

Kilroy Council 1431

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Knights News

December 2023

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Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights and Ladies:

November seems to be a month split in two. The first half is all about remembrance where we have All Saints Day, All Souls Day, followed by Remembrance Day, while the second half is about dinners, events and parties – often in anticipation of Christmas.

November 2nd was the Memorial Mass of All Soul's Day for our family of parishes. This year we remembered the passing of brothers Joe Dewan, Fred Dubrick, Ken Gaffney, and Edgar Chaput. The 4th Degree provided an honour guard. A rose was given to the families of our departed brothers and a candle was lit. It was a beautiful and poignant act of remembrance, and for those who have never attended, me being one of them, it is worth attending.

Thanks to David Crowley's efforts in arranging a Knights of Columbus wreath, we now have a wreath for the St. Marys Remembrance Day. Thanks to David Crowley, Tony Rybka, and Gary Crowley for representing the Knights on November 5th in St. Marys, for "parading" to Cenotaph and for placing the Knights wreath. On November 11th, I was honoured to place the Knights wreath at Stratford's Cenotaph. This was the first time I was up close and present for all the activities prior to 11:00 a.m. Brother Phil Psutka laid the RCMP wreath at the Cenotaph. Many thanks to Rick Boon who coordinated all the moving parts, the wreath-bearers, the bands, the cadets, the many servicemen and women, and the members of the public. It was a respectful, heartfelt acknowledgement of our gratitude to those service members who gave the ultimate sacrifice. "We will remember."

On November 25th David and Gary Crowley, along with their spouses Beatrice and Melissa respectively, will be representing the Council at the LEDA Bishop's Dinner and Milestone Celebration in St. Thomas.

The parish CWLs are very active in the next month, with each putting on a dinner. Not to be outdone, our council's Christmas Dinner on December 1st is an event not to miss. At no cost to council, we were able to line up Mike and Mary Kay Lobsinger as hosts for the evening. At \$25 per person, it's a great deal and I invite you to buy a ticket and come out to our Christmas dinner.

As November ends and we enter Advent, my hope is that through the busyness you find quiet time to reflect and prepare your heart and home for Christ's birth in the world.

Vivat Jesus
Your Grand Knight

Gegg Bentley

Chaplain's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

It is nearly Advent with Christmas just around the corner. In this week's reading, Jesus admonishes us to "stay awake". The Advent season can be missed. The Advent season is four weeks long and the weeks are often counted using the Advent wreath.

Advent has a twofold nature: It prepares us for Christmas, when we recall Christ's first coming among us, and it is also a time when we look forward to His second coming at the end of the ages.

Advent is a joyful season of expectation. With the shortening of daylight hours and weather changing, this time of year can seem dark and dreary. Without Christ in our lives, our living would be dark as well. This is a season in which we wait--wait in the active sense for the great feast of light that comes with the birth of Christ.

What can we do through the season of Advent? We can increase our prayer. We can pray with the material that will be provided to guide us through this season, we can celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation. I am sure that there will be acts of mercy and charity performed through this season.

I want to thank all of you for all that you do in the community and in our Church. I would also like to wish you a good Advent.

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, Marco Eusebi, Dennis Jimenea, Father Keith Morrison, Harry Visser, Michael Gomez, Ken Plotnik, John Bettridge, Paul Smith, 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

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Ernie Fleming, brother of Brother Kevin Fleming 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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- The next mass for members who have died or are sick or shut-in is on Wednesday October 18 at 8:00 a.m. at Immaculate Conception church.
- Thank you to Brother Tony Vigar for arranging for the pre-council meeting roast beef on-a-bun meal.
- Christmas hams, summer sausage and pepperettes from Stemmler's Meats will be available this year. Details to follow.
- Thank you to John Price and helpers for running a successful euchre night on November 3. A special thanks to Kathy Walsh, Marlene Currah and Barb Krauskopf for looking after the ticket sales. A profit of \$1110 was realized from the event. Tony Vigar and his crew again served up a great roast beef dinner.
- GK Gregg attended the District 72 semi-annual meeting in Wingham on October 26. This is always a great opportunity to share ideas and learn about what other councils are doing.

4th Degree News

Even with a moderate sized crowd, the Tom Donati Night of Music brought in a profit of \$311. The 4th Degree Exemplification saw a profit from the council catered dinner of \$485 that was donated to Welfare Trust.

