

Kilroy Council 1431

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Knights News

November 2025

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Chancellor	Joe Ertel	226-921-4909
Warden	Martin Switzer	519-272-6125
Financial Secretary	Mike Lobsinger	519-273-5356
Treasurer	Robert Van Ryswyck	1-519-320-0706
Recorder	John Price	519-271-9120
Advocate	Ron Marcy	519-271-4692
Inside Guard	Tony Rybka	519-504-5552
Outside Guard	Brian Crowley	519-273-1524
Trustee 1 yr	James Manto	519-273-0268
Trustee 2 yr	Dave Crowley	519-878-2731
Trustee 3 yr	John Walsh	519-393-6261
Lecturer		
Field Agent	Herm Vanderheyden	1-519-868-4376
District Deputy	Gregg Bentley	519-276-0192

Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights & Ladies:

We have a busy couple of months ahead as we move toward the holiday season.

I'd like to start by welcoming Conner Bennet to the Knights — it's always great to see new members join our council.

Our Family of the Month program will be starting back up soon, recognizing families who show dedication and service in our community.

Our Ham Sales are underway again this year, with John Price, Dave Crowley, Lorne Twamley and Jeff Smith leading the effort. Volunteers are always appreciated to help with sales and organization.

We also have several volunteer opportunities coming up, including parish support, community assistance, and event setup. Any time you can lend a hand makes a real difference and helps strengthen our presence in the community.

Lastly, all Knights are invited to join our Ministries Mass at Immaculate Conception Church this Saturday evening at 5 PM. It's a great chance to gather in faith and fellowship.

Thank you for all you do and for continuing to live out the values of charity, unity, and fraternity.

God bless,
Your Grand Knight
Gary Crowley.

In Memoriam

Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of Doug Bentley, brother of Brother Gregg Bentley. .

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

Chaplain's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

My message is the prayer for the Canonization of our founder Blessed Michael McGivney. If we as brothers can pray this once a day at any time, we can assist the process spiritually and also for him. Please remember that we are having a mass at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 30 at Immaculate Conception church followed by a reception at the Knight's hall to commemorate his life and works.

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Vivat Jesu!

Your Chaplain,

Fr. Don Pumputis

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.

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

Euchre Night

Another night for euchre players was very successful on Friday October 3, when 79 people were at our hall. A traditional roast beef dinner under the watchful eyes of Brothers Fern and Tony was enjoyed by everyone and most stayed for euchre. We had a profit of \$1390. Thanks again to Barb Krauskopf who sold all the tickets.



Donations

CORE	\$300
Stratford and Area Right to Life (Rose Sunday)	\$1000
Young Adult Program	\$200
Stepping Up for St. Joseph's (Risk profit)	\$160
Coats for Kids, (Council 4 boxes, 4 th Degree 1 box)	\$1975

Knight's News

- Mass for Knights who have died, Friday November 14, 8:00 a.m. St. Joseph's.
- 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.
- 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 \$ 40 was Brother Gary Crowley.
- Thank you to Tony Vigar who was the main architect of the roast beef served on a bun as the pre-meeting meal this month.
- 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.
- Brother Fern Pereira has been elected to be Deputy Grand Knight. Brother James Manto is taking over as chair of Kilroy Charity Trust. Congratulations to both Brothers.
- Stemmler hams will again be sold as a Christmas fundraiser. John Price, Lorne Twamley, Dave Crowley and Jeff Smith will coordinate this effort.
- A new program is going ahead on a trial basis. It is called Young Adult Program and is aimed at men and women 18-35 years of age. Brothers Mike Lobsinger and Robert Van Ryswich will coordinate the program. The dinner meetings will focus on faith and education.

Council Installation of Officers

Officers for Kilroy council were installed by District Deputy Gregg Bentley in a ceremony after the executive meeting on October 14.



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Coming Events

- Thursday October 30, 7:00 p.m. mass at Immac's. commemorating Fr. Michael McGivney, reception afterwards at our hall.
- Monday November 3, 6:00 p.m. premeeting meal, 7:00 p.m. council meeting.
- Sunday November 9, Remembrance Day service, cenotaph, St. Marys, 12:00 p.m.
- Monday November 10. 7:00 p.m., Knights Inc, 8:00 p.m. council executive meeting.
- Tuesday November 11, Remembrance Day, Stratford cenotaph, 11:00 p.m.
- Thursday November 20, Fun Night.
- Scott Woods Christmas show, December 14. 2:00 p.m. Tickets on-line, or at 1-855-726-8876.
- Friday December 12, Christmas Dinner, our hall, 5:00 p.m. social, 6:00 p.m. meal. Tickets \$30 per person.

