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Knights News

December 2017

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Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights & Ladies:

Brothers, we are nearing the season of Advent, the beginning of the liturgical year in the Catholic Church. As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our savior Jesus Christ, let us be mindful of brother Knights, family and friends, and others in the community, those suffering in poor health, those who are alone and those who are facing difficult financial circumstances.

Many thanks to members who helped with Council activities this past month. The memorial service was a very moving tribute to our deceased members, and the Remembrance Day service at the cenotaph was well attended by brother Knights. Many thanks once again to Dave Wilby and all who helped make the walk-a-thon so successful. A total of \$18,000 was raised.

There are many things coming up that need your help: later in November, Beacon Herald phone books will be delivered, the annual parish skate and children's Christmas party at the RBC ice pad at the Rotary complex is on November 26, the Salvation Army Kettle Drive needs volunteers (call Ken), and please support the annual ham sale drive. On the social side, come and join brothers and spouses at the annual Christmas dinner on Friday December 15. See John Price for tickets.

Many of you have asked about purchasing a new council name tag. Let John price know if you would like one (271-9120). Finally a reminder that there will be a meal prior to the December council meeting, **Monday Dec. 4, 6:00 P.M. DINNER, 7:00 P.M. MEETING** and its **FREE**

Your Grand Knight
Ken Gaffney

In Memoriam

Please remember in your prayers the repose of the souls of Brother Joe Griffi who is also brother-in-law to Brother Harry Thomas, Roger Bourque, brother of Brother Ron Bourque, Arnold Van Herk, brother of Brother Bernie Van Herk, Marg Garneau, spouse of deceased Brother Louis Garneau. and Mike Pacia, brother of Brother Julio Pacia and for their families.

Sick and Shut-ins

Our prayers are requested for the following Knights who are either sick or shut in: Brothers Gary Birmingham, Father Richard Tremblay, Harry Thomas, Eugene Hagen, Al Grant, Marco Eusebi, Ron Bourque, Dave Franks, Frank Krauskopf, Steve Voros, Dave Crowley and Julio Pacia.

Also for Theresa Kelly, Debbie Mahood, Shirley Reeve, Anne Ryan-Murphy, Abigail Gregory-Mooney, Betty Dubrick, Mary Lou Palleschi, Myrna Hagen, Rose Iacobellis and Joyce Eusebi.

Message from your Chaplain

Dear Brother Knights,

By the time that you receive this bulletin, it will be nearly Advent. We will be beginning a new Church year. The season of Advent is one that is filled with waiting and longing for the coming of the Lord, at the end of the age and in every moment of our lives.

Waiting is not a popular virtue in our instant everything on demand society. But not all waiting is virtuous or hopeful. Waiting in line for a food parcel, lining up for a place to sleep for the night can be boring and monotonous and wear down the person's dignity and well-being. Advent waiting is different or should be. It is waiting with a purpose; it is waiting in hope. The season of Advent is a time of trusting in the promise of God, that God will be faithful.

The first Sunday of Advent might be described as a vigilant waiting for the Lord. It is not a time to wait in fear or dread, rather it is something that we long for and pray constantly that it may come to pass. Waiting in this season is something that we have to work as this pre-Christmas season can be overwhelmingly busy. Let us look for the Lord in our midst as we wait in hope for His coming.

I want to thank all of you for all that you have done over the last liturgical year. As we begin this new liturgical year, let it be a time of peaceful hopeful waiting as we prepare for birth of our saviour.

