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Grand Knight's Message Mario Peretti



Dear Brother Knights,

On behalf of our Council, it is my honour and privilege to welcome our newly elected Officers to the Executive team. Each of you has stepped forward in a spirit of service and brotherhood, and for that I am deeply grateful.

As we begin our 2026-2027 Fraternal Year, I am filled with great hope and enthusiasm for what we will accomplish together. We stand on the strong foundation built by those who came before us, and now it is our turn to carry that legacy forward with renewed energy and purpose.

Our mission remains clear — to grow our Council by inviting Catholic men who are ready to live their faith with action. Men who want to make a real difference in our Church and in our community. Men who understand that brotherhood is not just a word, but a way of life.

Together, we will serve, we will lead, and we will inspire others to join us in answering that call.

I look forward to working alongside each of you this year. May God guide our efforts and bless our Council abundantly.

Vivat Jesus!

GK.... Mario

2026 Trivia Challenge

Challenge concluded, donating proceeds to Society of Saint Vincent de Paul.

Pegg Leroux accepted the donation from Chair Mac Graham as 200+ guests participated.



Full story & pics at [WebBlog](#)

Congratulations to our Council Chaplain, Fr. Raphael Ma on his appointment as Pastor of *St. Mary Our Lady of the Seven Sorrows* Parish in Down Town Kitchener.



Kitchener Knights' Gear

Thank you to everyone who ordered Knights hats and apparel during our June event. Wearing our Council logo proudly promotes our fraternity and the good works we do for our Church and community.



Tell us what you'd like in our Fall/Winter collection by emailing Editor@kitchenerkofc.ca.

"Brothers Open" Supports OEH

During the Family Day BBQ, the Brothers Open, a local benevolent organization, made a generous donation to Our Everyday Heros.

See [WebStory](#) for details.

"Higher Tech" Note our new Digital Projector in the JNM Columbus Centre. You can be assured of an entertaining and informative evening at our General Meetings!



Key Events

Family Day BBQ & Volunteer Appreciations—June 27

The Kitchener Knights of Columbus Summer Picnic on June 27 was a wonderful success, with beautiful weather and about 70 attendees, including 33 children.

Families enjoyed a delicious barbecue, face painting, balloon twisting, a bouncy castle, cornhole, badminton, volleyball, and water balloon games.



Thanks to Chair, Steve Constant and all the volunteers who helped with setup, cooking, activities, and cleanup. Your dedication and fellowship made this a memorable event for everyone.

For all the details and pics, go to: [WebBlog](#)



Saturday, August 22, Foxwood Golf & Country Club
Learn more at: [PlayGolf](#)

Happy Birthday—August

Edward Brohman
Victor Castela
Luis Chicas-Rivera
Nelson Cordeiro
Joseph D Costa

Richard Grogan
Andrew Kearsey
Lawrence Kubisewsky
Fr. Stefano Lee

Enrique Matute
Zackary McCormick
Joseph Murray
Paul Ndiashie Nkwenti
Victor Ostrowski

Rafaello Piccinin
Timothy Rumig
Kevin Schmalz
Leonard Solomon
Joseph Zaba

High School Bursaries — Bursaries for each of St. Mary's and Resurrection high schools were awarded to each of 4 students per school in recognition of faith, spirituality, and/or demonstration of Catholic values.



Congratulations to each of the recipients

Full Story at: [Bursaries](#)

From the Desk of our DGK

Patrick Olinski



Dear Brother Knights,

What an exciting year that lies ahead! As our Grand Knight has shared, the 2026-2027 Fraternal Year holds tremendous promise — and the heart of everything we do is you, our Council's volunteers.

Our calendar is filled with meaningful events and programs serving our Church and community. None of it happens without willing hands and generous hearts showing up ready to help.

Whether you are a seasoned member or newly joined, there is a place for you. No contribution is too small — every hour of service strengthens the bonds of our brotherhood.

Get involved, bring a friend, and make this your most active fraternal year yet. Watch for upcoming volunteer opportunities and say yes when the call comes.

Together, we make it happen.

Vivat Jesus!

