

Kilroy Council 1431

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Knights News

April 2024

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Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights and Ladies:

As the fifth Sunday in Lent approaches, we know that Holy Week will soon be here.

The Knights' led Stations of the Cross was well attended on March 8th. Thanks again to Mike Lobsinger, Fern Pereira, Dave Wilby, and Dave Franks for their participation and to John Price and Tony Vigar for their support. At the March council meeting we had another Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. Our second exemplification of this council year. Our new third-degree members are Anthony Ravenda, Bryan Merkel, Scott Runstedler, and Dan Mathieson. The time from the suggestion to have an Exemplification to the actual ceremony was two weeks. It was a short time to prepare, but with a great team, it all came together, and was well done. Special thanks to our planning committee of Mike Lobsinger and Tony Vigar, the Exemplification Team: Mike Lobsinger, Andrew Crowley, Larry McCabe, and Fern Pereira, and to the council for their support, and warmly welcoming our new third-degree brothers.

At April's meeting we will be asking for nominations for the vacant positions on the executive committee and for those that are currently serving on the committee to let their names stand for the next council year. If you have never served on the executive committee, I'd like to ask you to consider it. I know from personal experience that for those who have not yet served on a committee, you might be a little hesitant to commit to a year on the committee. From my experience serving on the executive committee, the obligation is not overwhelming (often not more than a couple of hours a month) and there is a lot of help from the executive and past executive members to learn the position. As Grand Knight I have received that kind of support from council, executive, and past Grand Knights.

May you continue to have a blessed Lenten Season and a Happy Easter.

Peace to All.

Vivat Jesus

Your Grand Knight,

Gregg Bentley

In Memoriam

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of past members 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,

Last month I encouraged us not to make Lenten promises that were just “Church sponsored New Year’s resolutions”. While we may at times experience “spiritual highs”, we usually fulfill our promises within the daily duties of everyday living.

The fourth Sunday of Lent is known as Laetare Sunday, Laetare from the Latin meaning rejoice. The Church expresses hope and joy in the midst of our Lenten fasts and penances. Let us choose to follow Christ and His light, which will brighten our faith, hope, and love, and maintain our spiritual vision, to be able to walk towards eternal life.

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.

Bingo

Note that the Dairy Expo will be occupying the complex on April 3. Parking will be scarce.

March 20	Team 1	April 17	Team 1
March 27	Team 2	April 24	Team 2
April 3	Team 3	May 1	Team 3
April 10	Team 4	May 8	Team 4

Donations

Family Foundation Institute	\$ 500
St. Michael C.S.S. graduation awards	\$1,000

4th Degree

St. Joseph's, Immac's, Holy Name Churches towards purchase of votive candle stands	\$500 each
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- The next mass for members who have died is on Friday March 22, 8:00 a.m. St. Joseph's
- Council will send 2 delegates to the State Convention, April 26-28. DGK Gary Crowley and GK Gregg Bentley will be our representatives. Backup to these delegates are Fern Pereira and Mike Lobsinger.
- Thank you to Tony Rybka for taking the position of Right To Life chairperson for our council.
- Nominations for the 2024-2025 executive will be accepted at the April council meeting. Voting will occur at the June council meeting.
- Rose Sunday is on Mother's Day, May 12. Help will be needed at each church for all masses.
- Thank you to Mike and Isaac Lobsinger for arranging for the pizza pre-meeting meal at the March council meeting.
- GOOD OF THE ORDER at March 4 council meeting:
50/50 winner of \$31 was John Price Umbrella winner was Dave Franks
- NEW PRICES FOR DRINKS in our hall.

Beer & Spirits	\$4.00	Soft drink	\$1.50
Wine	\$5:00	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 was on February 14

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

Knights in Canada

You may be interested in some of the statistics concerning the impact our Brotherhood has on life in our country. These statistics apply to Canada.

- 18,336 coats for kids distributed
- 394,786 lbs. of food collected and donated
- 886 wheelchairs doated
- \$60,000 donated for veteran support
- 3,039,035 volunteer hours
- Over \$19 billion in member (and family) life insurance policies in force

Stratford and Area Right to Life – Annual Dinner/General Meeting

Saturday April 13, Christian Reformed Church

Social at 5:30

Dinner at 6:30

Tickets: \$30 for adults, \$20 for students

Key Note Speaker

Frank E. D'Angelo, cofounder/president St. Joseph's Centre of Hope for Women

Family Foundation Institute

Family Foundations Institute is a Registered Canadian Charity working to strengthen families. They run a number of formation initiatives for men, women, boys, girls, teens, and young adults. Council has made a donation towards the purchase of the John Paul II center in Port Burwell where family camps, retreats and other activities are held.

In Stratford, the Family Catechism and Intentional Disciples (ID) program are very active. The ID meets every first Thursday of the month at St Joseph's Catholic Church. Family Catechism meets from September to April every second Sunday afternoon to teach catechism to students.

ID exists to form young adults into intentional disciples of Jesus Christ. We partner with local churches to establish communities of missionary disciples by providing opportunities for young adults (20/30s) to encounter Jesus Christ, decide to follow Him, and bring others into a life-saving relationship with Him. The Avon Thames Catholic Family of Parishes has partnered with Renewal Ministries to coordinate the Stratford, Ontario chapter of ID. Five men from our council are members in the Stratford ID: Isaac Lobsinger, Jacob Runstedler, Scott Runstedler, Paul Douros, and Paul Merkel.

Family Foundations Institute Black Tie Fundraiser Gala

Friday, April 5th The Arden Park Hotel
Doors open at 5:30 pm

Tickets are \$125 Table of 8 is \$1000 with a \$400 tax receipt.
3-course meal, live string music, silent auction

Tickets can be purchased at famfi.ca/gala . If you have any questions or would like to donate, please contact Nicki Merkel famfigala@gmail.com 519-275-1897.

Anniversaries

Stan & Rosemary Holloway April 28 50 years

The Way Of The Cross



On Friday March 8, our council led The Way Of The Cross at Immaculate Conception Church.

Leading the readings were Gregg Bentley and Mike Lobsinger. The cross bearer was Fern Pereira and the candle bearers were Dave Franks and Dave Wilby.

Degree Exemplification

Prior to the March 4 council meeting, three new members joined our council and another current member received his 2nd and 3rd degrees.



From left to right

Scott Runstedler, new member transferring from Mary Hill, received his 2nd and 3rd degrees.

Bryan Merkel, new member, received 1st, 2nd and 3rd degrees.

Anthony Ravenda, new member, received his 1st, 2nd, and 3rd degrees.

Dan Matheison, current member, received his 2nd and 3rd degrees

Coming Events

Thursday March 21, Fun Night 7:00 p.m.

March 28-31. Easter Triduum

Monday April 1, council meeting: prior meal 6:00 p.m., meeting 7:00 p.m.

Friday April 5, Euchre Night

Friday April 5, Family Foundation Institute Formal Gala

Monday April 8, Knights Inc. 7:00 p.m., council exec. 7:45 p.m.

Saturday April 13, Right to Life dinner and general meeting

Thursday April 18, Fun Night

Thursday June 13 council BBQ