



# COMMUNION

Monthly Periodical of Fr. Ernie Deslippe Council 1467 (est. 23 Jan 1910)  
265 Wellington Street. St. Thomas, Ontario N5R 2S6

June 2026



## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

**Brothers:** Council Officer final nominations and subsequent elections / acclamations for Fraternal Year 2026-27 were conducted at May's General Membership meeting with the following outcomes: **Harald Schraeder**, Grand Knight; **John Kana**, DGK; **Donald Henry**, Treasurer; **Liam Hutchin**, Chancellor; **Rob Weir**, Recording Secretary; **Luc Audet**, Advocate; **David Primeau**, Warden; **Peter Tobola** 3-yr Trustee; and **Mitchell Laframboise** Guard (nominations for guards will resume at the June meeting). Financial Secretary **Regis Trudel** has another year in his term, and **Peter Kuntz** and **Steve Wachowiak** have 2 and 1 year(s) respectively remaining in their terms as Trustees. Your new Council Executive will undertake to meet through the summer to develop our budgets and discuss plans for the year.

This issue marks the last one for this Fraternal Year, which ends June 30<sup>th</sup>. I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone that contributed material and articles for each issue. I'm especially indebted to **Bro. Gord Smith** who conscientiously proofread each issue before I sent it for printing / posting. I thank **Bro. Dennis Collins** for arranging the mailing 'wraps' and postal paperwork, and **Bro. Henry Poirier** and his daughter **Jean** for helping me complete the mail-outs and for dropping the bulk mailing off at the post office each month.

We, collectively, have achieved much over the past year and I hope you've found that **Communion** has reported on our positive impacts on our parishes and community at large. Indeed, this issue is chock full of upcoming events as we close out the fraternal year helping out with the **St. Anne's Festival**, **Hot Dog Days**, **Summerfest**, and **Sr. Mary's 70<sup>th</sup> Jubilee** to name but a few.

We've also grown our membership and I look forward to helping our new brothers apply their gifts, charisms and general skills to lead, inspire and renew our **Faith In Action** mission for the benefit of all.

In closing, I pray you enjoy a blessed **Father's Day** ... 'relaxing', while you do what you do best: loving your children, regardless of their ages, in your thoughts, words and deeds each and every day.

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, 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 Order has grown from several members in one council to more than 14,000 councils and approaching 2 million members. 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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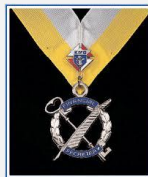


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**Grand Knight Harald Schraeder** awarding **Brother Patrick Monaghan** his certificate at Council's May Business Meeting attesting to his successful exemplification into Council 1467. Welcome Brother!



FS CHAT

**HAPPY SUMMER BIRTHDAYS!!!**

**JUNE:** Justin Buchanan, Randall ('Otis') Clifton, Roy Ewart, Malcolm Gooding, Robert Grindon, Joe Hicknell, John C. Jakobi, John W. Jakobi, Greg Ladd, Bryan Lee, David Lomond, Steve Miloloza, Mathew O'Gorman, Peter Ostojic, Doug Pardey, Carl Pearson, Jim Sheridan, Jan Sumera, Oscar Sunil & Sean Thomas.

**JULY:** Harold Berger, Ray Bernicky, Richard Borecki, Roberto Dala, David Elford, Roman Kuchmak, Ronald Kunz, Patrick McKenna, Jerry O'Brien, David O'Connor, Daniel O'Neil, David Regan & Ed Steer.

**AUGUST:** Steven Bailey, Ron Buchanan, Murray Clarke, Dennis Collins, Ken Couchman, Phil East, Wayne Elliott, Joe Filipovic, Bill Hall, James Kennedy, Michael Keogh, Patrick Monaghan, Andrew O'Connor, Orio Ortins, Harald Schraeder, Alois Van Hooydonk & Pete Vergeer.

**2026-27 Budget:** Your Executive will be reviewing the results of our Fraternal Year 2025-26 General & Charity Budgets over the summer and discussing our priorities and plans for the FY that begins July 1st. If you have any suggestions, please forward them to me.

