

# FR. VICTOR C. COTE COUNCIL 9671



## Serving the Community of Good Shepherd Parish



### NEWS FOR KNIGHTS

March/April 2025

Next General Meetings: Tuesday, March 25th, 7 pm  
and Tuesday, April 22nd, 7 pm

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**Grand Knight - Edward Raymond**



*Thank you for your prayers!*

### **Grand Knight Report**

Thank you to all the Brothers,  
who have kept me in their pray-  
ers, calls and texts.

It has been a process in patience  
during this convalescing time.

Thank you to all the Brothers

that stepped up to the plate to run  
the meetings as well.

I am grateful and very much ap-  
preciate everyone.

God Bless you all!

**Your Brother,  
Edward Michael Raymond**

## ***Council 9671 Awards Submissions***

Hello Brothers, families and friends: I am happy to report to you that in this fraternal year March 15, 2024 – March 15, 2025, we have a total of 86 submissions to Ontario State Awards Director Brother Dan Lohin.

The number of submissions alone tells you the tremendous amount of works of charity this amazing council performs each and every year. Without these submissions it is unknown to Ontario State what works of charity any council does throughout their fraternal year.

I would like to say a very special thank you to each and every Brother, spouses, parishioners and many volunteers of Council 9671 for making this council the BEST it can be. Hoping this year will be #4 for Council of the Year in all of Ontario. God Bless you all and keep the works of charity an ongoing mission just as we do!

— Brother Dave Wilds



# SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2025



Fr. Victor C. Cote  
Council 9671

Students must be a member of Good Shepherd Parish, and/or the child/grandchild of a member of Council # 9671 in good standing in order to apply for one of the scholarships.

**Completed forms submitted by Friday, May 30, 2025 and marked to the attention of David Pellizzari, Deputy Grand Knight.**

**Recipients will be notified by June 8, 2025**

Forms are now available at the Parish office, for students attending College or University



**Deputy Grand Knight - David Pellizzari**



## *Some Assembly Required!*

I attended a Knights of Columbus dinner back on November 23, 2024, and the location printed on the tickets stated that we were having the event at the Michigan Bar & Grill on Walker Road (Windsor). If you know the facility, located near St. Francis of Assisi Croatian church, then you're aware that there is a small hall attached at the back which is more commonly known to be a Knights of Columbus Hall. More specifically, the hall is used by both the Cardinal A. Stepinac Council #11774 and the Fr. Alphonse C. Kerckhaert Assembly #2289. With the dinner tickets only making mention of the Kerckhaert Assembly, I got to wondering what the difference between what a Council and an Assembly is. And I wondered if it was just me or could other brother knights be uncertain of this distinction as well. I guess that's just how my brain works. Anyway, here are some thoughts regarding this matter...

The main difference between a Knights of Columbus Council and an Assembly is that a Council is for a specific location, while an

Assembly is made up of members from multiple councils. Regarding leadership, a Grand Knight is the chief executive officer for a Council, while a Faithful Navigator heads up an Assembly. Additionally, members of the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree belong to a local Council, while members of the 4<sup>th</sup> degree belong to both a Council and an Assembly. Note too that members of the 4<sup>th</sup> degree are known as Sir Knights.

With respect to our council, Victor C. Cote Council 9671, our 4<sup>th</sup> degree members would also be viewed as being members of R.T. Rev. Wilfrid J. Langlois Assembly. Note, however, that each member can choose which Assembly they wish to belong to.

Here is a list of the other five assemblies in our area:

Dean Wagner Assembly #0862 (Windsor) – founded in 1916  
Fr. Alphonse Kerckhaert Assembly #2289 (Windsor)  
Fr. Alvin P. Marentette Assembly (Belle River)  
Fr. Louis Boue' Assembly (Amherstburg)

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G. Stephen Hudders Assembly  
(Leamington)

The biggest question I had when  
considering the Council vs. Assem-  
bly situation was basically...why?

Why is an Assembly even neces-  
sary?

