

Kilroy Council 1431

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Knights News

April 2022

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Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights and Ladies:

I will start my letter once again by thanking my Deputy Grand Knight Gregg Bentley for chairing our last council meeting. I also want to thank all of my executive members that attended and supported Gregg. Thank you for a job well done during my absence.

I am back in our beautiful city of Stratford, safe and sound. Thanks to my wife Neves for taking great care of me as always and to our Lord Jesus Christ and my Lady of Fatima that I worship and love so much, from my heart and soul.

As much as we enjoyed our fantastic warm vacation in Madeira Portugal, we are very happy to be back home. I am truly looking forward to seeing all of you once again in person. I am sure that there will be many subjects and events to be discussed going forward.

I am very optimistic that our world as we knew it is just around the corner and within our reach. Let us all keep working hard together as Brothers and Sisters and pray to our Lord together that the Covid-19 virus will disappear for ever.

I hope to see all of you very soon God Bless all of you and your Families

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, Steve Voros, Dennis Jimenea, Joe Dewan, Tom Gould, Father Keith Morrison, Harry Visser, and Fred Dubrick.

Also for Debbie Mahood, Louise Gould, Theresa Theijsmeyer, Pauline Patterson, and Karan Boulton.

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

In Memoriam

We ask for your prayers for the repose of the souls of Brother Gerry O'Brien, Reta Raegele, sister of Brother Paul Smith and from the St. Marys Msgr. P. J. Harrigan Council # 9610, Brother Louis Corriveau, and Raymond Hartman, father of Brother Paul Hartman and grandfather to Brother Chris Hartman, and for their families.

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,

As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." But he did not know what he was saying. ... Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." (Gospel for March 13, Lk 9:33, 35)

Having witnessed the Transfiguration, the three apostles did not want to leave the mountaintop. But as the vision ends, God's voice directs them back to Jesus, who takes them back down the mountain. We might wish in our own lives for extraordinary experiences or "spiritual highs," but even if we are granted such experiences, we are not meant to cling to them. Brothers, may we be grateful for these enriching moments, if and when they come, but remember that we fulfill our God-given mission primarily within the daily duties of our ordinary lives.

During this season of Lent I invite you to withdraw from your normal routine each day to spend some time alone with God's word by reading and reflecting on the Gospels.

Peace.

Your Chaplain,

Fr. David Butler

Ken Plotnik – Knight, Theologian, Adoption Worker

Ken Plotnik has been a member of our council for more than 20 years and he has given talks to several groups at St. Joseph's and Immaculate Conception and in 1997 to our council. He has a low profile in our council and many members may not recognize him or know who he is. He has lived an interesting catholic life with many challenges and changes in direction.



He was born in Browerville Minnesota, where he received his early schooling from Benedictine nuns. He went to university at Saint John's Abbey, a Benedictine monastery in Collegeville Minnesota and in 1953 entered the monastery as a monk. The monks who taught him believed he had the talent for further schooling and he was sent to the University of Munich where he received a doctorate in theology. He was ordained a priest in 1959, a calling from which the church later sanctioned his release and allowed him to marry.

He came to Toronto in 1965 and since then has held a variety of positions including spiritual director, consultant to many agencies and adoption organizations, lecturer at the University of Toronto and York University, and teacher at Humber College and George Brown College. He thought it was time for a less hectic life style, and his wife Beryl picked Stratford as a city that would be to their liking. He was thinking about going to teacher's college, but as he says, the Holy Spirit intervened.

He always believed his calling was to work with the poor and in 1989, he and Beryl adopted five children from Colombia, ranging in age from 4-12. This led to their co-founding the St. Anne's Adoption Centre. From 1989-2006, Ken made 35 trips to Latin America for St. Anne's to facilitate over 500 adoptions and St. Anne's has become the only adoption centre in Canada to be given a license to work in El Salvador, Brazil, and Ecuador.

He has written a book *Adoption Today: A Time of Tremendous Opportunities*. Bishop Fabbro has formed a team to address the 25 opportunities listed in his book. The team of Vicar General Rev. John Comiskey, Joe Bezzina who is the Director of Pastoral Services for the Diocese of London, and Ken **will strive** to make the London diocese a Centre of Adoption Information.

Bingo Schedule

March 16	Team 2	April 6	Team 1
March 23	Team 3	April 13	Team 2
March 30	Team 4	April 20	Team 3

Donations

St. Michael C.S.S. Scholarship Fund	\$1,000
St. Peter's Seminary Bursary Fund	\$ 500
Stratford Youth Soccer	\$1,000

Charitable Welfare Trust

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Meeting of **KILROY COUNCIL 1431 CHARITABLE WELFARE TRUST** covering the 2021 fiscal year financial results will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 93 Morgan Street, Stratford Ontario during the regular Council meeting on

May 2, 2022 at Council Meeting

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 1431 CHARITABLE WELFARE TRUST"**

Good of the Order

Paul Smith \$21

Irish blessing: May your troubles be less, your blessings be more, and nothing but happiness come through your door.



Ontario Charities 50/50 Raffle

We have received \$254.80 as the return on our sale of 50/50 raffle tickets from October 1 to December 31, 2021. We are now in the first quarter for 2022. The next draw will be March 31. In this winter draw, the council selling the winning ticket will receive a bonus of \$1,000

TO ORDER TICKETS

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OR

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Coming Events

Thursday March 17 St. Patrick's Day

Monday March 28, 4th Degree meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Monday April 4 council meeting 7:00 p.m.

Monday April 11, Knights Inc. meet 7:00 p.m.; council executive meet 7:45 p.m.

April 15 Good Friday

April 17 Easter Sunday

Sunday May 8, Rose Sunday

Irish Proverb: There are good ships and there are wood ships, the ships that sail the sea. But the best ships are friendships, and may they ever be.





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