



Massillon Council 554



Knights of Columbus

March, 2020

Grand Knight's Report, by Robert Pittinger, Grand Knight

We had our 200-club dinner on Friday, February 7th and I believe everyone had a good time. A special thanks to Terri and her staff for a wonderful meal and outstanding service.

Sunday, February 23rd we conducted our First Third Degree ceremony and we had five 1st Degree Knights along with twenty other Knights making their 3rd Degree. The ceremony was well attended with 76 people present. This was the first time the public was permitted to attend the Degree ceremony. Our new Degree team did an outstanding job, I want to thank all who made this ceremony so memorable.

The season of Lent is a wonderful time to renew our faith life. Christ gave all for us because he so loved us. Forty Day for Life starts on February 26th, Ash Wednesday and runs till April 5th. I believe we can take the 40 days of Lent leading up to the greatest event the world has ever known, the resurrection of our Lord and SAVIOR Jesus Christ, and use them for renewal acts of charity towards our fellow men and women. Instead of giving something up for Lent maybe doing something for others would be a good way of honoring our Lord's sacrifice.

Our Council 554 along with the Massillon, Canton, Stark County Catholic and Christian churches will be having a peaceful prayer vigil focused on the 40 Days for Life at Planned Parenthood. Please find the time to join us starting Sunday, March 1st and every Sunday during Lent until Palm Sunday at 2663 Cleveland Ave NW. Canton (across from the Post Office). The vigil will start at 2 P.M. with the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. On Palm Sunday at 3 P.M. we will be doing the Stations of the Cross. I hope and pray that you will join us in saying the Rosary and Chaplet on the Sundays during Lent.

We will have a Membership Drive at our parishes in March, check your church bulletin for details.

March 24th after the Officers and Trustees Meeting there will be a Council Social Night with our wives and friends. All Knights are welcome, you do not have to be an Officer or Trustee to attend the Social. The social starts after the meetings usually around 7:00 pm. It is a great way to meet your fellow Knights. There will be food and drinks provided. We will also have a Bunco tournament.

If you have not paid your dues, please pay them as soon as possible.

Check your newsletter for the MKF Clubroom Dinners. I also hope you take time to come out to the K of C and have a meal and enjoy all the things going on at your club.

Please try to make our council meetings. We would love to see you. As always please pray the rosary a wonderful devotion especially during Lent. Pray for the unborn

Club Room Hours: Monday thru Saturday: 4 PM until Closing (last customer served)

Dining Room Hours: Wed and Thur: 5 - 8 PM, Friday; 4 – 8 PM (Lent 4 - 9 PM)

Council Meetings: 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 PM Social Meeting 4th Tuesday at 7:30 PM

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

Sincere congratulations to those who received degrees at our first new exemplification ceremony. We had women and children in attendance-I believe I even heard the cry of one baby. It was a great ceremony and so easy to understand.

As we continue with the 2020 Lenten season, we have the laws of fast and abstinence to observe. We also have a special "Night for Confession"- Wednesday, March 11 in all the parishes of our Diocese. The Confessions will be heard from 6:30 P.M. to 8 P.M. We also have a Diocesan Men's Day at Aquinas High School on Saturday March 21st.

Could I make one big suggestion for one of your Lenten resolutions? Would you concentrate on bringing one man into our great Council? If each of us does that, our Council will be in great hands. Have a truly Blessed Lent!

What's Happening in...

.....March, 2020

3 7:00 PM 4th Degree Meeting
 10 7:00 PM Reg. Council Meeting;
 Nom/Elect delegates State Convention
 12 7:00 PM Stark County Chapter Meeting
 17 St. Patrick's Day
 5:00 PM MKF Clubroom Dinner
 7:30 PM Columbian Ladies Meeting
 18 1:00 PM Bloodmobile
 21 9:00 AM DOY Men's Fellowship
 24 6:00 PM Program Director's Meeting
 6:30 PM Officers and Trustees Meeting
 7:30 PM Council Social Night
 31 7:00 PM Past Grand Knights Meeting/Dinner

.....April, 2020

7 7:00 PM 4th Degree Meeting
 11 10:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt (Pavilion)
 12 **Easter**
 11:00 AM Easter Buffet
 14 7:00 PM Reg. Council Meeting
 16 7:30 PM Stark County Chapter moved from Holy Thurs
 21 5:00 PM MKF Clubroom Dinner
 7:30 PM Columbian Ladies Meeting
 28 6:00 PM Officers and Trustees Meeting
 7:00 PM Council 554 Youth Awards

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

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. We will also have a supply of this four-page printed bulletin available each month for pick-up in our clubroom. We encourage you to read the complete electronic newsletter on our website.... <http://www.massillonkofe554.org>. We have included information on several local fundraising efforts for charity on the last pages of the electronic website issue. And information on the annual Catholic Men's Fellowship Conference at St. Thomas Aquinas high school on March 21 on page 5

And I would like to extend my congratulations and best wishes to our Complex Manager, Mary Ann Cowley for her 16 years of service to the Massillon Knights of Columbus.

