

Kilroy Council 1431

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Knights News

May 2026

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Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights and Ladies,

Over the past month, we came together to reflect on and celebrate the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Thank you to all who took part and gave their time throughout the Easter season—it was truly meaningful to see such strong support.

It's been encouraging to witness the continued involvement at our gatherings, as well as the many members stepping up to volunteer at events like the community kitchen and our Easter Masses. Your commitment makes a real difference in both our council and the wider community.

Looking ahead, we have a couple of exciting events on the calendar. Our Spaghetti Night is coming up at the end of the month, and our Risk tournament will be held on April 18. These are always enjoyable events, and I encourage anyone interested in participating or helping out to reach out.

The Catch the Ace card has also been drawn, and we will be starting a new round shortly. More information will be shared once the details are finalized.

Wishing everyone a great spring season. I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

God bless,
Gary Crowley
Grand Knight

Sick/ Shut-in

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, Paul Smith, Julio Pacia, Herm Vanderhyden, Lorne Twamley, Dave Franks and Henry Sterkenburg.

Also for Joan Mezenberg, Debbie Mahood, Louise Gould, Theresa Theijsmeijer, Marilyn Dewan, Nancy Muir, daughter of Harry and Madeline Visser, Marge Skinner, Sharon Twamley, Don Pumputis Sr., father of Fr. Don, Joe Visser, son of Brother Harry Visser, Brother Larry Deneuve and wife Jackie, Pauline Bedard, mother of Brother Rob Bedard, and Claire Oghenejabor, mother of Fr. Joseph.

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,

As pastor, I want to begin by thanking you for the tireless work you do in support of our parish family. Your service at liturgies, fundraisers, vacation bible camp etc. demonstrates the Knights of Columbus is truly the "strong right arm" of the Avon-Thames Catholic Family of Parishes.

A strong changing parish needs a growing Council. I know we have a recruitment drive coming up, so let's make membership recruitment a top priority in this coming fraternal year. There are many men in our pews who need to be encouraged to join our brotherhood. I can tell they're looking for a way to grow in their faith, protect their families, and serve their community and parish, but they need that invite.

Let's overcome any obstacles in our way by creating a plan for long term growth, and identify those potential new Knights, and then offer the personal invite.

I am as Pastor fully supportive, and behind your recruiting efforts. My door is open brothers (after Easter), to discuss initiatives you might already be thinking of.

Together, let's build a Holy community based on life, hope, faith and charity, centered in Jesus Christ.

Vivat Jesus!

In Christ,

Fr. Don Pumputis

Chaplain

Knights News

- Mass for sick/shut-in members of council will be celebrated on Friday April 17, 10:30 at River Gardens.
- Thank you to Bill Dupuis for preparing two outstanding soups for our pre-meeting meal. You have a talent Bill. Thanks for sharing with us.
- Good of the Order winner of \$53 was Tony Vigar.
- Monday April 27, 'All you can eat spaghetti dinner' at our hall, with Trevor from the Black Angus.
- We are focusing on recruiting new members this month. At each church a short talk will be given after mass by a Brother and you are encouraged to be around after mass to show our presence and help answer questions.
- The initial meeting of REGEN was held in our hall last month and the turn out was very encouraging. 42 people attended after a mass at St. Joseph's church.

Recruitment Month

Who are the Knights of Columbus?

The Order of the Knights of Columbus was founded in 1882 by Father Michael McGivney. It is a fraternity of Brothers dedicated to the ideals of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. In Stratford in 1909, Council 1431 received its charter and took the name Kilroy Council in honour of Father Edward Burke Kilroy who served as pastor of St. Joseph's Church from 1874 to 1904.

WHY BECOME A KNIGHT?

Our district Deputy Gregg Bentley invites you to reflect on the 8th station in the Way of the Cross, Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem. At the 7th station, Jesus has fallen for the second time. Now, Jesus stops when he sees the women.

Reflect on this.

How kind of you, Lord Jesus, to pause to talk to us.

How often we say to one another, "I don't have the time!"

We say to our children when they ask, to the needy when they beg, to neighbours when they seek our help, "I don't have the time!"

Yet, time is really all we have. We cannot make it or demand it.

Time is your gift, Lord, but we can waste it.

When it is past, we cannot replace it.

So, before we move on, Christ Jesus, help us embrace time and share it with others in your love.

This is the essence of being a Knight, to give of our time and gifts in works of charity. We encourage and strengthen men to live out their vocations as husbands, fathers, and defenders of human dignity and the most vulnerable. When the need arises, we rise to meet it - with charity, unity and fraternity.

Here is a list of activities and events we have participated in and will continue to do. You are not expected to be involved in everything. You have family and work obligations that must be met first. But as a Knight, we want you to be involved in some way.