Fraternally, Regis Trudel, [FS1467@ontariokofc.ca](mailto:FS1467@ontariokofc.ca), 226-688-6060



## June Assignments

- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>, 5 – 7 p.m.: Dennis Collins & Carl Pearson
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup>, 1 – 3 p.m.: Bill Walker & Alex 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 JUNE EVENTS

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

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Bishop J. C. Cody Assembly meeting
- 3-6: St. Anne's Festival
- 8<sup>th</sup>: Council Executive meeting
- 10<sup>th</sup>: Evening with Fr. John (**6:30 p.m. @ SA**)
- 12<sup>th</sup>: Hot Dog Day @ St. Anne's (**10 a.m.**)
- 15<sup>th</sup>: Columbus Club Directors meeting
- 17<sup>th</sup>: Soup Brothers (**9 a.m.**)
- 18<sup>th</sup>: Hot Dog Day @ Msgr Morrison (**10 a.m.**)
- 18<sup>th</sup>: Evening with Bishop Fabbro (**poster inside**)
- 19-20: Summerfest (**poster inside**)
- 20<sup>th</sup>: Sr. Mary 70<sup>th</sup> Jubilee (**HA 1-3 p.m.**)
- **21<sup>st</sup>: FATHER'S DAY**
- 22<sup>nd</sup>: FED Council Business meeting

Time-sensitive announcements can be e-blasted to members, please email your message to the Grand Knight ([gk1467@ontariokofc.ca](mailto:gk1467@ontariokofc.ca)).

Please also refer to the parish bulletin for additional events (<https://elginrcparishes.ca/ercfp-bulletin>).

# HOT DIGGITY DOG DAYS

Brothers will again be serving hot dogs to our elementary school students this June:

- St. Anne's on Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>
- Msgr. Morrison on Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup>

We'll have just over 900 students at St. Anne's and just over 600 at Morrison.

**I know that we are all getting older but we still need a lot of Brothers to show up to BBQ and serve. Thank you in advance to all of you who show up to help, please be at the school not later than 10.00 am.**

Fraternally, Brother ('Mr. Hot Dog') Bill Walker



## Please Pray for the Intentions of:

Art Beaudry, Ray Bernicky's mother Marion, Rick Borecky, Maurice Brennan, Ron & Barry Buchanan, Randall (Otis) Clifton & his daughter Genevieve, Gerry & Miriam Costello, Jim Dewan's wife Susan, Martin & Marilyn Evers, Roy Esbaugh's brother Cyril, 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 Kroeplin, John & Debra ('Deb') Laverty, Michael Lukasik, Douglas Mactavish, Cliff Marentette, Barry MacMillan, Larry McCaffery's brother Leo, Madeline McIntosh, Matthew O'Gorman, Doug Pardey, Carl Pearson, Art & Louise Perrier, Peter Sowinski, Darryl Sullivan, Alan Taylor, Case Terpstra, John Thomas, Regis Trudel's wife Nancy, Joe & Joan Vachon, Hubert Vandenberg, Louie Van Hooydonk's brother Marcel, Steve Wachowiak, Dave Warden, Rob Weir, and Priests & ERCFP staff. Please also pray for condolence for our widows and surviving family members.

Please pray for all our recently faithful departed that through God's mercy they have been 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.



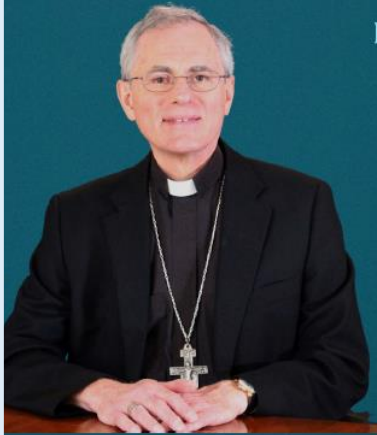
AN EVENING WITH  
*Bishop Fabbro*  
A GRATEFUL FAREWELL

To celebrate Bishop Fabbro's 24 years of faithful service and leadership of our diocese

**JUNE 18, 2026**  
Doors Open at 5:30pm  
Dinner is served at 6:30pm

Best Western Lamplighter Inn  
Grand Crystal Ballroom  
London, Ontario

\$150 per person  
\$1400 for a table of 10



All proceeds generated will support Diocese of London Priestly Vocations and the interior restoration at St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica.

