



September 2026



Grand Knight's Message Mario Peretti



Dear Brother Knights,

September marks the beginning of another exciting chapter in the life of our Council. On **September 20**, we will gather to install our officers for the coming year.

Congratulations to each Brother who has accepted the call to leadership, and heartfelt thanks to those completing their terms. Your dedication, generosity, and countless hours of service have strengthened our Council and enriched our parishes and community.

The Church then invites us to reflect on the Feast of the **Exaltation of the Holy Cross** (September 14) and the Memorial of **Our Lady of Sorrows** (September 15).

Together, these celebrations remind us that Christian leadership is shaped by faith, compassion, and hope. The Cross calls us to humility and service, while Mary offers an example of quiet strength and steadfast faith, even through life's greatest trials

Whether serving as an officer, volunteering at an event, or quietly helping a Brother in need, every act of charity reflects Christ's love. As we continue into this new fraternal year, let us renew our commitment to putting **Faith into Action**, supporting one another, and building a stronger Council, Church, and community.

Vivat Jesus!
GK.... Mario

Kitchener Knights' Gear

Our inaugural Program received outstanding member reviews. Brothers praised the quality, comfort, value, and easy online ordering experience. Many are already looking forward to the next order, suggesting additional items such as hoodies, long-sleeve shirts, hats, and branded accessories.

With comments in mind, we are now planning a "Winter" wear program in support of our "cooler" events.



Under consideration is the use of Council's "Charter" logo for this next Knights' Gear program. When ready, orders would be available for pickup at Columbus House ahead of the November general meeting. Let us know what articles and accessories you would like to see and provide your preference to the logo choice.

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Kitchener Knights of Columbus
Father Funcken Council No. 1504

29th Annual Royal Medieval Faire

One of Council's major fund raisers for the year, the **RMF**, Saturday, **Sept. 19**, will bring out over 20 volunteer Kitchener Knights, for our 4th time, to run our new industrial BBQs, man the prep stations, take orders and manage the crowds.



Here's hoping we surpass last year's sales with hundreds of delicious Turkey Legs, along with heaps of "Fabulous Fries" and dozens of Jumbo Hotdogs.

A fun filled day for the whole family. Enjoy the *Kingdom of Mearth* with swordplay, games, music, dancing, jousting, colourful Medieval costumes and much more.

Proceeds from our food sales to support Council charity events and community outreach.

Key Event

Despite the weather, it was a great day for our August 22 Council's Annual **Charity Golf Tournament** as Foursomes played the links with proceeds going to *Make-A-Wish*.



Story & Pics at: [PlayGolf](#)

A Coming Event

Installation of Officers—2026-2027

Save the date: Sunday, September 20—following 11:00AM mass at St. Mary's Parish.

Our new Fraternal Executive Team will be officially installed to their elected & appointed positions. Family, friends and community are welcome to bare witness.



The digital edition of **The Echo** provides direct access to expanded articles and Council news.

Visit kitchenerkofc.ca or click any **blue underlined link** in this newsletter. Some links lead to the **Members' Login** area and may require sign in.

We especially encourage our newest members to create a Members' account. Then, access Council's meeting minutes, CKCI events, and information about Council activities, meeting procedures and more.

Registration is quick and easy. Simply enter your email address and create a password. Your computer, tablet, or smartphone will remember your details. If needed, click **"Forgot Password"** and follow the password reset instructions sent by email.

From the Desk of our DGK

Patrick Olinski



Dear Brother Knights,

As we begin another busy season, I encourage every Brother Knight to support our major fundraising events.

On September 19, we will attend the Medieval Faire, one of our Council's largest community events. Last year, 24 dedicated volunteers made it a great success, but there was room for many more.

To our newer members especially, I extend a warm invitation to get involved. Volunteering is one of the best ways to meet fellow Knights, build friendships, and experience the true spirit of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity.

Our upcoming Installation of Officers marks an exciting new chapter for the Council. Five of the thirteen elected Executive positions for 2026–2027 are now filled by Brother Knights who have only recently completed their Exemplification.

Their enthusiasm and fresh perspectives, combined with the experience of returning officers, promise renewed energy, innovative ideas, and an even stronger focus on engaging young families as we continue building a vibrant Council.

Together, we make a difference

Vivat Jesus!

