



# COMMUNION

Monthly Periodical of Fr. Ernie Deslippe Council 1467 (est. 1935)  
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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Brothers:



There have been 266 popes in the Catholic Church's roughly 2,000-year history. By the time you receive this issue, the world's 250 or so cardinals, the princes of the Church, will likely have gathered in the Sistine Chapel, where those not yet 80 years of age will have initiated Conclave, the uniquely Catholic process to elect a new pope. As has been the case for centuries, people from every walk of life, and often regardless of belonging to any religious community, will be fixed in this moment awaiting the plume of white smoke pouring from the chapel chimney to signal a successful balloting outcome. Our new Holy Father will immediately be challenged to address global scale strife and anxiety. Let us pray he meets these in a manner that brings glory to God.

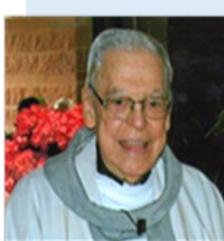
Let us also pray for the peaceful repose of Jorge Mario Bergoglio, more recognized as Pope Francis, as the good and faithful servant he was.

As May is the month we dedicate to our Mother Mary, let us pray for her intercessions to help our new pope guide us in the years to come.

May also signals a time for Council renewal with nominations for officer positions opened at our monthly general meeting and re-opened at the June before being closed and nominees asked to confirm they will stand, following which elections and/or acclamations will transpire. Please spend some time over the next month discerning how you can best serve Council in some capacity.

Finally, brothers, remember especially to connect with your mother this month ... whether in person or in prayer.

Fraternally, Harald Schraeder, GK, PGK



**Father Ernie Deslippe** (1929 - 2011) served as Council chaplain for over 46 years. He was born in Harrow Ontario on March 20, 1929 and was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop John C. Cody on May 27, 1961 at St. Peter's Basilica, London Ontario. He celebrated his first Mass at St. Anthony of Padua parish in Harrow. Through his 50 years of ordained ministry, he served as associate pastor, Holy Angels' Parish, St. Thomas; and Administrator, St. Joseph Mission, Port Stanley. He was an inspiring priest, a leader with fortitude. Throughout his life he was a comforting power for disadvantaged people helping them to find a clear path to follow. He was a dedicated member of the Knights of Columbus who stressed that prayer is a vital tool. It helps to become confident, to see things in proper perspective, to give us vision, courage, strength and endurance, and to erode our impure motives.

He said holiness is not something we do for ourselves and instead something that God does in us. He invited us to open our hands to allow what we have to be shared, to flow out of us and we watch it multiplied. He understood that giving, not getting, is the generosity begets generosity. He pointed out that paying attention is one of the greatest compliments we can pay to another human being. Father Deslippe exemplified the mission of the Church to guide its followers to a fulfilling life. He was a great spiritual leader dedicated to prayer and always striving for virtue. Fr. Ernie was a strong advocate of learning and so Council awards a \$1000 scholarship in his name each year to a student that demonstrates the values and principles of the Gospel and is pursuing post-secondary education.

The Knights of Columbus (K of C) is a fraternal benefit society that was established in 1882 thanks to the efforts of **Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney**, assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut. The K of C has grown from several members in one council to more than 14,000 councils and approaching 2 million members world-wide. The Order holds true to its founding principles of **Charity, Unity and Fraternity**.

**Bulletin submissions deadline: 25th of the month (Sept-May inclusive)**

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## POPE Francis, may he rest in peace

It is with a very heavy heart that we acknowledge the passing of Pope Francis. Let us look briefly at his life and time as the one who occupied the seat of St. Peter. Pope Francis, born **Jorge Mario Bergoglio** on December 17, 1936, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, rose from humble beginnings to become one of the most influential spiritual leaders of the 21st century. As the first pope from the Americas and the first Jesuit pope, he brought a fresh perspective to the papacy when he was elected in 2013. Known for his commitment to simplicity, humility, and social justice, Francis emphasized a Church that served the poor and marginalized. His early years as Archbishop of Buenos Aires reflected a pastoral approach centered on compassion and service, values he carried into his papal ministry. Throughout his pontificate, Pope Francis worked tirelessly to address major global issues such as climate change, refugee crises, and economic inequality. His encyclical, **Laudato si'**, called for urgent environmental action, while his outreach to other faiths fostered dialogue and understanding across religious divides. Francis also sought to reform aspects of Church governance and address internal crises, including clerical abuse scandals, demonstrating a commitment to transparency and accountability. Though his progressive stances drew both acclaim and criticism, Francis consistently prioritized mercy and inclusivity, reshaping the global perception of the Catholic Church.

