



March 2026



Brother Knights and Families,

As we move into the month of March, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to each of you for the warm welcome you have shown to our 30 (and counting) new brothers.



Your hospitality, encouragement, and genuine spirit of brotherhood are paramount to inviting and retaining new members and inspiring them to a long and meaningful future with our Council.

Welcoming new Catholic gentlemen strengthens our Council, brings fresh energy, and ensures that our mission of faith, charity, and service continues to grow. Each new member brings unique gifts, talents, and perspectives that enrich our activities and deepen our impact within our parishes and the wider community.

Their involvement allows us to expand our charitable initiatives, better support families in need, and serve as a visible witness of faith in action.

I encourage every member to continue inviting sons, friends, and fellow parishioners to consider joining our Order. A simple invitation can make a lasting difference.

Together, we are building a stronger Council, supporting our Church, and forming the next generation of faithful Catholic leaders

Vivat Jesus!

GK.... Mario

The Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

celebrated on March 19, is the principal feast honoring St. Joseph as the earthly father and protector of Jesus and the husband of Mary.

He is revered for his humility, faith, and obedience, making him a powerful model for men, fathers, and workers. The day is marked by special Masses, novenas, and prayers asking St. Joseph's intercession for families, the Church, and those seeking work.



St. Joseph, pray for us.

Easter comes early. How is "your" Lenten journey progressing? Take a moment to reflect - and remember, *you do not journey alone.*

St. Patrick— Origins

St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, was born around 385 AD in Roman Britain to a Christian family.

At 16, he was captured by Irish raiders and enslaved in Ireland for six years, working as a shepherd. During this time, his faith deepened. He eventually escaped but later returned to Ireland as a missionary, dedicating his life to spreading Christianity.



Patrick established churches, schools, and monasteries across Ireland. Legends say he used the shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity and "drove snakes" from Ireland, symbolic of overcoming paganism.

His life remains a lasting inspiration of faith and courage.

Current / Recent Events

Happy Birthday—March

Benjamin Anene	Robert Livingston
Manfred Aulich	Francis Mc Morrow
Bruce Bowman	Thomas McGrath
Robert Caskanette	Douglas Nosal
Rene Couture	Daniel Panchaud
Michael Delenardo	Joseph Potworka
Page Ehiorobo	Brian Schmalz
Joseph Gmach	Douglas Shushack
Scott Greatrex	Ronald Solomon
Robert Heron	Pedro Sousa
James Kovarik	Francis Weiss
John Langdon	Gerald Zister
Richard Lee	

Free Throw Championship

Thanks to all participants and volunteers who came out to this year's Free Throw Championship to cheer on our competitors.

Pics and details at: [WEBPAGE](#)

Maple Syrup available for purchase. Contact Tony [EMAIL](#) to order for pick up at Columbus House. \$15 / Bottle or, \$12 / Bottle when attending the General Meeting. See [WEBPAGE](#)



From the Desk of our DGK

Patrick Olinski



As we journey through Lent toward Easter, the celebration of St. Patrick's Day reminds Knights of Columbus of faith, courage, and service. St. Patrick's life of conversion, sacrifice, and trust in God reflects this holy season.

Facing hardship, St. Patrick remained steadfast in spreading the Gospel, calling us to deepen prayer, embrace sacrifice, and renew our commitment to Christ.

His example challenges us to live our faith boldly, strengthen our families, and serve our communities.

Together as brother Knights, Lent invites us to grow in unity through prayer, fraternity, and charitable works, preparing our hearts for the Resurrection and Easter hope

Vivat Jesus,
Patrick

St. Patrick, pray for us.



A Smashing Success for Family Day Bowling and Pizza. Thanks to Jonathon Molloy for chairing this event and all in attendance.

Pics at: [WEBPAGE](#)



Thanks to Chairs, Whit Husk and Wayne Keffer & all participating in our February **Council Euchre Tournament.**

GK Appreciation Awards

Henry Walser— Community Involvement
Brian Hughes— Service Appreciation
Patrick Olinski—Knight of the Year
Steve Constant:

♦ Dan Dineen Knight of Distinction

See Story & Pics: [WEBPAGE](#)

Planned Events

Big Event in the Making!

Coming months are shaping up to be busy with the **Elmira Maple Syrup Festival** April 11, and the **KW Trivia Challenge, May 1**. No shortage of volunteer opportunities.