Your Chaplain,
Fr. Dick Bester

Bingo Schedule

November 15	Team 1	December 20	Team 2
November 22	Team 2	December 27	Team 3
November 29	Team 3	January 3	Team 4
December 6	Team 4	January 10	Team 1
December 13	Team 1	January 17	Team 2

Donations

St. Joseph's Church Restoration Fund	\$20,000
St. Joseph's Church (Festival of Prayer)	\$ 500
Simple Dreams	\$ 500
The Arthritis Society	\$ 800
Special Olympics (Ontario)	\$ 500

Notice of Dues

BROTHERS, the following notice is a reminder that 2018 is quickly coming upon us. This will mark the start of a new fraternal year. Please help our council fulfill its financial obligations by submitting your 2018 dues as soon as possible.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES **\$45.00**

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP DUES **\$15.00**

An Honorary member is one who is 65 old and has 25 years continuous service.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBER – DUES ARE FORGIVEN

An Honorary Life member is one who is 70 years old and has 25 years of continuous service.

If you are not certain of your status, please contact me prior to sending in your dues.

Fraternally yours

Gregg Bentley (519-271-4443)

Financial Secretary

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Charity Lottery Tickets

Brothers, we are fast approaching that time of year when we buy and sell State Lottery tickets. I am told the prize board will be similar to last year but will also include a camper and boat this year. Based upon last year's sales, we received a charity cheque @23.5% for \$3,327.60 and a council cheque @5% for \$708. In total, this is about \$900 more than we received the previous year. Your hard work pays off.

Jim is hopeful that we will have tickets to sell at the mall the week prior to Christmas.

Kilroy Council No 1431 Charitable Welfare Trust

As we approach the end of the calendar year we would like to remind everyone that should anyone wish to make a charitable donation & receive a charitable tax receipt, your donation would be greatly appreciated. Make cheque payable to “**Kilroy Council No 1431 Charitable Welfare Trust**” and mail or deliver to John Saman 29 Sutter St. Stratford, Ontario N4Z 1G7 **before December 27th**, so that the donation will show in our records for 2017.

You can also contribute to the Welfare Trust account by stipulating that any memorial donations made at the funeral home, in memory of friends & relatives, be made in favour of “Kilroy Council No 1431 Charitable Welfare Trust” and the funeral home will accommodate your request, after which we will issue you your charitable tax receipt.

Thanks to all who have contributed to the Charitable Welfare Trust account over the past years.

Brother John Saman

Phone book Deliveries

We are again delivering Beacon Herald phone books beginning November 24. Hopefully this can be completed before the winter weather sets in. Contact John Price to help. (271-9120)

Christmas Party

Friday December 15

6:00 p.m. cocktails: 7:00 p.m. dinner

\$20 available from John Price or at Immac's breakfasts
L&M caterers

Council Social Media

Facebook.com/kofc1431

Breakfast at Immac's

Every Thursday

Remembrance Day



Grand Knight Ken Gaffney lays wreath on Remembrance Day

**HAM SALES
(SAME PRICES AS LAST YEAR)**

2.5 LB \$12

5 LB \$23

10 LB \$44

Steimmler's Summer Sausage Chubb \$16 Pepperettes 24 @ \$10

**Order forms available at hall, church office or see John Price (271-9120)
or Harry Visser**

Return Order sheets to John Price by November 27

Pick-up Friday Dec 8 (2-4 & 7-9 pm) Saturday Dec. 9 (10-3 pm)

Other News

Membership: Three new members have transferred into our council. Dev Bhagwat, Randall Bhagwat , and Tony Boekkers . Welcome to each one of you.
Life Memberships were given to Fr. Dick Bester, Dave Franks, Michael Gomes, and Bernie Van Herk.

Boston Pizza (Oct. 30): One of our most successful nights at Boston Pizza netted a profit of \$1130. We have made a donation of \$1300 to the Kiwanis Basket Fund with these profits. Thanks Shawn Raiman and all who participated.

Euchre Night: Euchre-master Joe Lorentz reported that 83 people enjoyed a fine roast beef dinner and night of euchre on Friday Nov. 10. Profit from the evening was \$841. Thank you to all who helped with set-up, meal preparation and clean up: Joe Lorentz, Tony Vigar, Frank Nyenhuis, Frank Krauskopf, Jim Miron, Larry McCabe, Fred Dubrick, Lorne Johnston, Tom Gould, John Price, Mike Lobsinger, Fernando Pereira, Ken Gaffney, Gary Crowley, Andrew Crowley.

