



Massillon Council 554



Knights of Columbus

August, 2021

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

The global pandemic continues to take its toll affecting nearly every aspect of our daily decisions and customary way of life. Through the last year your Council has done an exceptional job of remaining relevant in our community through our charitable programs and volunteering efforts. If you have wanted to get involved and express your faith through charitable good works, there are many ways you can help our community, in spite of the COVID pandemic, by joining your fellow brothers in service. We need you, please stay in touch with us.

Save the Date: The Catholic Men's Conference will take place on Saturday September 18, 2021, at St. Thomas High School in Louisville. Registration and coffee will commence at 8:00 AM, Morning Prayer at 9:00 AM, and the Welcoming Remarks and Presentations at 9:15 AM. Bishop Bonnar will be joining us and he will celebrate Mass at noon. Also, the Stark Co. Right to Life Annual Celebrate Life Dinner will be held at St. Barbara's this year on September 18, 2021. These are two worthy causes that we are supporting and they need your support, please contact an officer if you can participate or have any questions.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP THIS MONTH

Coming in August, each member will receive a letter from us. The mailing will include two Football Craze Fundraiser Tickets. Depending on the number of tickets sold, our council can receive a full or partial credit toward the fees that the state council assesses us for each member. Additionally, we earn a rebate check for each ticket sold. The more tickets sold - the more rebate earned - the more our charitable mission will benefit. Last year we sold 70 tickets but if we can increase participation to 140 tickets, we can earn an additional \$1 per ticket for charity. Buying only one ticket or partnering sales with other charitable organizations can help us substantially! We appreciate any participation that you can provide.

Please attend the next Council Meeting on August 10th at 7:00 pm when we will be voting on the final budget for fraternal year 2021-'22. Unfortunately, due to declining membership, declining member participation, and a bevy of delinquent dues, we have had to eliminate donations to many worthy charities.

Please continue to pray for the success of our charitable mission in the new fraternal year, the end of COVID, and for all of our members who are ill, suffering, or have lost a loved one. May the peace and love of Christ guide you always.

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

Some months ago, the Supreme Board of Directors presented new rules for conducting a regular Council Meeting. One rule states that at the closing prayer the Council Chaplain is to lead the members in the Prayer for the Canonization of our Founder, Blessed Michael McGivney. This is very appropriate for our Council Meetings at the present time- a time when there are so many changes in pastors of parishes and changes in parish boundaries and functions. Just as we are experiencing many changes in the life of many parishes, we can ask the prayers of Blessed Michael McGivney who experienced many changes in his parish life. While he is best known for his ministry in a parish in New Haven, where he founded the Knights of Columbus, he spent his last six years-which was half of his priestly life- in Thomaston, including service in the mission church in nearby Terrysville. In Thomaston he would shoulder many challenges that today's pastors might recognize- parish debt and a chronic priest shortage. He needed the assistance of members of the Knights of Columbus just as parishes do today. Let us ask Blessed Michael McGivney to pray for us that Knights today will be a strong part of parish life.

Fraternal Report, by Ken Girt PGK

On our Member Sick List: Gerald Meyer, Bill Ringley, Ron Blogna, Bill Hamit, Jim Kracker, Richard Rootes, John Scheetz, Walt Featheringham, Paul Renier, Sam Meyer, Ron Kurpieski, Mike Ziegelhofer, Ted Burch, Tim Paul & Chuck Meyer.

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 330-608-7949.

What's Happening in...

.....August, 2021

- 1 12-3 PM Council Family Picnic
- 3 7:00 PM 4th Degree Meeting - Ladies Night Picnic at Pavilion.
- 10 7:00 PM Reg. Council Meeting, Budget Vote
- 11 7:00 PM DVD Degree – Call Ken at 330-608-1729 to reg
- 12 7:00 PM Stark County Chapter Meeting
- 15 **Feast of the Assumption**
- 24 6:00 PM Program Director's Meeting
- 6:30 PM Officers and Trustees Meeting
- 31 6:30 PM Council Social Program

.....September, 2021

- 6 **Labor Day**
- 7 7:00 PM 4th Degree Meeting
- 8 7:00 PM DVD Degree – Call Ken at 330-608-1729 to reg
- 9 7:00 PM Stark County Chapter at Co 554
- 11 8:30 AM Patriot's Day Mass St Joseph
- 14 7:00 PM Reg. Council Meeting
- 21 5:00 PM MKF Clubroom Dinner
- 22 1:00 PM Bloodmobile
- 28 6:00 PM Program Director's Meeting
- 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

Family, Knight and Volunteer of the Month for July

Congratulations to **Jeremiah (JJ) Jones, his wife Chrissy, and their sons Kyle, and Jaxon** for being selected as our Family of the Month for July. They belong to St. Mary's Parish where JJ became a Catholic during the RCIA process. JJ helps with the St Vincent de Paul food pantry unloading the Thursday truck of food. He also is a substitute organist for St. Mary's. All four of the Jones family helped with the St. Mary landscaping project on July 24.