The passing of Pope Francis marks the end of a profoundly transformative era for Catholicism and the wider world. His death is being mourned across continents by people of all faiths, who recognized in him a beacon of hope and moral courage. Tributes highlighted his unwavering dedication to the most vulnerable and his efforts to bridge divides in a fractured world. As history reflects on his life and leadership, Pope Francis will be remembered, not only as a pope who led with heart and conscience, but also as a humble servant who inspired millions to seek justice, compassion, and peace.

Let us pray for the soul of our late Pope Francis and let us also pray to give guidance to those responsible for electing the new Pontiff.

Peace My Brothers and Sisters,  
SK Blair Ferguson, Faith Director



## FS CHAT

### HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAYS!!!

Alex Baca, Maurice (Moe) Brennan, Paul Buttazzoni, Jerry Collins, Joe Fleming, Jeremy Gorman, Michael Koekuyt, Peter Kuntz, Ciaran (John) Laverty, Clifford Marentette, John McGugan, Robert Millman, David Muscat, William Ressler, Daniel Swift & Paul Vandeven.

**Have you moved or changed your contact information?** If you change your home address, email address or phone numbers, please remember to provide the update to us also by forwarding it to [FS1467@ontariokofc.ca](mailto:FS1467@ontariokofc.ca).

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## May Assignments

- Tues. 6<sup>th</sup>, 3 - 5 p.m.: Jim Dewan & Tom Carr
- Wed. 14<sup>th</sup>, 1 - 3 p.m.: Otis Clifton & Jim Coveny
- Fri. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.: Bill Walker & Al Baca.

Please arrive 15 minutes before your assigned time.

Did you know the Bingo crew generates well over half of Council's Charity giving each year? Thanks to Jackpot Time for giving Council the opportunity to raise funds to help the needy in our community.

Volunteers make the ordinary extraordinary.

## MARK THE DATES MAY EVENTS

All events occur at the Columbus Club at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

- 3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup>: Rose Sunday campaign
- 5<sup>th</sup>: Bishop Cody Assembly mtg.
- 7<sup>th</sup>: Evening with Fr. John (**6:30 p.m. SA**)
- **11<sup>th</sup>: MOTHER'S DAY**
- 12<sup>th</sup>: FED Exec. Mtg / Ladies Aux
- 19<sup>th</sup>: VICTORIA DAY
- 20<sup>th</sup>: (**Tues**) Columbus Club Directors
- 21<sup>st</sup>: Soup Brothers (**9 a.m.**)
- 23<sup>rd</sup>: Elimination Draw & Dinner (**4:30 p.m. -**)
- 26<sup>th</sup>: FED Business Meeting

## UPCOMING:

- June 4-7: St. Anne's Festival
- June 10<sup>th</sup>: St. Anne's Hot Dog Day (**10 a.m.**)
- June 13<sup>th</sup>: Msgr. Morrison Hot Dog Day (**10 a.m.**)
- June 14<sup>th</sup>: Fathers' Day BBQ
- June 20-21: **SUMMERFEST**

# Knights of Columbus Weekly Rosary

Every Tuesday at 1 p.m., Brother Knights join together on ZOOM to pray the Knights' Spiritual Rosary. If you would like to join whenever you are available, please email Bro. Regis ([registrudel@rogers.com](mailto:registrudel@rogers.com)) to request the weekly ZOOM link.

## *Ladies Auxiliary*

During this Easter Season let us remember that we are an “Easter” people. Through Christ’s resurrection, He has redeemed the world. He is our hope and our salvation. Let us then journey through this Easter season loving others as Christ taught us by word and example.

Happy Easter everyone 

## Sandi Hoffer, Ladies Auxiliary

Please Pray for the Intentions of:

His Holiness Pope Francis, Gary Beckwith, Ray Bernicky's mother Marion, Maurice Brennan, Ron & Barry Buchanan, Randall (Otis) Clifton & his daughter Genevieve, Gerry & Miriam Costello, Dino DeAngelo, Case Hoffer's niece Robin DeLeemans, Jim Dewan's wife Susan, Martin & Marilyn Evers, Jean Goddeeris, Adam Hicknell's Oma, John Jakobi Sr, Fr. Johnson's mother, Jim Kennedy's wife Pauline, Michael Kilbourne, Dean Kitt's wife Ria, Carl & Barb Kroepelin, John Laverty, Michael Lukasik, Jim Lumley, Cliff Marentette, Barry MacMillan, Larry McCaffery as well as his relative Leo, Madeline McIntosh, Matthew O'Gorman, John Nolan, Doug Pardey, Carl Pearson, Louise Perrier, Peter Sowinski, Darryl Sullivan, Alan Taylor, Case Terpstra, John Thomas, Joe Vachon's wife Joan, Alois (Louie) Van Hooydonk, Steve Wachowiak, Rob & Lisa Weir, and Priests and ERCFP staff. Please also pray for condolence for our widows and surviving family members.

