



COMMUNION

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

September 2026



GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Brothers: Welcome back! As I pray that you and yours enjoyed the summer break and added to your collection of happy experiences with family and friends, we all know that is not always the case for everyone in our faith community or in the community at large. We lost **Brother Ron Buchanan** in August and while his surviving family is comforted by support from both communities, I learned so much more of our brother from **Fr. John Johnson's** funeral mass homily and hope to redouble my own commitment to know my brothers' life stories before reading about them in their obituaries. I ask you to join me in that enterprise in your own personal way.

I hope you enjoy this issue. It includes a lot of 'catching up' news & photos about the many activities that brothers were involved in over the past few months. I especially commend to you **Bro. Liam's** article and I'm looking forward to him discerning to send me pieces for future issues. You might let him know the same.

The future, at least beyond your next few breathes, is always uncertain. Fraternal Year 2026-27, which began July 1st, is certain to see that continued. So, as we pray, "**Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven**", I suppose we should probably add that we mean that His will be *made clear* (per manifest) and not *eliminated* (per 'done' as in 'done like dinner'). I suppose too that we can be grateful that there is actually a lot of peace and goodwill in the world ... you know, the stuff typically relegated to not being worthy of being mentioned in the daily media reports but that you can often see or experience right around you. You may not be able to sort out wars (trade or otherwise) but you can spend your time doing things to bring a smile to a strangers face for example.

We are a strong **Council**, with membership numbering about 200 Catholic gentlemen from our two local parishes. We're blessed to have the **Columbus Club** as our social and business center. I'm excited about the opportunities that the year ahead will present us to see **more brothers engaged in Council and Club activities** for the '**good of the order**' and to do what we can, collectively and/or individually, to relieve the distress of all souls in our community. I ask you to also join me, indeed to overtake me, in that mission.

September is dedicated to devotion of **Our Lady of Sorrows** (September 15th Feast Day). In closing, I invite you to research her seven sorrows and reflect on how so many mothers around the world experience comparable grief today.

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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POT ROAST DINNER SATURDAY OCTOBER 3rd, 2026

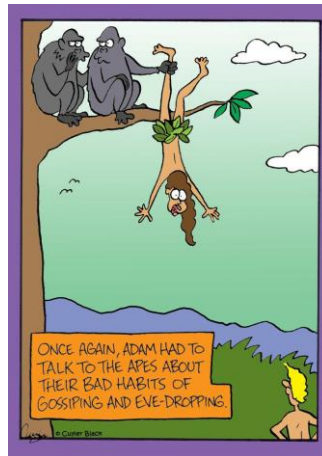
Hosted by Fr. Ernie Deslippe Council 1467, Knights of Columbus

We'll be serving delicious, slow-cooked Pot Roast of Beef, with Yorkshire, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetables & dessert at the Columbus Club, 265 Wellington Street.

Take-Out: 4:30 - 5:00 P.m.
Dine-In: 5:00 - 6:30 P.m.

Tickets \$22 / person
ADVANCE ONLY (while available)

- Columbus Club (519-631-2166)
- Ray Bernicky (519-207-3168)
- Roy Ewart (519-719-7693)
- Harald Schraeder (519-318-4189)



FS CHAT

HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS!!!

David Anderson, Frank Artibello, Barry Buchanan, Michael Carroll, Erik Flock, John Goossens, Richard Haasen, Donald Henry, Rev. John Johnson, John Kana, Michael Keays, Heinrich Kemmerling, Michael Kilborne, Armand Matte, David St. John, Regis Trudel & Jeff Yurek.

2026-27 Budget ...

The proposed Council General & Charity Budgets will be presented at the September 21st Business Meeting. They will then be moved for seconding, discussion and voting at the October 26th Business Meeting.

Have you moved or changed your contact information? If you change your home address, email address or phone numbers, please forward your update to fs@kofc1467.com.