Fraternal Report, by Ken Girt PGK

On Our Sick List: Gerald Meyer, Bill Ringley, Ron Blogna, Bill Hamit, Jim Kracker, Richard Rootes, John Scheetz, Walt Featheringham, John Williams, Paul Renier & Chuck Meyer. If you want your name added to our sick list, or if you know of a member who should be added, please send me an email at girtken@sssnet.com or call 330-837-6670.

Family of the Month and Knight of the Month for November.

Congratulations to **Mike and Debbie Szillat** for being selected as our Family of the Month for February. They are very active in our Squires and the recent Breakfast with St. Nick. We also congratulate **Duane Anderson** for being selected Knight of the Month for February. Duane is active at St. Barbara's parish.

In Memoriam: Joseph A. Mysza

Joseph A. Mysza, 97, of Jackson Township, passed away on February 2. He was born on May 7, 1922 in Orient, Pennsylvania. Joe proudly served his country in the United States Army during WWII and landed on the beaches of Normandy. He served in the 961st Field Artillery Battalion and earned 4 Bronze Stars.

Joe retired from Union Drawn, a division of Republic Steel, as Senior Manager and had over 20 years of service. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Massillon for many years, as well as the Knights of Columbus and the Massillon VFW Post 3124.

Joe is survived by his wife, Maryann; sons Joseph and Jeffrey. He was preceded in death by his son Robert.

In Memoriam: Robert J. Gold

Robert passed away on February 3, 2020, surrounded by his loving family. Robert is the recipient of one of the highest awards, the Saint Maruitz Medal and two Purple Hearts. He will be sadly missed by all; especially the 1st of the 50th Military Group. "Play the Game". Bob leaves behind the love of his life, wife of almost 20 years, Sharon; two loving sons, Mark and Chris.

Columbian Ladies Report

The Columbian Ladies have renewed their annual donation to the Quota Club. This organization provides hearing aids for low children from low income families. We will continue to look at needed items for the kitchen at the hall.

The ladies were reminded that their donations and or their physical beings are needed to help out with Bingo. This is one of the few money raising activities that the ladies have during the year.

Dues were to be paid in January --- To Elaine Lambert or can be left at the bar in an envelope with your name, address and phone number. If you have not paid your dues please do so as soon as possible.

We wish Mary Ann Cowley (our Knights of Columbus Hall Manager) good luck in her future endeavors. Mary Ann will be retiring as of February 28,2020

Please remember to keep our sick and nursing home residents that are Columbian Ladies in your prayers.

MKF Clubroom Dinner
March 17, 2020 Served 5-7 PM
Corn Beef & Cabbage or "All You Can Eat" Spaghetti
\$10 -Adults \$8-children age 2-12 Under 2-FREE

The Massillon Knights Foundation

Foundation Trustees 2019-2020: One-Year: Bill Shane (Vice President), Jeff Heitger (Secretary), Jim Sieber Two Year: James Brelish (Treasurer), Paul Lambert (President), Dave Cowley. Three-Year: John Williams, Bob Catazaro, Terry Phillips.

Foundation Report, By Paul Lambert, President

As all of you know there are going to be changes at the Massillon Knights Foundation. Please be patient with us as we go thru this transition period. It will probably take several months or longer to complete this transition.

Our Lenten season has begun so with that in mind remember the Fish Fry's at the Hall on Friday nights. Please come and support your club.

Our next Tuesday night dinner is March 17 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. We will be having corn beef and cabbage for \$10.00 or All You Can Eat Spaghetti for \$10.00. Children: \$8.00 and 2 and under free.

Thanks again to all the volunteers for helping us with the dinners and bingo.

Please Note: The Massillon Knights Foundation is in need of volunteers to work Bingo on Monday nights. Please consider donating three or four hours one or two nights a month to help working the food counter or working in the bingo hall. If you are able to help please call the office at 30-837-9101 and leave your name and phone number and we will contact you.

Complex Manager's Report, By Mary Ann Cowley, Complex Manager

This is officially my last report for the newsletter. As many of you already know I have retired from the position of your Complex Manager. I feel I have kept things going the last 16 years as your manager (and Secretary from 2001-2004) as best as I could, but it's time to move on.

At this time I would like to thank those who continuously supported my activities/parties/raffles/etc. Without all of you who supported these things, I wouldn't have been here this long. We strive to make the K Club a better place, so we try and create different things that would attract different faces, but over the 19 years, that never happened too much. I hope if your reading this article, that you stop and think of the new person coming in and taking over, and realize how much they need your support. It's very important to support your CLUB so your doors stay open. You certainly cannot rely on a handful of friends to come to everything and exhaust their wallet, when so many never support anything. It takes a lot of work and dedication to keep things going and people must realize this. I have dedicated 19 years, countless hours, etc. because I care, and I hope you all care about the Club as well.

