



Massillon Council 554



Knights of Columbus

April, 2024

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

The month of April is dedicated to the Holy Spirit. The first three days of the month fall during the season of Lent which is represented by the liturgy color purple – a symbol of penance mortification and the sorrow of a contrite heart. The remainder of April falls during the Easter season which is represented by the liturgical color white- the color of light, a symbol of joy, purity and innocence (absolute or restored).

I am very proud to announce our council 554 has completed all of the requirements for Star Council. I want to thank all of the Officers and new members for this prestigious award. We also were honored by the Ohio State Council for our 2023 Matching Funds Campaign. Currently we have three new members waiting for the Exemplification. The council is planning to have an Exemplification in April.

Congratulations to Dave and Jennifer Fischer who were chosen State Family of the Month for February!

Our Council is planning a spaghetti dinner for the Divine Mercy Parish. This will be a great time to get to know all Parish members. Watch the Parish Bulletin for details. He is Risen...

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

My first trip to St. Peter's in Rome was in 1949. At that time, I had the privilege of meeting Pope Pius XII. The main attraction at St. Peter's is the magnificent altar and the four-column archway over the altar. The archway is called the baldacchino. The altar and baldacchino are believed to be exactly over the buried body of St. Peter. The baldacchino needs restoration. The last time it was worked on was in 1758. The leaders of our Order have agreed to have the Knights of Columbus sponsor the restoration. As members of the Knights of Columbus let us consider it a great privilege to be responsible for this great project.

Family, Knight and Volunteer of the Month for March 2024

Congratulations to **Graham Zeneri** for being selected as our Knight of the Month for March. Graham is our Council Warden and works the St. Mary St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. He also manages the sound board at Mass.

We also congratulate **Ken and Nancy Null** for being selected Family of the Month for March. Ken and Nancy are active at St. Mary Church where both serve as Lay Distributors and Greeters and Ken is an Usher.

We congratulate **Mercy Logo** our Volunteer of the Month for March. Mercy works our monthly Clubroom Foundation meetings. She also is active in the Columbian Ladies with fundraising efforts.

Massillon Knights Foundation Complex –Business Hours

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

**K-Club Dining: The Kitchen is open 4-8 pm Tuesday through Saturday!
See page 5 & 6 of website newsletter for latest K-Club Menu**

Fraternal Report, by Ken Girt PGK

On our Member Sick List: Bill Ringley, Bill Hamit, Jim Kracker, John Scheetz, Sam Meyer, Paul Lucchesi, Joe Vilhosky, Jim Sieber, Larry Coyne, Joe Perrotti, and Fr. Mike Seifert.

On our Member's Family Sick List; Barbara Piper (wife of Dale), Mary Francis Carmola (daughter of Al). Kathleen Fealko (wife of Ed).

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.

The Massillon Knights Foundation

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

Massillon Knights Foundation Report, By Paul Lambert, President

I hope everyone had a Happy Easter. I hope you have remembered all your family and friends that may need a little help in the months ahead with Spring and Summer just around the corner.

Our next Thursday night dinner is April 18. We will be having a Salisbury Steak Dinner, Price \$15.00. DINE-IN dinners served from 5:00-6:30 pm. TAKE-OUT dinners picked-up from 5:00-5:45 pm front canopy. Meal includes Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes and gravy, Vegetable, Salad, Bread, and Desert. **RESERVATION ARE REQUIRED:** The last day for Reservations is Wednesday, April 17 at 12:00 noon. Call 330-837-9101. Please leave your Name, Phone Number, Number of Dinners, Dine-In or Take Out.

If you are interested and would like a place to watch the Solar Eclipse on April 8, you can come to the K parking lot to watch it. It starts at 3:00. Please Park on the side where the private club is (north side). The South side of the building parking is used for Bingo, which starts at 4:00. If you have any questions, please call the office. 330-830-9101 between 9:00-12:00.

I would like to thank everyone who has taken over for me while I was on a much-needed vacation. Thank you so much.

Clubroom Report, Julie Harman, Complex Manager

Happy April!

Come watch the historic solar eclipse with us on Monday, April 8th! Parking will be available in the K Club lot and up by the pavilion.

The talented Austin Haig will be joining us on Thursday, April 11th and Thursday, April 25th! Come join us! Join us for dinner, drinks, music & fun at our Spring Fling event April 13th! Musical guest Dennis Schweizer will be performing from 7PM-10PM. Doors open at 4!