These are perfect "one-day" volunteer events—ideal for those whose family and work commitments limit ongoing or regular participation. Just a few hours of your time per year can make a meaningful difference. Let us know where and when you would like to help! INFO@kitchenerkofc.ca

Coming Soon!

Planned Events

Elmira Maple Syrup Festival

Back to the “Shack”! Elmira and Kitchener Knights team up to sell local maple syrup along with maple-infused burgers and sausages.

Join us: **Saturday, April 11—Elmira**

Volunteers Needed. Get involved, meet brother Knights, have fun and make a difference. INFO@Kitchenerkofc.ca

Faith in Action—How do we distribute funds that we raise for Charities and Community needs? How are requests vetted. What is the criteria for determining the merits of need? These questions and more are addressed within a new section of our website: [FAITH in ACTION](#).

Upcoming Council Events

- April - Elmira Maple Syrup Festival
- May - KW Trivia Challenge
- Spring Clean up
- Rose Sunday
- July - Family Day BBQ
- August - Volunteer Appreciation BBQ
- Annual Golf Tournament
- September - Royal Medieval Festival (RMF)
- November - Memorial Mass
- December - Church Christmas craft sales
- Christkindl
- Children’s Christmas Party

Annual Trivia Challenge

Friday, May 1 brings the **9th KW Trivia Challenge**, to Bingaman's Conference Centre



Book your table (8 players). Details on [WEBSITE](#)

Proceeds to: Society of St. Vincent De Paul

Event Chair: Mac Graham
Mac@Klynefinancial.com

Annual Spring Cleanup

Saturday, May 2, 8:30AM-1:00PM. Our volunteers will be at **St. Anthony Daniels Parish** to collect your scrap metal and E-Waste. We accept donations and non-perishables for the Food Bank.



Event Chair: Reinhart Schreider
Financial@kitchenerkofc.ca

Ongoing Committees

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

From the Corporation



Columbus Kitchener Co-operative Inc.
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As we shake off the winter doldrums, planning is underway for an exciting Spring and Summer at Columbus House.

We continue to make improvements to our facilities to enhance the experience for our members and guests. Our security systems will receive upgrades at Columbus House, the Centre, and our properties. New building signage is being weather sealed and will be in place shortly.

On the fun side, don’t miss the **Mud Skunks St. Paddy’s Day music night**. For other upcoming events check our [Webpage](#) or the new website [Events Calendar](#) for details.

Next CKCI Meeting: Monday, March 23 at 7:00 PM **Contact:** chairCKCI@kitchenerkofc.ca

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Charity is the first and greatest principle of the Knights of Columbus and it remains the foundation of who we are as an Order. Through charity we live our faith in a visible and practical way responding to the needs of our parishes, our communities, and those who are most vulnerable.

Every act of service whether large or small is an expression of our commitment to the Gospel and to one another as brothers. Charity calls us beyond words and intentions and invites us to give of our time our talents and our resources with generosity and humility. It strengthens our unity deepens our faith and reminds us that our mission is rooted in love of God and love of neighbor.

In serving others we grow together as men of faith and action.—Your Brother in Christ

"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." John 13:34

Notice Correction: The Rosary will be prayed ahead of the General Meeting starting **6:45PM** in the Columbus House Meeting Room. [\[How to Pray the Rosary\]](#)

Still Growing

Our recent recruitment campaign ushered in over

join us! 30 brother Knights to the Kitchener Council. ...*Something special about this brotherhood...*

Let's keep the momentum going.

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

Meet the new members: [WEBSITE](#)

Website Sponsors

Value Sponsor, website advertising space is now available for members owning or representing Commercial enterprises. Your ad will help offset our upkeep cost and help to grow your business.

Contact: Editor@kitchenerkofc.ca for details.

March—General Meeting



A reminder—all members are invited to our General meeting, **March 17—7:30PM** (3rd Tue of the month) at the **John Nolan Memorial Columbus Centre** (behind Columbus House).

Good of the Order *50/50* draw & *Pot of Gold* draw for those in attendance.

A one hour agenda with fellowship to follow at **Columbus House** (797 Guelph St., Kitchener).

Have something for the Echo? Let us know at TheEcho@kitchenerkofc.ca

Submission Deadline for next edition: Wednesday, March 18

Please pray for the intentions of our brother Knights

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