

Kilroy Council 1431

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Knights News

December 2024

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Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights and Ladies:

The first part of November is focused on remembrance and so it is that we started our council's November activities with the Memorial Mass on All Soul's Day, November 2nd, at Immaculate Conception Church. Brothers John Price, Larry McCabe, and Martin Switzer assisted Father David. I read the names our dear departed brothers Michael Gomes, James Shular, Joe Lorentz, and Harry Thomas and John Price handed a rose to the family member or friend who came forward for the candle.

Dave Crowley and I attended the St. Marys Remembrance Service and laid a wreath from our council at St. Marys' Cenotaph. We marched (yes, Dave too) from the Legion to the service and then back to the Legion. It was the first time I had marched for any service, and I'll admit that I matched my step to an air cadet's. All dignitaries (and wreath-bearers) marched to the Cenotaph. A special thanks to Jim Gaylor for coming to St. Marys for the Remembrance Service and waiting through the rain to record our council's participation. It does not surprise me that our council's bulletin is so good, when we have someone with that kind of commitment at the helm. Thanks Jim.

Our first Spaghetti Dinner charity fund raiser went well. Well done team! There was interest from the attendees in future spaghetti dinners. The dinner was advertised by word-of-mouth, posters, the church bulletin, and through CJCS, with our PGK Fern Pereira becoming a minor local celebrity. If we want to continue with this on a regular basis, we will need additional knights to spend 2-3 hours on an alternate basis, much the way that Bingo was. As we all know, fundraising doesn't just happen but takes a time commitment.

Scott Woods concert, Yee Haw, and a Ham Dinner at Immaculate Conception Church Hall finish out the month. Both are great events.

Our December 6 Christmas dinner is fast approaching and is worth attending. Please plan to attend. We are still working through the end of Bingo and finding our path forward. I want to thank the Knights for their concern, continued support, suggestions, and willingness to try new activities, look back at some old ones, and new ones that didn't exist before (such as Halo Car Wash) as we try to find the right mix of activities to provide charitable funds for our approved charities.

Peace to All.

Vivat Jesus

Your Grand Knight,
Gregg Bentley

In Memoriam

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of Rosalia Visser, sister-in-law of Brother Harry Visser and Bruce Bossence, brother-in-law of Brother Mike Lobsinger and for the families.

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Chaplain's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

During the month of November in particular, we remember and pray for the deceased. On November 1, we celebrated the Solemnity of All Saints. The saints are the principal witnesses to Christ and to the saving power of his death and resurrection. On November 2, we celebrated the commemoration of all the Faithful departed. On this All Souls' Day, we held a bereavement service to remember and help support all those families who have lost loved ones over the years.

The first Sunday of Advent falls on Sunday December 1. It is a joyful season of expectation when we can increase our prayer, recall Christ's first coming among us, and look forward to His second coming at the end of the ages.

Thank you again Bothers for your prayers and continued support.

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, Marco Eusebi, Dennis Jimenea, Father Keith Morrison, Harry Visser, Ken Plotnik, John Bettridge, Paul Smith, Dave Crowley, the Gulikers family, Dave Franks, and Andrew Crowley.

Also for Joan Mezenberg, Debbie Mahood, Louise Gould, Theresa Theijsmeijer, Marilyn Dewan, Nancy Muir, daughter of Harry Visser) Joe Rybka, brother of Brother Tony Rybka, Lucas Stock, Dorothy Dario, Marge Skinner, Lucy Sousa Chiarelli, sister-on-law to Brother Fern Pereira, Ted Quenneville (brother-in-law to Brother Bill Dupuis, Doug Downey, brother-in-law of Brother Paul Gras and uncle to Brothers Daniel and Peter Gras,, and Pauline Butler, mother of Fr. David.