Field Agent and Fraternal Advisor: Dev Bhagwat and his son Randall are now members of Council 1431. November is Financial Planning & Insurance month and Dev encouraged us to be up-to-date with our wills and survivor benefits and cautioned members to be aware of fraudulent CRA and credit card calls. He recently attended a meeting of the London East diocese association and encourages Councils to support the St. Peter's Seminary restoration fund. He was encouraged by the response to his recruitment talks after masses last month and is hopeful that new members will join our council. In an aside from his presentation to parishioners, he mentioned a conversation with a woman who said the K of C is one of the best kept secrets . We must tell people more about who we are and what we do.

Basketball Free Throw Competition: School level completion date is Dec. 22
Council level at St. Mikes C.S.S., Tuesday January 23
District level competition, at Kinkora, TBA

Next Council Meeting: December 4. **DINNER PRIOR TO BUSINESS MEETING AT 6:00 P.M. IT'S FREE ☺** Regular Council meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Knight's Walk A Thon: Our recent Walk A Thon held Sept 17th was a great success raising over \$18,000 in support of our 2nd \$50,000 pledge to St. Joseph's Restoration. Thanks to all who supported us in any way.

Good of the Order: Pot of Gold 50/50 winner Dave Franks \$36

A Message from our Fraternal Advisor - Dev S. Bhagwat

To my Brother Knights and their families:

When I started as a Fraternal Advisor a little over a year ago, I was welcomed into to your homes as a Brother Knight , but as a stranger. Today, as I reflect on the past year, I can truly say that in many homes I am no longer a stranger, still a Brother Knight but now a member of a very large extended family.

The kindness and the warm welcome I receive, together with the invitations to sit at your table, to share a cup of coffee, a cold drink or a meal, convince me, that the Knights of Columbus and the role of the Fraternal Advisor is still relevant in today's society.

In some families the Knights of Columbus is a tradition, it is a membership passed on through the generations, from fathers to sons. A tradition of protection and Catholic family values, a tradition of bringing family, friends and the community together, a tradition of giving of ourselves in the numerous projects and causes we support in our parish and community.

Christmas is a time of giving, of opening our hearts and supporting those less fortunate . As members of the Knights of Columbus we do not only do this at Christmas time but throughout the year. By being active in our church, parish and communities, our members are living proof of the good works the Knights do and in this way we are an example to others and invite them to join our order that they may also enjoy the financial and fraternal benefits the Knights of Columbus have to offer.

My Brother Knights, I wish to thank you for your support, hard work and dedication to our mission. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and may the New Year be filled with peace, hope and joy!



Memorial Service

The following Brothers have passed on into the hands of our heavenly Father since All Souls Day 2016. May the memories of their works and friendships live on through others.

Franz Ebner

Frank Flood

Anthony Schneyderberg

Joe Griffi



Coming Events

Sunday Nov. 26 Skating party; Molson arena 1:15-2:15; Tim Taylor lounge 1-4 p.m.

Monday Dec. 4, 6:00 P.M. DINNER PRIOR TO 7:00 P.M. MEETING

Thursday Dec. 7 First Degree induction ceremony 7:30 p.m.

Friday Dec. 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception, mass at Immac's 7:00 p.m.

Friday Dec 8, Saturday Dec. 9 Handout of hams, our hall

Monday Dec. 11, Knights Inc. 7:00 p.m. Knights exec. 7:45 p.m.

Friday Dec. 15 Christmas Party 6:00 p.m. cocktails; 7:00 p.m. dinner, \$20

Sunday Dec. 25. Feast of the Nativity of the Lord, Christmas Day

Saturday Dec. 31. New Year's Eve Pot luck and card party, our hall



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