

Kilroy Council 1431

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Knights News

June 2026

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Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights and Ladies,

Thank you for another wonderful month of showing your charity, unity, and fraternity. We had two very successful fundraisers in April, and your support and hard work continue to make a difference in our community.

Please continue to share ideas and lend a hand with future fundraising events. Our next major event is coming up on June 11, and volunteers are still needed. Please also start selling tickets and help spread the word.

I would also encourage everyone to help recruit new members so we can continue to strengthen and grow our council for the future.

Thank you all, and God bless.

Vivat Jesu!

Gary Crowley

Grand Knight

In Memoriam

Please remember in your prayers the repose of the souls of Deacon Leo Gulikers and Michael Pietrasko, father of Brother Fr. Chris Pietrasko and for their families.

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

Sick and 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 John Dario.

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, Claire Oghenejabor, mother of Fr. Joseph, and Jerry Walsh, brother of Brother John Walsh.

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

The following message is a xerept from Pope Leo XIV's message to 20,000 pilgrims and visitors to St. Peter's Square celebrating the Solemnity of the Ascension.

Reflecting on this Solemnity, the Pope said that Jesus' being lifted up from the earth and ascending toward heaven may make us think this Mystery occurred in a distant past, yet the reality is very current.

The Pope explained that Christ's entire life is "a movement of ascent" and that through His humanity the Lord "embraces and involves the whole world, elevating and redeeming human beings.

He said the Ascension speaks to us of "a living bond" that draws us as well "toward heavenly glory." In this path of ascent, we recognize the way through Jesus.

With the support and prayers of one another, "we too can learn to ascend day by day toward heaven focusing on whatever is true, just and loveable.

Vivat Jesu!

Your chaplain,

Fr. Don

Anniversaries

Ray & Jen Kelly	June 14	40 years
Bill & Jean Ryan	June 15	35 years
Scott & Carlee Runstedler	June 25	5 years
Mike & Barbara Stevens	June 25	50 years
Rudy & Ellen Koert	June 26	50 years

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- Wednesday June 10, Immaculate Conception, Mass for Brothers who are ill or shut-in.
- Thank you to Gregg Bentley for preparing sloppy Joe's for the pre-council meeting meal and to Brian Crowley and others who help with the clean-up.
- The Good of the Order winner of \$42.50 was Gary Crowley.
- The Risk tournament proceeded as scheduled last month despite a lower turn out and the profit was \$140.
- From May 24-27, the **Sacred Heart Icon** will be in our Family of Parishes. Members will lead a Holy Hour at the following times:
Holy Name May 21 @ after 10 am mass
St.Joes May 26 @ after 7pm mass
Imac. May 27 @ after 8 am mass

Gary Crowley is looking for readers. Please help.

- The current slate of officers has been nominated, and accepted return to their position for 2026-27.

Council attendance best attendance poker hand winners will be announced at June meeting.

Stratford and District Right to Life is organizing a bus going to the Toronto March for Life on Saturday May 23. Cost is \$20 per person. The bus leaves Stratford at 7:00 a.m. Upon arrival at approximately 8:30 a.m. at Luther Trinity Evangelical Lutheran church in Toronto, a breakfast will be served to the Stratford delegation. Our delegation will join others at Queen's Park where the rally will take place. Estimated departure time from Toronto is 4:00 p.m., arriving in Stratford by 7:00 p.m.

Annual Steak BBQ

Thursday June 11 at our hall, 6:00 p.m.

BBQ your own 10 oz. steak, baked potato, cole slaw, buns, pickled eggs

Tickets \$35 are available from John Price and Gary Crowley
Women welcome

Spaghetti Dinner

106 dinner tickets were sold for the spaghetti dinner on April 27 for a profit of \$960. Thank you to Trevor Exner from Black Angus Bakery for preparing and supplying the spaghetti and sauces and to the Knights who helped set-up, serve and cleanup afterwards.



Euchre Night

Friday May 1 was again a night to enjoy a roast beef dinner and games of euchre. 74 meals were served and 64 played euchre. Profit from the night was \$1385. Thank you to Fern Pereira and Tony Vigar crew for looking after the meal preparation and to the clean-up crew for their important contribution. Thanks to Barb Krauskopf for selling the tickets once again.



4th Degree Report

- Sunday June 21, after the 8:00 a.m. mass, Brunch in the St. Joseph's hall. Free will offering.
- A day bus trip to Niagara Falls in September is tentatively planning a visit to the Mount Caramel Monastery, a winery stop and dinner. Cost TBA. This trip is open to all Knights, their family and friends.
- The Assembly is again supporting Grade 8 graduation programs for schools in our Family of Parishes.
- There is a 4th Degree Exemplification on Tuesday June 2 at St. Justin's parish in London at 6:00 p.m.

State 50/50 Raffle



Order tickets at

<https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/k-of-c-ont/215>

Coming Events

- Sunday May 24, Confirmation St. Joseph's church, 1:30 p.m.
- Sunday May 31, Confirmation Holy Name of Mary church, 12:00 p.m.
- Monday June 1, Council meeting, 6:00 p.m. meal, 7:00 p.m. meeting. Knights INC annual report and meeting afterwards.
- Monday June 8, Knights Inc. 7:00 p.m., Council Exec. 8:00 p.m.
- Thursday June 11, annual Steak BBQ, 6:00 p.m.
- Thursday June 18, Fun Night.
- Sunday June 21, 4th Degree sponsored brunch after 8:00 a.m. mass St. Joseph's church.