

## St Kevins CWL Council History 1964-1984

### **1964 executive was elected: President is Laura Townsend, Rev. R.J. Allen**

After much deliberation, the meeting night was chosen. It would be the first Wednesday of each month, alternating between St. Anne's School in Hanmer and Immaculate Conception School in Val Caron.

Executive meetings would be held in the homes of executive members. The first organized effort of the council was a sewing bee to make altar linen for the parish, and a bake sale to meet the cost of the linen.

The first spring tea held by the ladies of St. Kevins was held in the basement of the Manoir Hotel (corner of Main St. and Hwy 69 N.) and was a great success, a sort of "coming out party" for the ladies of the new parish. By June, we reported 119 paid members.

The next tea in December which at Father Allen's request paid for the Gestetner machine (duplicating machine) for the parish

### **1965 the second executive of St. Kevins Cwl elected: President Maryanne Papineau. Reverend R. J. Allen**

The first tangible asset of the ladies was purchased in May 1965. This was a set of tablecloths made by members from sugar bags.

Four hundred dollars was donated to the Parish Building Fund.

A teenage panel discussion at one meeting featured our parish youth as Sharon and Kelby Murdock, Sharlene and Charles Skinner, Karen Kennedy, David Denis, Paul Labelle.

A day of recollection was combined with a communion breakfast.

July 1965 the first of many bowling parties was held and that same year the parishes' first clothing depot was opened in the basement of the St George Home.

### **April 1966, the third executive of St. Kevin's CWL was elected: President Maryanne Papineau. Rev. R. J. Allen our pastor.**

We celebrated Father Allen's tenth anniversary in the priest hood.

1966-67 Donated fifty dollars towards catechism books for public high school students.

Seven hundred dollars was given to the building fund. We gave a Christmas party for the altar boys.

**March 1966** St. Kevins CWL hosted an Evening of Recollection for the Regional CWL Council. The evening was preached by Father James Mason of Holy Redeemer Parish. **May 1966** the great debate was held: To buy ashtrays or not to buy ashtrays. After a heated discussion, it was decided to buy thirty ashtrays at a maximum of ten cents each. However, nobody was delegated to buy them. But we learned. We eventually got the ashtrays.

**June 1966**, we acquired 20 tables at a cost of ten dollars each. It was at the same meeting that Father Allen informed the ladies that he was leaving the parish for re-assignment to Temagami. The ladies of cwl participated with the parish in a farewell party for father.

**September 1966** This was the first meeting held under the directorship of father J.I. Graham, who announced that he would like to say mass as a part of each monthly meeting

**November 1966**, it was decided to start purchasing the dishes for the parish teas and social functions. One hundred cups, saucers, forks, bread and butter plates plus 20 cream and sugar dish were purchased for a price of \$99.90. It was at this same meeting that the meeting night was changed from the first Wednesday to the first Monday to accommodate the Parish Bingo held in Sudbury.

**April 1967 Fourth Elections were held for a new executive: President is Eva Skinner. Rev. R.J. Allen replaced by Rev. J.I. Graham June 1966, then by Rev. Father Clark for a few months until the arrival of our new pastor Father B.J. Burns.**

Under the guidance of Father Graham, our first ecumenical move was made with the ladies of St. James of the Valley United Church attending the installation of officers and mass.

**1967-1968** Scapula were presented to the first communion classes.

We went to Midland Martyrs Shrine. Mr. Al Jones, editor of the Catholic Recorder was a guest speaker. Mrs. Kay Lauzon spoke on alcoholism We catered a communion breakfast for the Holy Name Society Our meetings changed to second Thursday Donated four hundred dollars to building fund. Four enamel jugs, one hundred knives and one hundred plates were purchased.

**1967** It was during the summer that the first parish picnic was held. It was also that summer that arrangements were made to print the cwl cookbook. Although the venture was not the tremendous financial success it was hoped, many of us will treasure our copy.

**September 1967**, we said farewell to Father Graham and hello to Father Clark who took care of the parish for a few months until the arrival of our new pastor Father B.J. Burns. Father Burns attended his first meeting of St. Kevins CWL in November.

