

# Kilroy Council 1431

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## Knights News

**January 2023**

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

Dear Brother Knights and Ladies:

2022 is quickly coming to an end. Our last council meeting of this year was held on Monday December 5. It was a very productive meeting indeed. Brother Tony presented the charity budget for our coming year of 2023. We started our meeting once again with a dinner - the main menu was pizza and cookies for dessert. It was very delicious and filling we had plenty for everyone. I would like to thank all of our brothers that attended our meeting. It's always a pleasure to see so many brothers come out and participate, especially during our blessed advent season.

Christmas is just around the corner. It just so happens that Christmas is truly my favourite time of the year. I am absolutely like a kid. I love to watch my wife Neves decorate every single room of our house with so many special wonderful ornaments and decorations that she has kept for so many years. My favourite thing that I love to watch her put together is our nativity scene. It sure brings back many childhood memories.

Neves and I want to wish you and your family a very blessed Merry Christmas and a joyous and prosperous new year. May God bless all of you and keep you and your family safe and healthy for many years to come.

Your Grand Knight  
Fernando Pereira

### ***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, Marco Eusebi, Dennis Jimenea, Father Keith Morrison, Harry Visser, Michael Gomez, and Ken Gaffney.

Also for Debbie Mahood, Louise Gould, Theresa Theijsmeyer, Pauline Patterson, Karan Boulton (sister of Ken Gaffney), Marilyn Dewan, Nancy Muir (daughter of Harry Visser), Shirley White (mother-in-law of Paul Smith), Rosemary Lorentz (wife of Br. Joe), Francis Price (brother of John Price) and Brittany Chipperfield (granddaughter of Larry McCabe).

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

## *Chaplain's Message*

Dear Brother Knights

**And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.**

Luke 2: 1-20

As every parent remembers the birth of their son or daughter, Mary, too, remembered. She would often relive those extraordinary days: the discovery of her unexpected pregnancy, her husband's unwavering love and support (despite his confusion and hurt), the excruciating trip to Bethlehem, the terror of that night in the cave, the helplessness and pain of giving birth alone, the appearance of those strange shepherds.

It's a telling detail that Luke includes in his story of Jesus' birth: Mary "kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." She remembered; she pondered and reflected on what had happened. Like any mother or father, she would relive every detail of the day of her son's birth and childhood, pondering the question: *What kind of God would do this?*

As the rest of the story of her son unfolded, the answer became clearer and clearer: a God whose love for his creation knows no limits; a God who loves human beings despite everything and because of everything; a God who wants human beings to once again breathe divinity, to rejoice in themselves and in one another as sons and daughters of God; a God of joy, a God of hope, a God of everything that is good.

Christmas invites us to "ponder" these events, as well, to make sense out of the God born this day. Like Mary, we are called to remember the promise of this holy night when God touches human history; like Mary, we are challenged to understand what God is doing this day reaches out to transform every day; like Mary, we are called to relive the story of Christ as we live out the day-to-day joys and sorrows of our own stories. Remember this night. Ponder the story. See the hand of God in the details; hear the voice of God narrating the story. Consider in your own hearts the mystery: *What kind of God would do this?*

Brother Knights I pray you have a blessed Christmas with your families this year.

Peace.

Your Chaplain,

Fr. David Butler

## *In Memoriam*

We ask for your prayers for the repose of the soul of Angela Haggerty, wife of deceased Brother Joe Haggerty and mother-in-law to Brother Brent Mitchell and for the family.

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.
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## ***Bingo Schedule***

December 21	Team 1	January 18	Team 1
December 28	Team 2	January 25	Team 2
January 4	Team 3	February 1	Team 3
January 11	Team 4	February 8	Team 4

## ***Knights News***

- Coats for Kids. Thanks to Tony Rybka for arranging for the distribution of 9 winter coats to the Ukraine children in the St. Marys area.



Photo courtesy St. Marys Independent

- Attendance at this year's Grey Cup social was low thanks to poor weather and poor health of some usual regulars. Nevertheless, Tony Vigar came away with the pool winnings, twice – at the end of first half and at the end of the game.
- 20 brothers enjoyed a pizza meal prior to the December 5 council meeting. Thanks to Mike Lobsinger for arranging for the variety of pizzas and to Marty Switzer for the dessert.
- Net profit from euchre night was \$1,161.35.
- Council sashes (still) have not arrived.
- Council web site: <https://triosdevelopers.com/J.Smith/kofc1431.ca/wordpress/>
- Next Euchre Night is Friday, February 17.
- Thanks to Phil Psutka for supplying the Nativity Scene near the entrance to our hall.
- The Family Skate on November 27 brought out 35 skaters and about 60 overall. Thanks to Mike Lobsinger, Isaac Lobsinger, John Price, Fern Pereira, Lorne Twamley for organizing and help.

### ***Donations***

Special Olympics	\$ 500
Stratford Perth Hospice Foundation	\$ 350
Martyrs' Shrine	\$ 300
The Arthritis Society	\$ 500
Stratford General Hospital Foundation	\$5,000
4 <sup>th</sup> Degree	
SVDP	\$800
L'Arche	\$800
L'Arche "Be, Belong, Become Campaign"	\$1000 (In memory of deceased SK's)

### ***Good of the Order***

Shawn Raiman     \$25

### ***Dues are Due***

Dear Brother Knights. It is that time again when your yearly dues are due. Regular Members dues are \$45.00, Honorary Members are \$15.00 & Honorary Life Members are free. You can submit your dues personally at a meeting, mail or drop a cheque or cash off at the hall attention to me, or e-transfer to [mikelobsinger2001@rogers.com](mailto:mikelobsinger2001@rogers.com), make the answer to the security question 1431, which is our Council number. If you think you are in arrears of your dues please reach out to me and I can let you know what you owe. During the day is best at 519-745-2951. Your timely attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Thank You,  
Brother Mike Lobsinger  
Financial Secretary

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

Donations to Kilroy Council No 1431 Charitable Welfare Trust must be received by Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> in order for charitable tax receipts to be issued for the current taxation year. Please mail donations to John Saman 29 Sutter St. Stratford, Ontario N4Z 1G7 or leave your donation on the office desk at 93 Morgan St., Stratford.

Br. John Saman

### ***Christmas Dinner***



What a delicious meal was served up by Lorrianne Rowe’s catering team to 50 Knights and guests on Friday December 9. The men’s choir topped off a great evening with a medley of Christmas carols. Thanks to brothers who set up the hall, to GK Fern Pereira for supplying an ample supply of his wine and to John Price for managing ticket sales and most anything else that had to be done. Merry Christmas to all.

**Coming Events**

- Thursday December 15 Fun Night 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday December 25, Christmas Day
- Monday January 2 Council meeting, 6:00 p.m. dinner. 7:00 p.m. meeting
- Monday January 9, Knights Inc 7:00 p.m., council exec. 7:45 p.m.
- Thursday January 19 Fun Night 7:00 p.m.

<i>Christmas Mass Schedule</i>				
	Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	New Years Eve	New Years Day
Immaculate Conception	5 pm	12 midnight	10 am	5 pm
St. Joseph’s	5 pm	8pm 10:30 pm	8:30 am 11:30 am	—
Holy Name	5 pm	7:30 pm 10 am	—	10 am