We also congratulate **John Dorka** for being selected Knight of the Month for July. John belongs to St. Mary's parish and helps with our Wednesday Hot Lunch program. He also helps unload the Thursday truck of food on occasions.

We also congratulate **Sue Hall** as our Volunteer of the Month for July. Sue volunteers at our Wednesday Hot Lunch program and is active at our Monday Bingo. She is the daughter of PGK Paul and Rita Lucchesi.

Columbian Ladies Guild, by Karen Franz

Columbian ladies a reminder to mark your calendar for the fourth(4th) Tuesday of September. This is our new meeting date we will be meeting at 7. Several new items for the agenda include: Columbian ladies' cupboard, cupboard keys, programs, donations. Up-coming events Memorial mass, Christmas party. Please pass this information along to other Columbian ladies. We are looking forward to seeing everyone and hope that we will have a good turnout for our first meeting. God Bless You;

Fraternal Membership Report, by Ken Girt, Council Membership Director

Council 554 welcomes five new members during the past fraternal year (July 12020 to June 30, 2021). They are: **Steve Norris**, proposed by his father Michael Norris, **Dr. John Roseman**, proposed by Ken McLaughlin, **Graham Zeneri** proposed by Ken McLaughlin, **Jeremiah (JJ) Jones**, proposed by Ken McLaughlin, and **Christian Campbell**, proposed by his father Jeff Campbell. Each of the new members, along with their proposer, were included in our Membership Recruitment Incentive drawing for a polo shirt. And the winner drawn at our July 13 meeting, was **Jeremiah (JJ) Jones** and his proposer Ken McLaughlin. Congratulation JJ and Ken. We will continue our Recruitment Drawing for the 2021-2022 fraternal year.

Our recruitment effort for the new fraternal year started off great. Council 554 welcomes **Dave Harman**, husband of our Complex Manager Julie, who took his degree on July 12 and **Charles Ted Brahm**, a reapplication for membership, proposed by Jim Brelish. Ask someone you know to join the Knights of Columbus today!

Cleveland Browns Season Kickoff Steak Fry

Saturday, August 14, 2021 at 5:00. In the Clubroom

2 Steak Dinners for \$25.00. For reservations, call: 330-837-9101

Please come out and get your square on the board for the season for \$25.00 a square. Numbers change every week. If you can't make it to the Steak Fry you still can get a square on the board anytime at the Clubroom as long as they last.

The Massillon Knights Foundation

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

Foundation Report, *By Paul Lambert, President*

Here it is the beginning of August and with the summer almost gone I hope everyone has been healthy. The new variance of the virus is around, and I hope everyone is being careful and has gotten the vaccine so can put this past year behind us. Please check on your neighbors and family to make sure they don't need anything.

I want to thank everyone who has been supporting the club on Wednesday and Friday nights. Also, the card players on Monday and Thursday.

The Browns Kickoff Steak Fry will be on Saturday, August 14, 2021 at 5:00. We will have 2 Steak Dinners for \$25.00. Make your reservation now. Please come out and get your square on the board for the season for \$25.00 a square. Numbers change every week. If you can't make it to the Steak Fry you still can get a square on the board anytime at the Club as long as they last.

We want to expand the patio and put a covered roof on it. This way we can use it more often and for different events. To help cover expense for this renovation, the K-Club is sponsoring a special 50/50 drawing in the clubroom, which will be drawn at half time of the Browns first pre-season game on August 14.

We are also going to try a Dart Team this fall. More information to follow

Clubroom Report, *Julie Harman, Complex Manager*

Happy August! I hope everyone is having a nice summer, despite all the rain! Since the COVID-19 pandemic we have brought back the 50-cent drawing (drawn on every Thursday at 9:30PM), and the \$5.00 monthly drawing (drawn on the last Friday of every month) and don't forget to come in every Tuesday for the Queen of Hearts!

