

Kilroy Council 1431

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Knights News

June 2024

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Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights and Ladies:

As my first year as Grand Knight comes to a close on June 30th, there are challenges and celebrations ahead.

On May 11th the council received notice that Bingo will end on June 1st. The proposals and discussions about a new location for Bingo have ended and an end date for Bingo has been set. As all know, we have relied on Bingo for most of our charitable giving. Going forward, we will look for new means and avenues to raise charitable funds.

I want to thank all those knights, who, over the years, have worked hundreds of Bingos to raise money for our dozens of charities. I thank you for your commitment and generous giving of your time. I will keep you informed as to where we will, as a council, put our efforts to raise money for our list of charities.

The 125th anniversary of the Knights of Columbus, in Ontario, is in 2025. Events are planned in a west to east direction, starting in Windsor on September 14th, 2024, and concluding with the Ontario State Convention in Ottawa in April 2025. In Windsor, there will be a rededication of the Knights of Columbus Peace Memorial, an international degree with councils from Michigan, and a dinner and dance at St. Clair College Centre of Arts. Tickets are \$85 each and rooms at the Best Western have been set aside. I encourage members to consider attending this event.

On September 22nd, our council will be celebrating its 115th anniversary and will also be honouring our Past Grand Knights with a dinner at the hall. More information will follow.

On June 12th is our annual Steak Barbeque at the hall. Tickets are now available. It is great social event at the hall and I look forward to seeing you there.

Lastly, I want to thank the 27 brothers who came to the hall for our council photo for our family of parishes directory. I am aware that many people don't like to have their picture taken, so I thank you for standing for the photo and being patient while I set up the shot.

Peace to All. Vivat Jesus

Your Grand Knight,
Gregg Bentley

In Memoriam

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of Barbara Reynolds, sister of Brother Ron Marcy and Vera McCann, spouse of deceased Brother Joe McCann and for their families.

Chaplain's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

During the Easter season, we celebrate many sacraments. We received two adults into the Church at the Easter Vigil through baptism; we have baptized many babies this year and we have begun celebrating 1st Communions and this weekend 44 young people will be Confirmed. These sacramental moments are beautiful opportunities to rejoice and be glad.

As the spring season of the first Communions, Confirmations, and weddings begin, I encourage you to pray and offer a sense of welcome as brother Knights. It may be as simple as having a Mass offered for the family's intention for those receiving the sacrament. These small gestures are ways of making those on the peripheries welcome and help them become more engaged in the life of the local Church.

In this month of May dedicated to the Blessed Mother, I encourage our brother Knights to pray for and engage anew with those who may be open to encountering the local community but may be unsure of where or how to become active. The sacraments open us to the grace of new life in God. They are also opportunities for our brother Knights to accompany the body of Christ in prayer and encourage their continued engagement in the local Church.

I would encourage you to pray the rosary every day and meditate intently on its mysteries to know Jesus better and become more attuned to his voice

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. Adam Gulikers and the Gullikers family, Joe Lorentz and Dave Franks.

Also, for Catherine Culligan, Joan Mezenberg, Debbie Mahood, Louise Gould, Theresa Theijsmeijer, Marilyn Dewan, Nancy Muir (daughter of Harry Visser), 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

May 22

Team 1

May 29

Team 2

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- Bingo is closed at the end of this month. We have been informed that the proposed agreement to transfer bingo to the Jenny Trout Centre has fallen through and Bingo Country must vacate the Agriplex by June 1.
- The next mass for sick/shut-in members is on Friday June 14, 8:00 a.m. St. Joseph's.
- Thank you to Brothers Tony Vigar, Jim Miron and Bill Dupuis for the serving of the pre-council meal.
- Starting next month, members are asked to pay \$5 for the pre-council meal.
- Good of the Order: 50/50 winner of \$28 was Anthony Ravenda. Council hats were won by Scott Runstedler, Andrew Crowley, Gerry Culligan and Matt Willemsen.