We will be hosting a Polka Fest on Sunday, May 5th! More information to follow.

MKF clubroom dinner will be on Thursday, April 18. Call for reservations 330-837-9101. See ad below Bingo is every Monday at 6:30pm and doors open at 4pm. We still need volunteers if you are interested. Please call 330-837-9101.

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

Friday Fish Fry's

Every Friday 4:00 to 8:00 pm With weekly specials.
See new Menu on pages 5 & 6 of website version of newsletter

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

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

Articles of Interest for April: Council Meeting Minutes, Membership Recruitment/Degrees information, Council 554 activities, Round Table Projects. Past Grand Knights Dinner, K-Club Dining Menu and Live Music events.

Thank you for buying/selling our Ohio State Council - Super Cash Bonanza Charity Tickets. Reminder: Please return all sold or purchased tickets to the council by May 1. Mail your check and tickets stubs to: **Massillon Council 554, 988 Cherry Road, Massillon, OH 44647.** Thank you for your generosity!

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	Leonard Hughes
Faithful Captain	Bob Pittinger 571-5150	Faithful Outer Sentinel	Jim Coughlin, PFN 704-0048
Faithful Admiral	Matthew Meyer, PFN 284-9365	Faithful 1-year Trustee	Charles Maier 418-8741
Faithful Comptroller	Dan Flanagan 966-4937	Faithful 2-year Trustee	Joseph Vilhosky 806-4036
Faithful Pilot	Bryan Stewart 605-8840	Faithful 3-year Trustee	Paul Haig, PFN 837-1185
Faithful Scribe	Graham Zeneri 844-7712	Commanders	James Sieber / Graham Zeneri

Faithful Navigator Report, By Roger Piper, Faithful Navigator

Sir Knights, our next business meeting is on Tuesday April 2nd at 6:30 PM. This is a Ladies Night with food and drinks provided. We look forward to seeing you. Please plan to attend and support our Assembly activities.

The Stark Gun Collectors Spring Show will be Saturday April 6th and Sunday April 7th. We are providing the food and drink service (Assembly fundraiser) for this event. We would appreciate any desserts such as pies, cakes, cookies, brownies, that you would like to donate to help us raise proceeds. If you are able to help work the food/drink service, please contact SK Bob Pittinger 330-571-5150. Thank you for your continued support with the Spring and Fall shows.

Please consider Third Degree Brother Knights from your Council that would be good candidates and may have an interest in the "Fourth Degree." I would like you to invite them, maybe that is all they need, to consider becoming a "Sir Knight" and joining our Bishop Massillon Assembly. This patriotic degree reminds us of our religious devotion to God and being patriotically proud of our great Country.

The Fourth Degree Spring Exemplification is scheduled for Saturday morning April 20th at Double Tree - Westlake. You are welcome to attend and observe the Exemplification as a Sir Knight. This web page will provide additional information and forms <https://www.kofcohdist1.org/exemplification/>. Also, Ohio District 1 is having a Souvenir Book for the Spring 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/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.

We will have our annual Flag Retirement Ceremony on Tuesday May 7th at 6:00 PM, weather permitting, at the pavilion prior to our 6:30 PM business meeting. Please bring your worn-unsuitable to display United States of America flags to be honorably disposed of. Those that bring a flag will receive a ticket towards a drawing for one of three new 3'x5' flags to be given away during our business meeting.

Happy Easter to you and your family. May the joy of the risen Lord fill your hearts.

Columbian Ladies Guild, by Karen Franz, President

Officers: Karen Franz – President 330-243-0106, Mary Ann Haig - Vice President 330-309-9640, Sue Courter – Secretary 330-285-9903, Ann Ziegelhoffer – Treasurer 330-844-2051, Muffy Stewart – Membership 330-605-4870

Columbian ladies met on March 26. Ladies we are still looking to increase our attendance at our meetings; won't you please put our meetings on your calendar.

A special shout out to Mary Ann and Annie for the great basket that they put together for Nite at the Races. A big thank you goes out to Merci for selling the basket and Sue for her help.

Several old items were discussed with several being tabled until a future time, and several prospective projects that were passed on to the Knight (projects were too involved for the ladies) .

New utility carts for the kitchen were discussed. The ones currently in the kitchen are in poor condition and very hard to use (they don't steer well, which makes them hard to move) It was decided that the Columbian ladies would purchase two new carts and a third car will be purchased with a donation. A thank you to our donor for this third cart.