**April 1968 The Fifth executive is elected: Mrs. Eva Skinner as president.**

**September 1968 the fifth executive was revised due to several resignations with Mrs. Leo Burns as president. Pastor Rev. B.J. Burns**

A clothing depot was opened in the basement of the town hall.

**May 12**, the members of St. Kevins CWL along with other members of the Parish joined monsignor Cote and Father Burns for the official sod turning ceremony that would begin construction of our churches.

**November 22**, His Excellency Bishop Alexander Carter Blessed and dedicated both St. Kevin's churches.

**1968-1969** We gave cash donations to needy families. Thirty-seven paid members.

There was a candid weight losers club. We bought the eight station of the cross for both churches. We bought five dollars worth of tea towels and twenty pairs of salt and peppers. Mrs. Marilyn Trash talked about girl guides and brownies. Book marks were given to the confirmation class. We canvassed for the March of Dimes.

**November 1968** the meeting room of the Farmdale church was first used by the cwl and thank was sent to both the Hanmer and Val Caron School Board for the use of the schools in the past. An ecumenical tea was planned for the Spring with ladies from St. Jacques Hanmer, St. Therese, St James of the Valley, St. Therese and Notre Dame de L'Esperance in Val Caron, joining the ladies of St. Kevins in sponsoring this event. Proceeds to go to the proposed district home for unwed mothers. The tea was a success but several year later, Dr. Cook's plans for the home were cancelled and the money held in trust was returned to the participating groups to be used as they saw fit.

**April 1969 the sixth executive was elected, Lou Burns as president. Pastor is Rev. B.J. Burns**

Mrs. Kowalski from the Val Caron Garden Society (also a member) spoke to us. We sponsored members in a Christopher Course. Seven hundred and twenty-five dollars was donated to the building fund. Twenty-five dollars was donated to the Sudbury Disaster Fund. The C WL welfare convenor was responsible for preparation and distribution of Christmas hampers for the poor of the parish.

**April 1970-1971 the seventh executive were elected: Mary Ann Papineau president. Pastor is Rev. B.J. Burns**

Masses were said for any immediate relative of a parish member from the CWL. Cards and Medals were given to First Communicants. Twenty-five dollars was donated to the Sudbury Disaster fund. Three hundred dollars was donated to the parish building fund and we did Christmas hampers.

**April 1971-1972 the eight executives were elected Agathe Laframboise.**

Spring tea was held by the ladies. Donated four hundred to the parish building fund. Seventy-five dollars to Sr. Alma for medicine (Guatemala mission) Hospital visit team was formed. Twenty-four bud vases for tea tables were purchases. Patricia Denis St. Jean Castonguay, a sister of St. Joseph spoke on Guatemala Missions. We joined the "save a Family plan" and sent twenty dollars to India for a family's home damaged in earthquake. One dozen tea towels purchased for fourteen dollars. Five hundred given to building fund. CWL Pin was mounted on Gavel.

**1972-1973 Ninth executive elected: Agatha Laframboise. Rev. B.J. Burns pastor.**

Held a parish picnic dinner. Spring tea and trip to Midland with Azilda parish. Fifty members attended mother and daughter breakfast. Baby clothing donated to hospital and forty boxes of clothes donated to catholic charities. Donated to Birthright. Coffee, pop and cookies served at confirmation. Elizabeth Fry Society speaker Mrs. Lucille Cullen. Kits for 1973 provided by about twenty members. Donated six hundred dollars to parish building fund. The ladies gave up catering business.

**1973-1974 Tenth executive elected: Raymonde Petryna president. Rev. B.J. Burns pastor.**

The ladies donated three hundred to the building fund. Participated with holy Name society re parish picnic. A child and family were adopted from Guatemala. We purchased large white tablecloths. November meeting made centrepieces for Christmas tea. Donated seven hundred to Parish building fund.

**1974** Door to door membership canvass. Prepared lunch for a deanery meeting. Mrs. Kowlan and Mrs. Patterson from Canadian Cancer Society spoke to us. Table clothe raffle at tea proceeds go to adopted Guatemala family. We had a religious reading table.