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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- Mass for deceased Brothers, Friday November 22, 8:00 a.m., St. Joseph's; for sick and shut-in Brothers, Thursday December 12, 3:00 p.m. Greenwood Court
- Thank you to Mike Lobsinger a for the roasted chicken meal prior to council meeting.
- Looking for a way to volunteer in the community? **Meals on Wheels** is in need of people to deliver hot meals. There is a group of 5 in the council that deliver meals over a one week period once every 3 months. That's twice in the week and it takes about 1 1/2 h. A police check is required. It helps in the community and it gets the Knights of Columbus name out there. Call Jim Gaylor for more information, 519-271-3446.
- Pricing for Christmas hams is not yet available but we expect to be selling again this year. You will get a separate email about ham sales.
- **CHANGING YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS?** Be sure to let Tony Vigar know.
- Good of the order 50/50 jackpot of \$25 won by Gregg Bentley and an umbrella by Shawn Raiman.

WELCOME KILROY COUNCIL 1431!

50/50 RAFFLE

Grand Draw - December 31

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

Purchase tickets at: <https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/k-of-c-ont/215>

Christmas Dinner

Friday December 6

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

\$30 per person

Turkey dinner catered by Black Angus

Contact John Price for tickets

Remembrance Day



In St. Marys, on the Sunday before Remembrance Day, there is a procession from Legion Branch 236 to the cenotaph. The photos show GK Gregg Bentley and Trustee Dave Crowley in the March of Colours and the laying of our wreath.



Gregg Bentley lays the Knights of Columbus wreath at the Stratford Cenotaph on Remembrance Day.



Charity Trust

As we approach the end of the calendar year, I would like to remind everyone that **donations to the Charitable Welfare Trust Account receive a charitable tax receipt.**

Make a cheque payable to: Kilroy Council 1431 Charitable Welfare Trust” and mail or deliver it to Fernando Pereira 109 Freeland Dr. Stratford Ontario N4Z 1H1 before December 30th, so that the donation will show in our records for 2024. You can also drop off your donation in our office.

All Souls Day

November 2 was All Souls Day in our Church, a day to remember loved ones who have died. Since this day in 2023, we have lost four members from Kilroy Council 1431 and Justice J.M. King Assembly 1866.

Michael Gomes
James Shular
Joe Lorentz
Harry Thomas

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.

4th Degree News

- Our brunch at Holy Name after the 10:00 mass was a great success, bringing in \$378.
- We have purchased a carton of Coats for Kids.
- A Trivia Night is planned for Saturday February 1, 2025.
- Installation of officers will take place in London on November 23.

Spaghetti Dinner

It was our first try at a spaghetti dinner fundraiser and it was very successful. Just over \$1200 was raised and we are considering adopting a regular schedule of this meal. Of course, we will need more of you to offer your time and energy. Listen for more details.



Donations

Kiwanis CJCS Christmas Basket	\$ 1,000
House of Blessing	\$ 800
Local Community Food Centre	\$ 500
Net Ministries	\$ 300
Optimism Place	\$ 400
Salvation Army	\$ 500
Simple Dreams (R. Kneider)	\$ 500
Stratford Perth Hospice	\$ 700

Halo Car Wash

A new fundraising venture

- On your phone, Google Halo Car Wash
- Click on Stratford location
- Click on Platinum wash, submit
- Enter your mobile phone number, submit
- Check your mobile phone for a text message, click on this message
- Click on \$19 off platinum wash
- Follow instructions on screen. Attendants are there to help you complete transaction

Use of vacuum cleaner is included. Your cost for the platinum wash, with tax, will be \$22.60, a saving of \$19 off the regular price. Our council gets half of the pre-tax price.

Ham Dinner

Immaculate Conception Church

Saturday November 23 after the 5:00 p.m. mass

Free will offering to support the charitable works of

Knights of Columbus

Coming Events

Sunday November 17, Scott Woods Yee Haw, 2:00 p.m. SMCSS

Thursday November 21, Fun Night

Saturday November 23 Ham Dinner at Immac's Hall after 5 p.m. mass

Monday December 2 Council meeting, 6:00 p.m. meal, 7:00 p.m. meeting

Friday December 6, Knights Annual Christmas Dinner

Monday December 9, Knights Inc. 7:00 p.m. Council Exec. 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday December 25, Christmas Day