

January 2025

# The Knightly News



Knights of Columbus Council 8192



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## Knights of Columbus Father Hugh MacKinnon Council 8192 Elmira, Ontario

### EXECUTIVE MEETING

- Jan. Meeting Date: Thursday, Jan. 2, 2025.  
Feb. Meeting Date: Thursday, Feb. 6, 2025  
Meeting Location: Internet Microsoft Team Meeting  
Meeting Time: 7:00 PM

### GENERAL MEETING

- Dec. Meeting Date: Thursday, Jan. 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,

I hope everyone had a blessed and happy holiday season with family and friends.

As former Financial Secretary collecting and tallying surveys that had been returned, I noted that the number of Brothers who responded to “number of blood donations for the previous year” was not significant. For those of you who donate regularly, well done, and for those of you who do not or have yet to donate, I encourage you to try to get out and do so. It is always a fulfilling experience to give the gift of life.

I would like to thank Brother John Bruder for all his effort and hard work in publishing and distributing this newsletter to keep our Council updated through out the year.

Happy New Year and I look forward to working with all of you this coming year and all the best in 2025.

God Bless .

Rick Weishar



### Knights of the Month December, 2024

We are proud to announce that the November Knights of the Month are Br. Ray Denomme and Br. Paul Shutsa. As co-chairs, they successfully united our Council to work on the Woolwich Community Services Food Fund Drive, which took place at the beginning of November. Their dedication and leadership made this event a tremendous success.

Deputy Grand Knight, Mike Noël, is shown presenting the certificates to both members at the December General Meeting.

*Pray for a sincere movement toward world peace in 2025.*



## Mike Noël

Brother Mike transferred to our Council 3½ years ago from Shelburne. He is currently our Deputy Grand Knight, having previously served a number of executive positions in the Shelburne Council, including Grand Knight. He comes to our Council with the experience of almost every executive position. Mike is also a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knight.

Mike is a volunteer we should all aspire to be like, serving our church in many capacities, including Commentator, Hospitality and, a very big one, funeral committee member who makes himself available to set up and take down tables and chairs to assist when funerals are hosted in our parish hall, as well as setting up for other church functions in that capacity. Mike organizes Coffee Sundays sponsored by the Knights, again setting up, taking down and providing food with the support of his wife, Sharon.

We welcome you, Mike, to the executive and thank you for all you do for St Teresa of Avila Church and Council 8192.

### Birthdays and Anniversaries

#### **Birthdays**

1 – Deacon Basis Markides  
10 - Father Ray Reitzel  
17 - Joe Gleason  
27 - Steve Pond

#### **Anniversaries**

4 - Ray and Mary Mercey  
10 - Steve and Lorela Anota Schill  
12 – Scott and Audrey Stemmler



## Membership Dues

Brothers, I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to you to remind you about the importance of paying for your membership and completing the survey that I recently sent out. Your timely contributions and feedback are crucial for the continued success and improvement of our Council.

Many heartfelt thanks to those who have already paid their dues and completed their survey. Your support and input are greatly appreciated and will help to better serve our organization.

If you have not already done so, please take a moment to pay your dues and complete the survey. The deadline is January 15, 2025. Thank you.

Respectfully,  
Anthony (Tony) Vorstenbosch, FS 8192



## *Christmas Card Fundraiser Sales Report*

*As was stated at an earlier General Meeting, Council 8192 contributed half of the cost of our Church's Christmas Cards and the C.W.L. contributed the other half. Packages of cards designed by students of St. Teresa School were also purchased and were available for sale after weekend Masses. A total of \$228.49 profit was realized on the sale of these card collections which will be donated to our parish.*



## *Learn to Skate Program*

Each year, St Teresa School offers an opportunity for children to learn to skate. The program is once again being supported by Council 8192. We have contributed \$150.00 to the school in support of this worthwhile program.

Fraternity, a founding cornerstone of the Knights of Columbus, calls us to pray for our deceased Brother Knights.

The annual Memorial Mass will be held on Sunday, Feb. 2, 2025 at 9:00 AM.