The answer I received from Ron  
Barnhard (PGK and  
member of the 4<sup>th</sup>  
degree) was the fol-  
lowing:

*“An Assembly is  
considered the visi-  
ble arm of the order  
and is intended to  
be made up of more  
dedicated members  
from numerous  
councils in the area. They would be  
more dedicated to wearing the col-  
our guard uniform and participate  
in funerals and parades and vari-  
ous other functions.”*

Finally, note that Rt. Rev. Wilfrid J.  
Langlois Assembly is made up of  
members from seven councils in  
this area including:

- 9671 Fr. Victor C. Cote
- 3305 Holy Name (Essex)
- 4379 Fr. Nicholas Point  
(Tecumseh)
- 4386 Holy Family (South  
Windsor)
- 4924 Bishop John T. Kidd  
(Riverside)
- 8919 Fr. Paul  
Wattson (Forest  
Glade)
- 9865 Fr. Nolan  
Council (East River-  
side)



I'm not sure if this  
clarified anything for

everyone or if I just muddled the  
waters. In any case, I plan to ob-  
tain my 4<sup>th</sup> degree and joining our  
Langlois Assembly in the near fu-  
ture in preparation for advancing to  
the top of the food chain within our  
council. But no rush Edward!

**Yours in solidarity,**

**Dave Pellizzari, DGK**





## *The Season of Lent: A Time for Reflection and Service as a Knight of Columbus*

As we enter Lent, members of the Knights of Columbus are called to deepen their faith through prayer, fasting, and charity. This sacred season is a time for spiritual renewal, self-discipline, and preparation for Christ's resurrection. It also offers an opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to God and our Savior, Jesus Christ. Lent invites greater participation in the sacraments, particularly the Eucharist and Reconciliation.

Many councils organize Masses, retreats, and prayer services to support members and their families in their spiritual journey. Praying the Stations of the Cross, meditating on Christ's suffering, and dedicating time to scripture help us reflect on this penitential season.

Strengthening our faith equips us to serve others with Christ-like compassion.

The Knights' "Leave No Neighbor Behind" initiative is especially relevant during Lent, encouraging outreach to the elderly, sick, and those in financial hardship. By living out our principles of charity and fraternity, we bring hope and encouragement to those in need.



Fasting and abstinence are key aspects of Lent, helping cultivate self-discipline and solidarity with the less

fortunate. Beyond abstaining from meat on Fridays, Knights can challenge themselves to fast from excess, negative habits, or distractions, dedicating those sacrifices to prayer and service.

Some councils organize communal fasting efforts, with members donating the savings to charity—reminding us of Christ's sacrifice and shifting focus from material to spiritual.

Faith within the family and parish

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is essential. Lent is an ideal time to encourage family prayer, such as the Rosary or Divine Mercy Chapel. Organizing events like fish fry dinners or Stations of the Cross fosters fellowship while reinforcing faith and service.

Lent is a time for reflection, renewal, and action. By deepening faith, serving others, and embracing self-

discipline, Knights honor this sacred season and prepare for Easter's joy.

Fraternally Yours,

**Donny Thivierge,**

**District Deputy 76**

## ***The Knight Motivator***

### *Quotes for Motivation and Perspective*



“Patience is a virtue. I m still working on mine.” \_ Grand Knight



“Truth is ever to be found in the simplicity, and not in the multiplicity and confusion of things.” Issac Newton



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Fr. Victor C. Cote Council #9671

## 33RD ANNUAL GOLF AND DINNER

**Date:** Saturday, June 14, 2025

**Tee Time:** 8:00am

**Registration:** 7:00-7:30am

**Location:** Rochester Place

981-991 County Road 2, Belle River, Ontario

### Three Divisions – Texas Scramble

(Open to male and female 14 years and over)

Men/Women only – Foursome

Mixed Foursome (2 men/2 women)

PRICE FOR 18 HOLES (WITH CART)

**\$75**

PRICE FOR 18 HOLES (WALK)

**\$60**

### \$25,000 Hole In One Contest

(Sponsored by Matthew Sylvester, K of C Insurance Field Agent)

**Dinner and Auction to follow at Good Shepherd Parish Hall**  
(462 Advance Blvd)

**Dinner \$50/person**

(Cocktails 6pm – Dinner 7pm)

**Contact Co-chairperson: Dave Pellizzari at 519-981-7429 or**  
**[d\\_pellizzari@cogeco.ca](mailto:d_pellizzari@cogeco.ca) for reservations and information.**

