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**November 2026**




## Grand Knight's Message



Dear Brother Knights,

As we move into the final months of the year, I continue to be encouraged by the renewed energy within our Council. The spirit at our General Meetings is palpable, with new faces, fresh ideas and a wonderful sense of fellowship. It is great to see Council 1504 moving forward together.

This month, we will pause to remember those Brother Knights who have passed away during the past year. At our annual Memorial Mass, we will honour their memory and welcome their families as we remember the men who meant so much to them and to our Council. A special presentation to each family will serve as a lasting reminder that their loved one remains part of our Knights family and will not be forgotten.

As we finish the year, we will undertake another membership recruitment drive. I encourage each of you to invite a Catholic gentleman to join us and share in our faith, fraternity and service.

Thank you for your continued enthusiasm and commitment.

Vivat Jesus!

GK….Mario

## Remembrance Day – Lest We Forget



Each November 11, Canadians pause to remember those who served and sacrificed in times of war, conflict and peace. The date marks the Armistice of 1918, when the guns of the First World War fell silent at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month.

For us as Knights of Columbus, Remembrance Day carries special meaning. Many Brother Knights have worn Canada's uniform, while others supported families and communities during times of great uncertainty. Their service reflects values we hold dear—faith, courage, charity, unity and patriotism.

As Knights, we are called not only to remember those who gave their lives, but also to honour veterans who returned home and the families who shared in their sacrifice. May we keep their stories alive for future generations and pray always for those who serve and for lasting peace.

## Annual Memorial Mass



Sunday November 8, the 11:00 mass at St. Mary's of the Seven Sorrows Church will be dedicated to those members of the Kitchener Knights of Columbus who passed away this past year.

These members' families are invited to attend and, following mass, receive a presentation of remembrance.

This year – we especially remember:

- William (Bill) Hess – June 2
- Michael KcKelvie – July 20
- Peter Rederer – August 6
- Father Murray McDermott – August 28
- Joseph Sutherland – October 7
- Austin Pickett – October 19
- James Butterworth - 2023

## Key Events

## Save the Date



Kitchener Knights will host Santa and friends at the annual Children's Christmas Party, Sunday December 13, 1-3 PM. Members' children & grandchildren welcome.

## K of C High School Awards

Congratulations to Will Choi, Mulin Hilal, Arianna June Rabano, and Nadya Nemes as St. Mary's High recipients of the Kitchener K of C Bursary Award. The Bursary recognizes graduating students who demonstrate a commitment to their Catholic faith, spirituality, and the values of Catholic education.

## Kitchener K of C Council Bylaws




Our Executive team has developed Bylaws to guide Council leadership. These reflect our operations, drawing on recorded motions, established practices and insight from Past Grand Knights. Developed over time, these practices provide guardrails for operations not addressed by the Laws of the Order's Supreme or State levels, or Provincial Governance.

Following October's introduction, the Executive will call for a Motion at the NOVEMBER General Meeting to adopt the Bylaws as standing practice.

Members are encouraged to review the Proposed Council Bylaws on our website (within the Member Sign-in Section) ahead of the meeting.

**Click to Review:** BYLAWS

## From the Desk of our DGK



Brother Knights,

One of the most encouraging developments this year has been the number of men who have chosen to become Knights—and how quickly many have become active participants in Council 1504.

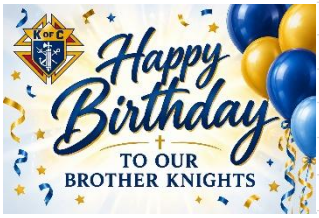
To our newest Brother Knights, congratulations and thank you. You have answered the call not simply by joining, but by showing up. Whether helping at Council events, supporting charitable initiatives, taking on leadership responsibilities or lending a hand behind the scenes, your involvement has already strengthened our Council. Your example reminds us that membership is most meaningful when we put our principles into action.

Our next recruitment effort provides another opportunity to build on this success. Each of us knows Catholic men who would make excellent Knights but may simply be waiting to be asked. That personal invitation can open the door to years of friendship, service and purpose.

Let's seek out those men, welcome them warmly, and give them every opportunity to get involved.