Patrick Olinski, Deputy Grand Knight

Happy Birthday—September

Maurice Ambeau
Anthony Becker
Robert Bruce
William Burley
Adrian Chicas-Rivera
Gregory David
Eduardo Do Prado Castello

Amal Edward
Father Alberto Ferreira
Matthew Griffin
Michael Grondin
Herb Hoegler
Robert Hughes

Donald Leyes
David Mintz
Patrick Olinski
Alexander Onwuzuligbo
Amedeo Peretti
Tom Sapno

David Schmalz
Reinhart Schreiter
Sean Shahla
James Simon
Harold Uhrig
Walter Van Niekerk
Rev Thomas Vermiglio

House of the Virgin Mary



Near Ephesus, Turkey is one of Christianity's most cherished pilgrimage sites. Tradition holds that the Apostle John brought Mary there after Jesus' crucifixion, where she spent her final years before her assumption.

While the current statue inside the chapel dates only to the late 19th or early 20th century, archaeologists believe the site's foundations may date to the first century. Discover the fascinating history, traditions, and significance of this peaceful place at: [MARY'S HOUSE](#).

Our Chaplain's Message

So fortunate to have Fr. Raph Ma as our Chaplain. His spiritual guidance and insights hit the mark at every meeting. When unable to attend, Fr. Raph sends his written message to be read and posted. Learn More at: [Chaplain](#)



Ongoing Committees

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

Our Catholic Calendar

September—the season of Ordinary Time
Dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows

- 3** - St. Gregory the Great – Memorial
- 5** - St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)
- 6** - **23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- 8** - The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 9** - St. Peter Claver – Memorial
- 12** - The Most Holy Name of Mary
- 13** - **24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- 14** - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- 15** - Our Lady of Sorrows – Memorial
- 16** - Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian – Memorial
- 20** - **25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- 21** - St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
- 23** - St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)
- 27** - **26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- 29** - Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels
- 30** - St. Jerome



WE ARE BROTHERS
WE ARE KNIGHTS
WE ARE ONE

Council Events—Calendar

- September 19 - Royal Medieval Faire (RMF)
- 20 - Installation of Officers
- November 8 - Memorial Mass
- December - Church Christmas craft sales
- Children's Christmas Party

From the Corporation



**Columbus Kitchener
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Our August "**Funcken Fried Chicken**" night was another huge success with plenty of "Pot Luck" sides and desserts added to the menu. Thanks to all attending Members and guests.

Stay tuned for some great entertainment on the Back Deck. Also returning this month, the Notre Dame **Football season** kicks off Sept. 12 with ND visiting Lambeau Field-Green Bay against the Wisconsin Badgers @ 7:30 pm. Watch party is in the planning at Columbus House for our enthusiasts. Look for our email ahead of each game. For upcoming events (and reports on recent events) check our [WebPage](#) or the website [Events Calendar](#)



Next CKCI Meeting: Monday, Sept 28 at 7:00 PM **Contact:** chairCKCI@kitchenerkofc.ca

The Back Page

Exemplification—Over the past several months, we have highlighted each of the four guiding principles of the Knights of Columbus: **Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism**. The first three “Degrees” form the foundation of full Council membership, while Patriotism is the defining principle of the Fourth Degree.

Prior to the 2020 pandemic, advancing through the three Degrees was a memorable journey. Each exemplification was held separately, often in different communities, requiring commitment, travel, and coordination. Members pledged to preserve the sacred nature of each ceremony so that future candidates could experience every degree with an open mind and receptive heart. It was customary for a Knight to identify his earned degree when meeting another Brother to avoid revealing the content of higher degrees.

Today, a single exemplification confers all three Degrees. A Candidate becomes a Brother as a full Council member and, with his travel (membership) card, is welcomed to attend K of C Council meetings worldwide. The event, a once in a lifetime experience for an incoming member, is rooted in our Catholic faith and binds us in the brotherhood of those in service to Church, Family and Community.

“Begin now to be what you will be hereafter.” St. Jerome



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 [FACILITIES](#)



General Meeting—Sept 22

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.

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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 **Kitchener Knights of Columbus** in your will.

Tempus Fugit, Memento Mori

Ideas for The Echo?

Let us know at TheEcho@kitchenerkofc.ca

Submission Deadline for next edition: Wednesday, September 16

Please pray for the intentions of our brother Knights

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