Fraternally, Regis Trudel, fs@kofc1467.com, 226-688-6060



September Assignments

- Monday 7th, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.: Bill Walker & Dennis Collins
- Friday 18th, 9 - 11:00 p.m.: Steve Wachowiak & Tom Carr

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 SEPTEMBER EVENTS

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

- 8th: (**Tues.**) Bishop J. C. Cody Assembly meeting
- 9th: Evening with Fr. John (**6:30 p.m. @ SA**)
- 14th: Council Executive meeting
- 16th: Soup Brothers (**9 a.m.**)
- 21st: Columbus Club Directors meeting
- 22nd: 40 Days for Life Vigil begins (**details inside**)
- 26th: Men's Faith Series (**see poster inside**)
- 27th: Ladies Aux. Fashion Show (**2 - 4 p.m.**)
- 28th: FED Council Business meeting

Time-sensitive announcements can be e-blasted to members, please email your message to the Grand Knight (gk@kofc1467.com).

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

Sr. Mary's 70th Anniversary with Sisters of St. Joseph

Sponsored by **Holy Angels' CWL** and **Knights Of Columbus Council 1467**, Sister's family & friends gathered in the Hall at Holy Angels during the afternoon of Saturday June 20th to celebrate her 70th jubilee.

Among other speakers, **GK Harald** presented her a card from Council, congratulated her especially for her service to our faith community, and let her know that a **\$500 donation** had been made by the Knights in her name to the **Barrie Family Hospice of Elgin**.



Life chain 2026

Please join us **Sunday October 4th**, in front of **Holy Angels Church** from **2-3 p.m.** for a 1-hour Silent Vigil in prayer for the protection of the unborn.

Please Pray for the Intentions of:

Art Beaudry, Ray Bernicky's mother Marion, Rick Borecky, Maurice Brennan, 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 Sr., 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, especially **SK Ron Buchanan**, 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.

Pope Leo's September Intention:

For the care of water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

40 Days for Life: London

The Fall 2026 campaign in London, Ontario, will run **September 23rd through November 1st**. The main prayer vigil takes place at the NE corner of the Wellington and Baseline roads intersection (beyond the hospital gates & across from a Tim Hortons). BYO lawn chair; campaign signs will be provided during active volunteer shifts.

OPENING VIGIL: September 22nd from 7 - 8:00 p.m.

VIGIL HOURS: 7 a.m. through 6 p.m. daily (**save and except Sunday**).

VIGIL SITE: Sidewalks at Wellington & Baseline, London, and in a manner that does not obstruct pedestrians.

PARKING: Recommended at the commercial plazas across the street from the site.

SIGN-UP & INFO: Please register and find additional details at:

- <https://www.40daysforlife.com/london-on>; or
- <https://4lifelondon.ca/event/40-days-for-life-london-on-campaign/>



St. Anne's Hot Dog Day was held Friday June 12th when Council members supplied & served over 1,000 hot dogs.

Msgr. Morrison's Hot Dog Day was held Thursday June 18th when over 800 hot dogs were distributed to students and staff.

Thanks to project coordinator **Brother Bill Walker**, and to the following brothers that helped:

- John Kana
- Roy Ewart
- Otis Clifton
- Case Hoffer
- John Goossens
- Louie Van Hooydonk
- Roy Esbaugh
- Jim Dewan
- Lady Deirdre Walker.

Council also appreciates the funds earned through bingo shifts at **Jackpot Time** to allow projects like this in our community.





The Knights of **Father Ernie Deslippe Council 1467**, Knights of Columbus, presented their donation of **\$5,000** towards capital works at **St. Anne's Catholic Church**. We Knights sincerely appreciate our partnership with **Jackpot Time** that allows us to earn funds for charitable causes in our community. Pictured are (l-r) Knight **Steve Wachowiak**, Elgin Roman Catholic Family of Parishes Business Manager **Steve Huver**, Knight **Jim Dewan**, and Deputy Grand Knight **John Kana**.



COMMUNITY PROGRAM

SOUP BROTHERS: The Brothers meet the 3rd Wednesday of the month (save and except December) to make soup for the St. Thomas-Elgin Food Bank (The Caring Cupboard). This past June they made **125** 24-oz containers of **Beef Vegetable Soup**, another **129** containers of **Potato Corn Soup** in July, and rounded out the summer months by preparing **64** containers of **Fire-Roasted Tomato with Basil Soup** in August. The next soup day is **Wednesday, September 16th**, 9 a.m. at the Columbus Club, and all brothers are welcome!

