

April 2025

The Knightly News



Knights of Columbus Father Hugh MacKinnon Council 8192 Elmira, Ontario

EXECUTIVE MEETING

- Apr. Meeting Date: Thursday, Apr. 3, 2025.
May Meeting Date: Thursday, May 1, 2025.
Meeting Location: Internet Microsoft Team Meeting
Meeting Time: 7:00 PM

GENERAL MEETING

- Apr. Meeting Date: **Wednesday, Apr. 16, 2025.**
Meeting Location: St. Teresa of Avila Church Hall.
Meeting Time: 6:30 PM food, refreshments and fellowship followed by the meeting at 7:30 PM

If you need a ride, please call an executive member.

Grand Knight's Message

Brothers,

As quickly as it came, we find ourselves half way through Lent already. During this solemn time take a moment to reflect on what is really important in both our families and our community to make them a better place. I would like to thank everyone who helped with the very successful Fish Fry that we held on March 7th. Also, a big thank you to the Knights' wives and parishioners who helped as well as to everyone who has agreed to help at this year's Maple Syrup Festival, coming up a week from Saturday on April 5th. If I haven't spoken to any of you who would like to help, please reach out to me. Many hands make light work. I look forward to seeing you there. If you are helping, each vendor has a designated parking spot and ours is lot H which is located behind the Home Hardware building.

God Bless.

Rick Weishar, G.K.

With Lent half over, that means there is still half to go.

With the hustle and bustle of today's society, all too often people either take on too much or don't take on enough.

So, here's a suggestion to keep things simple this Lent. Why not try the "1-1-1 Plan"? The 1-1-1 plan focuses on 1 sin, 1 add-in and 1 give-up.

Concentrate or focus on one sin or fault that is getting in the way of your relationship with God and with others.

Add 1 positive activity that will deepen your prayer and spiritual life.

Finally, deny yourself 1 thing you really like or are attached to.

... a simple solution to help you stay focused during Lent.





Kieran Kelly

Brother Kieran Kelly is an Honourary Life Member of our Council who is in his 52nd year of Knighthood. His son, Geoff, is also a member.

Kieran, who was Elmira's District Fire Chief for 40 years before retiring, was awarded the Governor General's Fire Services Exemplary Service Medal in 1996. Since then, he has also been awarded three bars, two in 2014 and, the most recent of which, awarded in September 2024.

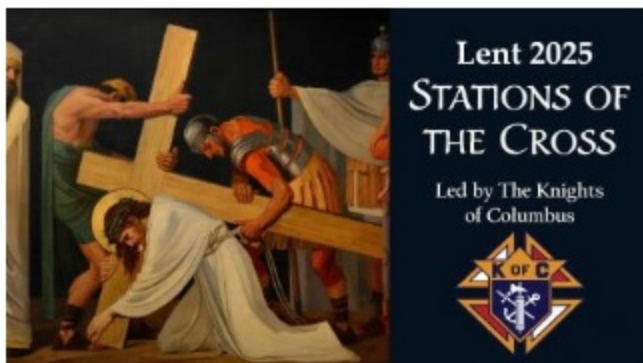
You may have seen Kieran in his various roles in our parish including Hospitality, Eucharistic Minister and Sign Ministry.

April Birthdays and Anniversaries

6 - Phil McKee
9 - Mike Snelling
13 - Barry Lehmann
18 - Steve Schill
23 - Ron Stemmler
24 - Mike Schlupp

Stations of the Cross

Join us on Tuesday, April 1st at 6:30 PM for the Stations of the Cross, led by the Knights of Columbus. This meaningful event will take place prior to the 7:00 PM Mass. We invite you to walk with us in faith and remembrance. All are welcome to attend and participate in this sacred tradition.



Knight of the Month

February, 2024

G.K. Rick proudly presented the certificate at the March meeting to Brother Tom Miller.

Tom serves as a shining example of a member who, despite being away for a time, has chosen to reconnect with the group as an active and valued member.

Members like Tom remind us that it's never too late to come back, contribute, and reignite one's dedication. Our hope is that he inspires others to rejoin and rediscover the sense of belonging and purpose our Council offers.

His return brings renewed energy, highlighting that every member matters.



March Pot of Gold

\$20.00 – Ray Denomme – present and Winner

April Pot of Gold \$20.00 You have to be present to win.

March 50/50 Winners

1st @ \$10.00 – Steve Pond

2nd @ \$6.00 – Mike Noël

3rd @ \$5.00 – Kim Kinat



April 27 after Mass

Council 8192 is excited to host Coffee Sunday on April 27th, immediately following the 9 AM mass. We invite everyone to join us for a wonderful time of fellowship and delicious treats.

To make this event extra special, we kindly ask for your generosity in contributing baked goods or other tasty treats. Your contributions will not only add to the enjoyment but will also help make the day a success.

Thank you in advance for your support and we look forward to seeing you there!

