



# The Elgin Patriot



Bishop John C. Cody Assembly 0879 / June 2026

Membership consists of Sir Knights from Councils 1467, 4189 & 6495

**Sir Knights:** May has been a very busy month. I attended Indwell's **Hope and Homes Celebration Dinner**. Brother Doug Mactavish, SK Orio Ortins, SK Steve Blankenship, and I attended a special event honoring the Knights' steadfast commitment to **St. Peter's Seminary and Foundation**. Mass was attended at their beautiful chapel, a tour of the building was led by the seminarians, a photo op, and a luncheon was served. Brother Doug Mactavish attended the **March for Life** in Ottawa (which I was also going to attend, but after the Holland trip my butt was just not up to it). By our meeting Monday June 1<sup>st</sup> we will also have attended **Choose Life Spring Banquet**, **Special Olympics School Competition**, and two nights of **Confirmation at Holy Angels**. I pray that our Brothers and Sir Knights will try to be more involved in events such as these.

**Our annual summer picnic** will be held on **Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>**, and SK Joe Fleming has once again graciously offered to hold it at his place (42512 Sparta Line, Union, Ontario / next door to St Thomas Golf and Country Club). Start time is 2 p.m. and everyone is asked to bring a side dish of their choice. The Assembly will be supplying the meat. Please also bring your own plates, utensils, and chairs. If you have any lawn games, please bring them along as well. This will precede July 1<sup>st</sup> so as not to conflict with SK's planning to participate in Canada Day parades, etc.

Thank you to all the Sir Knights who stepped forward to take a position on the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree executive. Thank you as well to all the SK's who assumed roles to allow our past two meetings to be conducted in my absence. I am grateful and hope to see you Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, for our last meeting before summer break.

The blessedness of unity (Psalm 133:1), "**Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!**" May we Sir Knights continue to work in unity for the greater good and may God be with you all.

Fraternally yours, SK Simon Vink FN



**Saint Peter's Seminary & its Foundation** honoured the Knights of the London Diocese for their past and continued support of Seminarians at a special event on Friday May 1<sup>st</sup>.

How fitting that very day we celebrated the feast of **St. Joseph the Worker**.

Pictured here at the statue of St. Joseph are (L-R): Council 1467 Faith Director Brother **Douglas Mactavish**, Assembly 0879 Faithful Comptroller Sir Knight **Orio Ortins**, Assembly 0879 Faithful Navigator SK **Simon Vink**, and Deputy, District 84, SK **Steve Blankenship**.

**For These We Pray:** *[Please refer to the prayer intentions section of Communion]*

**Faithful Friar** Fr. Peter Keller

**Pilot** Francis Dadzie

**Scribe** Rob Weir (Case Hoffer alt.)

**Trustees** Otis Clifton / Tom Carr / Steve Wachowiak

**Navigator** Simon Vink

**Admiral** Jim Coveny

**Purser** Jim Dewan

**Sentinels** Don Nolan / John Kana / Peter Dion

**Captain** Dennis Collins

**Comptroller** Orio Ortins

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