Membership cards are still being sent out by Muffy. We had five people who renewed their membership since last meeting. Reminder dues is \$10,00 or if you have been a member for 20 plus years dues is \$5.00. Dues can be left at the bar. We need your name, address, phone number and email if you have email.

Hope all of you have had a Blessed Easter with family and friends.

REMINDER; our next meeting will be on April 16th. This is third Tuesday. Pl ease make note of the change.

God Bless you and your family and keep you safe until we are together again.

Council 554 Past Grand Knights Meeting and Dinner

Council 554 will hold our annual Past Grand Knights Meeting and Dinner on Tuesday, April 30, 2024. The meeting will start at 6:30 pm with dinner at 7. All Past Grand Knights of Council 554 and their spouse/guest are welcome to attend at no charge. Meal price for all others is \$10 per person. Please advise Grand Knight Chuck Maier at 330-418-8741 or Ken Girt at 330-608-1729 if you plan to attend.

Upcoming Calendar of Events...

.....April, 2024

- 2 6:30 PM 4th Degree Meeting / Ladies Night
- 6 & 7 4th Deg Fundraiser – Food Service at Gun Show
- 9 7:00 PM Reg. Council Meeting
- 11 7:30 PM Stark County Chapter
- 13 7:00 PM K-Club “Spring Fling”
- 18 5:00 PM MKF Clubroom Dinner
- 23 6:30 PM Officers and Trustees Meeting
- 7:00 PM Columbian Ladies Meeting
- 30 6:30 PM Past Grand Knights Meeting/Dinner

.....May, 2024

- 4 5:00 PM Kentucky Derby Party
- 7 6:00 PM Assembly Flag Retirement Service
- 6:30 PM 4th Degree Meeting
- 9 7:00 PM Stark County Chapter Meeting
- 12 **Mother’s Day**
- 14 7:00 PM Reg. Council Meeting 1st Nom of Officers
- 15 1:00 PM Bloodmobile
- 17-19 OSC State Convention – Cincinnati
- 27 **Memorial Day**
- 9:00 AM Memorial Day Parade/Wreath Ceremony
- 28 6:30 PM Officers and Trustees Meeting
- 7:00 PM Columbian Ladies Meeting

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

In Memoriam: Charles Meyer

Charles "Chuck" J. Meyer, 86, of Massillon, passed away March 28, 2024. He was born February 22, 1938, in Canton, and was a veteran of the U.S. Navy having served on the USS Kretchmer. Chuck retired from Timken Roller Bearing after 38 years of service. He was a member of Divine Mercy Parish - St. Mary Catholic Church, K of C Council #554, 4th Degree Bishop Massillon Assembly serving as Inner Sentinel and he volunteered at St. Joseph Soup Kitchen.

Chuck is survived by wife of 58 years, Mary Jo; sons, John and Matthew and daughters, Mary Ann and Monica. May he Rest in Peace.

MKF Clubroom Dinner: “Salisbury Steak”

Thursday, April 18, 2024 Price: \$15.

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

Meal includes mashed potato, vegetable, salad, bread and dessert.

RESERVATION ARE REQUIRED: The last day for Reservations is Wednesday, April 17 at noon.

Call 330-837-9101. Please leave Name, Phone Number, Number of Dinners and whether you will DINE-IN (in Clubroom) or TAKE-OUT (at front door canopy).

Massillon Knights Foundation – Landscaping Project

All members of Council 554 and K-Club are invited to help with a beautification project in May. (The date is to be determined.) It’s great to have beautiful hall for weddings, trade shows and parties and it makes sense to have beautiful grounds as visitors arrive. The work being planned includes spreading mulch, trimming bushes and some dead limbs from some of our trees. We will meet at 9 am and have pizza around noon. The more volunteers we have, the sooner we can finish. Thanks in advance. More details in the May newsletter.

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The K-Club Dining Menu

Massillon Knights Foundation

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

Beginnings

- Loaded Potato Nachos** Seasoned Ground Beef topped with Cheese, fresh pico de gallo, black olives, jalapenos, and sour cream \$10
- Chicken Fajita Quesadilla** Grilled flour tortilla with grilled chicken, peppers, onions, & cheddar cheese \$9
- Poutines** Fresh-cut fries topped with fried cheese curds and rich brown gravy \$8
- Chicken, Bacon, Cheddar, & Ranch Boat** Loaded potato skins drizzled with house made ranch \$10
- Fried Pickle Chips** Puckering pickle chips served with ranch \$6
- Sauerkraut Balls** Served with ranch for your dipping pleasure \$6
- Bavarian Pretzel Rods** Served with a mouth-watering Dijon beer cheese sauce \$9
- Jumbo Naked Wings** Six wings naked as the day they were born \$7
- Breaded Wing Dings** Six crispy-fried jumbo wings tossed in your choice of sauce \$9
- OUR SAUCES** Traditional Buffalo/ Drunken/ Whiskey BBQ/ Sweet Chili/ Garlic Parmesan/ General Tso's (Additional sauce for \$.50)