Christmas Dinner

Friday December 1

6:00 p.m. refreshments, 6:30 p.m. dinner

Christmas challenges with prizes included

\$25 per person

Turkey dinner catered by Black Angus

Contact John Price for tickets

DUES

It is that time again Brothers, to pay your dues for 2024. Our per-capita from both State and Supreme has been going up over the past few years and we need to keep up. Dues for 2024 will be increasing to \$50.00 a year for regular members and \$20.00 a year for Honorary members. (members who are between 65 and 70 years old and have 25 years seniority)

However, if you wish to hold your current dues structure, (\$45.00 for regular members and \$15.00 for Honorary members) you must have your 2024 dues paid by January 1, 2024.

You can pay your dues by mailing a cheque to the hall, paying at the next Council meeting, or by an e-transfer to mikelobsinger2001@rogers.com. USE "WHAT IS OUR COUNCIL NUMBER" as the security question. THE ANSWER IS 1431.

If you are unsure if you owe back dues, please e-mail me at mikelobsinger2001@rogers.com

Installation of Council Officers

District Deputy Bob Morris was on hand on Noovember13 to install the executive officers for Kilroy Council 1431.



Front: District Deputy Bob Morris, Financial Secretary Mike Lobsinger,
1 yr. Trustee John Saman, 2 yr. Trustee Dave Crowley, (Lecturer Martin Switzer)
Back: Treasurer John Walsh, Recorder John Price, GK Gregg Bentley, DGK Gary Crowley,
Warden Abdrew Crowley, Inside Guard Tony Rybka
Absent: Chaplain Fr. David Butler, PGK Fern Pereira, Advocate Shawn Raiman,
Outside Guard Daryll McCadden,

Remembrance Day

GK Gregg Bentley represented our members, laying a wreath at the cenotaph on November 11.



A custom in St. Marys on the Sunday before November 11, is a procession from the Legion Branch 236 to the cenotaph. For the first time, some of our members joined in the procession and laid a wreath. Thank you to Dave Crowley, Tony Rybka and Gary Crowley.

Charitable Welfare Trust

As we approach the end of the calendar year, I would like to remind everyone that should you wish to make a charitable donation and 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 Fernando Pereira 109 Freeland Dr. Stratford Ontario N4Z 1H1 **before December 29th**, so that the donation will show in our records for 2023. You can also drop off your donation in the office of our hall and I will pick it up on Dec. 29th.

Fern Pereira

Donations

CJCS Christmas Basket Fund	\$1,000
Arthritis Society	\$ 500
Optimism Place	\$ 400
House of Blessing	\$ 800
Salvation Army	\$ 500
Simple Dreams	\$ 500
St. Peter's Seminary	\$ 500
Local Community Food Centre	\$ 500
Martyr's Shune	\$ 300
Ontario Special Olympic	\$ 500
Project Precious (Haiti)	\$ 500
Stratford-Perth Hospice	\$ 700

4th Degree

L'Arche \$1,500

SSVP \$1,500

Good of the Order

50/50 draw \$21
Umbrella

Phil Psutka
Paul Smith

Scott Woods Show

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

\$45 per person

Order tickets on line at The Scott Woods Band or call Mike Lobsinger

All Souls Day

November 2 is designated as All Souls Day in our Church, a day to remember loved ones who have died. Since this day in 2022, we have lost four members from Kilroy Council 1431 and Justice J.M. King Assembly 1866.

Joe Dewan
Fred Dubrick
Ken Gaffney
Edgar Chaput

These members were remembered along with deceased loved ones from the Catholic Women's Leagues from Immaculate Conception and St. Joseph's parishes and all other deceased loved ones from our parishes. As the names of the deceased were announced at the mass celebrated by our chaplain, Fr. David Butler, a family member had the opportunity to light a vigil candle. Members of the 4th Degree formed an honour guard for the mass.



Coming Events

Friday December 1, Christmas Dinner \$25

Monday December 4, pre-meeting meal 6:00 p.m., council meeting 7:00 p.m.

Monday December 11, Knights Inc. 7:00 p.m., Council executive 7:45 p.m.

Fun night, Date yet to be confirmed. Stay tuned.

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