A shout out to my dear husband, Dave who has just put up with me never being home all these years, and supporting

everything I have ever done up here. Also, to my daughter, Rachel, who was 8 years old when I started this job. We all make sacrifices and they certainly made a lot for me.

A shout out to Mike Johnson, our custodial Staff, yes, he is our WHOLE custodial Staff. Mike has a big complex to take care of, plus the grounds outside, and has done this by himself for a few years now. Thanks, Mike for your dedication and all you do for the Knights Foundation.

My Mom is also retiring her position as Bookkeeper, who has been here 15 years. I can't even say enough about this saintly woman who has put up with more than she ever dreamed possible. She has been a blessing to me in the office and out, and once again I couldn't have done it without her. So shout out to Marianne Jurkovich who was a wonderful asset to the office staff all these years, they are certainly going to miss your accuracy and reliability and willingness to do things that were not expected of you.

In closing I would like to thank Terri Paul, our cook who continuously tries to make it work in the kitchen as well, with the little bit of business she gets during the week. DON'T FORGET we have a restaurant here, and we still have bills to pay, if you want to go out to eat, stop at the K Club and have a sandwich, salad, wings etc. Fish Fry every Friday.

Thanks to all my bartenders, Stephanie, Betsy, Sandy, Lisa, Johnny, who have all been here a long time. Your dedication and willingness to work is impressive. I hope you all stop in some time and have a drink and meet your bartenders if you've never met them. Once again, we need to build up the bar business as well.

So with all that being said, thanks to The Massillon Knights Foundation for all you've done for me, for having the trust in me to manage and plan and keep the place going as best I could. God bless, and best of luck to all involved.

Bloodmobile - March 25, 2020 in the Pinta Room.

Bingo every Monday, doors open at 4 p.m. They are in dire need of Bingo volunteers as well. Call the office if you can volunteer once a month at bingo. Whether in the kitchen or with Bingo itself, 330-837-9101

Easter Buffet will be Sunday, April 12th. For reservations call 330-837-9101. More details in the next issue of the newsletter, (web-site).



Fish Fry's

Every Friday in our Clubroom 4:00 to 8:00 PM
During Lent, Friday fish dinners served from 4:00 to 9:00 PM

Bishop Massillon Assembly Fourth Degree

Faithful Friar	Fr. Raymond Paul 833-2607	Faithful Navigator	Matthew Meyer, 284-9365
Faithful Purser	Edward Shuman 854-3691	Faithful Inner Sentinel	Charles Meyer 833-0593
Faithful Captain	Roger Piper 936-0974	Faithful Outer Sentinel	Jim Coughlin, PFN
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Faithful Pilot	Leonard Hughes 834-5586	Faithful 3-year Trustee	Fred Russell, PFN 832-5420
Faithful Scribe	Mike Huryn	Commander	James Sieber, PFN 478-2363

Faithful Navigator Report, By Matt Meyer, Faithful Navigator

Our next 4th degree exemplification is coming up May 9th in Boardman. Details can be found at this website... <http://kofcohdist1.org/Youngstown/index.html> We need to continue to grow our patriotic degree so please consider joining. See me or another officer for an application form. We also need sponsors for the program book. If you know of anyone who would like to sponsor this let us know. They don't have to be a business. It can be an individual too. This helps to keep the costs down for the exemplification and for the new Sir Knights.

The spring gun show is coming up on April 4th and 5th and we could use some volunteers to help run the concession stand and also to donate some desserts.

Our next Ladies Night is April 7th so please put that on your calendar.

Confirmation season is coming up soon and it would be nice to have some members with the new uniform participate. We have a couple of SK's order new uniforms at this point and they will get \$100 back from the Assembly. Please look into getting a uniform.

8th Annual Catholic Men's Fellowship Conference

CONFERENCE 2020 MAKING YOUR VISION CLEAR



FEATURED SPEAKER
DR. RAY GUARENDI

TOPICS INCLUDE:

CATHOLIC MEN ARE NOT WIMPS
THE LOGIC OF BEING CATHOLIC

An energizing day of fellowship, prayer and engaging speakers...