Please pray for all our recently faithful departed, especially our late **Holy Father Pope Francis** and Bro. Donald Henry's father **Morris Henry**, that through God's mercy they be welcomed by Jesus and are at peaceful repose in Heaven. Please pray as well for our brother Knights and their families impacted by the war in the Ukraine.

# Faith In Action: A Community Comes Together



It was a full house at the Columbus Club for the Sunday April 6<sup>th</sup> **Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser** in support of St. Anne's parishioners **Kenia, Carlos** and baby **Diego Perez**! The spirits of the well-fed crowd were further lifted by music provided by **Kevin Gorman**.

**SK Mike Butler**, event host, reported that just over **\$3,000** was raised for the family that is continuing its journey towards Canadian citizenship. In time, and with the grace of God, it is hoped that Kenia's and Carlos' medical professional skills will be certified to allow them to practice in Ontario ... a win, win for our community!

Thanks to the many **individuals** and **families** that donated to this miracle of support as well as to the folks at **Harvest Hands, Food Basics, Real Canadian Superstore, and Metro** for generous donations of food.

## FED Scholarship 2025

Council 1467 awards two \$1,000 scholarships each spring to graduating Catholic secondary school students that will be pursuing post-secondary education. Interested students are invited to download the application and guideline at: <https://www.kofc1467.com/fed-scholarship>.

**Applications must be received by end of day Monday June 9, 2025.**

# Holy Angels Restoration Update

As of publication of this month's issue, **Holy Angels' debt stands at \$0**. That's right brothers, the debt at Holy Angels has been paid off. What an amazing accomplishment considering where the debt sat just a few short months ago. The debt is gone and now we can start raising funds to cover much needed repairs. Although not the top of the building committee's list, almost every parishioner I speak with wants the front steps repaired. I guess its that feeling you get after Mass when you exit the church through those big doors and down the steps carrying the light of the Lord into a world filled with darkness. So, we all still need to donate to Holy Angels, and above and beyond what goes towards operating costs. Which brings me to the topic of pledge forms.

One aspect of donating that hasn't been addressed is the pledge form. Completing a pledge form allows you to give a larger sum by spreading a donation in increments over five years. The form also allows you to budget your donation by providing a void cheque and checking off when you want funds withdrawn monthly, quarterly or annually. Pledge forms are available at the church office and will be available at the back of the Holy Angels in the coming weeks.

You might also consider the **Holy Angels Restoration Fund** in your estate planning. This can be accomplished with a simple call to your estate lawyer and asking them to add "Holy Angels Restoration Fund" into the shares portion of your estate. If you choose this option, please be sure to **specify the restoration fund** otherwise the shares will be directed to the general functioning of the church (which is also important so, if possible, list both).

Previous generations of Catholics looked after Holy Angels to ensure that we would have a place of glory to worship our Lord, the torch has been passed to us. Let us not extinguish it.

Blair Ferguson, Holy Angels Fundraising Cte. Member



## COMMUNITY PROGRAM

**SOUP BROTHERS:** The Soup Brothers made **91 containers** (24-oz) of **Ham Soup** for the St. Thomas - Elgin Food Bank on April 16<sup>th</sup>. The next soup day is **Wednesday May 21<sup>st</sup>**, 9 a.m. at the Columbus Club and all are welcome.

**ELIMINATION DRAW:** Weekly \$50 winners for April were: Mar 31<sup>st</sup> **Marilyn Evers**, Ticket #0198; April 7<sup>th</sup> **James Kennedy**, #0240; 14<sup>th</sup> **Andy O'Connor**, #0158; and 21<sup>st</sup> **Wouter Manten**, #0195. The April 28<sup>th</sup> and remaining weekly winners will be published in June. Congratulations to our winners so far. Good luck this month!

