

FR. VICTOR C. COTE COUNCIL 9671



Serving the Community of Good Shepherd Parish



NEWS FOR KNIGHTS

January/February 2025

Next General Meetings: Tuesday, January 28th, 7 pm
and Tuesday, February 25th, 7 pm

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Let's Keep Our Brothers' Unity Stronger Than Ever!



Happy Blessed New Year Everyone! We always have a lot to be grateful for, God is Good!

Since the last newsletter, the Brothers have been busy:

- Thanks Tony for stepping up to the plate to run the Pancake Breakfasts this year.
- Thanks Paul, for getting the "Keep Christ in Christmas" signs,
- Thanks Dave for a successful *skating event*, thank you to all the Brothers who have been volunteering for the Bingos, and keeping Jack stress free.
- Thank you Brothers, for delivering Coats for Kids.
- Thank you, Mario, for facilitating the Exemplification Service for our new Brothers!
- Thanks Ron & Steve for getting out the newsletters & communication diligently. For any Brothers I missed. Thank you!



Welcome aboard new Brothers to "**our**" council. Gentlemen, you are surrounded by a group of well seasoned Brothers with a plethora of experience, wit and sense of humour.

Welcome: Martin, Mathew, Jeremy, & Mike.

Welcome transferring Brothers Al & Stavro!

The world needs more Knights in these challenging times, be strong, stay focused and as St. Francis of Assisi would say, "Always preach the gospel, use words only when necessary."

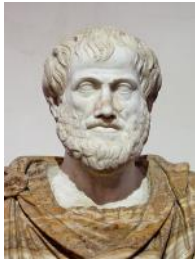
Let's make 2025 an incredible year, embrace challenges, do more for our priests & parishes, roll with the changes and give more where we can, and keep the unity stronger than ever.

**Your Brother,
Edward Michael Raymond**

The Knight Motivator



Quotes for Motivation and Perspective



‘In all things of nature there is something of the marvelous.’ – **Aristotle**



"Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that." _ **Martin Luther King Jr.**



Psalm 31:24 - "Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord!"

Welcome to Our New Knights!



Welcome to our new candidates who took their degrees on Jan. 12! Welcome Jeremy Yaldo (striped shirt beside his son Xavier), Matt Bornais (tan sweater in centre) and Martin Sobocan (dark shirt, standing with Grand Knight Ed Raymond).



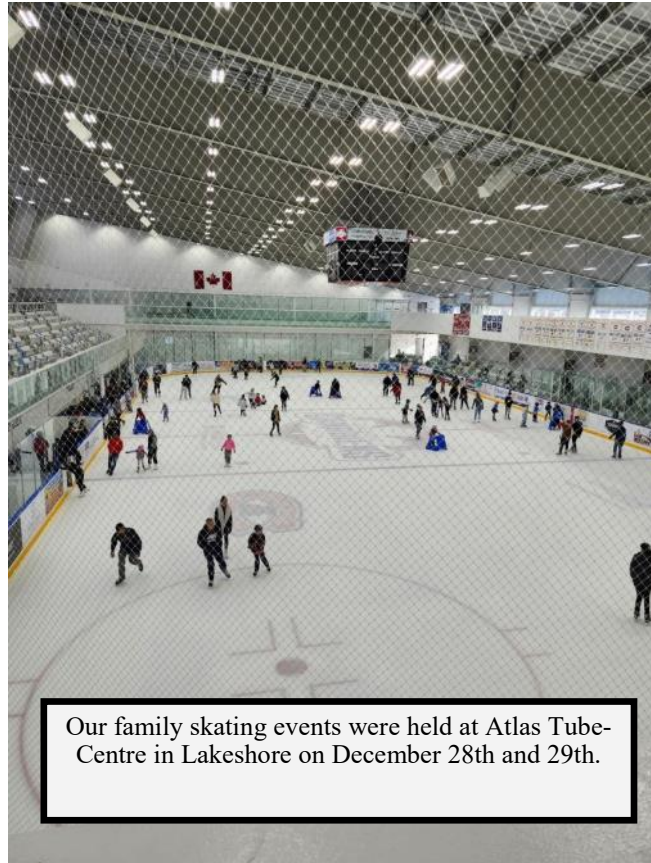
Deputy Grand Knight - David Pellizzari



Knights Hit The Ice!