Refreshments will be served after Mass.

As a Brother Knight, if you are able, your presence is requested.



+Rev. Hugh MacKinnon	- 1981	+Eugene Kueneman	- 1984
+William McCormick	- 1986	+Jerome Kraemer	- 1987
+Ovila Pilon	- 1987	+Joe Eckert	- 1991
+Gerard Bruder	- 1994	+Victor Graff	- 1994
+John Huber	- 1995	+Gerald Moser	- 1996
+Patrick Colbert	- 1996	+Dennis Kraemer	- 1997
+Dennis Hanley	- 1998	+Harold Kraemer	- 2000
+Tom Kraemer	- 2000	+Neil Dillon	- 2001
+Keith Spielmacher	- 2005	+Norbert Downey	- 2006
+Rev. Fred Bechely	- 2008	+Daniel Logel	- 2009
+Kevin Norris	- 2012	+Jerome Schumaker	- 2012
+Ralph Longstaff	- 2012	+Ted Teahen	- 2013
+Ron Litt	- 2015	+Allan Poffenroth	- 2015
+Bob McLeod	- 2020	+Stanley Ziolkoski	- 2020
+Henry Willms	- 2021	+Jim Scherrer	- 2021
+Sylvester Moser	- 2022	+Ralph Schill	- 2022
+Andy Schlupp	- 2024	+Allen Hanley	- 2024
+Mark Schlueter	- 2024	+John Basler	- 2024

*Eternal rest grant unto them and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May their souls rest in peace.*



Beginning in 2025, Council 8192 is delighted to announce that we will be sponsoring a child in Kenya through the Chalice Canada program. His name is Sabbath Tajeu Kilua, a bright 10-year-old boy who dreams of becoming a teacher. One of eight children in his home, Sabbath is currently in grade 4.



*Sabbath*

This partnership with Chalice enables us to provide essential support and opportunities to Sabbath, ensuring he has access to education, nutrition and healthcare. Through our collective efforts and generosity, we are making a significant impact on Sabbath's life and contributing to his education and future aspirations.

Thank you to all our members for your continued support and commitment to our charitable initiatives as we continue to uphold the values of the Knights of Columbus by extending compassion to those in need. Together, we can make a difference!

Time to think about the Elmira Maple Syrup Festival Booth

Our application for a booth at EMSF has been submitted. Think about volunteering on April 5, 2025.



### **December Pot of Gold**

\$132.00 – Gord Dunn (not present)

Next Month **\$165.50**

You have to be present to win.

#### **50/50 Winners**

- 1st @ \$10.00 – Ron Stemmler
- 2nd @ \$7.50 – Adrian Miltenburg
- 3rd @ \$6.00 – Barry Lehmann

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(2 year) .....	Kim Kinat	519-400-4102
(1 year) .....	Phil McKee	519-588-2901
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.....	Ray Denomme	519-669-3854
Outside Guard .....	Deacon Basil Markides	226-339-7912

### Upcoming Dates:

Thursday, Jan. 2	Executive Meeting online (Microsoft Teams).
Thursday, Jan. 16	General Meeting, St Teresa Church Hall, 6:30 PM.
Sunday, Feb. 2	Memorial Mass, 9:00 AM for our deceased brothers.

### Websites and Contacts of Interest

K of C Council 8192 Facebook page [www.facebook.com/council8192](http://www.facebook.com/council8192)  
St. Teresa of Avila Church, Elmira Website .... [www.stteresaelmira.ca](http://www.stteresaelmira.ca)  
Contact our Grand Knight ... [gk8192@ontariokofc.ca](mailto:gk8192@ontariokofc.ca)

Newsletter Deadline: 25<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to the monthly meetings. **Note the date change.**  
Submissions to the newsletter are welcome and expected from Chairmen of up-coming events and activities as well as reports on past activities. Please submit printed reports by email to John Bruder at [bruderjr@yahoo.ca](mailto:bruderjr@yahoo.ca).  
Please note that content may be edited due to space limitations.

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