Please let Brother Mike Noël know that you wish to provide treats prior to Sunday. 519 210-0723 or sharon.mikeis@rogers.com

Meeting Changes

Please note the following changes to our upcoming general meetings:

- **April Meeting:** Due to Holy Thursday falling on our scheduled meeting night, the April General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 16th.
- **May Meeting:** Our "Roadkill" General Meeting to be held at Brother Ron Stemmler's farm has been rescheduled to the week before on Thursday, May 8th.
- Meeting times remain the same.

Knights of Columbus Executive Roles

Time to consider the leadership for the 2025-2026 Fraternal Year. Nominations are received at the April Meeting followed by elections at the May Meeting. Among the many reasons we have a vibrant active council is the fact that the membership choose a good executive. Be sure you are part of this important task. Our current executive is listed on the back of each monthly Knightly News. If you have any questions about a role, please contact a current executive member.

Grand Knight

The Grand Knight is responsible for the overall welfare of the Council. Elected annually by the Council membership, the Grand Knight must provide thoughtful and inspired leadership to the 15 Council officers, service program chairmen, and members of the Council.

Special Duties:

- to preside over Council meetings
- to act as an ex-officio member of all committees
- to appoint the membership and program directors and work with them on the selection of service program activities chairmen as well as membership recruitment and retention chairmen
- to convene officers for a monthly meeting (Executive Meeting)
- to appoint special committees not mandated by the laws of the Council
- to oversee the proper exemplification of the First Degree
- to make sure that all reports and reporting forms required by the state of Supreme Council offices are submitted on time

The Grand Knight also interacts with the Financial Secretary and Treasurer to insure the Council is meeting its financial obligations to the Supreme and State Council and others. Most importantly, the Grand Knight is responsible for recommending a Chaplain and appointing a Lecturer.

Deputy Grand Knight

The Deputy Grand Knight is the second in command in the local Council. He is elected annually, assisting the Grand Knight in the operation of Council affairs and is responsible for any duties assigned to him by the Grand Knight. In the absence of the Grand Knight, he presides at Council meetings and functions as the Grand Knight would at the meeting.

Chancellor

The Chancellor is elected annually to serve the Council in a variety of ways:

- he assists the Grand Knight and the Deputy Grand Knight in the execution of their duties
- he takes charge of the Council during the incapacity or extended absence of both
- with the co-operation of the Grand Knight, he has the important duty of strengthening the members' interest in Council activities

Recorder

The Recorder is elected annually. The Recorder functions in much the same way as a court reporter or secretary. He is responsible for keeping a true record of all the doings of the Council and for completing all correspondence of the Council.

Treasurer

The Treasurer is in charge of handling all Council funds. He receives money from the Financial Secretary and issues a receipt for such. He is also responsible for depositing all money in the proper Council accounts. The Treasurer is responsible for keeping accurate accounts of the monies in the general expense fund of the Council and the amount of money in any special funds established by the Council. The Treasurer issues payments to the Supreme Council on all assessments made by it to the Council and for all orders of the Council.

Inside & Outside Guards

Both positions are elected annually. The Inside Guard attends the inner door of the Council chamber, checking on paid up membership cards before allowing entrance to the Council chamber. The outside guard tends the outer door of the Council chamber admitting all visitors to the inner door.

Advocate

The Advocate is the "legal representative" of the Council and should serve as the Council's attorney in case of trial and investigation of any manner of interest to the Council. The Advocate need not be a member of the legal profession, however, he should be thoroughly familiar with all of the laws of the Order as stated in the "Charter, Constitution and Laws," and with the Council by-laws. When a by-law is to be revised, he serves as the Chairman of the revision committee. It is the Advocate's duty to keep the meetings "on track" and ensure that proper parliamentary procedure is followed (according to Robert's Rules of Order).

Warden

The Warden is elected annually. He is responsible for supervising and maintaining all Council property, except that which belongs to the Financial Secretary. The Warden sets up the Council chambers for meetings and degrees and appoints and supervises guards for ceremonial exemplification. He should also oversee the inside and outside Guards and make sure they are fulfilling the duties assigned to them.

Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees consists of the Grand Knight and three members elected by the Council. Trustees supervise all financial business of the Council. They serve as auditors for the semi-annual audits and oversee the work of the Financial Secretary and Treasurer. The Grand Knight is the chairman of the board.

Trustees are elected for terms of three years, two years and one year. At each regular election, only the position of three year Trustee will be voted upon, the current three and two year trustees move down to become two and one year Trustees. The one year trustee has completed his term of office.

Elmira Maple Syrup Festival

April 5, 2025

Visit the Knights of Columbus food booth at the Elmira Maple Syrup Festival and enjoy delicious offerings like Bacon on a Bun, Maple Burgers, Maple Sausage, and Maple Fries. Proceeds support local Knights of Columbus charities—don't miss this tasty tradition!