**ST. ANNE'S FESTIVAL:** A renewed group of parishioners and friends have stepped up and are busy planning this signature community-based festival that will take place the first week of June. Our Pastor, Fr. Peter, has asked the Knights to also step up to take on volunteer roles and to attend weekly Wednesday evening meetings at 7 p.m. at St. Anne's Centre from now until the carnival begins. For additional details, please see your ERCFP bulletin or call the parish office (519-631-3640).

**ROSE SUNDAY CAMPAIGN:** On the weekend of May 3/4, Fr. Ernie Deslippe Council 1467 will conduct its annual Rose Sunday collection where we will have our roses promoting the right to life of the unborn at the doors of St. Anne's & Holy Angels. This year, the money raised will go to **Valora Place** and **Fresh Start Support Services** in St. Thomas. Please be generous in support of this annual appeal to protect the rights of those who are not able to protect themselves. The lives of the innocent and most vulnerable. Volunteers are needed so please contact **Bro. Patrick Houston** ([pghouston@sympatico.ca](mailto:pghouston@sympatico.ca) / 519-281-6400) and sign up for the mass you will be attending. Thanks for your support.

**HOT DOG DAYS:** **Bro. Bill Walker** is pleased to announce **St. Anne's will be on Tuesday June 10<sup>th</sup>**, and **Msgr. Morrison's on Friday June 13<sup>th</sup>**. We need lots of help, as St. Anne's has about 900 total. Please be there by 10 a.m. at the latest as there is lots of preparation work to be done. Thanks.

## But for the grace of God ...

A very smart friend of mine always tells me “*to compare is to despair*”, meaning you can’t compare one situation to another. I’ll give you a great comparison. I am the youngest of six children. After coming home from World War II, my father started what would become a very successful construction company. My Mother stayed home to raise all of us but when I started high school, and not needing to be looked after as much, she decided she would also go into business. She purchased two variety stores, one in St Thomas and one in Port Stanley. Where am I going with this tale? Well, I can tell you that never in my life did I ever know the word “*want*”. I had everything I ever wanted, including the best of clothes and always a brand-new pair of Converse high-top running shoes. When I wanted to start playing guitar, my parents bought me a Gibson Les Paul and a Marshal amp. So, taking all of that into consideration, would it make much sense for me to compare my life growing up to others? When I was a young kid, I did, and assumed that everyone else of my age couldn’t get within ten feet of the tree on Christmas morning because of the pile of presents. Until I started going over to school chums’ houses after school, I thought everyone ate a three-course meal every night for dinner. I certainly was shocked to know that not only did not everyone live like I did, most did not.

I learned that lesson at a very young age. I also came to appreciate that I was blessed not only because we were wealthy but that I had a mom and dad that loved all of us and each other. I was especially blessed that my dad, having been a WWII fighter pilot, wasn’t an alcoholic or abusive even though he did suffer from what we now call PTSD. I was indeed blessed and continue to be as I have done my best (tried to anyway) to help those less fortunate than myself, to help those who didn’t have the benefit of growing up in a loving family that taught the value of a hard day’s work. Truth be told, that is why I became a Knight ... it provided another way that I could help our less fortunate brothers and sisters.

Let’s take a look at how some folks in our community are forced to live. The maximum amount individuals relying on the **Ontario Works** program (welfare) receives each month is \$733.00. From that, they are required to pay rent, clothe themselves, and buy food. Considering the average rent in St. Thomas for a one-bedroom apartment is \$1706.00 per month, those individuals start off about \$1000 short right out of the gate. Three people would have to rent that one-bedroom apartment (and sleep in shifts). I did an online search and found a one-bedroom apartment in St. Thomas for \$1,525.00 and its location and condition was scary. A family of three (mom, dad and one child) on Ontario Works receives \$1,877.00 per month. Renting that one-bedroom apartment I spoke of would leave them about \$100 for the month to buy groceries and other essentials.

Perhaps you’re thinking, “**Why are they on welfare in the first place? Can’t they get a job and become self-sufficient?**” Well, it’s often due to a ‘chain effect’, like if your dad was a farmer chances are you’d become a farmer. I became a stone mason because that’s what my dad was and I liked hanging out with him. The point is that your parents either taught you to succeed them in the ‘family business’ or encouraged you to go to school and study to enter a profession. The statistics on children growing up on social assistance ending up on it as adults is staggering. It’s what they know and what they were ‘taught’. Some make it out but sadly most do not.