**1974-Eleventh executive elected: Raymonde Petryna as president. Rev. B.J Burns is pastor. 1975 twelfth executive elected: Linda Labelle President. Rev. B.J Burns**

One thousand given to parish building fund. Miss McQueen from Ontario's Society for Crippled Children spoke to us. Meeting night changed to Tuesday evening. Funeral luncheon begun. Mrs. Field psychiatric nurse with Regional Child Care Centre and Mr. Vincer from R.C. S. B. talked on Family life. Another Nine Hundred dollars donate to building fund from Christmas tea. A wine and cheese for wives and husbands is enjoyed. Lela Woodbury talked about handicrafts and embroidery. Spring supper menu is beans, ham, salads and pies. Rose bowls and plants being given for hospital visits. Twenty-five dollars donated to recovery home for women alcoholic's One percent of earnings sent to Development and Peace.

**1976-1977 Thirteenth executive elected: Sheila Horrell. Rev. B.J Burns Pastor.**

One hundred dollars' bursaries to be given to boys and girls with highest marks who plan to continue separate education. September the ladies gave up clothing depot at town hall. Mrs. Beech Canadian Cancer Society on breast self-examination spoke to the ladies. Meeting were changed to second Wednesday of the night. Seven hundred dollars donated to parish building fund. One day retreat at Nazareth House, six members attended. Mrs. Rachel Demers explained and demonstrated Macramé. Ladies helped with the selling of religious articles in the church store. Membership fees are Three dollars.

**1977-1978 Fourteenth executive elected: Delorese McGaughey. Rev. B.J Burns**

Spring Tea was successful the ladies made over nine hundred and twenty-five dollars. Another six hundred dollars given to building fund. CWL Banner was ordered and paid for the council. Bowling party held once more with seventy percent of profits to go to building fund. Twenty-five-dollar bursary to be given to one student from Immaculate and one from St. Anne's school. Another eleven hundred dollars donated to building fund. The ladies began making bibs for baptism. CWL organized world day of prayer. Jean Everest family donate twenty dollars to cwl, we donated to buy a lectern in memory of Don Everest. Spring tea, fruit loaves served, with a profit of seven hundred and sixty-four dollars and twenty-five cents.

**1978-1979 Fifteenth executive elected: Helaine Chaboyer. Rev. B.J Burns Pastor.**

Easter baskets sent to needy families. Discontinued support to Carlos and the Shanti family are self sufficient, now we are looking for a new mission. Donated five hundred and thirty-four dollars and ninety-eight to parish building fund. Arrangement were made to make the fourth Sunday of the month CWL Mass. Convened a deanery luncheon. Gave horn of plenty for thanksgiving vegetables given to needy family. Isabelle Kemp from Ontario Heart Fund spoke about heart health. No exchange of gift among members this Christmas, ladies bought small gifts for welfare children. Christmas tea was a success despite the Inco strike. A donation of twelve hundred dollars' donation building fund. Sixteen families received Christmas hampers. One hundred dollars for four layettes at the hospital for needy mothers. May Spring Tea proceeds was a success again this year. Another large donation to building fund. The council took responsibility for League Supply table at convention. Mother daughter banquet was well attended. Twenty ladies attended a day retreat at Nazareth House. Father Burns became Regional Spiritual Director.

**1980-1981 Sixteenth executive elected: Helen Lohan president. Rev. Don Tait Pastor.**

Candle holders and Alter linens bought for parish. Communion supper held at Parthenon restaurant. Doris Major from Pastoral Institute spoke on Caring Skills in a Hurting World. Day of recollection' theme family communication' The ladies took on decorating church for Christmas. Church will assume financial burden of hampers and cwl will assist preparation will start next year. Tea was another success. The council's struggle regarding roles or lack of role, the question is asked, should we fold.

**1981-1982 Seventeenth executive elected: Brenda Albert president. Rev. Don Tait Pastor.**

Diocesan council asked for twenty-five dollars from each council to help with administrative cost. Lucille Cullen spoke on duties of cwl membership. Bought a group membership to Right to Life. Tea was a success. Gerry Loughheed came and spoke to the ladies. Council will be responsible for coffee breaks at convention. Sponsored Denise Engberg for a 'Caring and Coping' seminar. Jean Talbot also attended. Rosaries given to first communion children and hosted a reception for them.

