



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.



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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

The best is yet to come

Though I am growing old I maintain that the best is yet to come the time when one may see things more dispassionately and know oneself and others more truly and perhaps be able to do more and in religion rest centered in a few simple truths. I do not want to ignore the other side that one will not be able to see so well or walk so far or read so much. But there may be more peace within more communion with God more real light instead of distraction about many things, better relations with others and fewer mistakes

Benjamin Jowett

Joe Maxardo, Grand Knight, Council 1970



Financial Secretary Report

Brother Knights,

We all hope for Peace in the world, good health and prosperity for 2026.

Our next "all you can eat" buffet breakfast is scheduled for Sunday January 11th, 2026, 9:00 to 11:00 AM. Pat Romano will be recruiting volunteers for help. Thank you to all the volunteers and students who help with this program.

Council meetings are scheduled every 1st Tuesday of the month (social 6:00 PM, meeting 7:00 PM). There is a voluntary 50/50 Council draw (\$5.00) at each meeting. You are encouraged to attend and contribute to the decisions regarding the activities this Council offers.

You should have received your notice for membership dues. Dues: members \$55.00, Honorary members \$30.00, students \$25.00. The dues increased this year due to Ontario State Council increasing our assessment up \$5.00 per member.

Ways to pay:

- Cash, drop off at office (Thursdays 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM)
- Cheque (K of C Council 1970)
- Money order (K of C Council 1970), mail to: 232 Spencer St. East, Cobourg, ON K9A 4L8 or drop off at hall, secure mail box side door

- On-line banking with your bank institution:
e-transfer (fs1970@ontariokofc.ca) in note
section mark dues

Every Thursday morning, you are invited to join with fellow members, family and friends for refreshments and social time at the Council Lounge Hall, from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM.

Email address for our Council is: fs1970@ontariokofc.ca Please check your spam/junk email if you are not receiving messages from this email address. It is a valid email.

Stay safe!

Proud to be Canadian

Vivat Jesus



Wayne Conway, FS Council 1970



Hi Brothers,

The jack pot for the Knights of Columbus Ontario Charity Foundation 50/50 Fundraiser! #5 has surpassed **\$44,000**, which is more then the last 2

draws combined. Our sales in **support of Fr. F.P. Duffy (Cobourg) Council 1970** have reached a **record \$510, ranking us in the top 20 of the 187 councils** that have participated. Thank you for your outstanding participation!

Vivat Jesus,

Barry McKinlay, State Draw Chair

January Council Events:



Community Breakfast Buffet

➤ **January 11th from 9:00 to 11:00 am. at the Columbus**

Community Centre.

➤ **Adults - \$19: Children 5-12 - \$5**

February Council Events:



Community Breakfast Buffet

➤ **February 8th from 9:00 to 11:00 am. at the Columbus**

Community Centre.

➤ **Adults - \$19: Children 5-12 - \$5**

Knights of Columbus

Fraternal Games Event

You are invited to a games event

Sunday February 22nd 3:00 PM

Columbus Community Centre

232 Spencer St. East Cobourg



A variety of game activities will be offered

Door Prizes



Complimentary Dinner
(shepherd's pie)
at 5:30 PM





Message from the Cobourg Columbus Home (CCH) Board of Directors:

Recently, a not-for-profit housing organization approached the Board to ask whether we would consider selling the back portion of our property. Their concept involved relocating the current park to the back lot and constructing a housing apartment building on the existing park space. We initially suggested a value of \$300,000 with all related expenses covered; however, the proposal fell through when they offered services rather than funds. The organization has since indicated that financial resources may become available for future opportunities.

This inquiry led to broader discussion about the long-term direction of our Council over the next five to ten years. Our membership data shows that nearly half of our members are Honorary Life Members (age 70+ with 25 years of service). We have not been meeting our quota for new members, and our operations—particularly food preparation for hall rentals—continue to rely heavily on volunteers and the Ladies' Auxiliary. As volunteer availability decreases over time, the Board recognizes that paid staff may eventually be required.

A second party (a developer) expressed interest in the property and presented two potential development options. In response, the Board commissioned a professional appraisal of the banquet hall and surrounding property to determine its true market value. After reviewing both the appraisal and the proposals received, the Board concluded that an outright sale may be a realistic option for the long-term sustainability of Council 1970.

A third organization has since approached the Board, also inquiring about the possibility of purchasing the property on behalf of a not-for-profit or charitable group.