- ☛ Keynote Presentation by Bishop George V. Murry
- ☛ Affirmation of Clergy
- ☛ Lunch, Fellowship and Reconciliation
- ☛ Rosary, Benediction/Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- ☛ Closing Mass with Bishop George V. Murry

MARCH 21ST, 2020

TICKET REQUIRED • REGISTER TODAY
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At St. Thomas Aquinas High School. 9AM to 4PM
Concludes with Mass with Bishop Murry

Insurance Report, by Stephen Hamrock, FIC

Brother Knights,

March brings thoughts of spring. For some, it's time to begin Daylight Savings Time; a little more sunlight into the evenings as the days become longer. For those in the north, it means looking forward to the thaw after winter. For some it is welcome relief after months of frigid temperatures, howling winds and heavy snow. Some in the south, who enjoy the milder winters, now realize again that after spring, a hot summer ensues.

Spring also brings thoughts of spring cleaning. After being cooped up all winter, it's traditional in many households to do that deep cleaning all throughout the house. That means washing down walls and moving furniture to clean behind pieces that haven't seen the light of day since last year's cleaning. It means taking down and washing drapes and curtains; windows are washed inside and out. (Thank goodness for modern tilt windows that mean no time outside in the chillier weather.) This is a time when the whole family is expected to pitch in and my "Honey Do" list gets longer and longer. (Personally, I'm the window washing guy.) In days gone by when most everyone had a coal fired furnace, a winter of closed windows meant the walls needed a good washing. With gas, electric and hot water boilers there's less of a need to wash walls, but for some, it's still a tradition. Spring is a time of renewal and revival.

While you're getting rid of all the old cobwebs of winter and freshening the house, now is a great time to do some sprucing up with a fresh look at your family's financial security.

As your Knights of Columbus Field Agent, I've been trained to help you through that important exercise. Sit down with me for a free financial-needs analysis using our Profiles+ Forecaster platform. I'll take the time to gather information from you, ask about your wants, needs and desires, and put together any recommendations to help you meet those needs.

With a wide range of products; life insurance, long-term care insurance, disability income insurance and retirement annuities, I can help you plan for your family's financial security now and for many years to come. All with the safety and security of dealing with a company that shares your faith and beliefs and invests in accordance with Church teaching. Be sure to ask about the new life insurance product, the Protector NLG Universal Life. It may be a fit for your particular needs.

Get ready for spring, get your home freshened up and make sure your financial house is spruced up. It's an easy and friendly visit from me, a brother Knight.

Vivat Jesus!



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New Membership Recruiting Tool – Council 554 Landing Page

Supreme Council has now created a “Landing Page” for recruiting members for Council 554. For those with I-Phones or I-Pads, you can save the link below as one of your web favorites. When you find a potential candidate, access the link, have your candidate enter the contact information and press [Submit]. The information goes to Supreme and copied to Council Membership Chairman Ken Girt. We will process the application and you will get credit for recruiting a new member. Just access the link below and save.
https://info.kofc.org/OH-Landing-Page-Council-554_Landingpage.html

Council 554 Round Table Initiative: Divine Mercy Chaplet Recitation

Council 554 members is conducting the **Divine Mercy Chaplet** recitation once a 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 chaplet should be said during the 3:00 hour, for all of us who need His divine mercy.

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 on the first Tuesday of the month, at 3:30 PM, in the chapel in the parish center on 1st Street. The recitation of the chaplet will be said prior to the regular Tuesday Mass for St. Dymphna at 4:00 PM.

St. Barbara The chaplet recitation at St. Barbara Parish is scheduled on the fourth Tuesday of the month, 3:00 PM, in the church.

All are welcome at all of the scheduled recitations. To learn more about the Divine Mercy Chaplet, visit...

<https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/praythechaplet.php>

Right to Life

Please find the time to join us starting the Sunday after Ash Wednesday on March 1st and every Sunday during Lent until Palm Sunday. K of C Council 554 along with the Massillon, Canton, Stark County Catholic and Christion churches will be having a peaceful prayer vigil focused on the 40 Days for Life at Planned Parenthood - 2663 Cleveland Ave NW. Canton (across from the Post Office). The vigil will start at 2 P.M. with the Rosary and the Devine Mercy Chaplet said. On Palm Sunday at 3 P.M. we will be doing the Stations of the Cross.

Super Cash Bonanza – Charity Raffle

By now, you should have received your 2020 Super Cash Bonanza tickets in the mail. Please help us receive the needed the ticket revenue for our council's charity donations. Buy or sell the tickets and return to the council in the envelop provided. Thanks. And good luck!



**At St. Barbara's Catholic Church
2813 Lincoln Way West**

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus
Massillon Council 554



Saturday, March 14, 2020 5:30 to 8:00 PM

(following 4:30 PM Mass at St Barbara's. Those attending Saturday evening Mass at St. Mary and St Joseph are invited as well)

Proceeds to benefit the Knights of Columbus
“Support Our Seminarians” Campaign



All contributions support the seminarians of the
Youngstown Diocese.

\$8.00 Adults - two meatball dinner.

\$3.00 Children 10 & under - one meatball dinner

Price includes spaghetti with meatballs, salad, bread,
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ROUNDUP TIME

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