



NEXT TOURNAMENT:
**SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 19TH**

COLUMBUS CONFERENCE CENTRE
ON DEARBORN PLACE, WATERLOO

GREAT PEOPLE. GREAT CARDS. GREAT TIMES!



HELD EVERY MONTH!

The Cribbage Tournament is held on the Third Saturday of every month.



TOURNAMENT STARTS 12 NOON SHARP

Please arrive early to get registered.



WE CAN ACCOMMODATE 18 TABLES

= 36 TEAMS (72 PLAYERS) in our big hall.



\$20.00 PER TEAM (TWO PLAYERS)

All registration Fees go to cash prizes.



TOP 2 TEAMS EACH MONTH MOVE ON TO THE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT in January!

PRIZE MONEY FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT IN JANUARY

1ST PLACE \$400.00

2ND PLACE \$200.00

3RD PLACE \$100.00

FOOD AVAILABLE!

Dereck the caterer at the Knights makes Subs to sell to the players.
Also Sandwiches sometimes.



PROCEEDS SUPPORT COUNCIL 5135 KNIGHTS CHARITIES

Fun. Friendly. Competitive.
COME OUT AND PLAY!

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== SEE YOU AT THE TABLE! ==



Knights of Columbus®

Council 5135
Fr. Spetz, Waterloo

— September 2026 —

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <i>Pat Feeney</i>	2	3 <i>David Kapron</i> <i>Gary Schnarr</i>	4 Fish Fry & Meat Draw 🐟	5
6 <i>Daniel Lobsinger</i>	7 <i>John Reinhart</i>	8	9	10	11 Fish Fry & Meat Draw 🐟	12
13	14 Executive Meeting, Columbus Conference Centre, 7:00 pm	15 <i>Rev Alex Mazur</i>	16	17 <i>Jake Busch</i>	18 Fish Fry & Meat Draw 🐟	19
20	21 <i>Samuel Delattre</i>	22	23 <i>Mike Allensen</i> <i>Peter Leduc</i> <i>Michael Winterhalt</i>	24	25 <i>Bob Phillips</i> Fish Fry & Meat Draw 🐟	26 <i>Rev David Perrin</i> Installation of Council Officers immediately following Mass 5:00pm
27	28 Council Rosary 7:00pm, followed by General Meeting 7:30 pm	29	30			

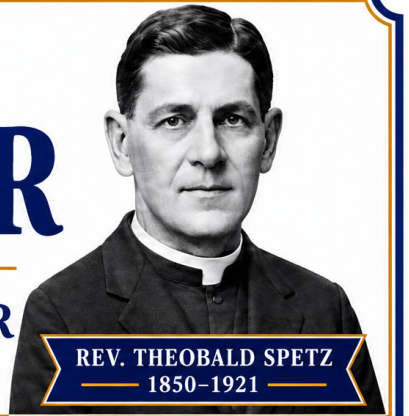
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The
COUNSELLOR

COUNCIL 5135 NEWSLETTER

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REV. THEOBALD SPETZ
1850-1921

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS | ✚ FATHER THEOBALD SPETZ COUNCIL 5135

◆ CHARITY ◆ UNITY ◆ FRATERNITY ◆ PATRIOTISM ◆

Summer 2026 Edition



Grand Knight's Message

Welcome to a New Fraternal Year!

First, I would like to sincerely thank George Dubé for his dedicated leadership as Grand Knight over the past two years. On behalf of all our members, thank you, George, for leading our Council.

Your new Executive has already been busy planning for the months ahead, and I can honestly say there is a great deal of enthusiasm around the table. We have an ambitious agenda, but more importantly, we have a team that is committed to putting our Faith in Action.

For those who may not be familiar with the program, Faith in Action is the Knights of Columbus' framework for serving others through four key areas: Faith, Family, Community, and Life. You'll be seeing new opportunities throughout the year to become involved, strengthen your faith, support our parishes, and make a real difference in our community. Whether you can volunteer once or every month, there's a place for everyone.

This year is especially meaningful as Council 5135 celebrates its 65th Anniversary. Since our founding in 1961, generations of Brother Knights have built a remarkable legacy of charity and service. Plans are already underway for a special celebration this October, and we'll be recognizing many of the men who helped make our council what it is today. Stay tuned—more details will be coming soon.

You'll also notice the return of 'The Counsellor'. We've dusted it off, polished it up, and given it a fresh new look. Our goal is to keep everyone informed, celebrate our members, and share the great work happening throughout our council. (Besides, it's harder for me to corner you after Mass if you've already read the news!)

I'm excited for what lies ahead and look forward to serving alongside each of you as we continue building an even stronger Council 5135.