**MONEY DUE BY MAY 30, 2025**





## ***Blast from the past: Newsletter "on line"***

Mike Trepanier reading the newsletter on line (clothes line that is!) ... "Blast from the Past "

- By Brother Dave Wilds



**Charities Chairman - Jack Regnier**

## **CHARITIES REPORT FEB. 2025**

<b>Nevada Acct. Start</b>	\$7,871.64
Int.	\$0.60
Balance	\$7,872.24

<b>Bingo Acct. Start</b>	\$28,107.86
Credits	\$2,804.19
Debits	\$4,200.00
Balance	\$26,712.05



Last year we brought in through bingos \$37,522.51 and we paid out to charities \$38,266.31 which went to very needy organizations. I am looking for more volunteers to do bingos. It is a very easy task and requires only two hours work when needed and only two people are required to run a bingo. To be a volunteer you need to take a volunteer training course on the internet, it is quite easy. Please consider being a volunteer to such a worthwhile effort. Go to <https://.charitablegaming.com/volunteer-training>

**Thank You! Your Bingo Chairman — Jack Regnier**



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

***Please Let Me Live*** *By P.J. Brennan*

I am a new arrival

In the womb I have been formed

Defined by the rarest beauty

Only nature could  
adorn

Although  
very tiny

I am a person  
through  
and  
through

And  
should no  
one render  
harm to me

I will grow up just like you

They say we all have equal rights

From life's beginning to its end

But who can see that all is right

And will my life defend

If in this world I need protection

You are the one I would choose to  
care

I am your child, you are my mother

It's a journey we both share

There are many gone before me

Others trail behind



Some arrived  
disabled

We are all of a  
kind

As we reach  
out for living

Knowing our  
journey is a  
trial

Please mom-  
ma's won't  
you love us

If only for a while

We all know life is precious

Please don't give up on me

There are so many things I have to  
do

So much to say and see

If my journey is a short one

My life a moment it should be

One kiss, a hug, a cuddle

Would be a lifetime's love for me.



## ***Wilds World ... Pun Intended!***

*- Facts from the Internet!*

- My wife called me and said she saw a fox on her way to work...I asked her how do you know it was on its way to work....She hung up on me.
- I accidentally passed my wife a glue stick instead of a Chap stick....She's still not talking to me!
- There was a big paddle sale at the boat store....I was quite an Oar Deal.
- What do you call a bullet proof Irishman....Rick O'Shea.
- My friend went bald years ago but still carries around his old comb with him...He just can't part with it.
- I asked my friend to spell WONTON backwards....he said NOTNOW.
- A slice of apple pie in Jamaica is \$2.00 and \$2.50 in the Bahamas.....These are the pie rates
- of the Caribbean.
- I didn't think orthopedic shoes would help....I stand corrected.
- My friend keeps saying cheer up man it could be worse. You could be stuck underground in a hole full of water.....I know he means well.
- What do you call a belt made out of \$100.00 bills.....A waist of money.
- Have you ever tried eating a clock? It's really time consuming especially if you go for seconds.
- Lastly: The invention of the shovel was a ground breaking discovery, But, the invention of the broom was the one that swept the nation!



***Keep a smile on those  
pretty faces.....  
Brother Dave Wilds PGK***

# *February Knight of the Month!*



Here's to our Knight of the Month for February—Tony Barile (centre)! Pictured to Tony's left are Paul Lauzon (Past Grand Knight) and Rev. Kieran Alaribe, Chaplain.

## **Birth and Anniversary Dates**

### **March Birthdays**

Greg Stewart	1
Bill Wasyluk	1
Phil Rice	2
George Thakidiyil	12
Darrell Blois	15
Patrick Leblanc	17
Ryan Gosling	21
Stefano Riolo	21
Fred Anderson	25
Phil St. Pierre	26
Shawn Hodgins	27
Paul Lauzon	27
Rev. David Butler	30

### **April Birthdays**

Gregory Baggio	1
Ronald D. Barnhard	3
Mike J. Bondy	3
Bob Gratton	4
Roger Dixon	8
David Cushman	9
Anthony Vido	9
Chris Hales	10
Peter Greff	11
Chris Laforet	11
Rick Van Hooren	14
Mark Maitre	15
Stephen Greff	23
Mark Stiers	23
John Newman	24
Paul Loebach	25
Matthew Sylvester	25
Joseph Grech	29