A letter from Sabbath, our Chalice child...



Child Name: Sabbath Tajeu

Child Code: BAK 2142

Dear sponsor, My name is Sabbath Tajeu. I am in grade four in Laitagwan Primary School.

I have three sisters and four brothers and I live in Murithia near Nakali town.

I will be joining grade five next year and I wish to be sponsored because I come from a needy family.

I am nine years old.

I like playing soccer as well as looking after our livestock during holidays. I am working very hard in school to achieve my dream of becoming a teacher.

Here in Kenya we have got very enough rain and we are now very happy because of the green pasture. I hope also in your area you have some rain and you are enjoying.

Thank you and God bless you for being part of my life.

Yours Loving Child
Sabbath Tajeu

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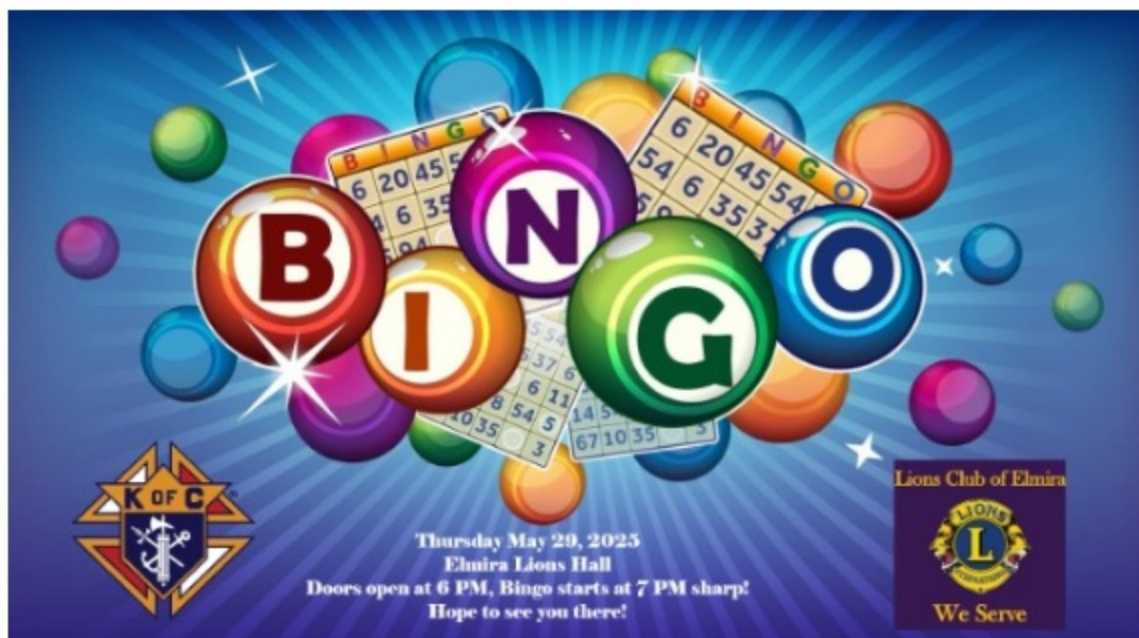
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K of C Fundraising in May 2025



Council 8192 participation in the weekly bingo at Lion's Hall means our Council will receive a percentage of the proceeds from the evening of bingo simply by showing up!

Join us for an exciting evening of fun, fellowship, and giving back! On May 29th, bring your bingo dabbers to the Elmira Lions Hall for an unforgettable night of Lions Bingo. Our Council is honoured to be one of the recipient organizations for this special event, with proceeds directly supporting our mission to enrich both our church and community.

Bring your friends and family—18 years of age or older—for a memorable night of bingo while making a meaningful difference. Doors open at 6 PM, and the games begin at 7 PM. We can't wait to see you there!

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Chancellor	Adrian Miltenburg	519-669-1414
Financial Secretary	Tony Vorstenbosch	519-669-8802
Recorder	Barry Lehmann	519-501-5056
Warden	Steve Pond	519-669-1941
Treasurer	John Bruder	519-501-1963
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(2 year)	Kim Kinat	519-400-4102
(1 year)	Phil McKee	519-588-2901
Advocate	Paul Shutsa	519-574-0485
Inside Guard	Ed Kieswetter	519-669-5392
	Ray Denomme	519-669-3854
Outside Guard	Deacon Basil Markides	226-339-7912

Upcoming Dates:

Thursday, Apr. 3 Executive Meeting online (Microsoft Teams).

Wednesday, Apr. 16 General Meeting, St Teresa Church Hall, 6:30 pm.



MEETING NOTICE

April General Meeting

Please note that our regularly scheduled General Meeting on April 17th falls on Holy Thursday. The meeting will now be held on Wednesday, April 16th. The meeting times will remain the same.

Paper copies of this bulletin are available in the pamphlet/information stand outside the cloakroom at St. Teresa of Avila Church.