

Kilroy Council 1431

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Knights News

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Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights & Ladies:

As we enter September, our help is needed more than ever! Here are some important updates and opportunities to get involved:

- Catch the Ace – Now entering week 19 and still going strong! We need volunteers to help sell tickets at the fair on September 18–20.
- Family of the Month – **Congratulations** to the Minton family! We hope to recognize many more wonderful families in the future.
- St. Anthony's Mass – Join us on September 21. Cleanup at the church will take place on September 19 — volunteers are greatly appreciated.
- New Fundraiser! – We're excited to launch our first Potato Bar at St. Joseph's Hall, right after Mass on September 28. Bring your family and friends for a great meal and fellowship. Please look through the news letter for more fundraising opportunities

We also ask everyone to keep Mike Lobsinger's son and our dear brother Harry Visser in your prayers during this difficult time. May God grant them peace.

I look forward to seeing you all at our next council meeting as we continue building faith, fraternity, and community together.

God bless,
Your Grand Knight
Gary Crowley.

Sick and Shut-ins

Our prayers are requested for the following Knights who are either sick or shut in: Brothers Marco Eusebi, Dennis Jimenea, Father Keith Morrison, Ken Plotnik, John Bettridge, Paul Smith, Dave Crowley, the Gulikers family, Dave Franks, Julio Pacia, Herm Vanderhyden, and Lorne Twamley.

Also for Joan Mezenberg, Debbie Mahood, Louise Gould, Theresa Theijsmeijer, Marilyn Dewan, Nancy Muir, daughter of Harry Visser, Marge Skinner, Don Pumputis Sr., father of Fr. Don, Joe Visser, brother of Brother Harry Visser) Jackie Deneuve, wife of Brother Larry Deneuve, and for Ellen Koert, wife of Brother Rudy Koert.

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

In Memoriam

Please remember in your prayers the repose of the souls of Brother Harry Visser, Brother Tom Sylvain, Brendan Lobsinger, son of Brother Mike Lobsinger and their families.

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

Chaplain's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

We've been through a challenging time in our Family of Parishes, and I want to thank you for your support during this time.

As I write this letter, I can report that our stepping up campaign for St. Joseph's front steps, is coming along wonderfully, with the concrete starting to be poured the 1st week of September. When the job is fully completed, I would like to have a blessing of the steps, procession in for Mass on a Saturday morning, and maybe a luncheon in the hall, attended by us all.

Our founder Blessed Fr. McGivney was a man of action, mission, and vision. He created our order of Catholic men, who would be committed to Christ in servant leadership to his people. I have seen and have experienced that vision with you Brothers.

"What you did to the least of my brothers, you did to me."

Your continued dedication and commitment to your parish family, your faith, your priests, and our order is commendable, and it has been noticed. I thank you along with Fr. Joseph our associate, and Fr. Bester our retired priest in residence.

I as your pastor support the Knights of Columbus initiatives brought forward, and I look forward to building the kingdom of God alongside of you.

Vivat Jesu!

Your Chaplain,
Fr. Don Pumputis

Right-to-Life Report

- Stratford and Area Right-to-Life has supplied our council with a Right-to-Life flag and will help with its installation. If any member would like a flag for their property, one will be supplied to you at no charge.
- LIFE CHAIN will be held in Stratford on Ontario and Huron streets on Sunday October 5, beginning at 2:00 p.m.

Harry Visser



There wasn't a more widely recognizable member of council in the Stratford community than Harry Visser. He would joke that people avoided him when they saw him coming, usually on his bike, because he was notorious for selling tickets.

He was a shy person when he first joined council in 1993 but a course in self-confidence unlocked the outgoing, effervescent personality we have come to know.

He has occupied most of the key leadership positions in our council and initiated many activities that we carry on with today.

After joining the council executive, he became GK in 2 years, moved on to the position of District Deputy, was Faithful Navigator of Justice J.M. King Assembly 1866, was Assemblies 4th Degree Commander, worked on Knights Incorporated looking after hall bookings and outside maintenance among

many other things.

He was a volunteer at the Stratford General Hospital where he greeted people for many years. It was Harry who convinced members to honour our deceased members by having the monument presently installed on the side of our building and arranged to have plaques mounted at the entrance to the hall listing deceased members. He volunteered to organize members to help install hockey boards on the Zehrs parking lot to help the Parkinson society with their annual fund raiser. He volunteered the Knights to be an integral part of the annual Relay for Life fundraiser for cancer research. Who can forget getting together on the first Saturday of June and cooking breakfast at 4:00 a.m. for 400-500 participants.

May Harry Rest in Peace and may his life be an example of all of us who follow.

4th Degree

Our J.M. King Assembly 1866 hosted 5 other Assemblies from the greater area for an installation of officers by Marshal Paul Johnston. Officers for our assembly shown below are: Mike Lobsinger, Controller; John Price, Scribe; Martin Switzer, Admiral; Gregg Bentley, Pilot, Dave Franks, Inner Sentinel; Paul Smith, Outer Sentinel; Dave Wilby, Navigator.



Knight's News

- Mass for Knights who are ill or are shut-in, Thursday October 16, 10:00 a.m. Holy Name of Mary.
- Members of council will serve as altar servers and auxiliary ministers at the 5:00 p.m. mass on the third Saturday of each month at Immaculate Conception. This is scheduled to begin on Saturday September 20.
- A Mass commemorating the life of Fr. Michael McGivney will be said on October 30 at 7:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception. A reception will follow at our hall.
- Good of the Order winner of \$47.50 was Brother Paul Smith.
- St. Anthony's mass this year is on Sunday September 21, 2:00 p.m.
- Thank you to all who contributed to putting on the very filling pre-meeting meal of hamburgers and corn on the cob.
- In an attempt to get more members out to meetings, beginning in October, everyone who attends a council meeting will be 'dealt' a playing card. By next spring you will have accumulated your 'hand'. The person who has the highest poker hand will be awarded a significant prize.
- Catch the Ace pot continues to grow. The draw is held every Friday at 11:30 a.m. at the Army/Navy Hall. Tickets are \$5 and are available on-line stratfordcatchtheace.ca and at the Knights of Columbus Hall 93 Morgan St, Stratford (Fern Pereira or John Price) and Unit 261 Army, Navy and Air Force Veteran's Assoc 151 Lorne Ave, Stratford. Tickets are also being sold at the Stratford market on Saturdays. Members of our council were on hand to sell last week as shown in the photo.



Inter-council support

Just as Kinkora council comes to our BBQ, several of our members returned the courtesy on August 21. Shown below is part of Kilroy council's contingent.



Coming Events

Monday, October 6, pre-meeting meal 6:00 p.m., council meeting 7:00 p.m.

Monday September 15, Knights Inc. 7:00 p.m., council executive, 8:00 p.m.

Sunday September 21, Mass at St. Anthony's, 2:00 p.m.

Thursday September 18, Fun Night

Sunday September 28, Potato Bar fund raiser, after 12:00 mass St. Joseph's church.

Thursday October 30 , 7:00 p.m. mass at Immac's. commemorating Fr. Michael McGivney

Scott Woods Christmas show, December 14. 2:00 p.m. Tickets on-line, Or at 1-855-726-8876