Why would a parent on Ontario Works send their child to St. Joseph’s high school? Remember I told you about those expensive running shoes and clothing I had? Children and especially adolescents can be mean and cruel. A teenager that isn’t dressed the way their peer group deems acceptable is likely to be picked on. At Catholic high schools, however, the students are obligated to a specific dress code, they wear a uniform and so it doesn’t matter if their parents are rich or poor. St. Joe’s even has an abundance of school uniforms that are turned in when they are outgrown or when students graduate. When Seamus finished high school, we took two garbage bags full of school clothing to the office and handed them over so that a less fortunate child could dress in the school attire free of charge. It’s actually very heartwarming to know how many parents do this every year.

What did our Lord Jesus Christ have to say about comparing yourselves to others? While He never actually used the words, “*Don’t compare yourselves to others*”, He did emphasize the dangers of comparing. He did

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discourage self-measure and prideful comparisons with others on several occasions and here are a couple of examples:

- **"We do not dare to classify or compare ourselves with some who command themselves; when they measure themselves and compare themselves with themselves, they are not wise."** (2 Corinthians 10:12)
- **"For by the grace given to me, I tell each of you not to regard yourselves more highly than you ought, but rather to think of yourselves with sober judgment, each in proportion with the faith that God has allotted."** (Romans 12:3)

There are others that space does not allow me to include but I encourage you look up Galatians 2:21 and Proverbs 26:12. They too invite believers to focus on their own relationships with God and to avoid the pitfall of comparison which can and does lead to envy, pride and a lack of grace.

My hope is that upon reading this you will come to see that the Knights' supporting programs, such as the breakfast and snack programs at our grade schools and high school, is a necessity. I can guarantee you that without them kids will go hungry. I remember speaking to one student at St. Joe's a few years back and as the school year was coming to a close. I asked him if he was looking forward to having the summer off. Unlike most kids, he was not ... because he was facing 2 months of going hungry! Sadly, I've learned hunger is not just a 'third world' problem and actually never was. While I can't fathom that in a country such as ours that kids are going hungry, I know they are. If doing the groceries isn't one of your household chores, you should tag along sometime when you'll see loaves of bread costing \$9, butter \$8, a dozen eggs \$6, and milk \$7 for 4 liters. Then ask yourself: **"How far could I make that \$100 go?"**

Peace my brothers and sisters,  
SK Blair Ferguson, Faith Director

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# Reflection

The ongoing international tariffs drama, 'orchestrated' by the US President and featuring stock market meltdowns (at least at the time of this writing), got me to looking for something humorous to take the edge off the anxiety many folks are reportedly experiencing. Stop me if you've heard this one (many variations exist):

Three pastors from different parishes are discussing what they do with their offertory collections and other donations. The first says, "*I draw a circle on the floor, throw the money up in the air, and whatever lands in the circle I give to God and whatever lands outside the circle I keep*". The second says, "*I do pretty much the same but I give whatever lands outside the circle to God*". The third says, "*Brothers, I keep things simple and while I also throw all the money up in the air, I have faith that whatever God wants He'll keep.*"

For those of you much less inclined to heresy, I suppose one can make a case that the latter 'joke' arises from Jesus' own 'blue chip' financial advice, "**Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's**" (Matthew 22:21; Mark 12:17; Luke 20:25). We can safely assume and be confident He knew the only treasure His Father valued was human offerings of **faith, hope and charity**.

As regards the current currency dramas, the proverbial 'they' say it's best to simply ride things out and not make rash personal financial decisions when things are so fluid / dynamic / crazy / uncertain. Indeed, it gives a whole new perspective on a Beatitude: *Blessed are the poor ... they have a lot less to worry about having not much to begin with*. And yet, how fortuitous that we now find ourselves in May, the month dedicated to Mary, our Mother. As we know, her privileged position in Heaven allows her to advocate on our behalf ... to intercede that God may hear our petitions. One of the best ways to send her our petitions is to 'enclose' them in the following prayer 'envelope':

**MEMORAE:** *Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate despise not my petitions but, in thy mercy, hear and answer me. Amen.*

During May, I call on you and our fellow brothers to reflect on a defining characteristic of our Order: **deep devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of Jesus**. We all received a rosary when we joined and were encouraged to turn to Mary as our own Mother, so that she may lead each of us closer to her Son. We have long expressed filial devotion to Mary under various titles, especially **Our Lady of Guadalupe**, patroness of the Americas and of the Philippines, and the **Immaculate Conception**. Let each of us make a special effort this month to demonstrate special reverence for Our Lady through prayer and acts of charity. In particular, I ask you to please take heed of Brother Regis' invitation to join a growing list of brothers that receive the weekly email calling us to a virtual (Zoom) meeting each Tuesday at 1 p.m. to say the Rosary together.

