

Kilroy Council 1431

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Knights News

January 2024

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Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights and Ladies:

As the year ends, it has been a busy, but good 6 months for me as your Grand Knight. With its threatened discontinuation, Bingo is continuing to the end of the year. However, for 2024, we have not received official notice either way. I trust everyone is aware of the importance of Bingo to our charitable donations, so I will it there.

One of this fall's highlights for me, as Grand Knight, was the Exemplification of 7 council members (including 2 new members), and for me personally, was my 4th degree exemplification. I invite all of you, if given the opportunity, to attend our future exemplifications.

It has been a mild winter so far, and with the second Sunday of Advent (Peace), the Christmas season is well underway. It is the time of year for decorating our homes, Christmas dinners, family gatherings, remembering past Christmases and anticipating the gathering and celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas mass.

I have always liked Christmas Carols. My favorites have changed over the years, and although the songs stay the same, how they "speak" to me has changed. I expect that is not uncommon. I particularly like the 2nd verse of Hark! The Herald Angel Sings, where we sing that Christ's birth was for our salvation.

As we prepare our hearts and homes for the approaching celebrations of Christ's birth, may we always run towards Christ.

I wish everyone a joyful and blessed Christmas season.

Merry Christmas!

Vivat Jesus
Your Grand Knight

Gregg Bentley

Chaplain's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

Greetings in the Lord! As the joyful celebration of Christmas approaches, the Church invites us to enter the season of Advent. This short season of the Church Year is a time of joyful waiting and expectation. At this time, we affirm our hope in the Lord's return in the fullness of time and we prepare to commemorate His birth two thousand years ago.

Advent helps us reflect on the ways in which we are called to bring the Saviour's love and life to birth in our own lives. I pray that this season of Advent will be a grace-filled opportunity for you and your family to prepare for the birth of the Prince of Peace.

Please know that you are remembered weekly in our Sunday celebration of the Eucharist.

Wishing you and your family a very Merry Christmas!

Your Chaplain,
Fr. David Butler

In Memoriam

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of Brother Knights and 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.

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), Joe Rybka (brother of Tony Rybka), Mary Kelly and Lucas Stock.

**For all who are sick or suffering, may Christ's healing presence bring
them relief and consolation,**

Let us pray to the Lord. Amen.

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- A delicious meal of scallop potatoes, ham and baked beans along with an apple crisp dessert was enjoyed by members prior to the December 4 council meeting. Thank you to Brother Tony Vigar, Mike Lobsinger and Marty Switzer for this meal and also to Brothers Fern Pereira and Phil Pstuka for helping with the cleanup.
- The Grey Cup party, November 19, was a big success with great food, a great game and great fellowship. Thank you Brother Tony Vigar for organizing this event. Next gathering is Superbowl LVIII Sunday February 11.
- You will have noticed that there is a new Canada flag outside our building. Thank you to Brother Paul Smith for obtaining the flag from MP John Nater and to Brother Phil Pstuka for raising the flag. Brother Phil is also responsible for setting up the nativity scene at the front of the building.
- The next mass for members who have died is Wednesday December 20, Immaculate Conception, 8:00 a.m.
- Our \$5,000 donation to the Stratford General Hospital Foundation will be used to help purchase an infant warmer (costing \$45,00). These units are regularly used in delivery rooms and neonatal care units to simultaneously provide external heat and open access to newborns immediately after birth. Babies are routinely placed under warm, radiant light to help stabilize their temperature until they can achieve self-regulation.

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

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

Stratford & Area Right to Life	\$1,000
Stratford General Hospital Foundation	\$5,000

4th Degree
Family Nutrition & Wellbeing (Teahen Family Foundation) \$200

Good of the Order

50/50 draw	Tony Vigar	\$25
Umbrella	John Price	

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

Bingo

December 20	Team 4	January 17	Team 4
December 27	Team 1	January 24	Team 1
January 3	Team 2	January 31	Team 2

Christmas Dinner



On Friday December 1 at our hall, over 40 people enjoyed a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings prepared and served by the Black Angus restaurant.

We were treated to challenging entertainment of trivia courtesy of the Lobsinger family, Mike, Mary Kay and Catherine. Thank you for your time and effort. Also, thank you to Jeff Iacobellis for providing the Barr's chocolate prizes, to Fern Pereira for providing wine, to John Price for tending bar and to the crew that set up the tables.

Christmas Story

A live presentation of the Christmas Story will be held at Holy Name of Mary Church in St. Marys on Friday December 22 at 7:30 p.m. Your free will offering will go to the support of members of the community in need.

Coming Events

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

Friday December 22, No Room in the Inn, Holy Name Church St. Marys, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday January 2, pre-meeting meal 6:00 p.m., council meeting 7:00 p.m.

Monday January 8, Knights Inc. 7:00 p.m., Council executive 7:45 p.m.

Thursday January 18 Fun Night

Thursday January 18, community meal, St. Joseph's hall



Merry Christmas