HAPPY NEW YEAR my brother knights! And I pray for nothing but good things for each of you throughout the coming year. And let me start off the new year on a positive note by sharing some details regarding an event that took place during the Christmas holidays...

I'm sure most of you were aware of the free skating we provided to members of our Windsor-Lake St. Clair Catholic Family of Parishes. And if you were not aware, then you somehow missed the marketing that took place via email to our members, the on-screen posters displayed before masses, the announcements made at the pulpit, and the social media messaging. Yes, we certainly tried to cover our bases this time around. In any case, it was a wonderful event, held at the Atlas Tube Recreational Centre in Belle River over two days (Dec. 28-29). Many participants were happy to see that we had the larger Rock Development rink for this sophomore year of the event. And we were also glad we had the larger space because we



Our family skating events were held at Atlas Tube-Centre in Lakeshore on December 28th and 29th.

reached an estimated 120 skaters on the second day.

But what a wonderful event it was in terms of a family outing. Not only did we have young families with multiple children with at least some experience on the ice, but also families with young children who enjoyed being on the slippery surface for their very first time! And so, we had quite an age range of skaters. The youngest

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Our skating events were well attended! Above is Dan Tolmie (top right) with his son, Jake to his left, and grandsons Jax and Jonah with Dave Pellizzari (top left). Pictured in the photo on the right are Dave, Grand Knight Ed Raymond and Bingo Chair Jack Regnier.



participant we were told was just two and a half years old, while a few more experienced skaters were estimated to be in their 70's. Personally, I have not laced up my skates for at least 20 years and so did not even consider getting onto the ice. Our grand knight, however, was on the ice, if only briefly, on both days to lead the way. And our current Warden too was courageous and took to the ice! Hope your backside feels better soon, Jerry!

Another feature of the event that made it even more special was, of course, the FREE hot chocolate that was available. Though we had

a bit of a misstep on Saturday, we did provide 133 free drinks on Sunday, and everyone seemed grateful for the treat! I think a few of the brother knights present for the event even had a second cup!

Finally, I want to thank the other councils (Belle River 2775, Fr. Nicholas Point 4375) for their support of this fun event. And to those brother knights who were present at Atlas Tube to support our cause. I know for sure that we'll be back again next year!

Yours in solidarity,

Dave Pellizzari, DGK



Reigniting the Spirit of Christ: A Call to Brothers in Faith

As we have just celebrated the glorious coming of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, it is a time for renewal and reflection. This season of Christmas served not only as a commemoration of His birth but as an opportunity to open our hearts anew to His presence in our lives.

Let us, as brothers in Christ, take this time as a fresh start—a moment to reignite the spirit of our Lord within us. His light shines in our hearts, guiding us toward love, peace, and goodwill. Just as the angels proclaimed His birth to the shepherds, let us now welcome Him with open arms and receptive hearts.

As we gather together in fellowship, let us remember the true meaning of this season. It is not merely about celebration, but about transformation—the chance to renew our commitment to living out His teachings, to being agents of

His peace and love in a world that desperately needs both. May the new year mark a turning point for us all, a chance to feel His presence more deeply within our lives. Let us not forget that the birth of Christ

symbolizes hope, redemption, and the promise of new beginnings. Just as He brought light into the darkness of the world, may we, too, become beacons of His love and grace. Brothers in Christ, let us go forward

from this season with hearts full of joy, renewed purpose, and an unwavering commitment to follow in

His footsteps. Together, we can bring the light of Christ to the world and reignite His spirit in all that we do.

Fraternally Yours,

Donny Thivierge,

District Deputy 76



Council 9671 Awards Submissions to Ontario State for 2024 – 2025

Hello Brothers, Priests and Families of Council 9671.

