02 April – Saint Mary Church 3:00pm – Palm Sunday being the feast day of the Triumphal Entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem we will conduct the Stations of the Cross to commemorate Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a man.

Please help our council's charity fund by selling the Super Cash Bonanza tickets that were mailed to you. Return to FS office by May 9. Thanks for your support!



1st Prize \$49,680
Payable \$414/month for 10 years!

2nd Prize \$18,780
Payable \$313/month for 5 years!

3rd Prize \$12,720
Payable \$212/month for 5 years!

4th Prize..... \$4,000
5th Prize..... \$3,000
6th to 9th Prizes..... \$1,500
10th to 13th Prizes... \$1,250

14th to 17th Prizes... \$1,000
18th to 21st Prizes.... \$750
22nd to 25th Prizes \$500

DRAWING DATE
May 20, 2023
Hilton Columbus Downtown
402 North High Street
Columbus, OH 43215
Donor need not be present.
Ticket Rules on Back.
Donation \$5.00
All proceeds benefit local charities

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OVER \$108,000 In Cash Prizes

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

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

“K-CLUB” Dining Menu

Massillon Knights Foundation

Home for Knights of Columbus - Massillon Council 554

988 Cherry Road, Massillon OH 44647

Open: Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday – 4 to 8 pm.

APPETIZERS \$6.00 EACH

Fried Pickles, Cheese Sticks, Onion Rings,
& Pub Pretzels

SALADS \$9.00

Grilled Chicken Salad
Buffalo Chicken Salad

JUMBO BONLESS OR BONE IN WINGS:

6 Wings **\$6.00**/12 Wings **\$12.00**

(Wednesday Dine-in Special \$0.75 each)

Breaded Wings-6 for \$7.50/12 for \$15.00

(Wednesday Dine-in Special (\$1.00 each)

OUR SAUCES

Jack's Whiskey BBQ, Buffalo, Sweet Chili
Drunken, General Tso, Garlic Parmesan

SALAD DRESSINGS:

House, Balsamic, Ranch, Italian, French,
Sweet & Sour, Honey Mustard & Blue Cheese

BURGERS & SANDWICHES Served with Fries

Hamburger \$10.00 add cheese \$0.75

BLT on Texas Toast \$8.00

Grilled Cheese on Texas Toast \$6.00

4 Chicken Tenders with Fries \$8.00

FISH FRY FRIDAY'S ONLY

Battered or Floured Blend Fish Dinner

1, 2 & 3-Piece Dinner w/2 Sides

\$8.00 \$10.00 \$12.00

Ala Cart: Piece of Fish \$3.00

9oz. Broiled Scrod w/2 Sides \$15.00

Shrimp Basket w/Fries \$10.00

Fish Sandwich w/Fries \$9.00

(add cheese \$0.75)

TACO TUESDAY'S ONLY

2 Tacos Hard or Soft with Rice \$6.50

Loaded Nachos \$7.00

Taco Salad \$10.00

6 Pack of Tacos Hard or Soft \$9.00

Chicken Quesadillas \$8.00

Chicken Fajita Quesadilla \$10.00

Ala Cart:

1 Taco \$2.25

Mexican Rice \$2.75

Jalapenos can be added!

KIDS 10 AND UNDER

(With Accompanying Adult Meal)

Grilled Cheese w/Fries \$5.00

2 Chicken Tenders w/Fries \$5.50

Hamburger w/Fries \$6.00

Cheese Quesadillas \$6.00

1 piece Fish Dinner w/Fries \$5.00

(Friday Only)

SIDES

Tossed Salad, Veggie of the Day, Fresh-Cut Fries & Sweet Potato Fries

Baked Potato \$2.00

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

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			