It is important to note that **the Board has not actively solicited any of these offers**. These

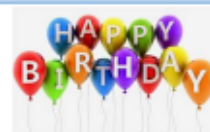
inquiries arose independently. However, they have prompted us to reflect seriously on the future of the Council's mission, membership, and financial stability.

To ensure that our interests are fully protected, the Board has retained legal counsel to represent both Cobourg Columbus Home and Knights of Columbus Council 1970.

Fraternally,

Wayne Conway

President, Cobourg Columbus Home



Celebrating a Birthday in January:

January 4 th :	John Cable
January 6 th :	William Little
January 9 th :	Marcelino Valles
January 24 th :	Victor Cabral
January 25 th :	Joseph Monardo
January 27 th :	James O'Neil

Celebrating a Birthday in February:

February 1 st :	Paolo De Palma
February 3 rd :	Michael Mullin
February 3 rd :	Eric Valles
February 8 th :	Stephen Smith
February 10 th :	James Blainey
February 16 th :	Ralph Chicoine
February 25 th :	Patrick Romano
February 28 th :	Fr. Gerardus Hauwert

Happy Birthday from Council 1970!

Insurance Agent: Council Meeting Message January 2026

Brothers,

Happy New Year! The Knights of Columbus has very exciting news to share as we begin 2026! Beginning January 1, 2026, a dividend increase took effect for eligible participating insurance policies, for the second year in a row. What does an increased dividend rate mean for you?

Dividends are amounts that may be paid annually from the surplus funds of the Knights of Columbus and are paid on an equitable basis by class as determined by the Board of Directors.

Guided by the vision of our founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, we are dedicated to supporting the financial security of our members. Over the past 30 years, Knights of Columbus has paid more than \$8 billion in dividends to those we serve.

If you have any questions about this, or any of the benefits of having a Knights of Columbus insurance policy, contact your local agent to learn more.

Thank you!

Daniel Gimpel FIC, CPCA, EPC
Field Agent, Mullin Agency



FR. FRANCIS P. DUFFY
Council 1970



The Framework of the Cobourg Columbus Home (CCH)

The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal men's organization for those who are 18 years of age and older. It was established on February 6th 1882. Its' principles are Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. Fr. Francis P. Duffy Council 1970 was established November 16, 1919. The Council elects 12 officers annually. The Grand Knight appoints a Chaplain and a Lecturer. The Financial Secretary is appointed by the Supreme Knight for a three-year term. The Council thus has 15 executive members.

Knights of Columbus Councils are prohibited from owning real property (real estate) so, Council 1970 applied for Letters of Patent Incorporating "Cobourg Columbus Home" June 4, 1963. The incorporation "Cobourg Columbus Home" was recorded July 26, 1963.

Our Council 1970 does not own real property. On June 27, 1996, through the wise vision of some Brother Knights, the "Columbus Community Centre" (the building) was realized. The Centre is administered and managed by "Cobourg Columbus Home" (the corporation) with six appointed Board members. The Board of Directors are elected from the members of the Knights of Columbus Council 1970. The Board of Directors are responsible for the building and the operation of the site. The Board may hire a manager to manage the operation of the site. All directions for the manager are outlined in the terms of employment, approved and given to the manager.

If any issue or concern arises from staff, renters and/or members of the Knights, the manager must be notified to resolve the matter. The manager will inform the members of the Board of issues that cannot be resolved by him or her. Reports of all issues and concerns will be an agenda item at the monthly Board meetings.

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calendar of events



January 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5 K of C Ladies Bingo 11:30 am – 3 pm	6 Council General Meeting 6:00 pm –Social 7:00 pm –Meeting	7	8 Knights & Friends Social 9:30 - 11:00 am 	9	10
11 Community Breakfast Buffet 9:00 to 11:00 am 	12	13	14 Blood Donor Clinic 12:30 to 7:30 p.m.  K of C Bingo 7:00 p.m.	15 Knights & Friends Social 9:30 - 11:00 am 	16	17
18	19 K of C Ladies Bingo 11:30 am – 3 pm	20 CCH Board Meeting 7 pm	21	22 Knights & Friends Social 9:30 - 11:00 am	23	24
25	26	27	28 K of C Bingo 7:00 p.m. 	29 Knights & Friends Social 9:30 - 11:00 am 	30	31



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22 Fraternal Games Event 	23	24	25 K of C Bingo 7:00 p.m. 	26	27	29