ELIMINATION DRAW: Bro. Ray Bernicky, DD, PGK, will once again be coordinating the draw this year. Tickets will soon be available and offered with preference to previous purchasers through his team of sellers. **An additional 50 tickets will be available this year** to provide for new brothers, family and friends that have not been able to get tickets in the past. As always, the ticket price includes the May dinner when the main draw occurs. Weekly draws will begin in December so please stand by to get your tickets fast while supplies last.

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.

What We Owe the Men Who Came Before Us

Until recently, the masthead of **Communion** identified Council 1467 as having been established in 1935. Then somebody looked at the Charter hanging in the Columbus Club and noticed that it says otherwise: January 23, 1910. We had somehow managed to misplace twenty-five years of our own history. I find that sort of thing difficult to leave alone, and even a little digging turns up glimpses of the men who occupied this Council long before most of us arrived. In February 1972, for example, Council 1467 held its annual Communion Breakfast with **Rev. Pat Mellon** of Regina Mundi College as guest speaker. A surviving *St. Thomas Times-Journal* photograph shows him with **Grand Knight John Kozachuk**, **Fr. Ernie Deslippe**, **Jack Cryan**, **District Deputy Henry Poirier** and **St. Thomas Mayor Eber Rice**, himself a Brother Knight.¹ Six years later, another photograph records an appreciation night for Past Grand Knights; among those pictured was **Robert Clarke**, who by 1978 had belonged to Council 1467 since 1925.² These are small fragments, a photograph, a few names, a date and a caption, but they make 116 years feel a little less abstract.



1. Referenced archival photograph - 1972

Annual Communion Breakfast, Council 1467. Elgin County Archives, *St. Thomas Times-Journal* fonds, Ref. C9 Sh3 B1 F35 14.

[View the archival image](#)



2. Referenced archival photograph - 1978

Appreciation night for Past Grand Knights. Elgin County Archives, *St. Thomas Times-Journal* fonds, Ref. C9 Sh3 B1 F35 29.

[View the archival image](#)

The question I keep coming back to is what we actually owe those men. The obvious answer is that we should preserve what they left us, and I certainly believe that. Institutions need memories. Old photographs are much more useful when somebody has written the names on the back; minutes ought to be kept, and stories ought to be told before the people who know them are no longer here to tell them. At the same time, remembering the past is not quite the same thing as trying to live in it. We all hear about 'the good old days,' and perhaps they really were good. Meetings may have been fuller, dinners better attended, and volunteers easier to find. Perhaps the food was better too, although I will leave that question to Brothers with longer memories and stronger opinions. My only caution is that memory naturally gives more attention to what we miss than to what once irritated us. We remember successful events after we have forgotten the arguments required to organize them, and traditions after we have forgotten the moment when somebody first suggested doing something differently.

That last point seems important, because the men we now think of as custodians of Council traditions were themselves constantly creating them. Council 1467 had to be new once. Every fundraiser had a first year, every programme began as somebody's proposal, every office was once occupied by somebody who had never held it before, and every Brother was once the new guy. Even the name of our Council is a good example. **Fr. Ernie Deslippe** served as Council chaplain for 47 years before his death in 2011, and in May 2012 the Council was formally rededicated in his honour as **Fr. Ernie Deslippe Council 1467**. To someone like me who arrived much later, that name feels as though it must always have been there. It has not. Brothers made a decision fourteen years ago that Fr. Ernie's service ought to become part of the way future generations understood this Council. They changed something in order to remember something. Tradition and change are not necessarily enemies.

Perhaps the better question, then, is not whether something is old or new, but what we are trying to carry forward. For the Knights, the answer ought to begin with **Charity**, **Unity** and **Fraternity**. Those are principles rather than programmes. Our Catholic faith, our responsibility to our Brother Knights, and our obligation to serve our parishes, families, and neighbours do not depend upon any one dinner, fundraiser, committee, or meeting format. Some things that worked wonderfully forty years ago still work wonderfully and deserve to continue. Other things will eventually run their course. Something a Brother

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suggests this year may seem unfamiliar now and completely ordinary twenty years from now. None of this requires us to discard what previous generations built; it asks us to take their work seriously enough to consider why they built it in the first place. **GK Harald** made much the same point often enough last fraternal year whenever he encouraged us to exercise fraternity, unity, and charity during the other twenty-nine or thirty days of the month, rather than allowing the monthly business meeting to become the whole of Council life. In the previous issue of **Communion**, he looked ahead to applying the “**gifts, charisms and general skills**” of our Brothers to renew the Council's **Faith in Action** mission. I like the word *renew* because it implies both continuity and movement.