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

I am still looking for cooks and servers; please apply at the office Monday thru Friday 8AM-12PM or online at massillonkofc554@ssnet.com.

We are also getting ready for this football season as well!! There will be a steak fry on Saturday, August 14th during the Browns' first pre-season game vs. Jacksonville. Doors open at 5:00PM and dinner will be at 6:00PM you can make your reservations at the bar. We are having 50/50 drawing for the patio upgrade which will be drawn at halftime on the 14th. There will also be door prizes, tip boards, and corn hole during the game!

Due to lack of interest, the kitchen will NOT be open on Thursday's starting August 1st.

I hope to see you all on August 14th and have a great rest of the summer!

Massillon Knights Foundation Complex - Business Hours

K-Club Bar: Hours: open Monday thru Friday from 4:00 to 11:00 p.m.

K-Club Dining: The Kitchen opens on Wednesday & Friday from 4 to 8. Kitchen closed Saturday



**Council 554's Annual
Family Picnic
Sunday, August 1, 2021
Food served from 12:00 to 2:00**

For all Members of Council 554, Columbian Ladies Guild, Social Members, Isabellas and their families; and our Member's Widows. Volunteers needed; please contact any Council Officer.



Friday Fish Fry's

Every Friday 4:00 to 8:00 PM In our Clubroom
With weekly specials. Take-Out meals available.

PRAYER DURING CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

O clement, O loving, O sweet Mother Mary. We, your children of every nation, turn to you in this pandemic. Our troubles are numerous; our fears are great. Grant that we might deposit them at your feet. Take refuge in your Immaculate Heart, and obtain peace, healing, rescue, and timely help in all our needs. You are our Mother. Pray for us to your Son. 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

Our Massillon Parish and Knights of Columbus Websites:

St. Mary: <https://www.stmarymassillon.com/>

St. Joseph: <https://www.sites.google.com/view/stjosephmassillon/home>

St. Barbara: <https://www.saintbarbaraparish.com/>

Knights of Columbus Supreme Council: <http://www.kofc.org>

Ohio State Council Knights of Columbus: <http://www.kofcohio.org>

Massillon Council 554: <http://www.massillonkofc554.org>

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>.



Insurance Report, by Stephen Hamrock, FIC

Here it is August already...and the summer is more than halfway over. I hope that you are enjoying some rest and relaxation!

I can't seem to pick up anything to read, whether it's a newspaper, some type of news feed on my computer, or a periodical, without finding articles about retirement. With so many baby boomers getting to that age I guess I should expect it. Articles tell me how to boost my retirement, how to save for retirement, how to use certain plans to have a successful retirement. Some of these articles talk about maximizing the money that I've saved, some talk about maximizing my government benefits, some talk about how I can lower my taxes in retirement. Some articles talk about retirement without even retiring, they say keep on working or take on a new job in the gig economy. Frankly, that doesn't seem like much of a retirement to me.

When I retire, I want to do some of those things I've put off over my working years: spend more time with family, travel, get immersed in my hobbies...those kinds of things. I've begun a bucket list to keep track of all the things I'd like to do when I retire.

Here are a few of my thoughts about retirement:

1. I want to retire "to" something, not "from" something. Many believe that the rocking chair on the front porch kills retirees. Retirement means having something different to engage in, not simply sitting around and doing nothing.
2. "Begin with the end in sight." One of the seven habits of successful people as espoused by Stephen Covey. What do you want your retirement to look like? What do you want to do, where do you want to go, how do you want to continue to contribute to your church, your council, and your community?
3. Have goals and have a plan. If you begin with the end in sight, now you have to make a plan on how you want to get there. *Write it down, make it happen*, the book by Henriette Klauser might be helpful. A goal without a plan to get there is just a dream.

I've talked to a number of members and their spouses lately and retirement always comes up as a topic of conversation when we review their current situation. It doesn't seem to matter their age. I've had members as young as 35 and as old as 70 over the past couple of months want to talk about retirement and making sure that they're set at some point in the future. Let's face it, the 35 year old has a lot more time to plan. Time is an ally for him. As changes occur in the economy, he has time to make course corrections. He has time to contribute more to meet the family's income goals, he'll probably earn more as he progresses in his career. For the older member, time is no friend. Less time to earn income, less time to cope with the vagaries of the economy, and topped out in earning power. The closer one gets to the planned retirement age, the more important that a strategy be in place.

