

Kilroy Council 1431

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Knights News

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Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights and Ladies:

It has been a busy year for our council and especially busy on three occasions. The first occasion was Faith Fest on August 17th, a big, new event for our Family of Parishes, that required many hours of service to make it happen.

The second was Sunday, September 22nd, that crazy, wonderful day whereas of Friday, the schedule was not set. As a reminder, the day started with a membership drive at Holy Name of Mary, followed by the annual St. Anthony's mass, and closed by the Past Grand Knights Dinner and our celebration of the 115th anniversary of the council's founding. All events were better than expected, and at every event was our State Deputy Bruce Poulin. Again, it took many Knights to make that day a success, and I want to again thank Mike Lobsinger for all he did and his patience with my many phone calls.

The last event I want to highlight is not a single event but a month of events; November 2024. In November we had the Spaghetti Dinner, the Ham Dinner and Scott Woods concert. All three events went well and were well supported. Based on the events' success our council's plan is to have monthly spaghetti dinners at the hall in 2025, from January to May and September to November. The council also plans to have future meals (like the Ham Dinner) and the Scott Woods Band again next Fall.

Our December 6th, the Christmas dinner was again a success and a great way to usher in the season with a good meal, good friends, and Christmas Carols. Thank you to all who made it happen. Once again, I was pleasantly surprised how quickly, after dinner, a few Knights, prepared the hall for the next day's rental.

I've missed two Council Executive meetings in a row, one for a vacation, the other for work, and I am appreciative of our Deputy Grand Knight, Gary Crowley, for stepping in for me and to the Executive continuing its work in my absence. Thanks.

I hope to see many of you throughout the holidays and I want to wish everyone a joyful and blessed Christmas season.

Peace to All.

Vivat Jesus

Your Grand Knight,

Gregg Bentley

In Memoriam

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of Angie Ryan, sister-in-law of Brother Patrick Murphy, Ted Quenneville, brother-in-law of Brother Bill Dupuis, Mary-Helen Mosterman, sister of Brother Rudy Koert, Brother Terry McClean 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,

As the year 2024 winds down, the secular world has us racing here and there getting presents, planning family gatherings and parties, making sure our house is ready to have guests and on and on. All this to prepare for Christmas. What does Advent tell us? Stop! Slow down. Prepare your heart for the celebration of the birth of the Savior. Take some time to meditate in front of the cross. Find some time for quiet prayer. We are told in last Sunday's gospel that "every valley shall be filled, every mountain and hill shall be made low ..." God is still in charge. Everything is going to be okay.

Brother Knights, you have had a busy year. New problems have risen but you are persevering. Keep up the good work. Continue to be an example to others in our Family of Parishes.

May the blessing of the Holy Spirit come to each of you and your families this Christmas.

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

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, Doug Downey, brother-in-law of Brother Paul Gras and uncle to Brothers Daniel and Peter Gras, Pauline Butler, mother of Fr. David. and Don Pumputis Sr., father of Fr. Don.






For all who are sick or suffering, may Christ's healing presence bring them relief and consolation, Let us pray to the Lord. Amen.

Knight's News

- Thank you to Tony Vigar, Mike Lobsinger and Martin Switzer for the scallop potato, ham, coleslaw and cookies prior to council meeting.
- Mass for deceased Knights, Thursday Dec. 12, 3:00 p.m. Greenwood Court.
- The bingo account is now wrapped up with the receipt of \$778.34.
- Fall Fundraisers profits: Spaghetti Dinner \$1240; Scott Woods Yee Haw \$2250; ham and scallop dinner \$570.
- Shawn Raiman has stepped away from the Advocate position on council executive. Thank you Shawn for your time and effort in this role over the past 3 years. Ron Marcy was elected to fill the Advocate position.
- HAM PICK UP: Friday Dec, 13, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.; Saturday Dec. 14, 10:00 – 2:00 p.m.
- Good of the order 50/50 jackpot of \$42 won by Gregg Bentley.
- Spaghetti dinners are planned to be a regular event on the second Wednesday of the month. Please call Mike Lobsinger to volunteer for some of these meals.
- **CHANGING YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS?** Be sure to let Tony Vigar know.

4th Degree

- Jim Miron has become a member of the J.M. King Assembly Welcome Jim.
- Members went out to dinner at Demetres on Saturday Nov.30.
- Trivia pursuit fundraiser Feb.1st; \$120 entry fee for table of six.
- We have made the following donations:

 Society of St. Vincent de Paul	\$500
 L'Arche	\$1000
 Community meals for January and June 2025	\$1000
 20 mass stipends for deceased/ sick or shut-in Brothers	\$200
 20 mass cards to have on hand	\$200

WELCOME KILROY COUNCIL 1431!

50/50 RAFFLE

Grand Draw - December 31 **GOOD STOCKING STUFFERS**

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>

December Donations

Project Precious, Haiti	\$500
Arthritis Society	\$500
Stratford General Hospital Foundation	\$2,000
Martyr's Shrine	\$300
Stratford Special Olympics	\$500

Grey Cup Game

An enthusiastic group gathered at our hall to watch the Grey Cup game . They were treated to a menu of wings, meatballs, lasagna, clementines, and pie. A creative pool designed by organizer Tony Vigar was held throughout the game with Jim Miron being the winner of the top prize of \$29. Mark down Feb. 9 for Superbowl LIX.



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.

Ham and Scallop Dinner



We held ham and scallop potato dinner fundraiser at Immac's after the 5:00 o'clock mass on Nov. 23. 80 people were served. Thanks to Bill Dupuis for preparing the scallop potatoes and others who helped serve and cleanup. We are planning our next spaghetti meal for Tuesday January 8.

Scott Woods Yee Haw



Another successful Scott Woods performance was held at St. Michael S.S.S. on Sunday November 17. Thanks to Brothers Bill Dupuis, Mike Lobsinger, and John Walsh (shown above) and Fern Pereira (not shown) for overseeing parking and other matters inside the school gymnasium. Thank you to the Huron-Perth C.D.S.B. for donating the facility and to the school custodial staff for the set up and take down.

Christmas Dinner



A delicious Christmas meal catered by Black Angus was thoroughly enjoyed by just over 40 Knights, partners and friends on Dec. 6 at our hall. The evening was capped off with a carol sing. Thanks to the members who readied the hall for a Saturday morning rental at the end of the night.

DUES

Have you paid your 2025 Dues???? \$50 As soon as possible.

Coming Events

Friday Dec.13, 2-4 p.m., Saturday Dec.14, 10-2 p/m/ pick up hams
Wednesday December 25, Christmas Day
Wednesday Jan. 1, Happy New Year 2025
Monday January 6, council meeting; meal at 6:00 p.m., meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Jan.8, spaghetti dinner, our hall
Monday January 13, Knights Inc. 7:00 p.m., council exec. 8:00 p.m.
Thursday January 16, community meal, St. Joseph's hall
Thursday January 16, Fun Night. 7:00 p.m.