### **March Anniversaries**

Robert & Fumiko Baker	1
Scott & Maureen Dufour	8
Jack & Penny Regnier	14

### **April Anniversaries**

Gregory & Claudia Baggio	14
Glenn & Natalie Byczynski	19
Ken & Marg Towers	20
Brian & Theresa Campeau	29
Rev. Gary N. Goyeau	29



*Save the date....or call for tickets!*

*Come and fraternalize! ...*

**The Rt. Rev. W. J. Langlois, Assembly 1789**

And

**The Fr. Victor C. Côté, Council 9671**

Joint Fundraising Dinner



*Third Annual*  
**BARBEQUED STEAK DINNER**

ON

**Saturday, May 24, 2025**

*Socializing begins at 6:30 p.m.*

**New York Strip Steak Dinner**



*with* Relish Tray Appetizers  
Baked Russet Potato,  
Honey-Glazed Carrots,  
Homemade Coleslaw Salad,  
Rolls and Butter, Tea and Coffee  
and Home Baked  
Dessert Choices



**Tickets: \$40.00 ea.**

**Cash Bar: Canadian Beer and Wine  
and Soft Drinks**

*At the beautiful.....Our Lady of Guadalupe Church Hall*

*834 Raymo Road, at Wyandotte St. E....just east of Pillette Rd.*

*Ample parking*

**You may wish to arrive early and attend their scheduled 5:00 p.m. Mass**

**Advance ticket sales only, as we were 'Sold Out' last year....For tickets, contact:**

**Jerry Marcotte, FN of 1789: 226-375-3113**

**Ed Raymond GK of 9671: 226-347-8888**

**Ron Barnhard: 226-787-4879**

Rev. 3/9/25





# Knights of Columbus

# INSURANCE

*Making a difference for life.*

Spring is here, at least by the calendar, and it will soon be summer. Perhaps you're planning your summer vacation. Maybe you've not only planned it, but you've already booked your hotel, VRBO®, or Airbnb®. Maybe you've gone so far as to purchase plane tickets...or maybe your vacation spot will be within driving distance. You're already thinking of the clothes you'll have to pack and those new pieces that you'll have to buy. You've got a little extra cash saved to buy some special souvenirs. You are researching the area and finding the interesting historical sites to visit. Seeing where the fun spots are...checking out the local places to dine. How do you want to plan your week away? I'll admit it, I enjoy doing that research, especially when I'm driving. I like looking at maps and seeing what sights there are to see, the historical venues, the local restaurants. I like looking online (and maybe even getting some old fashioned travel brochures) to check out my travel destination. If I'm driving I like to pick a route. Not necessarily the fastest on my GPS though. The fastest route often bypasses the interesting sites. (Think historical Route 66 and all the interesting places along that road!) When I'm all done and I've got everything laid out, I have a certain sense of accomplishment. I know I'm going to have a good time because I've looked at many options and picked the ones that mean the most to me.

I think of working with you, my brother Knights, in much the same way. When I sit down with you and your spouse we start with a financial needs analysis. We "drop a pin" on your map to show where you are now. We enter a destination of where you want to go. What do you want to see for your family if the unforeseen happens? That might be a situation where one of our products, life insurance, long-term care insurance, disability income insurance, or a retirement annuity, may be needed. Think of that product as the vehicle that gets you or your family farther along to a better place on your financial road map. Much like a vacation, we'll make stops along the way, take a look "under the hood," and make sure the strategy is still "running on all cylinders." There are many options to discuss, even within the different lines of products available, to help you get to where you want to go.

Do you have a strategy? May I have the privilege of helping you and your family develop one or fine tune the one you have? I'll be calling soon to set up a time to get together to discuss your financial road map.

Vivat Jesus!



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- **Term Plans** – Policy ends at end of specified term; renewable or convertible.
- **Annuities** – Provides an income that is guaranteed for life.
- **Long Term Care** – Provides funds for long-term, out-of-hospital care.
- **Disability Income** – Protects your most important asset: your ability to earn a living.