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PRESENTS

**SUMMERFEST**  
*Under the Canvas*

Columbus Club - 265 Wellington St. Thomas, ON

A weekend to support our community

in support of



**Fri. June 19<sup>th</sup> and Sat. June 20<sup>th</sup>**

**FRIDAY NIGHT**  
4 - 6 PM



Lake Erie Perch

*Tickets*

\$25 Each



TONY MORGAN &  
POINT TAKEN

6 - 8 PM

*Tickets*

\$15 Each

**SATURDAY NIGHT**



5 - 7 PM

*Tickets*

\$35 Advance  
\$40 at the Gate



8:30 - 11 PM

Tickets Available by scanning the QR Code or visiting the following businesses



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**Pope Leo's June Intention:**  
**For the values of sports**

Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

**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, please email Bro. Regis ([fs1467@ontariokofc.ca](mailto:fs1467@ontariokofc.ca)) to request the weekly ZOOM link.

**Sr. Mary's 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with Sisters of St. Joseph**

Please join us in a celebration recognizing Sister Mary's 70<sup>th</sup> jubilee of service to be held Saturday afternoon June 20<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Hall at Holy Angels.

This gathering is sponsored by Holy Angels' CWL and the Knights Of Columbus Council 1467. All are welcome, best wishes only, and coffee / tea & snacks will be provided.



## ANNUAL CMHA BBQ

Brothers of Fr. Ernie Deslippe Council 1467 once again hosted staff and clients of St Thomas' chapter of the Canadian Mental Health Association for a BBQ at the Columbus Club on Wednesday May 6<sup>th</sup>.

Pictured (L-R) are Brothers **Rick Borecki, Dennis Walters, Roy Esbaugh, Peter Tobola, John Kana & Pat Kelly.**

On May 6<sup>th</sup>, the Knights had the pleasure of hosting a BBQ for the clients of the **CMHA of St. Thomas**. It has been an event that been going on for many years. While usually held at Pinafore Park, it was brought back to the Columbus Club as the park fields were flooded by a storm the day before. CHMA still managed to arrange several games at the club while we were getting the burgers ready. When they were ready, it didn't take our guests long to line up and to be served a burger, pop, cake, and watermelon which seemed to be enough to fill their bellies. After eating, we all finished with a couple more games and then saw them on their way home. I sincerely thank my helpers as it was them that served the 58 burgers we provided. Thanks also to Council 1467 for funding the event.

SK Roy Esbaugh, CHMA BBQ Coordinator



## COMMUNITY PROGRAM

**SOUP BROTHERS:** The Brothers made **118** 24-oz containers of **Butternut Squash** soup on Wednesday May 20<sup>th</sup> for the St. Thomas-Elgin Food Bank (The Caring Cupboard). The next soup day is **Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>**, 9 a.m. at the Columbus Club, and all brothers are welcome!

**MIGRANT WORKERS MINISTRY:** The Diocese's **Migrant Workers Ministry** provides an opportunity for Migrant Workers from Mexico to attend a monthly Spanish mass and enjoy a dinner with fellow workers from the area. Locally, we organize drivers to take workers from **Canadale Nursery** to a **monthly Sunday evening Spanish mass & dinner at St. Mary's in West Lorne**. If you are able to occasionally assist to drive them to and from St Mary's, as well as enjoy the dinner, please contact **Bro. Regis Trudel**.

**ELIMINATION DRAW:** Bro. Ray Bernicky, Elimination Draw Chair, reports May's weekly \$50 winners were: May 4<sup>th</sup>, Ticket #030, Rick Borecki; May 11<sup>th</sup>, #203, Judy Adcock; and 18<sup>th</sup>, #260, Andy O'Connor. Congratulations to our weekly winners. The Elimination Draw was conducted Friday May 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Columbus Club, with the following prizes awarded:

- **\$50 (every 25<sup>th</sup> drawn except as below):** Dave Bruder, Calvin McIntyre, Barry Buchanan, Harald Schraeder, Dave Demoor, Pam Harvey, Barb Gammon, Tim Murphy, Jack Gammon & Stan Tracey.
- **\$100 (every 100<sup>th</sup> ticket):** Kathy Lumley, Steve Peters, Dan Deniss & Scott Wilson.
- **Split \$3000 (\$1,000 each):** Heather Weir, Greg Ladd & Lesley Buchanan.

Winners lists are posted at the Columbus Club for anyone wishing to see who won.

