

# Kilroy Council 1431

93 Morgan Street  
Stratford, N5A 7V2



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## **Knights News**

**December 2025**

### **Kilroy Council Officers**

<b>Chaplain</b>	<b>Father Don Pumputis</b>	<b>519-271-6722</b>
<b>Grand Knight</b>	<b>Gary Crowley</b>	<b>519-275-1370</b>
<b>Deputy Grand Knight</b>	<b>Fernado Pereira</b>	<b>519-305-0525</b>
<b>Past Grand Knight</b>	<b>Gregg Bentley</b>	<b>519-276-0192</b>
<b>Chancellor</b>	<b>Joe Ertel</b>	<b>226-921-4909</b>
<b>Warden</b>	<b>Martin Switzer</b>	<b>519-272-6125</b>
<b>Financial Secretary</b>	<b>Mike Lobsinger</b>	<b>519-273-5356</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Robert Van Ryswyck</b>	<b>1-519-320-0706</b>
<b>Recorder</b>	<b>John Price</b>	<b>519-271-9120</b>
<b>Advocate</b>	<b>Ron Marcy</b>	<b>519-271-4692</b>
<b>Inside Guard</b>	<b>Tony Rybka</b>	<b>519-504-5552</b>
<b>Outside Guard</b>	<b>Brian Crowley</b>	<b>519-273-1524</b>
<b>Trustee 1 yr</b>	<b>James Manto</b>	<b>519-273-0268</b>
<b>Trustee 2 yr</b>	<b>Dave Crowley</b>	<b>519-878-2731</b>
<b>Trustee 3 yr</b>	<b>John Walsh</b>	<b>519-393-6261</b>
<b>Lecturer</b>		
<b>Field Agent</b>	<b>Herm Vanderheyden</b>	<b>1-519-868-4376</b>
<b>District Deputy</b>	<b>Gregg Bentley</b>	<b>519-276-0192</b>

## ***Grand Knight's Message***

Dear Brother Knights & Ladies:

As we approach the holiday season, we have much to be thankful for. This month alone, our council proudly donated \$1,500 to local charities in Stratford and the surrounding area.

I want to extend my sincere thanks to everyone who helped make this possible. Your continued support, time, and dedication truly reflect the spirit of charity and community that defines the Knights of Columbus.

Let's keep this momentum going! I encourage all members to share ideas and get involved in our upcoming fundraising efforts so we can continue to make a positive impact in our community.

God bless,  
Your Grand Knight  
Gary Crowley.

### ***In Memoriam***

Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of Patricia Rybka, sister-in-law of Brother Tony Rybka and for the family.



At the memorial mass celebrated on All Souls Day at St. Joseph's Church, the seven members of our council who died this past year were remembered. Those members are Andrew Crowley , Terry McLean, Tom Sylvain, Howard Shantz, Fr. Richard Tremblay, Alan Grapes and Harry Visser.

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

## ***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, 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, son of Brother Harry Visser, Jackie Deneuve, wife of Brother Larry Deneuve, Ellen Koert, wife of Brother Rudy Koert. and Joe Rybka, brother of Tony.

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

## ***Chaplain's Message***

Dear Brother Knights, Fall is upon us already gentlemen Knights, as we prepare once again for the season of Advent, which means coming or arrival. A preparation time of the mind, soul, and body for the birth of Jesus Christ Our Lord. Our church teaches us to prepare ourselves to worthily celebrate Christs coming into the world in the flesh. As the incarnate God of charity(love), we make our souls a fitting house or temple of his grace, through confession, and the reception of Holy Communion.

This prep time, this conversion time, is done brothers in joyful hope. This approaching season reminds us of what he did for us, so that now we can, with the intercession of Our Lady and all the saints, turn away from what separates us from God our Father.

Brothers, seize this moment of grace offered to us by him who came so long ago, and promised to come again.

Come Lord Jesus, Maranatha!

Vivat Jesu!