We as a council most likely do not see the full picture of all the great things we do as a united band of Brothers and families. One event here, one donation there ..

Just to summarize the overall picture of what we did just so far this year... in November of 2024, Book 1 containing 46 submissions went to the Ontario State Awards Director Dan Lohin and I am happy to report that currently to date there is Book # 2 with currently 32 more submissions and counting to be sent in February 2025.

All submissions for this fraternal year are due at Ontario State March 15, 2025 for this fraternal year.

I have said it before and I will say it again...Council 9671 is the most active and generous council in Ontario. Talk about Charity, Unity and Fraternity,

three times Best Council in Ontario says it all.

I would like to thank the Executive and all members of 9671 both past and present for their generous time and efforts when called upon.

Also this year we are submitting for additional awards and those are submitted on SO-40 Longevity Award for our long running Annual Golf Tournament and Annual Picnic.

Also, we are submitting SO-20 Form for Multi Council Award for the Free Skate at Atlas Tube with a total of three councils sponsoring this and our Council being the host council.

God Bless and a very Happy New Year to you all. What a year to date !!!!

– **Brother Dave Wilds PGK
and wife Alice**



K of C Council Pro Life Family..... Dave & Alice Wilds

Ballad of the Unborn By Fay Clayton

My shining feet will never run
On early morning lawn;
My feet were crushed before they
had
A chance to greet the dawn.
My fingers will never stretch
To touch the winning tape;
My race was done before I learned
The smallest steps to take.
My growing height will never be
Recorded on a wall;
My growth was stopped when I was
still unseen and very small.
My lips and tongue will never taste
The good fruits of the earth;
For I myself was judged to be
A fruit of little worth.
My eyes will never scan the sky

For my high-flying kite;
For when still blind, destroyed were
they
In the black womb of the night.
I'll never stand upon a hill
Spring winds in my hair;
Aborted winds of thought closed in
On motherhood's despair.
I'll never walk the shores of life
Or know the tides of time;
For I was coming but unloved,
And that my only crime.
Nameless am I, a grain of sand
One of the countless dead,
But the deed that make me ashen
grey.
Floats on seas of red.

Birth and Anniversary Dates

January Birthdays

Lou Ciuro	1
George Eberhardt	2
Larry Lemiski	2
George G. Dorner	7
Dan Marentette	10
Gary Brideau	13
Jerry Deck	15
Serge Bigaouette	17
Raymond Power	20
Tom Marentette	23
William LaBute	27
Peter Courey	28
Robert G Paquette	31

February Birthdays

Paul Greff	3
David Stankovich	4
Philip Kovosi	5
Eric Hayes	10
Scott Dufour	12
Marcel Kadour	15
Robert T. Kane	15
John Zalger	16
Emod A. Greff	17
Rick Heath	24
Donald Knapp	26

January Anniversaries

Rene & Melba Bedard	25
Ron & Laurie Barnhard	28

To join the ranks of the Fourth

- 1) Must be a Third Degree in good standing
- 2) Fill out and sign a Fourth Degree Membership Document. Your Council's Fin. Sec. must sign.
- 3) The Assembly's faithful Navigator and Comptroller must sign
- 4) Approval at a General Meeting of the 4th
- 5) 4) Pay \$70.00 to the Assembly.
- 6) Attend a local 1/2 Hour Exemplification.
- 7) You will be given a new social baldric, a lapel pin and a one-year membership (value: \$30.00)



Wilds World ... Did You Know?

- Facts from the Internet!