Faith Related Activities: Fill the roles of the auxiliary ministers at mass, the 2nd and 3rd weekend of each month at Immaculate Conception Church, monthly inclusion in a daily Mass for for the intentions of deceased and sick or shut-in Brothers, dedication of the closing prayer at each monthly meeting for deceased Brothers, prayer for the canonization of our founder, Father Michael McGivney at each council meeting, Stations of the Cross in Lent, organize the annual Mass at St. Anthony's Church (our satellite church) and do repairs as necessary, prayers at visitation for deceased Brothers, events requested by the pastor.

Charitable and community Activities: Participation in our monthly meeting to decide on donations to local charities, participate in the Stratford and St. Marys Remembrance Day services, (laying of wreath), participate in Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Drive, deliver Meals on Wheels for One Care, prepare and serve Shrove Tuesday pancake/sausage meal, prepare and serve two Community Meals, Coats for Kids donation to Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Fundraisers for Charitable Donations: Annual BBQ in June, Euchre and roast beef dinner nights, Risk Tournament, spaghetti dinners.

Social Activities: Fun Night the 3rd Thursday of the month, Christmas Dinner.

Anniversaries

Bill & Claire Dupuis

May 22

50 years

James & Elizabeth Manto

May 24

40 years

Community Meal

Not meaning to tout our own horn but I'd like to say we served a very nice dinner. It takes a team to peel and slice 40 lbs of potatoes, assemble them into scalloped potatoes complete with bacon and cheese, slice 25 lbs of ham and prepare the beans and Coleslaw, The cooks responsible for this earlier in the day are shown below. The following members contributed to help feed the hungry. Dave Crowley, Larry McCabe, Brian Crowley, Jim Miron, Lorne Johnston, Tony Vigar, Justin Tomasulo, Dave Wilby, John Price, Jim Gaylor, Dave Franks, John Walsh, Fern Pereira, Ron Marcy, Paul Smith, John Walsh. It is a lot of work but the satisfaction of knowing we are doing what **Knights of Columbus** members need to do, is rewarding. We had lots of help which for me was a great sign of encouragement and support. Thank you everyone.

Bill Dupuis



Right to Life

May is Right to Life month and several marches will occur across the province. On April 23, a bus will take local supporters to Toronto. Cost is \$20 per person. See Tony Rybka for more information.

4th Degree

- Potato Bar 4th Degree Fundraiser

A potato bar brunch after the 12:00 p.m. mass at St. Joseph's church hall, together with the St. Joseph's CWL, was an overwhelming success. Entertainment by Michael Kelly was a hit. Profit for the assembly was \$588.



- Tuesday June 2nd , a Short Exemplification will be held in London. See Dave Wilby for details on becoming a 4th Degree member.
- Future event: Bus trip to Niagara in the fall.

CATCH THE ACE

THE ACE HAS BEEN CAUGHT

The winner of Week 14, Maureen Whitehead selected envelope # 11 that had the Ace of Spades. She won \$7,896. Application is being made by the Kinsmen Club for another licence. Stayed tuned for the next startup date.

Tickets are \$5 and will be available on-line at stratfordcatchtheace.ca, and at the following locations: Knights of Columbus Hall, 93 Morgan St., Stratford (Fern Pereira, John Price, or Jim Miron), Unit 261, Army, Navy and Air Force, Joe's Diner (Stratford and St. Marys), Neumeister Motors, Stratford Market, and the Alman Arena at Warrior games

Coming Events




KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Risk TOURNAMENT
 Saturday, April. 18th
 @10am-2pm Pizza!
Prizes! 2 Guaranteed Timed & Moderated Games
 \$20 Entrance Fee
 RSVP to 1431KofC@gmail.com
 93 Morgan Street, Stratford
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Knights of Columbus
All You Can Eat Spaghetti Dinner
 Knights of Columbus Hall
 93 Morgan St. 2026
Monday April 27th


Spaghetti
 With a choice of:
 Three sauces
(Tomato, Meat or Veggie)
 Rolls
 Caesar Salad
 and Squares for Dessert
Coffee, Tea or Juice included



Three Sittings

4:00 pm
5:00 pm
6:00 pm

Take Out Available!

Adults
\$20.00
Children 10
and under
\$10.00

Prepared by
*Trevor
From
Black
Angus*

To get your tickets call Tickets also available at

John Price or Fern Pereira Black Angus Bakery
 519-272-3542 226-921-7571 443 Erie Street

- Thursday April 16 Fun Night.
- Recruitment talks after mass:

Immaculate Conception Saturday April 18 5:00 p.m. mass
 Holy Name Sunday April 19 10:00 a.m. mass
 St. Joseph's Sunday May 3 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. mass

- Monday May 4, council meeting; pre-meeting meal 6:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. council meeting.
- Sunday May 10, Rose Sunday, Mother's Day
- Monday May 11, Knights Inc. 7:00 p.m., Council executive 8:00 p.m.
- Sunday June 21, brunch after 8:00 a.m. mass at St. Joseph's church hall.