

# Kilroy Council 1431

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## Knights News

April 2021

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

Dear Brother Knights and Ladies:

Greetings to everyone as we continue to plod through another phase of COVID-19. The news is promising about vaccinations but we continue to be cautioned to wear masks and maintain our distance. The executive meets monthly and we have had the first live council meeting since last September, all of course following the proper protocols.

We were alarmed and saddened to learn of the loss suffered by the Will Van Straaten family. Thankfully, they are all safe after fire engulfed their home a few weeks ago. The fire did not spread to the barn. Many prayers from Knights continue to be said for the family as they face a rebuild.

Brother Jim has been in contact with council 1507 in Guelph regarding their experience with the newly established 50/50 charity draw. The matter will be discussed by the executive and a report will follow at the next council meeting.

Father David's message highlights the feast of St. Joseph. A mass will be celebrated by Bishop Fabbro and live-streamed on March 19. To attend in person, registration is required through the church office.

Our fraternal benefits officer, Dev Bhagwat, has come up with a plan for recruitment of new members. It is found further on in this bulletin. Please give it serious consideration.

Our donation to St. Peter's Seminary Burse Fund will be directed to seminarian James Prince who is residing with our priests. Let us continue to look out for one another, helping those who are suffering the far-reaching effects of the COVID-19 virus.

Stay Safe  
Peace.

Your Grand Knight,  
Fred Dubrick

### ***In Memoriam***

For those we hold close in our memories, Let us Pray

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let the perpetual light shine upon them.

May the souls of all the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace

Amen.

## ***Chaplain's Message***

Dear Brother Knights,

On Dec. 8, 2020, Pope Francis released the apostolic letter ***Patris Corde*** — “With a Father’s Heart” — in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of Pope Pius IX proclaiming St. Joseph as the Patron of the Universal Church. From the letter’s publication until Dec. 8, 2021, the Holy Father has **declared a Year of St. Joseph**, celebrating him as a beloved, obedient and courageous father who played “an incomparable role in the history of salvation.”

Pope Francis relates how the COVID-19 pandemic led him to reflect on the role of ordinary people whose daily work sustains the livelihood of so many. Our Holy Father writes: “Each of us can discover in Joseph — the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence — an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble.”

*Patris Corde* beautifully highlights St. Joseph’s tenderness, obedience, acceptance, fortitude, creative courage, self-gift, trust, and a chastity that is “freedom from possessiveness in every sphere of one’s life.” Asserting that “Fathers are not born, but made,” Pope Francis reiterates the need in families as well as in the Church for fathers modeled after St. Joseph: “The logic of love is always the logic of freedom, and Joseph knew how to love with extraordinary freedom. He never made himself the center of things. He did not think of himself, but focused instead on the lives of Mary and Jesus.”

The holy season of Lent and the preparation for the Solemnity of St. Joseph on March 19 provide excellent opportunities for a catechesis on the virtues of fatherhood in imitation of St. Joseph. Bishop Ronald Fabbro C.S.B will be celebrating a Mass at 5 p.m. at St. Joseph’s to mark the Year of St. Joseph. You can sign via Flocknote or call the parish office.

To encourage continued recourse to our universal patron, Pope Francis has granted a plenary indulgence to those who participate in a spiritual retreat involving meditation on St. Joseph; those who fulfill a corporeal or spiritual work of mercy after the example of St. Joseph; families who pray the rosary; and those who pray for the unemployed and for the persecuted Church.