Patrick Olinski, Deputy Grand Knight

**WE ARE BROTHERS
WE ARE KNIGHTS
WE ARE ONE**

Key Events—Continued

Meet our Council Executive

The votes are in! Congratulations to our 2026-27 Council Officers:

- **Grand Knight (GK)** – Mario Peretti
- **Deputy Grand Knight (DGK)** – Patrick Olinski
- **Chancellor** – Tony Darmanin
- **Treasurer** – Michael (Mic) Grondin
- **Advocate** – Christian Renz
- **Recorder** – Owen Hennessey
- **Warden** – Peter Segas
- **Inside Guard**
 - David Duffy, Luis Chica-Rivera
- **Outside Guard** – Adrian Chica-Rivera
- **Trustees**
 - 1 Yr - Frank Nyland
 - 2 Yr - Ugo Emecheta
 - 3 Yr - Dave Hudder



GK appointed

- **Financial Secretary** – Reinhart Schrieder
- **Lecturer**—Open

Ongoing Committees

- Charities
- Bingo
- Website
- The Echo
- Roses for Life
- Parish Liaison
- CKCI Liaison
- Communications & Marketing
- Recruitment / Retainment
- Our Everyday Hero's (OEH)
- Euchre Tournament
- Columbus House Social
- Exemplification team
- Rosary (Pre-Gen'l meeting)
- 4th Degree Liaison

Our Catholic Calendar

August—the season of Ordinary Time

- 1—Memorial of Saint Alphonsus Liguori
- 4—Memorial of Saint John Vianney Patron saint of parish priests.
- 6—Feast of the Transfiguration
- 8—Memorial of Saint Dominic
- 9—Feast of Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross Co-patroness of Europe.
- 10—Feast of Saint Lawrence
- 11—Memorial of Saint Clare of Assisi
- 14—Memorial of Saint Maximilian Kolbe
- 15—Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 20—Memorial of Saint Bernard of Clairvaux
- 21—Memorial of Saint Pius X
- 22—Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 24—Feast of Saint Bartholomew
- 27—Memorial of Saint Monica
- 28—Memorial of Saint Augustine of Hippo
- 29—The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

Congratulation to Blessed Sacrament Parish, celebrating their 45th Anniversary on their feast day. So nice to see Auxiliary Bishop Lobsinger officiate mass through the weekend of June 14.

Council Events—Calendar

- August 22 - Charity Golf Tournament
- September 20 - Installation of Officers
- 19 - Royal Medieval Festival (RMF)
- November 8 - Memorial Mass
- December - Church Christmas craft sales
- Children's Christmas Party

From the Corporation



Columbus Kitchener Co-operative Inc.

Serving the Kitchener Knights of Columbus®

The Corporation is pleased to share several updates as we work through the summer season. Our **Steak Fry Night** was a great hit for June & and the Greek Night for July. We look forward to our upcoming event on August 13 (stay tuned). The Deck has been well used this summer and work continues on the grounds. The refinished the side door steps with vinyl non-slip treads look great, the outdoor BBQ pit has its new roof, and the anti-glare shades are working well for viewing the deck TV on sunny days. For other upcoming events check our [WebPage](#) or the website [Events Calendar](#) for details.

Next CKCI Meeting: Monday, Aug 24 at 7:00 PM **Contact:** chairCKCI@kitchenerkofc.ca



The Back Page

Called to Brotherhood: Fraternity calls us to stand together as brothers in faith, supporting one another through every season of life. Membership in the Kitchener Knights of Columbus offers a meaningful way to deepen our faith, while experiencing true brotherhood.

In a world that often pulls men apart, we are reminded that we are not meant to journey alone. As Knights, we gather for fellowship, service and mutual encouragement, building lasting friendships rooted in Christ and guided by a common purpose. This brotherhood challenges us to lead with Integrity and to serve with compassion.

United in fraternity, we support our parishes, uplift our communities, and care for one another with a spirit of true brotherhood. -Your Brother in Christ

Matthew 18:20 "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."



CKCI Facility Rentals are now an added benefit to your membership in the Kitchener Knights of Columbus. **Columbus House, the JNM Columbus Centre** and the **Columbus Grounds** are now available for Member Events.

Learn more at [WebBlog](#)



General Meeting—Aug 18

Members are invited to our monthly General meeting, **7:30PM** (3rd Tue) at the **Jack Nolan Memorial Columbus Centre** (behind Columbus House). Rosary starts at 6:45 PM, Columbus House Meeting Room.

Good of the Order "50" & "Pot of Gold" draws for the benefit of those in attendance.

A [Fourth Degree](#) page has been added to the "**Become a Knight**" section of our website. For those interested, take a look and consider your place in the Patriotic Order.



Legacies & Bequests With Charity guiding our Knights of Columbus, sharing your effort, time, talents and alms remain essential to our Catholic faith. Consider one lasting charitable act by including our Council in your will.

Tempus Fugit, Memento Mori

join us! **Living faith through action.**

Sharing your faith with like minded men while advocating for those in need.



It's never been easier to join. [Join Form](#)

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Please pray for the intentions of our brother Knights

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