- I was thinking about old age and decided that old age is when you still have something on the ball, but you are just too tired to bounce it.
- When people see a cat's litter box they always say, "Oh, have you got a cat" I just say, "No, it's for company!"
- Employment application blanks always ask who is to be called in case of an emergency. I think you should write, "An ambulance."
- The older you get the tougher it is to lose weight because by then your body and your fat have gotten to be really good friends.
- The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.
- Have you ever noticed: The Roman Numerals for forty (40) are XL.
- The sole purpose of a child's middle name is so he knows when he's really in trouble.
- Did you ever notice that when you put the 2 words "The" and "IRS" together it spells "Theirs"
- Aging: Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.
Some people try to turn back their "odometers." Not me. I want people to know why I look this way.
- I've traveled a long way and a lot of the roads were not paved. Ah! Being young is beautiful but being old is comfortable.
- Lord, keep your arm around my shoulder and your hand over my mouth.
- May you always have: Love to share, Cash to spare, Tires with air, And friends who care.



Brother Dave Wilds...PGK

Food For Thought! ... **By Ed Raymond**

Artificial Intelligence, or “AI,” is a technology tool we can use at our fingertips via a phone or computer. It is like a reference knowledge book on steroids to respond to inquires!

Here’s a question asked of AI:
Why do some people resist change in general?

AI responded in seconds with:
“Great question. Resistance to change can stem from a variety of factors:

- **Comfort with Routine:** People often find comfort in familiar routines and patterns. Change can be unsettling because it disrupts these routines.

- **Experience:** Older individuals have accumulated a lifetime of experiences, which can sometimes make them more skeptical about new methods or technologies. They might feel that the “tried and true” ways have served them well.

- **Perceived Complexity:** New technologies or processes can seem overly complicated. For someone who hasn’t grown up with rapid technological advancements, learning new things can seem daunting.

- **Fear of the Unknown:** Change

inherently involves uncertainty.

This fear can be more pronounced in older individuals who may worry about their ability to adapt or keep up.

- **Physical or Cognitive Limitations:** *As people age, they might face physical or cognitive challenges that make adopting new things more difficult.*

- **Value of Tradition:** *Some people place a high value on tradition and the way things have always been done. This can make them resistant to adopting new approaches.*

Despite these tendencies, many older individuals embrace change with enthusiasm and curiosity. It’s all about personal perspective and openness to new experiences.”

Brothers, God created all of us, inspires us to develop our creative talents, create new technologies, art, music, architecture, build bridges, & great societies. If you ever are curious about understanding something (any topic) better, new or make and improve, I would encourage you to check out another created tool for humanity: A.I.

(It’s just a tool!)

Brother Edward



Our Next Pancake Breakfast is February 16, 2025 - Please Support Our Council (free will offering)





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Knights of Columbus

\$100 for
300
Tickets

\$50 for
125
Tickets

\$20 for
40
Tickets

\$10 for
10
Tickets

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We CAN Make A Difference!



Thank you to all the Knights who took the time to volunteer and help sort out cans and other non-perishable food items on December 7th at Saint Vincent de Paul's food bank, which has been helping feed some of our area's most vulnerable citizens for many years. Pictured in the warehouse here from left to right are Jerry Deck, Tony Barile, Dave Pellizzari, Ron Barnhard, Don Seguin, Dan Maren-tette and John Chenier.



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Happy New Year!

Where did 2024 go? It seems like it was summer yesterday and Thanksgiving was last week. I hope you and your family had a great finish to 2024.

Hopefully, you've established a few goals for this year. I've learned a great tip regarding resolutions. First, write them down. It's not too late if you haven't already done this. Commit your goals to paper and post it someplace you will see it often. Writing down a goal is the first step towards achieving it. It may not make sense at first, but I'm sure you have heard stories of the success this simple task can bring. Whether your goal is to exercise more, give more to charity, read more or watch less television, you're more likely to accomplish it if you write it down.

Second, resolve to have an expert look at your finances. I recommend that you have a team of experts help you, and I would love to be the first you sit with. Let's schedule some time to meet together, and I, your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, will provide an "insurance check-up" (at no cost!) that will evaluate any gaps in your family's life insurance protection. Now might be the perfect time to fill those gaps, not later. Keep in mind that unlike many other products, you don't just need money to obtain life insurance; you also need good health, and no one knows when your health could change.

Did I mention my check-up is free of charge? When was the last time you received something for free that could provide value to you and your family for generations? Call me today.



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