In Christ  
Your Chaplain,  
Fr. David Butler

## ***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, and Kathy Henderson.

**For all who are sick or suffering, may Christ's  
healing presence bring them relief and consolation,  
  
Let us pray to the Lord.**

## ***Anniversaries***

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50 years

### **FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH**

**Friday March 19**

**Mass 5:00 p.m. St. Joseph's Church**

**Celebrated by Bishop Fabbro**

**Live-streamed. Register to attend in person**

### ***Donations***

Kiwanis Festival for the Performing Arts	\$ 125
St. Peter's Seminary	\$ 500
Arthritis Society	\$1,000
Special Olympics	\$ 750

### ***Bingo Schedule***

March 17	Team 2	April 14	Team 2
March 24	Team 3	April 21	Team 3
March 31	Team 4	April 28	Team 4
April 7	Team 1	May 5	Team 1

### ***CHARITABLE WELFARE TRUST***

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the

#### **Annual Meeting**

#### **KILROY COUNCIL NO 1431 CHARITABLE WELFARE TRUST**

will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 93 Morgan Street, Stratford Ontario during the regular Council meeting on

**May 3, 2021 at 7:00 pm**

We remind everyone that we can issue a **taxable receipt** for any donation which is deposited to the **Welfare Trust Account**. When making an **In Memoriam** donation at the funeral home please consider the Charitable Welfare Trust. Donations made by cheque are to be payable to:

**KILROY COUNCIL NO 1431 CHARITABLE WELFARE TRUST**

## ***Membership Spring Blitz***

Dear Brother Knight,

When our founder, Blessed Fr. Michael J McGivney founded our organization in his parish basement toward the end of the nineteenth century little did he know that the Knights of Columbus would grow into the largest Catholic service fraternal organization with a membership of over two million men striving to emulate his values of integrity, professionalism, excellence and respect in all areas of their lives. At the time of his death he was still serving as a parish priest amid a pandemic, similar to this COVID-19 pandemic now sweeping the world.

As I reflect upon the life of this holy man and the value we add to our communities I invite you to participate in a membership blitz, as we mark one year since we were first affected by this pandemic, which has changed our lives and the way are able to interact with family, friends and colleagues.

Please consider actively participating in this endeavour which has the potential to increase the membership of your council with like-minded individuals as yourself.

**To make it enjoyable, I'm offering you the opportunity to win one or more of four VISA gift cards.**

All that is required of you is to forward the name, telephone number and/or email of a catholic gentleman (friend, relative, son or grandson). **There is NO limit to the number of referrals you can make. You will be advised of each referral who agrees to become a member and a ballot with your name will be entered into a draw that will be held on Friday, May 21, 2021.** Names of the winners will be published in the council bulletins.

Let us work together to continue the good work of Blessed Fr. Michael J McGivney during these times of uncertainty.

Let's continue working together to realize Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney's vision of meeting "the needs of his brothers and sisters through Christian solidarity and fraternal assistance" with the goal of increasing our membership between March 1, 2021 and May 15, 2021

**Dev S. Bhagwat**

## ***E-Membership Spring Blitz***

Participate by:

1. Referring catholic men (relatives, friends, colleagues) to me
2. I will contact each person via the contact info you provide and share the benefits of becoming a Knight of Columbus (membership is free until the end of 2020/2021 fraternal year)
3. Your name will be entered into a draw to win one of four gift cards valued at \$100, \$75, \$50, and \$25 each time one of your referrals becomes an e-member

Let's have some fun while we grow our membership.  
Kindly make referrals to Dev S. Bhagwat , Field Agent  
Email: Dev.bhagwat@kofc.org Office: 519-8888-0869

**DRAW WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY, MAY 21, 2021**

### ***DUES DUE!!!!***

Brother Knights. The deadline for submitting your dues has already past and some of you have not submitted yours yet. To all of you who have submitted yours a big THANK YOU. Our Council must pay our Per Capita to State at the beginning of April so if we do not receive your dues by then we have to pay your share out of Council funds. I greatly urge you to please address this matter as soon as possible if you have not paid your 2021 and some 2020 ] dues. If you are having a problem or concern with this, please contact me and we can work it out confidentially. You can mail or drop off your dues to the Hall, or to me, Brother Mike Lobsinger 109 Redford Cres. Stratford N5A 1P3. My # is 519-273-5356. Thank you Brothers for your timely attention to this matter.