# A Reflection on Catholic Fatherhood



As a man who was raised by a single Catholic mother, the idea of fatherhood used to terrify me. Many men who grow up without a stable fatherly presence carry wounds that can make marriage and fatherhood feel frightening, or even unattainable. While many factors played a part in quelling that terror for me, the experience of the love of God the Father in my own life, which my mother helped to foster, is what gave me the courage to embrace the vocation of marriage and fatherhood.

**“You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased”** (Mark 1:11). God the Father spoke these words over His Son, revealing His identity. The beautiful gift of our Catholic faith is that by means of prayer and the Sacraments, we too hear those words spoken to us. Baptism declares that we are adopted sons of God. By faith given to us in Baptism, we can then know firsthand this beautiful gift of beloved sonship. Once we know this, we then have the mandate to make this reality known for our own children and grandchildren. I hold that our vocation as fathers can be an active participation in the Father’s eternal delight in His only begotten Son, lived out in our own fatherhood.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) states that **“the Divine fatherhood is the source of human fatherhood”** (CCC 2214). The sacrificial and self-giving love of God, revealed to us in Sacred Scripture and Tradition, teaches us how to receive God’s love and give His love to others. Speaking on parenthood, Catholic author Sam Guzman says:

**“At the heart of the father-son relationship is reciprocal love. The identity of the father is to will what is good for the son; the identity of the son is to receive the father's love and return it in trustful surrender and obedience. When the son is convinced that his father desires and wills what is good for him, he can safely place himself, with complete vulnerability and without fear, in the arms of his father.”**

**This is true for father-son and father-daughter relationships.** Whether young or old, as fathers, our call is not simply to provide for the material needs of our children, nor simply to catechize them perfectly. Our vocation demands that we be a safe haven for our children and families, but that may come at a cost. We may need to face our childhood wounds through therapy and many good, holy confessions; it is never too late to begin. It may demand that we forego our addictions, vices, and bad habits.

Nevertheless, true Catholic fatherhood demands a humility and an honesty that many of us never saw exemplified in our own young lives. Moreover, we must never tire of taking ownership of our failures and repenting of them to our families. **“Every human father, then, is an image of the great Father in heaven, his divinely appointed representative on earth”** (Rev. W. Cramer). Whether young or old, our vocation is to show the merciful, tender, strong, faithful love of God the Father to our families.

If we create that kind of environment, our children can better hear and respond to those words spoken to their own hearts **“You are my beloved son; you are my beloved daughter; in you I am well pleased.”**

Sincerely in Christ,  
Chris Pinnegar<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Chris Pinnegar is a husband and father of three, a graphic designer by trade and an active member of the London Latin Mass Apostolate (LLMA) at Holy Angels Parish in St. Thomas, ON. He currently serves as President of the Secular Disalced Carmelite Community (OCDS) in London, ON, and the Communications Coordinator for the LLMA.

# Walk for Life Event

**Brothers:** I recently had one of the best experiences in many years: I took the bus trip to Ottawa to participate in the **Walk for Life Event**.

As the cars arrived on a very cold windy night at the parking lot of London's St. Joseph's Church, I soon realized we were in for a fun trip as people I already knew (many from the Latin Mass group) started emerging from their vehicles and those I did not know, quickly showed friendship to everyone. The bus was late so we took time to introduce ourselves. We were all there to show our support for birth rights. The bus finally arrived and the driver was great.

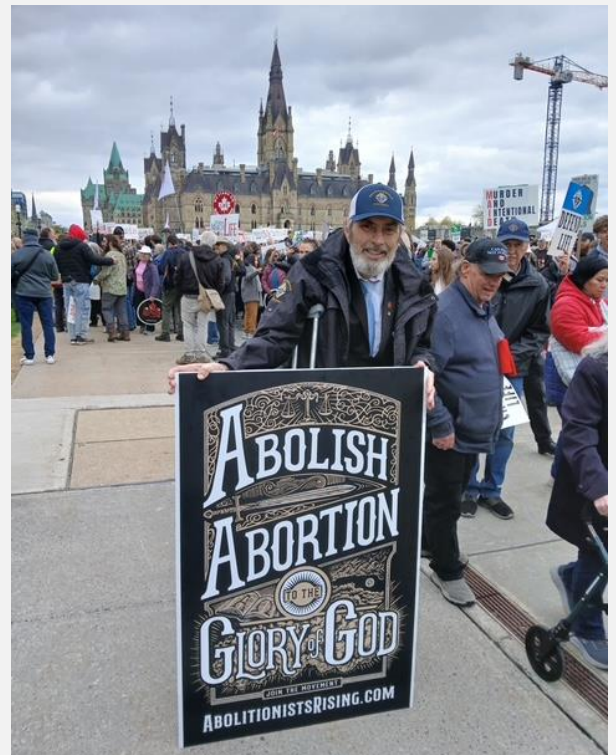
Once on our way, you could hear the younger men praying and even the Rosary from many men at the back. I quickly recognized **Jeremy Chisholm**, whom I'd recently met at St. Peter's Seminary, across from me. It was time to get some sleep which I enjoyed with the sound of prayer in the background. With morning came the sound of the Rosary being recited. We soon pulled onto Hwy 416 and knew our arrival was imminent. When we got off the bus, we walked as a group to find a place to eat. From there, we walked to **Notre Dame Cathedral** for 10 o'clock Mass.