Midway Handhelds

- Shaved Ribeye Beef Hoagie** Juicy beef with peppers and onions lathered in a beer cheese sauce and served on an Italian hoagie, fries on the side \$15
- Monte Cristo** Thick battered and fried bread, forest ham, roasted turkey, Swiss cheese, with a sweet and savory maple-Dijon mustard, with fries on the side \$16
- Chicken Sandwich (Grilled or Fried)** Served on brioche bun with lettuce, tomato, onion, pickles, and mayo, with fries on the side \$12
- Chicken Parmesan Sandwich** Delicious marinara, basil pesto, & mozzarella cheese, with side of fries \$13
- B & D** Burger Juicy burger topped with bacon, beer-battered onions, cheddar cheese, and our whiskey BBQ sauce aioli, with fries on the side \$12
- Burger Basics** Choice of Swiss, American, or cheddar cheese, lettuce, tomato, and onion with fries \$10
- BBQ Chicken Flatbread** Rustic, baked crust topped with grilled chicken, bacon, red onion, and a blend of Cheddar and mozzarella cheese \$14
- Mediterranean Flatbread** Grilled chicken, red onion, kalamata olive, tomato, pesto, and feta cheese \$15

Friday Fish-Fry Menu (Fridays Only)

- Battered or Floured-Blend Fish Dinners** 1, 2, & 3 -piece Dinner with 2 sides. \$8 / \$10/ \$12.
- Ala-Carte Piece of Fish** \$3 **9oz Broiled Scrod with 2 Sides** \$15
- Shrimp Basket with Fries** \$10 **Fish Sandwich with Fries** \$9 (Add cheese.. \$.75)
- Ala Carte Sides are \$4 each:** Side Salad, Cucumber Salad, Citrus Slaw, Applesauce, Fresh Cut Fries, Baked Potato (add \$1), Sweet Potato Fries (add \$1.50 as substitution)

Also Available Fridays is a Select Limited Menu. Ask your server for available items!

Sides (Ala Carte sides are \$4 each)

Side Salad	Cucumber Salad	Citrus Slaw
Applesauce	Fresh-cut Fries	Baked Potato (add \$1)
Sweet Potato Fries (add \$1.50 as substitution)		

Midway Salads

<u>Ham and Turkey Chef</u>	Bacon, egg, tomato, cucumber, and onion with a choice of dressing	\$14
<u>Buffalo Chicken Salad</u>	Crispy-fried chicken tossed with buffalo sauce, cheese, cucumber, tomato, and onion, tossed with ranch dressing	\$12
<u>Greek Chicken and Vegetable Salad</u>	Juicy chicken with fresh bell pepper, tomato, cucumber, kalamata olives, onion and feta cheese over mesclun lettuce tossed with a roasted garlic and oregano vinaigrette	\$15
<u>Salad Dressings:</u>	Ranch, Blue Cheese, Italian, or French	

Midway Entrees

<u>Herb-Brined Pork Chop</u>	Pan-seared succulent 10 oz, chop with rosemary apple cider jus, served with mashed potatoes and vegetable of the day	\$16
<u>Individual Meatloaf</u>	Your own individual meatloaf served with mashed potatoes with brown gravy and vegetable of the day	\$12
<u>City Chicken</u>	Fried pork on a stick served with mashed potatoes & savory gravy, vegetable of the day	\$12
<u>Mushroom Chicken</u>	Lightly-dusted chicken, pan-seared with a rich and creamy mushroom sauce with mashed potatoes and vegetable of the day	\$14
<u>Cajun Chicken Penne</u>	Chicken, Andouille sausage, peppers, and onions in a delectable cheese sauce and a nice pinch of Cajun spice	\$14
<u>Simply-seared Atlantic Salmon</u>	Served in a buttery wine sauce with mashed potatoes and vegetable of the day	\$18

For the Kiddos

<u>Chicken Tenders with Fries</u>	\$8	<u>Grilled Cheese with Fries</u>	\$6
<u>Kid-sized Burger with Cheese w/ Fries</u>	\$7	<u>Cheese Quesadilla with Fries</u>	\$6

(\$2 surcharge for adults ordering kid-sized dinners)

Happy Endings

<u>Lava Cake with Vanilla Bean Ice Cream</u>	\$9
<u>Snicker Doodle & Bourbon Ice Cream</u>	\$9
<u>Bourbon Raisin Bread Pudding</u>	\$7

Think of your K-Club for Weddings, Dinners, Fundraisers, & any event!