That's where I can help. Our new financial needs analysis tool allows me to plug in your personal information and let you see where you stand. Are you accumulating enough funds to meet your retirement income goal? Are there ways to make sure you'll never run out of money in retirement? Is your money safe and secure, not following the whims of the market?

Let's get together and make sure you have a strategy to put you in the winner's circle.

Vivat Jesus!





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Please note: There are three methods that a Catholic man or existing 1st or 2nd Degree member can advance to THIRD Degree.

Method 1. Ohio State Council Exemplification:

Attention 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 and Saturday morning at 9 am. 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. 330-608-7949

Procedure for Online Exemplification for Advancing Members:

1. The GK, FS or other council designee forwards the Exemplification Registration to members that wish to advance to the third degree.
2. The Exemplification Degree Link is sent to member after he registers.
3. Advancing Member attends the live online exemplification on Wednesday at 7 PM or Saturday at 9:00 AM. 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. 330-608-7949

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 link to Exemplification Registration
5. NEW MEMBER accesses the registration link, choosing either Saturday 9:00 AM Degree or 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 and Saturdays at 9AM. 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
 Ken Girt, Membership Chairman: girtken@sssnet.com



Method 2. Massillon Council 554 Exemplification:

Council 554 will continue to offer the Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity ever Second Wednesday of the month, with a DVD of the ceremony at 7:00 PM. This is for new members as well as current 1st Degree and 2nd Degree members wishing to advance to the full 3rd degree of the Order. It is a 35-minute video. Please contact Ken Girt to register. 330-608-7949 or girtken@sssnet.com.

Method 3. Supreme Council "On Demand" Exemplification:

A new candidate or advancing member can use the Supreme Council "ON Demand" Exemplification procedure. This ceremony can be seen ANY DAY, and ANYTIME of day.

For instructions, go to:

- www.KofC.org/Ceremonials
- Click on [ONLINE EXEMPLIFICATION]
- Click on [ENGLISH INVITATION]
- Click on [VIEW ON DEMAND]
- Complete the registration form and click [SUBMIT]
- Follow the instructions.

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 served from 10:45 am to 12:00 pm. During the current COVID-19 pandemic, the meals are for take-out only. New 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 councils can purchase boxes of new coats for need 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 approximately 8 to 10 volunteers for cleanup in the spring and fall. Cleanup detail usually lasts between two to three hours on a Saturday morning. If interested, contact Matt Meyer at 330-284-9365

Round Table St. Barbara Parish (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 fourth 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 Parish (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 second Friday of the month at 12:30 pm preceding the closing of the Holy Eucharist Adoration.
- 2 **Church Sanitization during pandemic.** Members of the St. Joseph Round Table help sanitize the church following Sunday Mass. Please come to the back of the church after Mass to help.
- 3 **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 .
- 4 **Soup Kitchen** Council 554 members volunteer at our "Soup Kitchen" held every Monday. Lunch is provided to approximately 150 people every week.
- 5 **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 Church activities

Round Table St. Mary Parish (Contact Ken Girt, PGK 330-608-749 email: girtken@sssnet.com)

- 1 **Divine Mercy Chaplet.** Council 554 Round Table members promote a monthly recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet every Wednesday at 3:00 pm during the Holy Eucharist Adoration in the parish center chapel.
- 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 330-837-6670.
- 4 **Landscaping parish grounds.** St Mary Round Table members are asked to gather to provide landscaping and miscellaneous repair for the church grounds. If interested in, please call Ken Girt at 330-837-6670.
- 5 **“Confessional Guard Duty”** One of the premier projects for the Parish Round Table is providing security for our priest(s) during our Saturday scheduled confession, from 11:00 am until end. Members use the time for prayer, Stations of the Cross, rosary, reading and making confession themselves. A yearly schedule is created for our volunteers. If you are interested in helping, please call Ken Girt at 330-837-6670.
- 6 **Church Sanitization during pandemic.** Members of the St. Mary Round Table help sanitize the church following Sunday Mass.

Council 554 Meeting Minutes: DATE 7/13/21 present: 11

Minutes from Previous Meeting: Approved as written in newsletter

GK Report: St Mary Roundtable committee for mulching 27yds on July 24 at 8 am brig glove and shovels. Wheel barrels if you have them. July 20th at 7 pm installation of officers. July 27th officers and trustee meeting August 22nd at 1pm Mass and parish picnic which includes 5 parishes St Philips St James Holy Family and 3 from Massillon

Chaplains Report: The importance of attending Mass. In his Right for life bulletin, it says to go to No taxpayer abortion. com and to contact your congressman. We have not paid for abortions for 45 years

Financial Report: Approved as emailed.

