

Kilroy Council 1431

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Knights News

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Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights and Ladies,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and enjoyed the long weekend with family and friends.

We have another busy month ahead, with plenty of opportunities to get together, have some fun, and continue the great work we do as Knights of Columbus!

Coming up, we have a Recruitment Mass at St. Joe's next week, along with a Fun Night Oct 15th, All Souls' Evening Nov 2nd and our Past Grand Knights Dinner at the end of the month. I hope to see as many of you as possible at these events, especially the Recruitment Mass, as we look to welcome new members into our council.

For all the dates and details, please take a few minutes to read through the newsletter Jim has put together.

I also want to thank everyone who helped with the St. Anthony's Mass last month. It was a great success, and your time and effort were truly appreciated! Looking ahead to next spring, we're hoping to get a few volunteers together to help clean up the grounds and keep everything looking its best.

Thank you again for your continued support, dedication, and brotherhood. Let's keep the momentum going and make this another great month for Council 1431! Talk to you all soon.

God Bless,

Gary Crowley
Grand Knight

Sick and Shut- in

Our prayers are requested for the following Knights who are either sick or shut in: Brothers Dennis Jimenea, Father Keith Morrison, Ken Plotnik, Paul Smith, Julio Pacia, Herm Vanderhyden, Dave Franks, 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, Mary Nyenhuis, 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, Jo-Ann LeGros, wife of Brother Raymond and Ellen and 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 soul Carmel Taafft, sister-in-law of Larry McCabe and for the family.

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

Chaplain's Message

Brothers, on Thanksgiving we'll gather with family and friends to give thanks to Our Lord Jesus Christ for all we have received from him. I'd like to say my thank you to all of you, in appreciation for everything you do for me your pastor, your family of Parishes, and our community. Your dedication to the cause doesn't go unnoticed.

"In all circumstances give thanks: for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus" from St Paul to the Thessalonians 5:18. As your chaplain, I give thanks to God for you brother Knights, and your witness of our council. Everyone of you has shown unwavering commitment to the virtues and principles, of **charity, unity, and fraternity**. A blessing to our family of Parishes. Thank you for your faith in action, feeding the hungry, support of parish ministries, reverence of the Holy Eucharist etc..... I'm grateful for your support for the priesthood, our seminarians at St Peters in London through the Knight's bursaries, it's a source of strength for me to see this in action.

With Blessed Fr Michael McGivney beside us, our council will continue to show what it means to be a devoted Catholic Christian to Our Lord, and neighbor. The two greatest commandments. During this Thanksgiving season, may God fill you with peace, gratitude and his grace, and know you are always in my rosary and private Mass intentions.

Vivat Jesu!

Your chaplain,

Fr. Don Pumputis, Pastor Avon-Thames Catholic family of Parishes

All Souls Day

On Monday November 2 at 7:00 p.m. at St Joseph's Church, we will have mass to celebrate All souls Day. We are invited as the Knights of Columbus along with the Catholic Women's Leagues in addition to those from our Family of Parishes to honour those who have died this past year.

After the homily, Fr Don will read the names of those who died this past year, and the families will come forward and light a candle and receive a rose to honour their loved one. After that, anyone else can come forward and do the same in memory of a loved one.

Members of our council who have passed since All Souls Day last year are:

Br. John Bettridge, January 28; Br. Norman Palmby, June 09; Br & SK Marco Eusebi; June 14.

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- Friday October 16, mass for sick and shut-in Brothers, 8:00 a.m. St. Joseph's.
- Thank you to Mike Lobsinger for organizing the Octoberfest sausage meal with sauerkraut, coleslaw and dessert and to the Brothers who helped with set up and cleanup afterwards. A delicious meal.
- The COR group for Catholic men 18 or older continues with upcoming meetings planned for Saturday October 17th and 31st, 8:00 a.m at St. Joseph's hall.



Attendance at the spaghetti dinner on September 21 was low but still brought a profit of \$430 to council. Thank you to all who attended and to those who helped serve. Thank you to Trevor Exner at Black Angus who supplied the meal and has encouraged us to make this event a success. Council voted at its last meeting to discontinued the event.