**1982-1983 Eighteenth executive elected: Betty MacIssac president. Rev. Don Tait Pastor.**

Sent out CWL brochure. Donated to recovery home for women. Fr. Eric Pannike was appointed our spiritual director. Monthly meetings were changed to second Tuesday of each month. Bought twenty-four cream and sugar containers. Hosted regional cwl presidents meeting. Held card party for Parish reach out committee. Set aside two hundred dollars for altar linens. Coffee urn bought with \$64,000 worth of Dominion store slips. Handed out nomination forms at church instead of mailing them out. Bought Right of Life membership. Used money from funeral account to make long tablecloths for funeral luncheons.

**1983-1984 Nineteenth executive elected: Barbara Black president: Rev. Don Tait Pastor.**

Served coffee and donuts at Parish Right to Life presentation. Communion breakfast with Knights serving. CWL filing cabinet was purchased. Bought one hundred dollars bronze brick at Valley East Days in support of Sports Complex. Helped with pro-life petition. Hosted reception for lay minister's installation. Bought one hundred spoons for Catholic Charities soup kitchen. Had one member taking regional cwl leadership course. Had day of recollection at Renewal Center, invited our Lady of Peace Council Capreol to join us. Set table at Sr. Fredreka's fiftieth anniversary celebration. Christmas tea was a success once again. Luncheon for area priest and ministers. Purchased twenty-four new tea tablecloths for one hundred and fifty dollars. Donated to parish building fund. Donations to baby layettes.

**1986-1987 Highlights of St. Kevins Council minutes: President was Lou Burns. Rev. A. Currie is new pastor.**

The problem of not having anyone accepting positions on the executive discussed. Rosaries were given out to first communion children. Our council hosted the hospitality suite along with Lord of the World. A baby shower for unwed mothers. Planned agendas were prepared for monthly activities. A suggestion was made to share December pot luck supper with seniors and partners. We purchased a 100 and a 36 cup coffee pots. Sister Bonnie is our spiritual advisor. Arrangement were made to have CWL membership envelopes included in the church envelope boxes. Members attending General meetings were below ten.

**1988-1989 Highlights of St. Kevins Council minutes: President was Lou Burns. Rev. A. Currie pastor.**

Memberships fees are raised to ten dollars. A mother, daughters luncheon planned for may, all women of the parish were invited. Fruit and cookies delivered to shut in for Christmas. Convention in Sudbury this year, we are part of the "Greeting Committee". Our council celebrates 25 years in the league, twenty-five-year service pin presented to Lou Burns and Mary Ketter. Two members sponsored to attend Pro-Life Conference. Turkey thanksgiving dinner organized by league ladies. Purchase of treasurer's ledger and briefcase. Executive meetings were conducted in members' homes sometimes beginning with dinner.

**1990-1991 Highlights of St. Kevins Council minutes: President was Gail Collins. Rev. Gerry Copeman Pastor.**

A motion was made to put one thousand dollars aside for convention attendees. Council ladies take on the task of preparing a banner "Women in Faith and Action". Church prayer line was formed. Religious medals and rosaries presented to baptism and first communion candidates. Baby layettes were prepared and donated to Hospital and Birthright. Silent Auction held after November general meeting. Proceeds were seventy-five dollars for Laurentian Hospital Oncology Department. Our council will be part of hospitality at our cwl convention. Each council is asked to make fifteen tote bags for National. Planning of the year's agenda are procedure for council. CWL takes over religious store in Val Caron site.

**1992-1993 Highlights of St. Kevins Council minutes: President was Janet Reid. Rev. Gerry Copeman Pastor left in June replaced by Rev. Mathieu pastor.**

Mary Ketter donates a hand made porcelain doll for Christmas tea. Knitting box was created. Membership fees go up to eleven dollars. We are told to estimate years of service, National records destroyed. Statue of Our Lady of Good Counsel is still being researched. A pall with cwl crest is made from blue velvet with the cwl crest to mark the deceased as cwl member for funeral. There was a list for members to sign up, four at a time, if they wanted to plan and prepare lunch for general meetings. Once again, our council took hospitality for convention.

