

# Kilroy Council 1431

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## Knights News

January 2021

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## ***Grand Knight's Message***

Dear Brother Knights & Ladies:

Here we are at the end of 2020. What a year it has been.

We Knights are followers of Christ, delivering the message of hope. Not hope in the sense of keeping our fingers crossed but hope grounded in faith, a belief that God will not abandon us. God goes with us, even now in this time of trial and testing

Some of us have been more fortunate than others so let us give thanks. For others struggling with health or financial issues, you continue to be in our prayers. The restrictions on visiting really takes away opportunities to share our support for you.

Thank you to members who came out to bag and deliver Beacon Herald phone books John Price estimates that 32 members, often with help from their family, participated with the delivery. This is the fastest we have been able to deliver these phone books.

The membership dues for 2021 has been kept at \$45. It will greatly assist our Council Account to have your membership paid before the end of January 2021. See the message further on in the bulletin from newly appointed Financial Secretary, Mike Lobsinger. Please consider an early membership renewal.

Betty and I wish each you a very happy Christmas and send our best wishes for 2021.

Stay safe.

Your Grand Knight,  
Fred Dubrick

### ***Sick and Shut-ins***

Our prayers are requested for the following Knights who are either sick or shut in: Brothers Father Richard Tremblay, Harry Thomas, Eugene Hagen, Marco Eusebi, Frank Krauskopf, Steve Voros, Dennis Jimenea, John Dario, Father Keith Morrison, Dave Wilby, and Jim Shular.

Also for Debbie Mahood, Abigail Gregory-Mooney, Louise Gould, Theresa Theijsmeijer, Jane Mullin, Kathy Henderson, and Leslie Psutka.

### ***In Memoriam***

Please remember in your prayers the repose of the souls of Brother Roger Trites and Leona Fleming, mother of Brother Kevin Fleming and for their families.

## *Chaplain's Message*

Dear Brother Knights,

When we think about the Christmas story, we do not always think about what a total disruption it must have been to Joseph and Mary, during all their stresses and pressures, to get up and go to Bethlehem because of a totally unexpected edict from a faraway emperor. What turmoil this may have caused, we can only guess. Like them, we are able to prepare for the expected. It is the unexpected that causes so much more stress. Whether in Bethlehem two thousand years ago, or Canada in 2020, this has been the case for us today. The completely unexpected COVID-19 pandemic has changed so much for every one of us.

So, I am sure you won't be surprised that our plans for celebrating Christmas this year must also change. I have heard many times that planning during this pandemic is like building a plane while it is flying. My planning for Christmas celebrations in our parishes feels like that. As I am sure yours does as well.

Thank You for your support during these challenging times. Let us embrace the unexpected during this Christmas season, as Joseph and Mary did at the first Christmas.

Peace

Your Chaplain,  
Fr. David Butler

### ***Kilroy Council No 1431 Charitable Welfare Trust***

As you are all aware the Covid-19 virus has disrupted many of our normal activities and has certainly affected the ability of our Council to raise funds in order to help the needy in our community.

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. You can make a cheque payable to "**Kilroy Council No 1431 Charitable Welfare Trust**" and mail or deliver it to John Saman 29 Sutter St. Stratford, Ontario N4Z 1G7 **before December 29th**, so that the donation will show in our records for 2020. You can also drop off your donation in the office of our hall and I will pick it up on Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>.

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

John Saman

## ***State Charity Lottery 2020***

In last month's bulletin a \$100 winning ticket to Val Power-Tieu was listed as sold at the Mall. In fact it was sold by Brother Andy Munro. Thanks again to everyone who bought/sold tickets.

Below, the letter from State related to changes for 2021 is repeated.

### **Announcement on 2021 50/50 Raffle**

Brother Knights

The purpose of this letter is to announce, on behalf of the State Board Officers, in conjunction with the State Charities Lottery Director, a change to the 2021 Charities Lottery. Specifically, effective 2021, the Ontario Knights of Columbus Charities Lottery will be a quarterly ONLINE 50/50 raffle.

#### **Background**

As you will appreciate, the COVID-19 restrictions have made our traditional paper-based lottery impractical. The profit margin between a prize board combined with an inability to sell tickets at commercial outlets is both too low and critically unpredictable. As a result, the State Board requested our State Charities Lottery Director to complete an in-depth review of our current practices with options for the future.