Dinner to honour our Past Grand Knight Gregg Bentley will be held on Friday October 30 at Quehl's in Tavistock. Contact Mike Lobsinger if you are coming.

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- Dinner at 5:30 PM will be buffet. This is open tall brothers spouses and widows. Anyone wishing to attend please contact John Price, 519 2719120, email, jjprice@sympatioc.ca. Should you need a ride arrangements can be made.
- Good of the order winner of \$45 was Brian Crowley.
- Fun Nights continue on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
- October 2 was the time of another successful roast beef dinner and euchre night. 72 meals were served and 60 enjoyed a night of cards. Profit for council for the evening was \$1112. Thanks to Tony and Fern for organizing the meal, to those who set up, cooked, served and cleaned up and again our thanks to Barb Krauskopf for selling the tickets.
- Startin in January 2027, members will receive the Columbia on line.
- Remembrance Day, St. Marys cenotaph 12:00 p.m. Sunday November 8, Stratford cenotaph, Wednesday November 11, 11:00 a.m.
 - Sunday October 18 at the two Sunday masses at St. Joseph's, we will speak about membership in the knights.. Please try to attend one of these masses.

Anniversaries

Glenn & Chantal Hartman

November 27

5 years

Noel Bazaar

Yes we are having a Bazaar this year! It is on Saturday November 7 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. It is going to be the same as in other years, except the Knight's of Columbus will be hosting it, with a little help.

We will be having the Wheel of Fortune, Penny Table, Crafts, Bake Table, Silent Auction and of course Food. We are asking the members of Immac's once again for their generous support for our Bazaar.

If you are able to donate towards the Bazaar, please contact the person in charge of the activity. Items for the Wheel of Fortune and Penny table must be received before Oct 31st so that we can get the license.

Contact people:

Organizers: Mike & Mary Kay Lobsinger, 519-273-5356,

Wheel of Fortune: Gregg & Paula Bentley, 519-271-4443

Bake Table: Brian Crowley, 519-273-1524

Penny Table: Mike Lobsinger 519-273-5356

Silent Auction: Paul Smith, 519-274-4304

Kitchen: Mary Kay Lobsinger 519-273-5356

From the raffle we make a good return. This is a good time for you to support our fundraisers by purchasing or selling a book or two. Tickets are \$2 each 3 for \$5 or \$15 for a book. You can get tickets at church at weekend masses or contact Mike

Lobsinger mikelobsinger2001@rogers.com; 519 301 8237

We want to make this a great last Bazaar at Immaculate Conception.



St. Anthony's Mass

On Sunday September 20 mass was celebrated at St. Anthony's church. The history of the church dates back to 1839 and it stands as the oldest Roman Catholic chapel in Perth County. Originally under the Hamilton diocese with priests from Kitchener, it was taken over by the London diocese and has been maintained as a satellite chapel of Stratford in recent times. Our council has helped maintain the church for the annual mass for several years. Thanks to the Brothers who cleaned the church and to Martin Switzer for organizing the reception afterwards.



CATCH THE ACE

The Ace of spades went in the 4th week. Look for the next round starting soon. 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 Joyland billiards and Games.

Guaranteed payout for finding the Ace of Spades is \$2,500 (until payout pot surpassed)

Council received \$1,000 proceeds from the last draw.

State 50/50 Raffle



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

Coming Events

- Sunday October 18 is Recruitment Day at St. Joseph's church. Try to attend either mass.
- Friday October 30 Past Grand Knight's dinner, 5:30 p.m. Quehl's in Tavistock.
- Monday November 2, all souls Day.
- **Tuesday November 3, council meeting.** Meal at 6:00 p.m., meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- Monday November 9, Knights Inc. 7:00 p.m., council executive 8:00 p.m.
- Sunday November 8, Remembrance Day service, 12:00 p.m. St. Marys.
- Wednesday November 11, Remembrance Day service 11:00 a.m. Stratford.
- Friday December 4, Christmas Dinner.