The Cathedral was absolutely beautiful inside and I slowly took in all the amazing detail. At the side was the Crucifix on the wall and I cried while looking at it. In front of me was all of the Knights leadership for Canada. I got to meet and talk to each one of them. The Priest who offered the Mass was the Bishop for Ottawa Valley. There were about 12 Priests and another 12 Deacons. The Mass was said in both French and English, and the choir was outstanding. The priests gave communion to long line-ups and while it was hard after Mass to find each other in the large crowds, I did reconnect with a couple from Sarnia to go for dinner where I learned the man was a nephew of **Sister Mary!** After dinner, we made the walk up the hill to **Parliament Hill**, a bit hard on account of my handicap but we did it. That's when we met up again with Jeremy who, being mindful of my mobility issues, kindly stayed with me for the rest of the day. I soon learned what an amazing young man he is and that in two years he intends to be ordained. He even invited me to attend his ordination. The March soon started and involved an enormous group. We followed, it was about a mile long, and ended with, yes, another walk up the Hill. We then had to find out where the bus would pick us up.

After some phone calls we figured it out and gathered and loaded the bus. Time for the head count, "**Where is Albert?**" We were short one group member, and so disembarked and began our search. After an hour, we called the police who descended on Parliament Hill in numbers to search. Alas, Albert was not to be found so we took the time to eat and then all got back on the bus, fully 3-hours behind schedule. After making arrangement for a safe place for Albert to stay once found, the decision was made to leave. Just as we started to pull out, the call came that he'd been found. He finally stepped onto the bus to general applause to let him know we were happy he was safe.

The long drive home started and we returned to London at 3 a.m., I got home at 3:30 a.m. and went straight to bed. If asked if I would go again, my answer would be a resounding "**Yes!**" God is Good!

Douglas Mactavish (Faith Director)



# Reflection

Why? Why doesn't God answer my specific prayers? Let's be honest, haven't you too had that thought at some time in your life?



Matthew gives us a few hints to the answer and we can start at his Chapter 6, verses 7-10, "***And in praying do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard for their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. Pray then like this: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven***" and we can stop right there. Sorry, but I'm not so persuaded His will is being done on earth these days.

And so, we can jump ahead to 7:7-8, "***Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For every one who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.***" Right. Won the lottery last week, did you? But there is a strong clue in the latter, the passage, "***For everyone that asks receives***".

And finally to 21:18-22 (Jesus curses the fig tree), "***In the morning, as he was returning to the city, he was hungry. And seeing a fig tree by the wayside he went to it, and found nothing on it but leaves only. And he said to it, "May no fruit ever come from you again!" And the fig tree withered at once. When the disciples saw it, they marveled, saying, "How did the fig tree wither at once?" And Jesus answered them, "Truly, I say to you, if you have faith and never doubt, you will not only do what has been done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' it will be done. And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith.***" And there we have it, the 'prayer qualifier' ... "***if you have faith***".

If you have faith; let that sink in, brother. Taken to extremes, if you do (and I believe you do), why would you even be praying? There must be a 'slippery slope' to hubris if you live with the comfort that God "*knows what you need before you ask*" ... that He has your back, at all times and under every situation, right? So, it's probably not a good idea to live that sort of 'entitlement' and to instead demonstrate humbleness before God. As a minimum, it's courteous to ask, before simply taking ... anything for granted.