Spring baby showers are a constant with our council. Cards are sent out regularly from Get Well, Sympathy and Thinking of You cards. A separate account is opened for purchasing new appliances for new kitchen. Council's support of the right to life is excellently represented. At one time, there was a parish activity convener and a hospitality convener.

**1994-1995 Highlights of St. Kevins Council minutes: President was Denise Warren. Rev. D. Orendorff is new pastor.**

Certificate of Merit issued to Council to acknowledge an increase in memberships. Baby layettes are prepared every year and donated to the General Hospital maternity department for unwed mothers and Birthright. Pot luck suppers are popular among the members who attend functions and meetings. Installation of executive officer celebrated with banner and statue of our Lady of Good council. The 10-year pin became available from National. Our council will take part in hospitality for convention held in Sudbury. Reunion for council's 30-year anniversary are planned with sharing of memories, food and social. Preparing for closure of Val Caron church building. Attendance is taken at our General meetings. Separate book for motions is set up. Calendar of events newsletter is set up with suggestions from members and posted on the bulletin board. Visiting sick in hospital a phone grapevine so visitation can be set up.

**1996-1997 Highlights of St. Kevins Council minutes: President was Sue Beaudry. Rev. Paul Conway is new Pastor.**

Financial Books audited, bankbook, ledger and bank statement. A Plaque was purchased and engraved with deceased member names, to be hung in St. Kevins parish hall.

**1998-1999 Highlights of St. Kevins Council minutes: President was Doris Labelle. Rev. Larry Rymes new pastor.**

Motion made to start Craft Day. Minutes of Council for last two years lost.

**2000-2001 Highlights of St. Kevins Council minutes: President was Nancy Shank. Rev. Larry Rymes pastor.**

A phone committee was set up. Financial records to be kept seven years and all other for 3 years.

An incentive for membership "Free trip to convention for -New member and recruiter." was suggested. Served a luncheon for St. Margarite D' Youville Church grand opening for 500-700 people. A Caring Committee was formed under community life convenorship

**2002-2003 Highlights of St. Kevins Council minutes: President was Carmen Lehto. Rev. Larry Rymes is parish pastor.**

CWL Council had the two Ciborium refurnished. Plans put together for a parish cook book dedicated to 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. A sum of 200 delegate bags for convention were sewn and donated for diocese convention. Lucille Cullen Life member past National President came and spoke to members. Message "We are not fund raisers but spiritual raisers" A must read of her talk is in the minutes, much wisdom. Members birthdays were noted in monthly minutes.

**2004-2005 Highlights of St. Kevins Council minutes: President was Doris Labelle. Rev. Larry Rymes is parish pastor.**

Members were asked to write their story of why they belong to the league as part of 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary plans. A decision was made to purchase stained windows for chapel in commemoration of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. New white tablecloths bought for round tables. An incentive to purchase membership newsletter placed in a Christmas card presented to all women of the parish. "For every member brought in their name is entered in a draw." CWL members wearing their sashes were ushers for the monthly mass celebration for our league and its members. The league hosted World Day of Prayer. Resolution being worked on for "Meningitis Immunization for children of all ages. This resolution was accepted at our diocese convention. Day of reflection all women of the parish invited. April 12, 2005 a motion was made to purchase a statue of Mary and a membership be paid for all female RCIA candidates. A sum of 2,000 dollars was put aside for stained windows. Our council hosted the presidents meeting for the first time at our new site.

**2006-2007 Highlights of St. Kevins Council minutes: President was Doris Labelle. Pastor is Rev. Pat Woods.**

Our council made meat pies and sold them for \$2.25 each as a fund raiser. Along with our annual Christmas tea, our main fundraiser we have the sum of \$3313.50 to set aside for stained glass window for the chapel. A fireproof cabinet was purchased for CWL archives church. Poppy wreath purchased to put on Cenotaph on Memorial Day. Bursary made to Bishop Alexander honor student who is involved in spiritual life of school. Members of our council volunteered and organized a Strawberry Social for our church" Fun Day". Our president's registration paid for CWL Provincial Convention.

Leadership course was hosted by St. Kevins CWL ladies. Dessert Café was held this year. Processional Cross and Candle stick were donated by the league. March 13<sup>th</sup> 1907 a motion was passed that we pay membership fees for elderly members and those who are no longer active, but wish to remain as members.

