

Kilroy Council 1431

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Knights News

March 2024

Kilroy Council Officers

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| Chaplain | Father David Butler | 519-271-6722 |
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Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights and Ladies:

We are into Lent, a time of reflection and preparation for Easter. Whether you choose Lenten Devotions, Stations of the Cross, or something else, please spend some extra time with our Lord.

Friday evenings during Lent, Stations of the Cross rotate between our three parishes. On Friday, March 8th at Immaculate Conception, the Knights will be leading the Stations of the Cross, starting at 7:00 p.m. Please plan to attend.

The Super Bowl party in the Knight's Lounge was a great success. Thanks to Tony and all who helped to make it a success. There was more than enough food and the thirteen who attended had a good time. As per usual, Brother Fern, sat at the back and quietly watched the game. The only better outcome would have been the 49ers being victorious. Oh well, there is always next year!

The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner was a resounding success. Special thanks to Fern, who took the lead, and all the volunteers who helped to make it a success. Of note, in addition to the regular volunteers there were a few brothers new to the event. Although I don't have the exact numbers, when comparing it to last year's event, there seemed to be significantly more attendees this year. Well done one and all!

Our next event at the hall is the Dinner and Euchre on April 5th. Volunteers are not only welcomed but needed. Please consider helping for a few hours.

As has been said before, "The more you put into Lent, the more you get out."
May you have a blessed Lenten Season.

Peace to All.

Vivat Jesus

Your Grand Knight

Gregg Bentley

In Memoriam

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of Shirley DeBoer, mother-in-law of Brother Jeff Iacobellis and for her 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.

Chaplain's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

Sometimes, it can be tempting to view Lenten promises like New Year's resolutions. "Well, I've been meaning to lose a few pounds, so maybe I'll give up dessert." That's not what Lent is for, though. The season of Lent is a time for simplifying our lives, and pruning away the distractions to help us see, hear, and experience God more clearly. It is also a time of outwardly expressing our interior sorrow for sins. Rend your hearts, not your garments, the prophet Joel says. Our sorrow comes from the realization that our sins hurt our loving God, who gave us his very life to set us free. This should break our hearts. We may not rend our garments in sorrow as the ancient Jews might have done, but it is still fitting to practice outward expressions of repentance quietly.

With this frame of mind, our Lenten promises become so much more than just a "Church-sponsored New Year's resolution." They become a tool to strengthen, reinvigorate, and renew our relationship with our loving God. May Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, who nourishes us with his body and blood, give us the grace to pick up our crosses and follow him, this Ash Wednesday, this Lent, and every day.

Peace

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, Ken Plotnik, John Bettridge, Paul Smith, Dave Crowley and the Adam Gulikers family.

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

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.

2023-2024 Council Executive



Front Row: John Walsh; Treasurer; Andrew Crowley, Warden; John Saman, 1 yr. Trustee; Fernando Pereira, PGK and 3 yr. Trustee

Back row: Tony Rybka, Inside Guard, Daryll McCadden, Outside Guard; John Price, Recorder; Mike Lobsinger, Financial Secretary; Gregg Bentley, Grand Knight; Shawn Raiman, Advocate; Gary Crowley, Deputy Grand Knight; Martin Switzer, Chancellor; Dave Crowley, 2 yr. Trustee.

Missing: Chaplain Fr. David Butler

Bingo

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| February 14 | Team 4 | March 13 | Team 4 |
| February 21 | Team 1 | March 20 | Team 1 |
| February 28 | Team 2 | March 27 | Team 2 |
| March 6 | Team 3 | April 3 | Team 3 |

Donations

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| Stratford Youth Soccer | \$1200 |
| Stratford Kiwanis Festival for the Performing Arts | \$200 |
| 4 th Degree | |
| SSVD Community Meals January 18, & June 20 | \$800 |

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- The next mass for members who are sick/shut is on Friday February 16, 10:30 a.m. River Gardens.
- Council will send 2 delegates to the State Convention, April 26-28. DGK Gary Crowley and GK Gregg Bentley will be our representatives.
- Thank you to Tony Vigar for providing the main course and to Martin Switzer for the dessert at the council meeting on February 5.
- Profit from sales of Christmas hams was \$1044.34 .
- Council members will lead the Stations of the Cross on Friday March 8, 7:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception church.
- NEW PRICES FOR DRINKS in our hall.

Beer & Spirits \$4.00
Wine \$5:00

Soft drink \$1.50
Water \$0.50

Ontario State 50/50 Online Raffle

To purchase 50/50 tickets:

- 1) Use the URL code: <https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/k-of-c-ont/215>

OR

- 2) Use the QR code



Ticket Sales began January 1, first grand draw is on Sunday, April 28
Early Bird Draw February 14, \$500, \$250, \$250 cash prizes

Ticket prices: 10 for \$10 40 for \$20 125 for \$50 300 for \$100

New Members

We welcome two new members who have transferred to our council. On the left is Rober Bedard who comes to us from St. Thomas and on the right is Robert Sadai who comes from Dundas.



Community Meal

Thanks to Brother Tony Vigar and his team for the preparation, serving and clean up for the community meal at St. Joseph's church hall on January 18. A delicious meal of roast beef, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, bun and dessert was served to 60 people.

Thank you Tony Vigar, Larry McCabe, Paul Smith, Dave Wilby, Jim Miron, Bill Dupuis, Ron Marcey, Lorne Twamley, Lorne Johnston and Shawn Raiman



Anniversaries

Joe & Maria Potestio

March 15 55 years

Shrove Tuesday



Our Shrove Tuesday pancake and sausage dinner was an absolute success. And I believe everyone of our brothers that were there would agree. We served 134 people. Last year we only served 80 what a difference. As chair of the event, I would like to send my gratitude and a humongous thank you to our following brothers who helped tremendously to make our night successful. Brothers Tony Vigor , Jim Miron , Tony Rybka ,John Price ,John Walsh ,John Saman, Shawn Raiman, Gregg Bentley, new member Robert Sodai,, Larry McCabe, Dave Wilby, Gary Crowley, Tom Gould, Mike Lobsinger, Dave Crowley who donated 3 litres of maple syrup, Paul Smith, and Bill Dupuis. I am super pleased with the tremendous amount of support that I received as the chairman.

Fern Pereira PGK

Superbowl Sunday



The Super Bowl party was a huge success, with 13 Brothers attending. The Pub food was delicious and no one with left hungry.

The game was exciting and there was some controversy as to whether the right team won. We are looking forward to the next opportunity to get together.

Coming Events

Monday March 4, council meeting: prior meal 6:00 p.m., meeting 7:00 p.m.

Friday March 8 Stations of the Cross 7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception.

Monday March 11, Knights Inc. 7:00 p.m., council exec. 7:45 p.m.

Thursday June 13, Knights BBQ

Friday April 4, Euchre Night

Thursday June13 council BBQ