Just call our office at 330-837-9101. Please leave a message if you get our voicemail.

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

Menu effective date: September 5, 2023

K Club Weekly Specials



Happy Hour

Mon. - Fri. 4:00 - 6:00 pm

Happy Apps Wednesdays

\$1.00 off all Appetizers

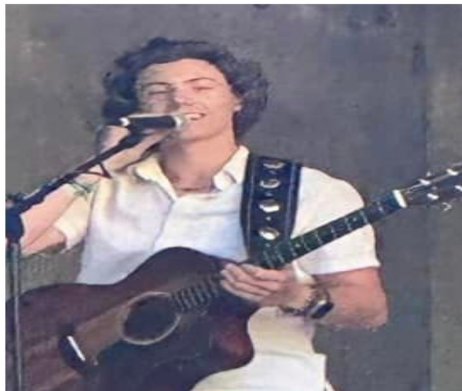
Thirsty Thursdays

50 cents off all Beers & Seltzers

4:00 - 9:00 pm



Austin Haig



Acoustic

at

The K Club

**988 Cherry Rd NW
Massillon**

**Playing 6:30 - 8:30 pm, on the
following Thursdays**

March 14 & 28

April 11 & 25

**Amazing musical talent , playing originals and popular
hits from several decades**

Spring Fling

at

The K Club



Saturday, April 13, 2024

4:30 pm - 10:30 pm

Join us for Dinner, Drinks, Music & Fun

Musical Guest :

Dennis Schweizer

7:00 - 10:00 pm



2024 Social Memberships \$ 20.00

Membership required to purchase alcohol or participate in any gaming.

Spring Fling Menu

Chicken KClub Sandwich \$10.49

Monte Cristo Sandwich \$9.49

Salmon Cakes \$13.49

*Flatbreads \$11.49

• choose from BBQ Chicken or Mediterranean

Sides \$3.99

Spring Greens Salad

Vegetable Medley

French Fries



Massillon KofC SNAPSHOTS



Thirteen members of Council 554 and their families participated in the “Adopt-A-Highway” cleanup on Route 21 North of Massillon on Saturday, March 16. Pictures left to right: Linda Girt, John Dorka, Bryan Stewart, Paul Biedenbach, Muffy Stewart, Mary Ann Haig, Sue Courter, Aiden Kendrick, Tyan Dominik, Ken McLaughlin, Paul Haig and Chuck Maier. Not pictured was Ken Girt who was taking the picture and Bob Pittinger who secured the clean-up tools.



The Divine Mercy Parish – Council 554 Round Table volunteers were busy during Easter Week preparing the sanctuaries of our three churches for Easter. Pictured above, left are Gary Lamielle, Bob Pittinger and Mark Hoffer who heled place Easter flowers at St. Mary Church. Pictured above, right, is Ed Elum who helped with the flowers at St. Joseph Church. Pictured left is Joel Fichter who helped with the cleaning at St. Barbara Church. Thanks to all volunteers, our members and their families, who helped make our Divine Mercy Parish churches special for Easter!

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.
7. 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.
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.

COUNCIL 554 PROGRAM ACTIVITIES:

Massillon “Knights in Action”

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 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.



COUNCIL 554 MEETING MINUTES: Date: 3/12/24 Present: 11

Opening Prayer: Chaplain Msgr. Kolp opened the meeting with a prayer, followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

Chaplain’s Message. Monsignor Kolp asked us to consider making a novena to St. Josph to offer special prayers and ask St. Josph to be with our nation and our council.

Minutes. Minutes of the February 13 meeting were approved as printed in newsletter.

Grand Knight Report. We have met our Supreme Membership goal of 15 new members. Grand Knight reported that we will have a light meal after council meeting. Volunteer requested for future meeting. They will be reimbursed.

Membership. We had four new members at the recent degree. We have four members who are three years behind in dues and eight who are 2 years behind.