After a three-month review, our Charities Lottery Director and State Board Officers agreed that the best way forward to increase profit margins while providing some financial stability to the Charities Lottery program was through a quarterly online 50/50 raffle.

To that end, working with our State Deputy, Board members and the Executive Secretary, we have selected a Technology firm to administer the lottery and a Marketing company to promote the lottery online. Both have experience in on-line fundraising.

A Pilot project will be launched soon, followed by a province-wide on-line 50/50 raffle which will be explained at our next State Council convention in 2021. Tickets will be sold either online through a link on a website or using hand-held devices. Both forms of transactions are secure and protect your private information in compliance with all legal requirements for a license in Ontario.

#### **SUMMARY**

Online raffles are the way of the future and it is critical that the Knights of Columbus in Ontario establish raffle presence before the online raffle market is saturated with similar raffles from other not-for-profit and charitable organizations.

As we embark on this new format let us never forget that the Knights of Columbus in Ontario have contributed to the welfare of this province for almost 125 years. This ability has come from a sound leadership and a shared vision of fraternity among its membership combined with its ability to adapt to the changing environment. Adopting the quarterly online 50/50 raffle in 2021 is but one more stepping stone the Knights of Columbus in Ontario are adopting so that they may continue to help our communities in a COVID-19 environment and many years after.

Over the next few weeks more details will be communicated to both Pilot project participants and to all Councils during the State Council convention in 2021. In the meantime, if you have questions, please contact either Jaime Libaque by email [Jaime.libaque@rogers.com](mailto:Jaime.libaque@rogers.com) or by phone (416) 456-7084 or the State Office.

Let's welcome the next phase of Charities Fund-raising!

Bruce Poulin  
State Treasurer  
50/50 Project Sponsor  
Charity Lottery

Jaime Libaque  
State Charities Lottery Director  
50/50 Project Manager

### ***Charity Lottery Up Date***

- Each council will be provided with a link and a code to track our sales.
- Sales can be from smart phones, desk top or other hand held devices lap top computers
- Step 1: click on a link to display a buying page. eg 100 tickets \$40, 40 tickets 20, 10 tickets \$10  
Step2 :buyer inputs ticket request and goes to payment page to fill in email address and credit card information  
Step 3: an email is sent to the buyer showing ticket numbers
- Four draws are planned in a year. For 2021 a pilot run will take place from Jan - Mar.4 in Guelph, Orillia, Sault Ste. Marie and Sudbury involving less than 50 councils; April - June 14 a draw involving about 100 Councils; July – September and October – December province wide.

The executive has raised questions about the new format especially related to how it will be advertised and promoted.

### ***Bingo Schedule***

December 16	Team 1	January 13	Team 1
December 23	Team 2	January 20	Team 2
December 30	Team 3	January 27	Team 3
January 6	Team 4	February 3	Team 4

February 10

Team 1

### ***Anniversaries***

Julio and Zenauda Pacia

January 30

40 years

### ***Financial Secretary***

Dear Brother Knights. My name is Brother Mike Lobsinger and I have been your Lecturer for the past 16 years. I have now taken on the roll of Financial Secretary from Brother Gregg Bentley who is moving up to the roll of Chancellor. Thank you Brother Gregg for your hard work as F.S. One of the main jobs of the F.S. is to collect dues, and it is that time of year again. With the pandemic around last year it put a stop to most of our fundraising activities, so now more than ever we are in need of dues being submitted on time, by January 15th. Dues are \$45.00 for regular Members & \$15.00 for Honorary Members. You can drop your dues off in an envelope with your name on it at the hall, or mail it to the hall, or you can mail it or drop it off at my house, 109 Redford Cres. in Stratford You can also put it in the church collection baskets but make sure it is clearly marked K of C Dues with your name on it. Please help me to look good in my new role by getting your dues in ASAP.

Mike Lobsinger

### ***Donations***

St. Joseph's Church	\$1,000
Immaculate Conception Church	\$1,000

### **Coming Events**

Saturday December 12, pick up and pay for Hams  
Friday December 25, Celebration of the birth of our Lord  
Friday January 1, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God



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