For the moment, responsibility for Council 1467 happens to be ours. The men who received its Charter in 1910 could not have predicted what St. Thomas, the Church, or the Knights of Columbus would look like in 2026, yet their work reached us because generation after generation kept finding a reason to carry it forward. Eventually our turn will end as well. Someday, another Brother may find our names and photographs hidden in an archive and wonder what Council 1467 was like in 2026. He may even look back on these as ‘the good old days.’ I hope he has reason to. More importantly, I hope he inherits something worth looking back upon: a Council that remains recognizably Catholic, genuinely fraternal, useful to its parishes and community, and healthy enough to respond to circumstances we cannot yet imagine. I do not think the men who came before us require us to become them. I think they ask something both simpler and harder: **that we take what they handed us seriously, contribute something while it is ours to care for, and eventually hand it on. That, I think, is what we owe the men who came before us.**

Fraternally, Bro. Liam Hutchin, Chancellor

Ladies Luncheon 2026



Council once again sponsored the annual **Ladies Luncheon** on Wednesday August 26th at the Columbus Club. **Bro. Gary Clarke** arranged for the catered lunch and he and his team of **Phil & Neal Ambrose**, **Herman Vanderheyden** and **Bro. Dave McCormick** arranged the table set up and served the delicious chicken dinner. **Bro. Roy Esbaugh** acted as tuxedo-donned *maitre d'*, served wine, and generally charmed the ladies. **GK Harald** welcome the guests and gave some opening remarks, as did **Ladies Auxiliary's Sandi Hoffer**, before calling upon **Sr. Mary** to say grace, during which she called for remembrance of our deceased brothers.



Several Sir Knights, including from Bishop John C. Cody Assembly 0879, participated in the Canada Day parade in London, Ontario.

Reflection



A childhood memory: First day of school. Your teacher completed the preliminaries: her name (written in cursive on the blackboard) and their promise to learn your names as they read through the attendance roll asking for your acknowledgement (if present), proceeded to explain homework expectations, inventoried supplies your parents should have bought you by then, and gave your first assignment: ***“What I did this summer ... one-page of lined paper ... written (in cursive) ... no skipping lines ... due tomorrow ... to be read out in front of the class ... You may start now and complete at home this evening.”***

Classmates with older siblings took all this in stride. A very few started thinking of their excuses and spent the remaining class time doodling. Some others discovered ‘*writer’s block*’. At least one had it done before class ended while another had an anxiety attack about the prospect of standing in front of the class. I stand to be corrected about all that by the ‘*lived-experienced*’ teachers amongst us. In any case ...

As was (and still is, I suspect) generally the case, not everyone had a nice summer ... and certainly not something worth divulging, worse yet confessing to an authority figure ... let alone one’s peers. The teacher, while neither entirely blissfully unaware of the stress their assignment was likely to cause nor cruel, was understandably self-interested in getting ‘*a quick read*’ on the ‘*intelligence spectrum*’ of the fresh new cohort (i.e., who can put together a coherent composition). A simple enough exercise to help them in the first few days of winnowing ‘*wheat*’ from ‘*chaff*’, or prepare to do what they could to pick up what remains on the ‘*threshing floor*’ (those students destined to be passed along to the next grade, regardless of academic- / class-disrupting performance, in accordance of ‘*no child to be left behind*’ policies). As is wont to happen, tomorrow arrived and the class came prepared (or not so) to experience the social crucible of standing and speaking before one’s peers. Some surely fretted that cattle had an easier time when paraded before prospective abattoir owners at auctions.

Perhaps teachers of yore should have been required to sternly cite Matthew (7:1-2) before calling students to the front to report, ***“Judge not, that you be not judged. For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get.”***

Sound advice, to be sure ... notwithstanding its *futility*. “Wait, what?! Whaddaya mean ‘*futility*’?” Lest we forget, isn’t the reason for the adage, ***“Don’t judge a book by its cover”***, rooted in the fact many people actually do (both *literally* and *metaphorically* ... and don’t tell me publishing houses don’t exploit that when offering new books to the market). Similarly, the Golden Rule, ***“Do unto others as you would have them do unto you”***, likely came to exist because many people inherently abhor anything / anyone that stands in the way of their self-interests. Ask Jesus.