Reflecting in this way reminds me of a poem, attributed to an anonymous person, that goes like this:

## I Asked God

I asked for **strength** and God gave me difficulties to make me strong  
I asked for **wisdom** and God gave me problems to solve  
I asked for **prosperity** and God gave me brawn and brain to work  
I asked for **courage** and God gave me dangers to overcome  
I asked for **patience** God placed me in situations where I was forced to wait  
I asked for **love** and God gave me troubled people to help  
I asked for **favours** and God gave me opportunities  
I received nothing I wanted and I received everything I needed  
**My Prayer Has Been Answered.**

You ought to cut that out and save it in your wallet. You might also (if you haven't already) add The Rolling Stones' song ***You Can't Always Get What You Want*** to your play list ... and then to accept that "***if you try sometimes, you find you get what you need.***" So, try praying ... and if at first you don't succeed, try, try again.

Faternally, Harald Schraeder, GK, PGK

## For the Good of the Order

If you know, or are, a brother experiencing emotional, physical, spiritual or economic distress, please contact the Grand Knight. All such contacts shall be confidential.

# Climbing Higher in Service to Creation

On Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, **Bro. Liam Hutchin** participated in WWF-Canada's Climb for Nature 2026 at the CN Tower alongside teammate **Rachell Henry** (daughter of Bro. Donald). Together, the pair climbed the tower's 1,776 steps while raising funds for WWF-Canada's **Regenerate Canada** campaign for wildlife conservation and environmental stewardship initiatives across Canada.

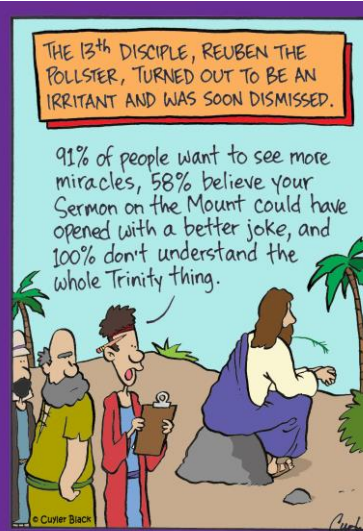
Altogether, **Liam and Rachell raised \$1,594**. Their efforts were strongly supported by our local Knights of Columbus community, with numerous Brother Knights contributing \$564, in addition to a \$150 donation from Fr. Ernie Deslippe Council #1467. Care for the natural world is not merely an environmental concern, but a responsibility rooted in faithful stewardship of Creation.



#CNTowerClimb

The climb reflected a commitment to protecting the beauty and dignity of the world entrusted to humanity by God, while supporting practical efforts to preserve habitats, protect wildlife, and address the growing impacts of climate change. WWF-Canada's Regenerate Canada campaign seeks to restore degraded habitats, steward ecologically rich ecosystems, and reduce carbon emissions through nature-based conservation initiatives. Through projects focused on restoration, conservation, and sustainable stewardship, the organization aims to restore at least one million hectares of habitat, steward 100 million hectares of land and water, and reduce carbon emissions through conservation efforts over the next decade.

Climbing the CN Tower demanded determination and perseverance, but for Liam and Rachell, the experience was made especially meaningful through the generosity and encouragement of their local community. Liam & Rachell extend their sincerest thank you to all those who generously supported them.



## Notice of Motion

Moved by FS Regis Trudel that whereas our Fiscal Budgets approve expenditures from July 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup> each year, and whereas the Fraternal Year 2026-27 budgets will not be approved prior to the October 2026 Business Meeting, that Council Executive be authorized to spend up to \$10,000 from Council's Charity accounts during the period July 1, 2026 and the October Business Meeting to address any urgent or time-sensitive matters that may arise.

The motion will be subjected to being seconded, discussed and voted upon at the June Business Meeting.



# The Elgin Patriot



Bishop John C. Cody Assembly 0879 / June 2026

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

**Sir Knights:** May has been a very busy month. I attended Indwell's **Hope and Homes Celebration Dinner**. Brother Doug Mactavish, SK Orio Ortins, SK Steve Blankenship, and I attended a special event honoring the Knights' steadfast commitment to **St. Peter's Seminary and Foundation**. Mass was attended at their beautiful chapel, a tour of the building was led by the seminarians, a photo op, and a luncheon was served. Brother Doug Mactavish attended the **March for Life** in Ottawa (which I was also going to attend, but after the Holland trip my butt was just not up to it). By our meeting Monday June 1<sup>st</sup> we will also have attended **Choose Life Spring Banquet**, **Special Olympics School Competition**, and two nights of **Confirmation at Holy Angels**. I pray that our Brothers and Sir Knights will try to be more involved in events such as these.

