

Kilroy Council 1431

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Knights News

September 2023

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Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights and Ladies:

This is my first letter to you as your Grand Knight.

When I became a Knight 35 years ago, I did not think at all about one day becoming a Grand Knight. So, here I am, as I start my two-year term and accept the gavel from our now Past Grand Knight, Fern Pereira, I look forward to serving our council in a new role.

As with my previous positions on the executive, where guidance was provided when I had questions so I would like to thank the Past Grand Knights, pre-emptively, for all the assistance they will provide in the next two years.

As Brother Fern indicated in his final message, he was willing to give me occasions to lead the council meetings before I became the Grand Knight. Fern, it was an honour to be your deputy and I want to thank you for all you did as our Grand Knight.

As expected, there have been some small changes in the executive team and I look forward to working closely with the team during my term.

The June Steak Barbeque was, as usual, a great success. This year's barbeque was led by Team Crowley, Andrew, David, and Gary. They were supported by many knights in the set-up, cooking and food preparation, sales, and clean-up that went well into the evening. Thank you to all.

As with many things, it takes someone, or in this case 3 people, to take the lead, and brother knights to lend a hand to have a successful event.

Members will notice some major work being done on the Hall's gardens. Fern is leading the work with the help and support of brother knights. More to follow in next month's bulletin.

Upcoming events are the monthly fun night on August 24th, St. Anthony's mass on September 17th, and the Knight's appreciations dinner on September 21st. Help will be needed at these functions. Please consider helping for a few hours for these worthy functions.

I will close this message by borrowing from our most recent Past Grand Knight's invocation.

May God bless all of you and keep all of you and your families healthy so that we can enjoy many more years together as Brother Knights of Columbus.

Your Grand Knight

Gregg Bentley

Chaplain's Message

(Fr. David is on holidays this month)

Pope Francis instituted the September 1st World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation in 2015, serving as a way to encourage the faithful around the world to pray for our common home. The annual day also marks the beginning of an ecumenical outreach bringing Christians to pray and work together in what is called the Season of Creation which begins September 1 with the Day of Prayer for Creation, and end October 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology.

Recalling his apostolic journey to Canada in July 2022, and in particular his visit to the Indigenous People on the shores of Lac Ste. Anne in Alberta, the Pope reflected on how so many of the people down through the ages have found consolation and strength from these waters, likening the natural beauty there to the "maternal heartbeat of the earth." He writes, "just as the heart of a baby in the womb beats in harmony with the mother, so also we need to harmonize our own rhythms of life with those of creation, which gives us life. During this Season of Creation, let us dwell on those heartbeats: our own and those of our mothers and grandmothers, the heartbeat of creation and the heartbeat of God".

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, Ken Plotnik, John Bettridge, Paul Smith, Edgar Chaput, and Dave Crowley.

Also, for Catherine Culligan, Joan Mezenberg, Debbie Mahood, Louise Gould, Theresa Theijsmeijer, Marilyn Dewan, Nancy Muir (daughter of Harry Visser), Brittany Chipperfield (granddaughter of Larry McCabe), Kim Hopkins (sister-in-law of Matt Willemsen) and Joe Rybka (brother of Tony Rybka).

**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

Please remember in our prayers the repose of the soul of Mark Legros, brother of Brother Raymond Legros, and Mirella Costanzo, wife of deceased Brother Carmine Costanzo 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.

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- The next mass for members who have died/sick or shut-in is at Holy Name of Mary on August 17 at 10 a.m.
- Thank you to Mike Lobsinger, and Fern Pereira for organizing the pre-council meeting meal in August.
- Council is compliant with State directives for director positions: Program Director Larry McCabe, Membership Director Dave Crowley, Retention Director Gregg Bentley, Family Director Fern Pereira, Community Director Tony Vigar.
- Martin Switzer has volunteered to cover the Chancellor position until Paul Smith's health situation stabilizes.
- The next Euchre night is tentatively scheduled for late October/early November.
- On Sunday September 24, a 4th degree exemplification will be held in our hall. Anyone wanting to become a 4th degree member should contact Dave Wilby.
- The council BBQ on June 22 was again very successful, bringing in a profit of approximately \$2900. Thanks to all who helped and to the Crowley family for organizing the event, Gary, Andrew and Dave.
- Council is running the basketball free throw competition for our elementary schools in January. A chair is needed for this competition.

Good of the Order

Dave Franks and Mike Lobsinger \$24

Anniversaries

Kirk and Bev Gregory
Tony and Dale Hunter

September 21
September 24

55 years
40 years

Community Meal

On June 15, council served its second community meal of the year at St. Joseph's church hall. 45 people came and enjoyed a meal of sausage and salads. Thanks to Lorraine and Paul Smith for making the macaroni salad and to Helen and Jim Miron for making the potato salad. Both salads had people coming back for seconds. Thanks to Jim Gaylor for chairing the meal along with helpers Jim Hurley, Ron Marcy, Lorne Twamley, Paul Smith, Larry McCabe, Tom Gould and Fern Pereira.



Faith Alive Camp

Approximately 125 were served a hamburger/hot dog lunch to close this year's Faith Alive camp at St. Joseph's. Thank you to helpers Mike Lobsinger, Fern Pereira, John Price, Tony Vigar, Dave Wilby, Larry McCabe, Jim Miron, and Lorne Johnston.



Bingo Schedule

August 16	Team 3	September 13	Team 3
August 23	Team 4	September 20	NO BINGO
August 30	Team 1	September 27	Team 4
September 6	Team 2	October 4	Team 1

Scott Woods Show

Sunday December 17
2:00 p.m. St. Michael C.S.S.

\$45 per person

Coming Events

Thursday August 24	Fun Night	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday September 5	Council meeting	7:00 p.m. Meal at 6:00 p. m.
Monday September 11	Knights Inc.	7:00 p. m., council executive 7:45 p.m.
Sunday September 17	Mass at St. Anthony's church	2:00 p.m.
Thursday September 21	Member Appreciation night	7:00 p.m.
Sunday September 24	4th Degree Exemplification, our hall	