**Vivat Jesus!**

Patrick Olinski
Deputy Grand Knight




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| George Anyaegbunam | Frank Eichorn | Marty Ignor |
| Paul Bagnarol | Peter Fitzgerald | Patrick Monaghan |
| Wilfred Bowering | David Grosso | Michael Olinski |
| Lawrence Culliton | Hank Helmond | Liam Olynick |
| Anthony Darmanin | David Hudder | Rev Brian Quigley |
| John Doyle | | Barry Yutronkie |

## Kitchener Knights' Gear

Orders placed for logo'd garments, hats, and accessories will be available to pick up at Columbus House ahead of our November General Meeting—Tues. Nov 17.

Congratulations and thanks to all who took part in this member benefit.

## Event Equipment & Signage



Mock up of Feather Flags

At the October General Meeting, members approved purchasing four double-sided feather flags and a propane fryer. The flags will enhance visibility at next year's Royal Medieval Faire and other events, while the fryer eliminates borrowing equipment from other councils.

Flags can be mounted using swivel ground stakes, weighted bases, or tent posts. Easy setup, teardown, and visual impact will help attract visitors and prospective members.

## Ongoing Committees

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| • 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

### November

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| 1 - | All Saints |
| 2 - | All Souls' Day |
| 3 - | St. Martin de Porres |
| 4 - | St. Charles Borromeo |
| 9 - | Dedication of the Lateran Basilica |
| 10 - | St. Leo the Great - Pope & Doctor of the Church |
| 11 - | St. Martin of Tours |
| 12 - | St. Josaphat - Bishop & Martyr |
| 13 - | St. Frances Xavier Cabrini |
| 16 - | St. Margaret of Scotland / St. Gertrude |
| 17 - | St. Elizabeth of Hungary |
| 18 - | Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul |
| 21 - | Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary |
| 22 - | Our Lord Jesus Christ — Christ the King |
| 23 - | St. Clement I / St. Columban |
| 24 - | St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc & Companions |
| 25 - | St. Catherine of Alexandria |
| **29 -** | **First Sunday of Advent** |
| 30 - | St. Andrew the Apostle |

## Euchre Tournaments

Join us on our next event Saturday Nov. 28 to start the year off on the *right bower.*

Details at: EUCHRE
Register: whithusk1@gmail.com

## Council Events – Calendar

November 8 – Memorial Mass
December TBA – Church Christmas craft sales
December 13 – Children's Christmas Party

# From the Corporation

**Columbus Kitchener Co-operative Inc.**
Serving the Kitchener Knights of Columbus

Winter coverings are now installed on the Back Deck, ready for cooler-weather events. Our Notre Dame watch parties have been a great success, with loyal fans cheering on the Fighting Irish!

Mark November 7 as Notre Dame hosts Miami in a highly anticipated matchup. Members and guests are welcome!

We've also secured a received a new all-weather TV and were donated an upgraded riding lawn mower.

For schedules, updates and event reports, visit our WEBPage or EVENTS Calendar.

**Next CKCI Meetings:** Mondays, November 2 and 30, at 7:00 PM.

## The Back Page

November is a month of remembrance, reflection, and preparation in our Catholic faith. We begin with All Sants' Day and All Souls' Day, honouring the saints and prayerfully remembering those who have gone before us. On November 22, the Solemnity of Christ the King brings the Church's liturgical year to a close. One week later, the First Sunday of Advent begins a new year and beautiful season of hope and joyful expectation.

Advent invites us to slow down amid the busyness of Christmas preparation and make room for Christ in our hearts. Through prayer, reconciliation, charity and service to others, we prepare not simply for a celebration, but for His coming. May the Advent renew our faith and inspire us to bring Christ's hop, peace, joy, and love to others.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit" – Romans 15:13

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The **Columbus House – JNM Columbus Centre** and the **Columbus Grounds** are available for Member Events.

**Learn more at FACILITIES**

### 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



### General Meeting—Nov 17

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.

### Living Faith Through Action

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**Ideas for The Echo?**

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Submission deadline for next edition: Wednesday – Nov 18

**Please pray for the intentions of our brother Knights**

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