Mike Lobsinger

Financial Secretary

## ***Field Agent Report***

This month marks one year under COVID-19 restrictions. I remember when the news of shutting the Supreme Office was announced. I, like many I think, thought this would last a couple of months and all of us would get back to normal. The reality is much different. Maybe some of you are working from home...maybe some will be working from home for the foreseeable future. I realize this has not been easy for many of you. When it began I wondered how I would be able to help my brother Knights. But as restrictions were put in place, we were provided with a new way to meet with members virtually on our computers and we were given a number of tools to ensure that you, our members and your families, were served. Using these new tools I have found that I am more efficient. I save travel time and can have more meetings in a day. I've found that many of you like the idea of meeting virtually. It's less stress for you to simply sit down in front of your computer, click on a few buttons and we can have a confidential conversation about your needs, wants and desires. For service issues I can meet much more quickly and have all the forms I might need to help you right at my fingertips...No more running out to the car to get a form only to find out my paper file is depleted.

We've had our eApplication process for a while, and with pandemic restrictions members have found it very valuable to be able to sign electronically when we meet virtually. It's been a very different year: We missed much of the solemnity of Holy Week and Easter with many of us either social distancing at church or live-streaming Mass; by summer we were able to get outside as long as we didn't get too close to others who were out. Vacations were pretty much out of the question—I know I had a “stay-cation” with my family. By fall we had figured out how to deliver candy from a socially acceptable distance to those few trick or treaters who braved the night. Thanksgiving traditions of large family gatherings were taboo and Christmas was so much smaller in 2020. Joyously we experienced the beatification of Blessed Michael McGivney.

Now we've come full circle into 2021. The vaccine is on the way. Some of you have already received it. Looks like light at the end of the tunnel; but we still have to be vigilant, still have to protect each other.

I am most thankful to all of you. Many of you met with me this year and wanted to make sure your desire for financial security was up to date. It was my pleasure to take the time to analyze your situation and give you my recommendations. I look forward to meeting with many more of you in the months ahead whether virtually or face to face. Please contact me if you have any questions; I am here to serve you, my members, and your families.

I pray you will be safe and healthy.

Vivat Jesus!



## ***9 Days for Life Novena***

Our local Knights of Columbus and the Lake Huron Catholic Family of Parishes are hosting an online 9 Days for Life Novena on Zoom to pray for the sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death. It will take place from Friday, March 19, 2021 to Saturday, March 27, 2021 each evening at 7:00pm. Everyone is welcome! The contact details are as follows:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85664960058?pwd=YlNsK0JhdXJDN0xnNEY0RmxBQ0ZjQT09>

Meeting ID: 856 6496 0058

Passcode: 066817

## ***Recruiting Former Members***

Former Knights are men who are familiar with the various ideals of Columbianism. They left the Order at one time but represent a pool of prospects councils should not overlook in striving for membership and council growth. The list of “Former Members” (those who took either withdrawals or suspensions) and “Inactive Insurance Members” (those who took either withdrawals or suspensions and maintain K of C insurance policies), consists of over 25,000 in Ontario. Councils should check with their Financial Secretaries (via Membership Management) and Field Agents for the contact information of Former Members. If you require assistance please contact the Ontario State Membership Director at [MembershipDirector@ontariokofc.ca](mailto:MembershipDirector@ontariokofc.ca). Ontario State Council will credit a council \$5 for each former or inactive member of the council who rejoins the Order as either an online or council member between March 1, 2021 and May 31, 2021

## ***Coming Events***

Friday March 19      Feast of St. Joseph, Mass St. Joseph’s Church 5:00 p.m., live-streamed

Thursday April 1 - Sunday April 4 Easter Triduum

Monday April 5, council meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Monday April 12, Knight’s Inc 7:00 p.m.; council executive 7:45 p.m.





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