**2008-2009 Highlights of St. Kevins Council minutes: President was Nancy Shank. Pastor is Rev. Pat Woods.**

A busy two years for our council, hosting a Camp Quality Puppet Show, a luncheon for 100 knights was prepared by the ladies. Decision was made to continue with" Dessert Café" and omit Spring Tea. Church secretary Pat Sullivan retires. President's meeting held at St. Kevins and Sister Fran Mac Isaac came and facilitated a retreat day for us.

Mother Daughter breakfast was held and hosted by our ladies. Spring tea was held in April. Penny Table tickets went up to \$1.00. A Memorial Service was held for deceased members. Members eligible to receive 25-year service pin are Carol James, Helga Leblanc, Maureen MacKinnon, Debbie Poulin, Aline Zickar, Barbara Zymanthas and Theresa Sangelais.

**2010-2011 Highlights of St. Kevins Council minutes: President was Carmen Lehto. Pastor is Rev. Pat Woods.**

Changes to meeting time to 7:00 pm. Because we no longer have evening masses. Our ladies prepared decadent desserts for a "Dessert Café" on a Sunday after mass for parishioners. "Rising Stars" performed at our June dinner. We had Dr. Perrault speak to us about breast cancer prevention and detection. Birthright shower, arts and crafts for Ginevra House, a safe house for women of domestic abuse. Regional meeting held at our church and hosted by our council. Membership fees were increased from 15 to 20 dollars.

**2012-2013 Highlights of St. Kevins Council President was Marina Lamoureux. Pastor is Rev. Michael Williams**

Our council shared in the cost of the “Divine Mercy” picture for our church in cooperation with the Knights of Columbus. A day of reflection was held for our executive team. How does the chosen national theme “We have seen the Lord” speak to you? We attended Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto with Father Michael as our celebrant. Father Michael asked CWL to take all financial responsibilities for Funeral Luncheons Lou Burns headed a committee organizing a campaign for toilet articles, underclothes, laundry soap etc. for Corner Clinic, Elgin Mission. A ‘Dessert Café’ in October.

We had many speakers. National Constitution and By-Law were reviewed and each council were asked to vote on the changes. Meatless Soup Fridays followed by Station of the Cross were taken on. Free will offerings were given to charity. Preparations started for our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Doris Labelle with Lou Burns asking committee members for suggestions to celebrate this great event. A Bean and Ham supper was organized in October for all parish members replacing the annual “Dessert Café. It was a great success.

**2014- 2015 Highlight of my Presidency for St. Kevins Council by Susan Godin. Pastor is Rev. Michael Williams**

In 2014 we celebrated 50 years’ anniversary for our council. Celebrations started with invitation to our parish with simple cake and coffee in January followed by a Parish Breakfast Buffet and activities every month through July, an English Tea after a visit to Capreol Museum during the summer months. Baby shower for “Birth Right” and the “Pregnancy Clinic” campaign was held in March organized by Lou Burns and her crew with donations for “Ginevra House” and “Mature Students” earning their final credits at Cambrian College. A Living Rosary at a neighbor church and lunch in Chelmsford in August, followed in September with a Pilgrimage to Midland, Martyn Shrine. A Grand Dinner celebration in June with past members attending. It was a good time for all with member participation. Marina and Mary Catherine organized a skit inviting SSM and North Bay councils to Sudbury for Diocese CWL Convention singing “Consider Yourself”. Great job and great participation from all Sudbury councils.

A “Chili Dinner for parish member in January. CWL’s Busy Bees created 200 shoe bags for our Sudbury Diocesan Convention and filled them with goodie donated by Sudbury councils. Awareness of our First Nations children in need was the focus of our Diocesan Convention this spring. We motioned 500 dollars at our June meeting for First Nation children. We collected 200 school bags and filled them with school supplies through the summer. Boxes were brought to Thunder Bay by Linda and Paul Labelle then by vans they were brought to Wapekeka Reserve in Northern Ontario. The community was devastated having lost their school to fire in May. We started by making that motion and then God took over, providing generous parishioners, transportation and a destination! My lasting impression for the two years is how giving the ladies are, how quick to respond to needs of the less fortunate.