Anniversaries

Alvin & Imelda Daet	June 5	25 years
John Wilkinson & Loretta Shannon	June 16	40 yeas
Jeff & Jean Smith	June 24	35 years

Ontario State 50/50 Online Raffle

The Grand Prize winner of the 50/50Raffle was Fr. Steven Szakaczki, of St. Aidans council 11332 in Scarborough. The grand prize was \$17,365. The next 50/50 Lottery begins August 1 and ends December 31.

Rose Sunday – Mother's Day

It is our tradition to offer a stick-on lapel rose to parishioners at the masses on Mother's Day. Proceeds from the free-will offering are given to the Stratford and Area Right to Life. Last weekend a combined total of \$865 was collected in our Family of Parishes. Thank you to the Brothers who helped with the distribution of roses: Fern Pereira, John Walsh, Gerry Culligan, Jim Gaylor, Lorne Twamley, John Price, Dave Wilby, Dave Crowley, Tony Rybka, Bill Dupuis and Gary Crowley.

Reports

London East Diocesan Association (LEDA) - Gregg Bentley

LEDA includes GKs, DGKs, Financial Secretaries, and Faithful Navigators from the counties of London-Middlesex, Elgin-Oxford, and Sarnia-Huron-Perth. The group meets twice a year.

At their last meeting at St. Peter's Seminary on April 13, District Master Gord Edwards announce the creation of a Roll of Honour of Knights who have served in the Canadian Armed Forces. Field Agent Sonny Sangemino reported that the number of councils a field agent services has increased from typically 4-5 councils in the past to now 15-20. He believes that our members are better set up for Long Term Care Insurance. In Ontario this council year, the largest number of coats, 11,000, were dispersed. More are being given to homeless adults, many who are veterans, than before. Deacon Dan O'Connor brought Greetings from the Bishop. He reminded GKs to, at council meetings, balance business with things that we do in service to others. He also made a point of encouraging Knights to be seen as a model at mass, by their participation in the liturgy.

District 72 Meeting - Gary Crowley

This meeting had representation from all the councils. What stood out was the common problems facing every council: fund raising and attracting new members.

Pro-Life Presentation - Paul Douros

On Thursday June 6 p.m. at St. Joseph's church, guest speaker Jonathon Van Maren will explain strategic approaches to influence our culture on life issues by learning from successful social reformers of the past. Additionally, he will explain why abortion constitutes a human rights violation supported by scientific evidence and human rights principles.

Pro-life Mass at 6:15, Talk and BBQ dinner 7:00 p.m. To ensure we have accurate numbers for dinner, kindly register by May 28 at

<http://avonthames.flocknote.com/signup/143963>

or

email pdouros@dol.ca

2024-25 Council Executive

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GOLF ANYONE ???

There has been interest shown in our Council running a golfing day this summer. This was an event that we used to run in the past. I have agreed to run this fun day. I need to have a more accurate idea of the interest out there. This will run one day during the summer. A date to be determined later.

We will reserve sufficient time at the Stratford Municipal Golf course.

You can arrange your own foursomes or you can partner up with others who were unable to get a foursome. We will play 9 holes best ball with each member of the foursomes using their drive on a minimum 2 holes. Scores for the foursome will be recorded and turned in. The winning foursome will have their names added to the trophy that we keep at our hall. There will be no prizes as this is a fun competition.

After the golf, we will retire to our hall for a full BBQ steak dinner and some gloating.

Cost will be \$20 per person plus the cost of the green fees at the golf course. I believe they are \$25. If you require a riding cart, the course will provide them at their scheduled cost. Members of the Stratford Municipal golf course will not have to pay the green fees.

PLEASE GIVE THIS SOME THOUGHT AND IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE RESPOND TO THIS E-MAIL ASAP

Tony Vigar 519-271-0797

Coming Events

Sunday May 19, Confirmation Sunday, St. Joseph's Church, 2:00 p.m.

Sunday May 26, Confirmation Sunday Holy Name of Mary Church 12:00 p.m.

Thursday June 6, Pro-life presentation St. Joseph's church 6:15 p.m.

Thursday June 13 council BBQ

Thursday June 20 Community Meal St. Joseph's church