**Our annual summer picnic** will be held on **Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>**, and SK Joe Fleming has once again graciously offered to hold it at his place (42512 Sparta Line, Union, Ontario / next door to St Thomas Golf and Country Club). Start time is 2 p.m. and everyone is asked to bring a side dish of their choice. The Assembly will be supplying the meat. Please also bring your own plates, utensils, and chairs. If you have any lawn games, please bring them along as well. This will precede July 1<sup>st</sup> so as not to conflict with SK's planning to participate in Canada Day parades, etc.

Thank you to all the Sir Knights who stepped forward to take a position on the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree executive. Thank you as well to all the SK's who assumed roles to allow our past two meetings to be conducted in my absence. I am grateful and hope to see you Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, for our last meeting before summer break.

The blessedness of unity (Psalm 133:1), "**Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!**" May we Sir Knights continue to work in unity for the greater good and may God be with you all.

Fraternally yours, SK Simon Vink FN



Saint Peter's Seminary & its Foundation honoured the Knights of the London Diocese for their past and continued support of Seminarians at a special event on Friday May 1<sup>st</sup>.

How fitting that very day we celebrated the feast of **St. Joseph the Worker**.

Pictured here at the statue of St. Joseph are (L-R): Council 1467 Faith Director Brother **Douglas Mactavish**, Assembly 0879 Faithful Comptroller Sir Knight **Orio Ortins**, Assembly 0879 Faithful Navigator SK **Simon Vink**, and Deputy, District 84, SK **Steve Blankenship**.

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

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## Keeping Up Our Columbus Club

This month's article revisits a familiar but vital theme: owning our Columbus Club Hall is a true gift, but it comes with a serious stewardship responsibility. Just like a household, unexpected operational bills can be a real eye-opener. We are not talking about exciting upgrades like a new big-screen television or replacing a beaten-up couch in the den. Instead, it is the run-of-the-mill, mandatory costs like utilities and insurance that keep the facility functioning. To put this into perspective, a standard annual household insurance premium can easily reach \$2,000, and our club faces an annual insurance premium of \$10,300. The monthly utility bills this past winter were exceptionally substantial.



The severe winter weather was incredibly harsh, proving even more challenging than the winter of 2025. Mandatory snow removal and salting from December to April alone cost the club a staggering \$6,325. Because safety is a non-negotiable priority, we must rely on an outside contractor to determine when plowing is necessary. When you couple those snow-clearing fees with increased heating and hydro costs, it made for a highly expensive winter season. Our labour expenses are high because we are now paying for work that we previously had volunteers do. That includes cleaning – not fun – but it must be done. Keep in mind those that are receiving nominal compensation for work also do an enormous amount of that same work without being paid. We are thankful that we have members, an executive and lately, some wonderful “friends of the Columbus Club” that care as much about our Club as they do.

The Club is always looking for additional staff and volunteers to cover our facility rental hours. The roles are simple and training is provided, so please consider applying or encouraging a responsible candidate to join us. Smart Serve Training can also be provided. While some positions offer pay, volunteering your time is a powerful way to support the Club. For inspiration, look no further than the Port Stanley Legion, which thrives while being almost 100% volunteer-run. Someone recently suggested we stop renting the Club if we are short-staffed. However, given our high operational costs, pausing rentals is simply not financially realistic. Rental revenue is important to covering our expenses. Our location is ideal and the recent washroom and entrance renovations have made our venue even more attractive. Fortunately, we continue to host various parties, meetings, receptions, vendor fairs, and ballroom dancing events to help bridge the financial gap. We are grateful to Laurie Elford, who is doing a fabulous job managing our bookings.

On a lighter note, we have installed a new digital monitor located at the entrance of the club. Our plan is to have this be a welcoming sign and a place to view upcoming and past events. This was funded in part by Council 1467 and Columbus Club profit sharing from the recent Kinsmen / Knights / Columbus Club Steak and Craft Beer Night. Please continue to support your club however you can. We are an incredibly fortunate Council to have such a wonderful facility to call home.

Fraternally,  
Joe Fleming, Columbus Club Treasurer



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