Your Chaplain,

Fr. Don Pumputis

## ***Anniversaries***

Dan & Jenessa Gras	December 23	5 years
Daryll McCadden & Bronwyn Smith	December 30	20 years

## *Knights News*

- Mass for deceased members of council will be celebrated on Friday November 14 at St. Joseph's Church at 8:00 a.m.
- 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.
- Thank you to Mike Lobsinger who was took charge of the pre-meeting meal at the last council meeting.
- Members of council will serve as greeters and ushers at the 5:00 p.m. mass on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month and read, serve, greet and usher on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month at Immaculate Conception Church. Volunteers are needed. Contact John Price.



- The Good of the Order winner of \$38 was Gary Crowley.



Welcome to new member Connor Bennet. He is 22 years old, is single and works in Stratford at MVA Inc. in the shipping department. It is good to have a young person join our ranks.

- 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 at [stratfordcatchtheace.ca](http://stratfordcatchtheace.ca) and at the Knights of Columbus hall, 93 Morgan St., Stratford (Fern Pereira or John Price) and at Unit 261, Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans Association, 151 Lorne Ave., Stratford. Tickets are also sold at the Stratford market every Saturday.



Milestone for three members:

Gregg Bentley becomes Honorary Member. Matt Willemssen and Bill Dupuis become Honorary Life Members.

- Stemmler hams will again be sold as a Christmas fundraiser. John Price, Lorne Twamley, Dave Crowley, and Jeff Smith will coordinate the sales.
- Christmas dinner, Friday December 5; \$30 per person, see John Price.

## *Donations*

CJCS Christmas Basket	\$1000
House of Bless	\$800
St. Peters Seminary	\$500
Straford-Perth Hospice	\$700
Local Food Center	\$500
Optimism Place	\$400
Simple Dreams	\$500
Salvation Army	\$500
4 <sup>th</sup> Degree to L'Arche	\$500

## *Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney*



On October 30, a Mass was celebrated to commemorate the life of Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney. Fr. Don celebrated the mass at Immaculate Conception church. Council members were joined by Brothers from Michell and Kinkora councils for a reception at our hall afterwards. The photographer is Mike Lobsinger, missing from the above photo.

### **Stratford and District Right to Life Association**

#### **Annual General Meeting (and meal)**

Saturday November 15, Stratford Christian Reform Church

Doors open at 4:30

Guest speaker is Josie Luetke, Campaign Life Coalition, Canada

Tickets are \$25 for adults, free will offering for teenagers and children free

### ***Ham Sales***

Hams: small \$16; medium \$31.50; large \$60

Summer Sausage: \$22

Pepperettes: \$7.50

Deadline for orders, Sunday November 23. Pick up at our hall December 12, 13

### ***Remembrance Day***

Remembrance Day services were held in St. Marys on Sunday November 9 and in Stratford on Tuesday November 11 at the respective cenotaphs. Brothers Dave Crowley and Tony Rybka laid the wreath in St. Marys and Brother Fern Pereira represented us at the cenotaph in Stratford.



### ***Coming Events***

- Sunday November 16, 4<sup>th</sup> Degree brunch after mass, Holy Name of Mary church. Proceeds donated towards refurbishing of the church bell.
- Sunday November 16, Grey Cup party, game at 6:30, food 5:00 p.m.
- Thursday November 20, Fun Night.
- Monday December 1, Council meeting, pre-meeting meal 6:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., council meeting.
- Friday December 5, Christmas Dinner, our hall, 5:00 p.m. social, 6:00 p.m. meal. Tickets \$30 per person from John Price.
- Monday December 8 (Dec. 9 tba), Knights Inc. 7:00 p.m., council executive meeting 8:00 p.m.
- Friday, Saturday December 12, 13, ham pick-up, our hall.
- Scott Woods Christmas show, December 14. 2:00 p.m. Tickets on-line, [www.scottwoods.ca](http://www.scottwoods.ca), call 855-726-8896 or go to Swanson Jewellers.