Which brings me to reflect on something (through the lens of the first reading of Sunday, August 16th (Isaiah 56:7-8)), namely, ***“... my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered.”*** Judge not, indeed. Are we not called to not only welcome and greet familiar fellow parishioners, family and friends, ***but also the strangers, the curious, those returning to mass after long absences, and especially the dispirited or distressed that God has gathered to us?*** So, let us rejoice and be glad when new faces appear in God’s house ... and let us also take the time to look beyond their ‘covers’ to find the blessed child of God within each.

Fraternally, Harald Schraeder, GK, PGK

Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, “Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.” But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, “Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!” And he said to him, “Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.” (Luke 15: 25-32)

Fr. Ernie Deslippe Council 1467, Knights Columbus, Ladies Auxiliary presents:

Fashion Show 2026

In partnership with

Unique Boutique

Sunday, September 27th 2 - 4 p.m.

Doors open at 1 p.m.

Columbus Club Hall, Wellington Street
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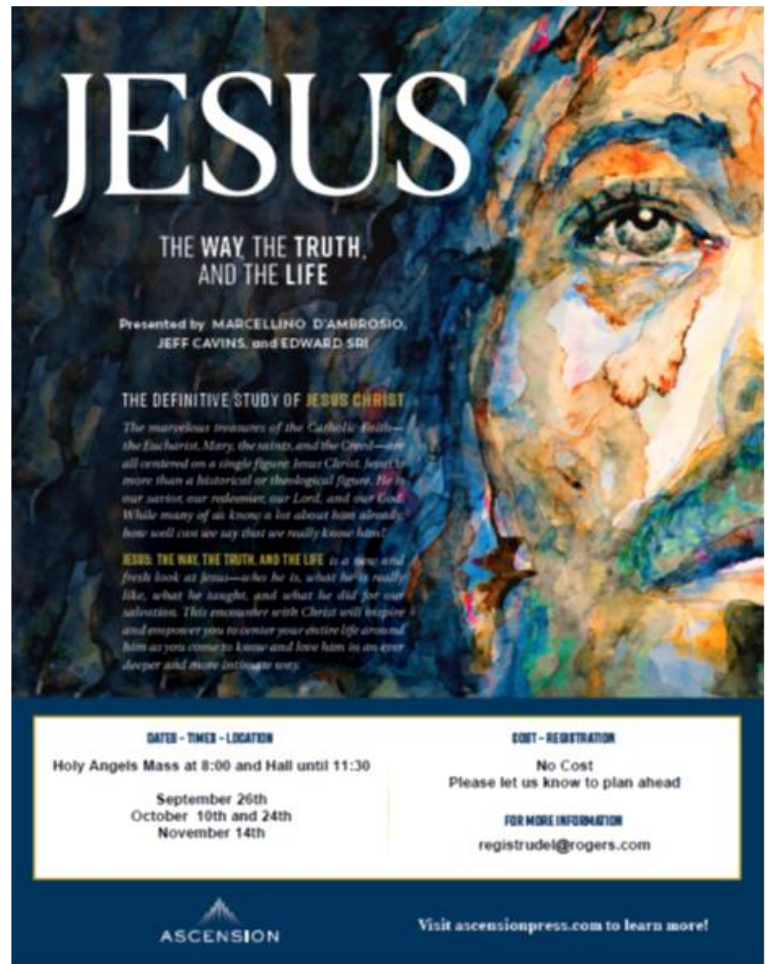
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September 26th October 10th and 24th November 14th	FOR MORE INFORMATION registrudel@rogers.com

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Ladies Auxiliary

Dear Ladies: I hope all of you have had a safe and joyful summer. It has been a quiet time for us recently but we have been able to help the Columbus Club and the Knights with several events, such as the fish fry and Summerfest.

The **Ladies Luncheon**, for the wives of passed Knights, was held on August 26th, with approximately 22 ladies in attendance. Thank you to the Knights for a lovely luncheon. It was so good to see many of you there.