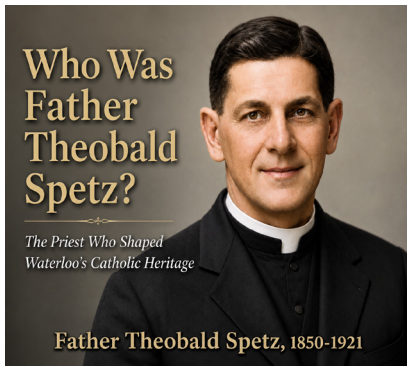
Vivat Jesus!

Todd Cowan
Grand Knight, Council 5135
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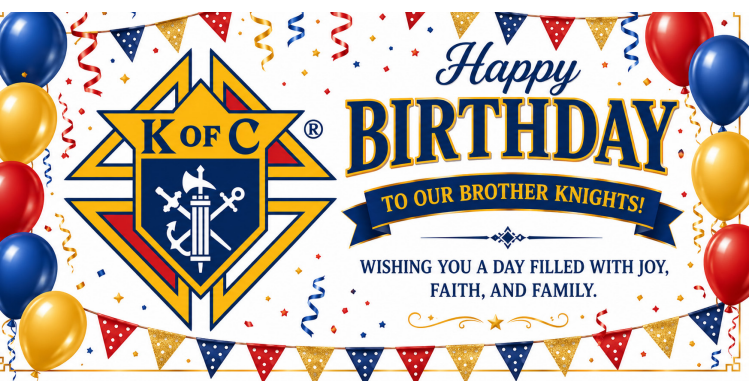
When the founders of Knights of Columbus Council 5135 gathered in 1961 to establish a new council for the City of Waterloo, they carefully chose a patron whose life reflected the values they hoped their members would live. They selected Father Theobald Spetz, C.R., D.D. because few individuals had done more to build the Catholic faith, strengthen Catholic education, and preserve the history of Waterloo Region than Father Spetz. More than sixty years later, his name continues to remind Council 5135 members of their mission to serve both Church and community.

Born in Erbsville in 1850, Father Spetz was one of Waterloo County's first native-born Catholic priests. After studying at St. Jerome's College and completing his theological education in Rome, he returned home determined to help the growing Catholic population flourish. His greatest achievement came in 1890 when he founded St. Louis Parish in Waterloo. Understanding that faith and education must grow together, he ensured that a Catholic school was established alongside the new parish, laying the foundation for what would become today's thriving Catholic school system in Waterloo Region.

Father Spetz also devoted much of his life to St. Jerome's College, serving as both professor and president. Through his teaching and leadership, he educated generations of young Catholic men and helped shape the intellectual and spiritual life of the region. His influence extended far beyond the classroom, inspiring future priests, educators, and community leaders.

Recognizing that the sacrifices of early Catholic settlers should never be forgotten, Father Spetz authored *"The Catholic Church in Waterloo County in 1916"*. His remarkable work preserved the stories of the region's first parishes, schools, priests, and families, providing historians with one of the most valuable records of Catholic life in Waterloo Region.

It is easy to understand why the founders of Council 5135 chose Father Spetz as their namesake. Like the Knights of Columbus, he believed that a strong Catholic community is built through faith in God, service to others, commitment to education, and leadership rooted in charity. Every time the name Father Theobald Spetz Council 5135 is spoken, it honours a man whose vision helped shape Waterloo Region and challenges today's Knights to continue building upon the foundation he so carefully laid.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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John Reinhart - 7	Bob Phillips - 25
Rev Alex Mazur - 15	Rev David Perrin - 26
Jake Busch - 17	

FISH & CHIPS

Every Friday

🕒 5:30 PM | 🍽️ DINNER IS SERVED AT 6:00 PM

BATTERED HADDOCK

1 PIECE	2 PIECES
\$18.50	\$23.50

🛒 TAKE OUT Available!

📞 CALL FOR RESERVATIONS 519 884-2060 | 📞 OR TAKEOUT 226 748-8378

👉 Large groups welcomed! 👈

COLUMBUS CONFERENCE CENTRE
145 Dearborn Place, Waterloo

BROTHER KNIGHTS

SERVICE. FAITH. FRATERNITY.