Fraternally, Harald Schraeder, GK, PGK



***"It is not enough to say we are Christians. We must live the faith, not only with our words, but with our actions."***

***"Having faith does not mean having no difficulties, but having the strength to face them, knowing we are not alone."***

***"To change the world, we must be good to those who cannot repay us."***

***"Holiness doesn't mean doing extraordinary things, but doing ordinary things with love and faith."***



## PRAYER FOR THE CONCLAVE

Heavenly Father. You are the eternal Shepherd who never leaves Your flock untended. As the Church prepares to choose the next successor of St. Peter, we lift up to You the cardinals who will gather in conclave.

Send forth Your Holy Spirit upon them—  
the Spirit of wisdom, understanding, and right judgment.  
Guide their hearts and minds,  
that they may discern not with human preference,  
but with divine inspiration.

May they seek a shepherd after Your own heart—  
a man of faith and courage,  
of humility and mercy,  
who will lead the Church in truth, unity, and holiness.

Grant peace and protection to the Church during this sacred time. May all the faithful remain united in prayer, trusting in Your providence.

O Mary, Mother of the Church, intercede for us.

St. Peter, pray for us.

Come, Holy Spirit, and renew the face of the Church.

Amen.



# The Elgin Patriot

Bishop John C. Cody Assembly 0879 / May 2025

Membership consists of Sir Knights from Councils 1467, 4189 & 6495



Sir Knights:

Jesus Christ has risen today, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. We celebrate the Resurrection for eight (Octave) days. The Octave signifies the continuance and deepening of the joy of Jesus rising from the dead and sitting at the right hand of God the Father. For this reason, baptismal fonts are often designed with eight sides symbolizing new life and a fresh start.

We are all saddened by Pope Francis death:

Holy Mary, Mother of God, Mother of the world, Queen of the Universe, I offer all that's good in my heart, all my good deeds and all my prayers I offer up to you Mary, that you may intercede on behalf of Pope Francis, that he may have eternal Joy in Heaven. We ask for your prayers for all the Cardinals involved with the selection of a new Pope, that their selection will be open to the full guidance of the Holy Spirit. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, and our Lord, Amen.

Soon we will be voting in our new executive, and I am anticipating a full roster. I am grateful to all that have stepped into the breech as this makes life for all executive members that much easier.

Looking ahead, we will be having our **Canada Day Picnic** on Tuesday July 1<sup>st</sup> at SK Joe Fleming's place (42512 Sparta Line, Union ON). Next year, we will be moving this event to the Saturday before or after the holiday as we want our SK's to be involved in Canada Day events or parades.

Hope all Sir Knights, their Ladies, and their children have experienced a truly Blessed Easter.

Fraternally yours,  
SK Simon Vink FN

## Pope Francis' May Intention: For working conditions

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

**For These We Pray:** [Please refer to the prayer intentions section of Communion]

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## You think your household bills are expensive?

Every now and then a bill comes into your household and it is a real eye opener. I'm not talking about a charge for something new and exciting like a new big screen TV or replacing some beat up couch in the den. Instead, the routine costs of utilities and insurance to keep your house operational. It's no different with our Club. While we love it and can't imagine it not being the home of Council 1467, monthly bills this winter were mind-blowing. Weather-wise, we had a terrible winter and something about this winter seemed different financially. Care to guess what salting and snow removal cost the club December-April? We really have no choice as snow and ice removal are required for liability reasons even as we rely on a contractor to decide when it must be done. The answer: \$5,130! Add to that our heat and hydro (one month the natural gas bill alone was \$1,200) and it added up to a very expensive winter. Did I mention our insurance is \$10,228 a year?

As GK Harald mentioned in last month's issue, the Club is desperately short-staffed and we need more help when the club is rented. With a little training, anyone can do this so please consider offering your time or encouraging a responsible individual you know to apply. Some of this can be paid work but it would be a great and generous gift you could offer your club if you volunteered. Did you know the Legion in Port is almost 100% volunteer run?

Someone recently told me that if we are short on staff then we should not bother renting the Club. Well, as you can see from the cost of even a few items, you should understand why rentals are important. Fortunately we have had several rentals for parties, meetings, receptions, vendor fairs, and Ball Room Dancing to help meet these expenses. Laurie Elford is managing our bookings and doing a fabulous job. Please, help support your Club. We are a fortunate Council to have a place to call home.

Fraternally, Joe Fleming, Columbus Club Treasurer



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