Program Activities. All programs completed and report submitted. 15 members of Council 554 attended the recent Catholic Men’s Conference. Our Lenten Day of Devotion was attended by over 50 member, families and Divine Mercy Parish parishioners. HI way Cleanup scheduled for March 16 on Route 21.

4th Degree. Exemplification will be on April 20 in Westlake. And we will work the concession stand at the Pring Gud Show in April.

Insurance Agent Report: Marty Vandevere reported another Life Planning Seminar is being planned for our area soon.

Unfinished business. Changes to the budget due to funds received from Instant Bingo Machines: Ken Girt moved to increased SOS (Seminar Support) to \$1000. Second by Paul Haig. Motion passed. Ken Girt moved to increase State Council Measure-Up donation to \$1,500. Second by Paul Haig. Motion Passed. Ken Girt moved to donate \$500 to Massillon Salvation Army for work in supporting need in Massillon. Second by Paul Haig. Motion passed. Motion by Ken Girt to create a \$500 scholarship for our annual Youth of the Year. Seconded by Chris Wagoner. Motion passed.

Financial Report for January: Council 554 Donations: \$500 for Supreme Council ASAP Program for pregnancy support. Donated \$200 for Pastor Moss Pro-Life fundraiser. Donated \$75 to Catholic Men’s Conference.

Motion by Ken Girt, seconded by Gary Lamielle to accepted finance report. Motion passed.

Instant Bingo Fund Transactions in February: \$1,240 transferred to 554 Charity Fund and \$6,855 donated MKF.

New Business: Election of Delegates to State Convention in May: Ken Girt nominated Paul Haig, PGK for delegate with Chuck Maier automatic a delegate. Second by Chris Waggoner. Motion passed. Ken Girt nominated Bryan Stewart and Fr. Ed. Gretchko as alternates. Seconded by Paul Haig. Motion passed. Thank You card from Reverand Moss for the donation for his Pro-life fundraiser.

Good of the Order. February awards: Family of the Month—Dave and Jennifer Fischer. Knight of the Month—Christian Campbell, Volunteer of the Month—Mary Ann Haig

Closing Prayer: Prayer for the canonization of Fr. McGivney lead by Msgr Kolp.

2024 Family, Knight and Volunteer of the Months

	Family of Month	Knight of Month	Volunteer of Month
January	Mark & Deanna Hoffer	Dave Harman	Rob Lautenschleger
February	Dave & Jennifer Fischer	Christian Campbell	Mary Ann Haig
March	Ken & Nancy Null	Graham Zeneri	Merci Logo

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.

St. Joseph Church Coordinator: Tom Ferrero, 330-844-0469 - tferrero@sssnet.com ,

We are looking for members of St. Joseph Church to help count Sundry collection money on Monday mornings at 9 am at Divine Mercy Parish office (formerly St. Barbara School). Please call me if you are interested. And 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

Thanks to all who helped with the Easter decorations on March 29. 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

Thanks to Round Table Knights for decorating the sanctuary for Easter on March 30. If you belong to Divine Mercy Parish - St. Mary Church and have not been getting our notices of round table projects, please send me your email address. We will include you on future projects that help our parish and church. Thanks

Ohio Tornado Relief Effort Underway!

Worthy Brother Ohio Knights:

As I am certain you are aware, many parts of Ohio have suffered severe damage and several people have died due to multiple tornadoes and associated storms that tore through central Ohio on Thursday night. In addition to the tragic deaths, parts of our state have suffered considerable property damage, leaving countless people homeless and businesses destroyed. Logan County has been particularly hard hit. Governor DeWine has declared parts of the state to be disaster areas. Local officials have noted that "search and rescue has been completed" and that agencies are now "moving into the recovery phase". Authorities have urged that if you are not a resident of the affected areas, to avoid the areas to allow relief efforts to proceed efficiently.

The Ohio State Council of the Knights of Columbus is organizing a relief response to support the relief efforts in the Logan County area and can use your help!

If you or your council can assist, we urge you to contribute to the State Council disaster relief fund by sending a check or money order payable to "**OHIO STATE COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**" and noting "**DISASTER RELIEF**" in the memorandum section of the check.

Please keep the people affected by these tragic storms in your prayers during the difficult days of recovery.

Please send contributions to:

Michael Felerski
State Secretary
1580 Gelhot Drive #234
Fairfield, OH 45014-8360

God Bless each of you and thank you in advance for supporting our neighbors in need!

Vivat Jesus!

Let Us Be Worthy of the World, He Died to Save!

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