Membership Report: Motion for reinstatement of Charles (Ted) Brahm - approved. Motion for new member, Dave Harman- approved.

Other Reports:

Program Activity Report:

1. **FAITH** – Silver Rose at St Peter’s Church in Canton on July 12. 6 members in attendance. Men’s Fellowship on Sept 18 at St Thomas HS. Need members to attend.
2. **FAMILY** – Family picnic on August 1st. Food Noon to 2pm.
3. **COMMUNITY** – No Report
4. **LIFE** – Stark County Right to Life Dinner at St. Barbara’s on September 18.

Squires – Counselors need to update training for Safe Environment.

4th Degree: Graham Zeneri is going to take his 4th degree in October degree in Boardman.

Insurance Report: None

District Deputy’s report: Matt Meyer Really proud of this council and the effort everyone put in during the past year during the pandemic. June 24th stark county chapter meeting live in person at St. Mike’s. Get a jump on next fraternal year. Playing catch up makes it much more difficult. Silver Rose is coming to Ohio.

Old Business: Council decided not to pursue credit card for Financial Secretary. Paul will use his own.

New Business: **Recruitment** Drawing for the KofC polo shirt. Winner Jeremiah Jones that Ken McLaughlin brought to the KofC. Council Budget first reading. Second reading and vote will be at the August 10 meeting. Significance of Football tickets implied and partnering with someone for charities.

Other New Business: Former District Deputy Gary Lamielle presented State Council Silver Award to grand knight. He thanked Ken McLaughlin and Ken Girt for their work on programming.

Good of the order: June 2021 Family of the Month: Bob and Mary Kring, Knight of the Month: Ken McLaughlin

Grand Knight’s Summary Despite covid, we have been quite active with our programs and appreciate all the work everyone has done this year.

From our Financial Secretary Paul Haig, FS, PGK

My Brother Knights; the following members have invalid addresses and phone numbers, and we would like to get in contact with them. If you know these brother knights, would you be so kind as to forward me their phone numbers or ask them to contact me. I can be reached at 330-837-1411 (Financial Secretary Office: leave a message) or email at haig@sssnet.com.

Mark J. Etter

Timothy Shark

Jeffery McMahan

James Guarendi

Robert Kerschenske

Frank Montini

Todd Ostapack

Richard M. Waytko

Matthew B. Konen

Larry Null

Carl J. Scheetz

Richard D. Paul

Paul E. Hutchison

Jeremey M. Fraelich

If you are having difficulty paying dues, please contact me to discuss. You are an important part of our council and we need you to help us support our charity work. Thank you. Paul Haig, FS

Massillon KofC SNAPSHOTS



Volunteers from the St Mary – KofC 554 Round Table committee worked on Saturday, July 25, spreading 18 yards of mulch around the church and rectory. Photo by Grand Knight Ken McLaughlin.

Council 554 Round Table Initiative: Divine Mercy Chaplet Recitation

Massillon Council 554 is resuming our promotion and participation in the **Divine Mercy Chaplet** recitation each month in our local parishes. Our Lord said through his apparitions to St. Faustina: "It pleases me to grant everything souls ask of me by saying the chaplet." The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us — all of us. And, he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

The schedule is as follows:

St. Joseph The chaplet recitation at St. Joseph Parish is scheduled on the third Friday of the month at 12:30 PM, in the church following the Blessed Sacrament Exposition which runs from 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM.

St. Mary The chaplet recitation at St. Mary Parish is scheduled each Wednesday at 3:00 PM, in the chapel in the parish center on 1st Street.

St. Barbara The chaplet recitation at St. Barbara Parish is scheduled on the fourth Tuesday of the month, 9:45 AM, in the church, following the 9:00 am morning Mass. The Chaplet is said during the Eucharistic Adoration.

All are welcome at all of the scheduled recitations.

Measure Up Campaign. As you know, our support for our citizens with developmental disabilities has been the flagship charity of the Knights of Columbus for decades. Here on the local level, our council members solicited donations around \$6,000 to \$7,000 from shoppers at K Mart, Boerdner's, and many local businesses for years. But we have difficulty locating stores and volunteers to continue this effort. One way we can collect for this charity is by your "Gimme 5" donation when you pay your dues. Even if you no longer pay dues and want to donate \$5, please mail to **Massillon Council 554, 988 Cherry Road, Massillon, OH 44647**. Or drop off at the council during your next visit. Thank you for your support for our "special" citizens.