VOLUNTEERS

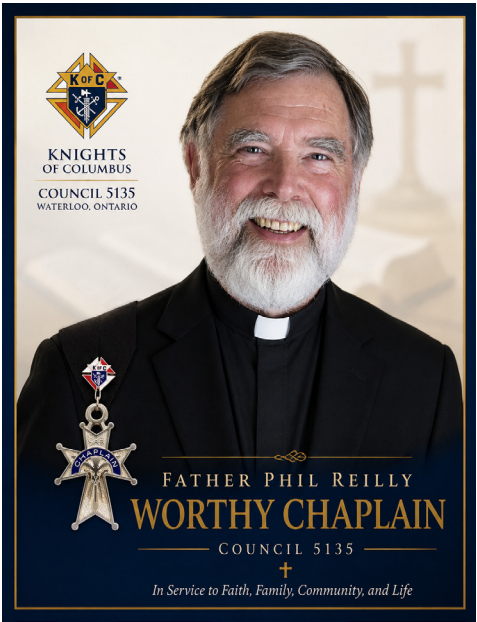
all that is missing is *U!*

SERVE OTHERS

BUILD BROTHERHOOD

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Contact: Grandknight@WaterlooKnightsOfColumbus.com



Council 5135 is truly blessed to welcome Father Phil Reilly, C.R. as our new Worthy Chaplain. As Pastor of St. Louis Parish in Waterloo, Father Phil serves the very parish that was founded by our council's namesake, Father Theobald Spetz. It is a fitting connection that links our council's rich history with its future.

A lifelong resident of the Waterloo Region, Father Phil was born in Kitchener and grew up in Waterloo, attending St. Agnes and St. David schools before graduating from St. Jerome's High School. He professed his first vows as a Resurrectionist at St. Louis Parish in 1977 and was ordained to the priesthood in 1981.

Before entering full-time parish ministry, Father Phil spent more than three decades in Catholic education. He taught at St. John's College in Brantford, served as a missionary and school director in La Paz, Bolivia, returned to teach at Assumption College, and later completed advanced studies in Texas, Rome, and Jerusalem during a sabbatical. In 2013 he returned to St. Louis Parish as Administrator, becoming Pastor the following year—a homecoming to the parish where he had first answered God's call to religious life.

Today, Father Phil is widely respected for his gentle pastoral approach, thoughtful preaching, and deep commitment to building a welcoming parish community. Under his leadership, St. Louis continues its long tradition as one of Waterloo's historic Catholic parishes, a church that has faithfully served the community since Father Theobald Spetz first established it in the nineteenth century.

As Council 5135 celebrates its 65th Anniversary, we are honoured to have Father Phil accompany us on our journey of faith. His leadership, wisdom, and connection to the spiritual heritage of St. Louis Parish make him an ideal chaplain as we continue putting our faith into action through charity, fraternity, and service.

Council 5135

Fr. Theobald Spetz

Council, Waterloo.



OUR MISSION

“For just as the body is one and has many members... so it is with Christ”

- 1 Corinthians 12:12

Many Brothers, One Faith, One Mission.



Helping Us Live Fr. McGivney’s Mission

As we begin planning for the 2026–2027 fraternal year, one of the Executive’s first priorities has been developing both our fundraising calendar and our charitable giving budget. Every dollar we raise is made possible through the generosity and hard work of our members, so it is important that we thoughtfully choose the causes we support.

When Blessed Michael McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882, his vision was simple yet profound. He wanted Catholic men to stand together in Charity, caring for the poor, the vulnerable, and those who had nowhere else to turn. He believed in Fraternity, where no brother Knight or his family would face hardship alone, but would be supported by the strength of the Order. He encouraged Unity, recognizing that by working together we can accomplish far more than any one of us ever could. These principles remain the foundation of everything we do today.

With Father McGivney’s vision in mind, the Executive has agreed to invite charitable organizations to attend our General Meetings throughout the coming months. These groups will have an opportunity to introduce their mission, explain how they serve our community, and share how their work aligns with the values and mission of the Knights of Columbus.

We need your help in identifying those organizations.

If you know of a local charity that reflects our commitment to serving others, supporting families, strengthening our community, or caring for those in need, please contact me directly. We will gladly consider inviting them to speak to our Council.

Following these presentations, our membership will discuss the organizations and decide which charities Council 5135 will support through our fundraising efforts during the 2026–2027 fraternal year.

Together, we can ensure that every fundraiser, every volunteer hour, and every dollar entrusted to our Council continues Father McGivney’s legacy of faith in action and makes a meaningful difference in the lives of others.

Vivat Jesus!
Todd
grandknight@waterlooknightsofcolumbus.com

Please Remember in Your Prayers:

Fr. Murray McDermott

Bishop Crosby

Fr. Ray Reitzel

Br. Chris Kleisath

Br. Luke Cowan

Br. Chris Obodo & Family

Continued direction & growth of 5135



As Council 5135 begins a new fraternal year, we also pause to offer our heartfelt thanks to our retiring Chaplain, Father Murray McDermott, C.R., whose quiet faith, wisdom, and steady guidance have been a blessing to our Council.