Coming up on September 27th, we are hosting a **Fall Fashion Show** with **Unique Boutique**. See the poster included in the bulletin for more details & get your \$20 tickets soon as we sold out last time (if you are able to donate a dessert or door prize, it would be greatly appreciated). We plan to direct some of our proceeds as a donation to the Hospital.

As well, we made a donation to the **Barrie Family Hospice**, recognizing **Sister Mary's 70th Jubilee**, and had masses said for Father Peter, as he transitioned to his new position, and for deceased Knights. We received many a 'Thank You' in return.

Come out and enjoy the Fashion show and camaraderie, as we begin the fall season and continue our ministry.

May God bless you,
Sandi Hoffer

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 (fs@kofc1467.com) to request the weekly ZOOM link.



The Elgin Patriot



Bishop John C. Cody Assembly 0879 / September 2026

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

Sir Knights:

I hope you all have enjoyed the summer break. It has been a busy summer for myself as I attended many Knights' events: St. Anne's Corpus Christi procession, numerous SK's milestone birthdays, installation of our new Bishop Daniel Miehm, Windsor Canada Day Parade, SK's summer BBQ, Shrine Day with the Bishop at Our Lady of the Rosary Shrine in Merlin, Walk 4Life London, and, on a sad note, a number of Sir Knight funerals. Many of the events outside of our area were attended by fifteen or more SKs in full uniform. At the Canada Day Parade, in sweltering heat, there were forty-six SKs, of which twenty-six were in full uniform and we were very well received by the crowds (no mention of anyone missing the old Regalia). Hopefully, we can take an example from this and start purchasing a new uniform. Thank you to all our SKs that came out to support and participate in these events.

Thank you as always to SK Joe and Lady Lorraine for hosting our summer BBQ. While it was not as well attended as expected, the change of the date to the closest weekend around Canada Day is the way to go. SKs should be out in the public with their families participating in events that celebrate our great country.

Upcoming events:

October 17, 5-8 p.m.: Knights' Annual Fish Fry and Elimination Draw at Columbus Club Aylmer, featuring 'all you can eat' and \$1000 main prize. Contact Andy Lamers by email (aalamers@hotmail.com) to reserve your tickets.

September 9th, 7 p.m.: Evening with Fr. John; Reflection at St Anne's (confessions @ 6:30 p.m.).

November 14th, 4:30 p.m.: Memorial Mass will be held at St Anne's, please pass along to anyone that may not be receiving the Communion or Patriot newsletter.

September 19-20th: 4Life London is still looking to fill some slots at the Western Fair booth on. Your admittance will be paid. Also, if you are willing to keep some others company through the week it would be appreciated.

September 23 through November 1: 40 Days 4 Life Vigil will start on at the corner of Baseline and Wellington in London. If you believe in prayer and the cause, get out there!

Our September Monday meeting has been moved to Tuesday 8th (7 p.m. at the club). As usual, the meeting will adjourn no later than 8:00 p.m. and a light lunch will be served. Please consider making a small 'good will' offering towards the lunch. The next following meeting will be on October 5th. See you all there.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: In evangelization, the fear of rejection often means a conversation is not started or a truth is left unspoken. Expect rejection and move forward anyways with kindness, meekness, and charity. Measure your leadership by faithfulness, not by response. That freedom will allow you to act when it matters most and remain steady under pressure.

May the Holy Spirit guide us to the love and peace found in Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Fraternally yours, SK Simon Vink FN

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

Faithful Friar Fr. John Johnson

Pilot Francis Dadzie

Scribe Rob Weir (Case Hoffer alt.)

Trustees Bob Beausoleil / Tom Carr /
Steve Wachowiak

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If you're interested in getting involved in **Summerfest 2027**, please approach any of the folks shown in the photo at the club during a 'Friday After 4'



Just a few of the Knights that helped out with food preparation at the **Parish Picnic** at Pinafore Park on Saturday August 29th. From L -> R: **Bros. Liam Hutchin, Orio Ortins, Joel Terry, Aylmer GK Andy Lamers & Donald Henry**. Thanks to our Aylmer brothers for bringing the donation of fresh corn and watermelon from **Howe's Family Farms** and the many other brothers who assisted with husking and slicing, as well as setting up games for the children. **Faith In Action!!!**



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