RIGHT TO LIFE OF STARK COUNTY ANNUAL “CELEBRATE LIFE DINNER”

**Saturday, September 18, 2021. Doors Open 5 pm Dinner at 6 pm.
St. Barbara Parish Life Center**

Save the date, Saturday, September 18, 2021 for our annual “Celebrate Life Dinner”. This year the dinner will be held at Saint Barbara Parish Life Center, 2813 Lincoln Way West, Massillon, Ohio. The speaker for the evening will be Emily Whiting from Doylestown, Ohio. Emily’s Theme and Topic will be: In the Image of God, He Created Them. Emily felt during the time she grew up that she was pro-life. She said that Life is a gift-Not a Given. From the time Emily and her husband were told their baby would not be healthy they embraced their pregnancy which overwhelmed the office staff. They were advised by the doctor that they had to move quickly to do some testing because it would soon be illegal to terminate the pregnancy. Terminating the pregnancy was never a question for Emily and her husband after learning their baby would be facing many malformations.

Space will be limited because of social distancing and at the advice of the Massillon Health Department as we get closer to the event date. This year it was a board decision that we would not charge for our event. We will hold a silent auction of baskets made and donated by our board members. Baskets may include Golfing, Cleveland Indians, Chocolates, and Lottery Tickets to name a few. If you wish, you may bring diapers, wipes, or formula to be given to a Local Pregnancy Center. Please know that safety guidelines will be followed.

Doors will open at 5:00 pm and dinner at 6:00 pm. Saint Barbara Mass time is 4:30 pm. Mail your reservations to: RIGHT TO LIFE OF STARK COUNTY, PO Box 8834, Canton, Ohio 44711 **OR** by phone at 330-837-4227 **OR** email Mary at mak19812016@hotmail.com

Name (please print) _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

Email _____

I would like to make _____ Reservations. Reservation deadline is September 11, 2021

RIGHT TO LIFE OF STARK COUNTY AND STARK COUNTY FAIR

The Stark County Fair will be held from Tuesday, August 31, 2021 through Labor Day, Monday, September 6, 2021. Right to Life of Stark County will again have a booth in the Exhibition Hall. Some changes are being made this year with buildings. Jim Griffin and Paul Crowley, board members, have stepped forward this year to serve as co-chairmen. Will you please consider working a few hours in our booth to promote LIFE? If you would like to work, please call Jim at 330-478-2297 or email jgriffin18@neo.rr.com. You may also contact the Right to Life office at 330-837-4227, or email Mary at mak19812016@hotmail.com.

As is our custom, we will have a Baby Basket filled with baby items to be drawn at the conclusion of the Fair on Labor Day. Stop by our booth and register for the Baby Basket. **LIFE IS PRECIOUS!**



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The Most Reverend
David Bonnar
Bishop of the Diocese of Youngstown

Keynote Speaker: Raymond N. Guarendi

Raymond N. Guarendi, aka Dr. Ray, is a practicing clinical psychologist and authority on parenting and behavioral issues active in the Catholic media, and is also a well known author. Guarendi is a father of ten adopted children, a clinical psychologist, author, professional speaker, and national radio and television host.



His radio show, "The Dr. Is In" can be heard on over 440 stations and Sirius XM channel 130. His TV show, "Living Right With Dr. Ray" can be seen on EWTN Global Catholic Network and is aired in 140 countries.

Dr. Ray's radio show - "The Doctor Is In" can be heard weekdays on over 440 stations and Sirius XM satellite radio, channel 130. Or Prefer listening locally on WILB Radio.

2021 Schedule of Events

8:00 Registration, coffee & donuts

Morning prayer with Exposition
Reconciliation and Rosary

Welcome, announcements and presentations

Keynote speaker Ray Guarendi:
"Catholic men are not wimps."

Affirmation of clergy

Ray Guarendi 2nd presentation:
"The Logic of being Catholic"

Presentations and raffle

Keynote speaker Bishop David J. Bonnar:
"Letting Go of Fear-Embracing Faith"

Conference announcements and remarks
CMFDoy Frank Gociner / Mark Violand

Noon Mass with Bishop Bonnar

*Note: Spouses & Families are invited to
attend the Mass.*