A lifelong son of Waterloo Region, Father Murray was born and raised in Waterloo and attended St. Jerome’s High School in Kitchener before entering the Congregation of the Resurrection. He professed his first vows in 1968, was ordained to the priesthood in 1977 at St. Mary’s Church in Kitchener and has since devoted nearly five decades to serving both the Church and the wider community.

His ministry has been as diverse as it has been compassionate. Father Murray spent 35 years serving families through the Perth County Children’s Aid Society while also supporting L’Arche Stratford, university campus ministry, parish life, and numerous charitable works. Within the Congregation of the Resurrection, he served as House Superior, Provincial Councillor, Vicar Provincial, and ultimately Provincial Superior, leading the Ontario-Kentucky Province with humility and vision.

As our Chaplain, Father Murray reminded us that the true mission of a Knight is not simply to perform good works, but to live our Catholic faith with humility, charity, and hope. His gentle encouragement and faithful witness strengthened our Council and inspired us to become better husbands, fathers, parishioners, and brother Knights.

On behalf of every member of Council 5135, thank you, Father Murray, for your years of faithful service.

May God richly bless you in your well-earned retirement, and may the Risen Christ continue to guide you in the years ahead.



FAITH OF OUR FATHERS

A Catholic Men’s Program
Building Men of Faith.
Strengthening Families.
Transforming the World.

MEN. FAITH. BROTHERHOOD.

Answer the call.

Faith of Our Fathers is a Catholic men’s program that helps us grow in faith and virtue, become better husbands and fathers, and build a brotherhood of encouragement and support.

WE GROW TOGETHER

Through prayer, study, and honest discussion, we journey together to live as the men God created us to be.

“As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.”
— Proverbs 27:17 —

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Scripture and Catholic teaching
- Prayer and spiritual growth
- Brotherhood and fellowship
- Practical tools for everyday life
- Encouragement to live our faith at home, at work and in our world

JOIN US!

2nd Wednesday of Every Month

BEGINNING AT 7:00PM

NEXT MEETING:
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH

Columbus Conference Centre
145 Dearborn Place
Waterloo, ON

ALL MEN ARE WELCOME!

Come as you are.
Leave renewed in faith and purpose.

Stronger in Faith.
Stronger Together.

Learn more at www.faithofourfathers.ca

 Faith of Our Fathers



Knights
of Columbus

INSTALLATION OF THE
EXECUTIVE OFFICERS
OF
COUNCIL 5135
Father Theobald Spetz



SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 26TH, 2026
FOLLOWING THE 5:00 PM MASS



St. Louis Parish
53 Allen St E, Waterloo, ON

— ♦ *All Welcome!* ♦ —



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FATHER THEOBALD SPETZ
COUNCIL 5135

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS
FRATERNAL YEAR 2026-2027

COUNCIL
5135



OFFICE	OFFICER	OFFICE	OFFICER
 WORTHY CHAPLAIN	Fr. Phil Reilly, C.R.	 TREASURER	Mike Seymour
 GRAND KNIGHT	Todd Cowan	 WARDEN	Rick Collins
 PAST GRAND KNIGHT	George Dubé	 INSIDE GUARD	Stanley Gabriel
 DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT	Chris Kleisath	 OUTSIDE GUARD	Marcel Sawyer
 CHANCELLOR	David Haid	 THREE-YEAR TRUSTEE	Peter Guinta
 ADVOCATE	Al Kroetsch	 TWO-YEAR TRUSTEE	Luke Cowan
 FINANCIAL SECRETARY	Joel Noel	 ONE-YEAR TRUSTEE	Barry Hinschberger



FAITH • FAMILY • FRATERNITY • PATRIOTISM
Put Your Faith in Action.



*Volunteers
Needed*

Let's be honest—our Council has plenty of great ideas... and, thankfully, a few brave souls who usually make them happen. This year, we're hoping to spread the fun (and the work!) around a little more.

As we celebrate our 65th Anniversary, we have an exciting year ahead, and we're looking for Brother Knights who can lend a hand with one or more of our activities. No experience is necessary—just a willingness to help and maybe the ability to smile while carrying a box or flipping a burger.

We're currently looking for volunteers to assist with:

- Friday Night Meat Draws
- Our 65th Anniversary Celebration Planning Committee
- 50/50 State Ticket Sales
- Bottle/Can drive
- Fall Parish Membership Drives
- Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship
- Our Annual Maple Syrup Sales Campaign

Whether you can help once a year or once a month, every volunteer makes a difference. Many hands really do make light work—and they usually make the coffee break a lot more interesting too!
If you're ready to get involved, I'd love to hear from you.

Todd
Grand Knight
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"A Council isn't built by a few busy Knights... it's built by many Brother Knights, each doing a little. And remember... all that is missing is U!"