



RT. REV. WILFRID J. LANGLOIS ASSEMBLY # 1789

# The 4th Degree News

## The Patriotic Degree

**January - February 2026**



### General Meeting:

Tues. Jan. 20th, 2026  
St. Anne's Parish Hall  
Pizza 6:00 pm  
Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

Tues. Feb. 17th, 2026  
St. Anne's Parish Hall  
Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

**A ceremonial sword was passed to Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti during a Knights of Columbus ceremony**



In the photo above are our photographer Paul McNamara, Deputy Mayor of Tecumseh Joe Bachetti, Master Paul Johnston, Past Master Gord Edwards, Ontario State Warden Donny Thivierge, Faithful Navigator Assembly 1789 Ron Barnhard

....Photo by Jerry Marcotte

## Faithful Friar – Fr. Matt Kucharski



Brother Sir Knights,

Each year on January 1st, we celebrate the solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. The Church does this to remind us of two things. Firstly, Mary is THE role model to follow. Her faithfulness, humility, and dedication to serving God should be the guide for all of us to emulate. Secondly, Mary is not only Mother of God but also Mother of each one of us. As such, she wants to help us achieve all those virtues that make her so special, in our own lives as well. In her loving, compassionate, gentle care she wants to help us follow her son and to lead us to heaven. Perhaps as we begin a new year, with the assistance of our heavenly Mother, we can use the “7 Up” method of trying to live 2026 better than we may have done in 2025.

7 Ups for the New Year:

- 1) WAKE UP—Begin the day thanking the Lord. It is His day. Rejoice in it.
- 2) LOOK-UP—Open your eyes to the Lord Jesus. Ask for His strength and blessings for the day through the anointing of His Holy Spirit. After all, He is your only Savior.
- 3) DRESS-UP—Put on a smile. It improves your looks. It says something about your attitude. It enables Jesus living within you smile at others.
- 4) SHUT-UP—Watch your tongue. Don’t gossip. Don’t be judgmental. Say nice things. Learn to listen to others with love. Be sympathetic.
- 5) STAND-UP—Take a stand for what you believe. Resist evil. Do good. Have the courage of your Christian convictions by practicing what you believe.
- 6) REACH-UP—Spend time in prayer by talking to God with your adorations, confessions, thanksgivings, and supplications, and by listening to Him through the attentive reading the Bible and the application of its message to your life.
- 7) LIFT-UP—Be available to help those in need—serving, supporting, and sharing. Try to find Jesus in others and serve Him there by serving them.

Happy New Year to all of you and your families and may 2026 be filled with many blessings!

God’s Peace,



### Pope Leo's Prayer Intentions for January and February 2026 ....

**Jan: For Prayer with the Word of God.** ...Let us pray that praying with the word of God be nourishment for our lives and source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary church.

**Feb.: For Children with incurable diseases....**Let us pray that children suffering with incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

## Assembly 1789 Executive presenting our Faithful Friar Fr. Matt with Christmas gift on behalf of our Assembly 1789

of polo shirt and Cheque for \$150.00. This was done during our morning planning meeting for Christmas dinner with our Ladies.

Fr. Matt could not attend the Christmas dinner due to scheduling conflicts.



Front row L-R Ron Barnhard, Fr. Matt Kercharski, Eugene Trepanier, La Verne Martins,

Back Row Jerry Marcotte, Carl Baillargeon, David Lee, John Sabga, Mike La Butte, Mike Charboneau

*Photo Taken by Dan Pergolesi*



Greetings Sir Knights and Ladies....

As you all know, we held a combined Exemplification in September where we welcomed 9 new Sir Knights to the Fourth Degree. We missed a few candidates who were not able to attend.

Fr. Louis Boue' Assembly will be hosting another combined exemplification on January 24th 2026 at St. John the Baptist Church in Amherstburg starting at 11:00am. I will be looking for at least 2 more exemplifications this winter and Spring in the East of our District to accommodate more candidates and they can be combined with a Formation Degree or a Fourth only. **PLEASE LET ME KNOW HOW MANY CANDIDATES YOU HAVE!** I do not have any updates on the progress of our new exemplification yet but hope to hear something in the upcoming weeks.

Our Vice Supreme Master has three points to make over the next few months

1/ Attend your council meetings and promote the Fourth Degree and ask the members to join the Patriotic Degree of the Knights of Columbus.

2/ Conduct and support the many programs we offer and be present as Colour Corp members as much as possible

3/ Be a Sir Knight and be leaders in our order and engage our members!

The uniforms being available through Moores has been going extremely well and I am so proud to see so many members in the Colour Corp in uniform. The number of Colour Corp members is increasing to the numbers it once was and I am so proud to be a part of this growth as we are present at many Honour Guard activities. Wear it often and wear it proudly. Lady Cheryl and I want to wish everyone a blessed and joyous Christmas Season. We wish you health and happiness as you share time with your families.

Seeing isn't believing. Believing is seeing!

*Fraternally,*

*Paul T Johnston, FDD, PGK, PFN.*



## New SK Ken Raymond...

Our newest SK Ken Raymond, in attendance at our Nov. 18th, 2025 Meeting, provided an occasion to present him with his Certificate of Membership into the Fourth Degree. Captain Carl Baillargeon and FN Ron Barnhard welcome him to our Assembly. Recently, SK Ken has taken the training and will be joining the Bingo Volunteers Group.



## *A Christmas Message from your State Warden..*

.....*Donny Thivierge*

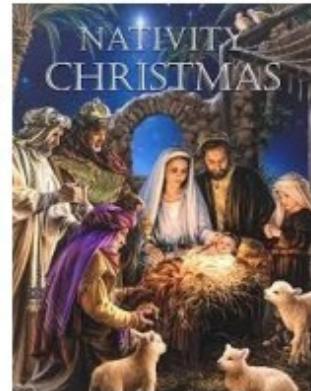
**As we gather in fellowship** to celebrate Christmas, we are reminded of the true meaning of this holy season—the birth of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. In the humility of a manger, God entered the world, bringing with Him hope, peace, and the promise of salvation.

Christmas calls each of us to reflect on our own commitment to live as Christ did: with love, humility, and service to others. As members of the Fourth Degree, you answer that call in a very visible and meaningful way. Through your presence, your uniform, and your actions, you bear witness not only to the principles of the Knights of Columbus, but to your faith itself.

Your dedication to Church, community, and country does not go unnoticed. Whether standing honour guard at Mass, honouring our veterans, supporting our clergy, or serving those in need, you exemplify what it means to be a Catholic gentleman committed to faith in action.

At Christmas, we are also reminded that service begins at home—with our families. I thank our wives and families for their patience, encouragement, and sacrifices. Their support makes your service possible, and they too share in the mission you carry forward.

May the peace of Christ fill your hearts and homes this Christmas season. May His light guide you in the year ahead, strengthening your faith, deepening your brotherhood, and renewing your commitment to serve with charity and humility.



On behalf of the Ontario State Council, I extend my sincere gratitude for all that you do and wish you and your families a blessed and joyous Christmas.

Christ is born. Glorify Him.

### **Faithful Navigator – S.K. Ron Barnhard**



Hello Fellow Sir Knights

For the celebration of Christmas our assembly organized a Christmas style dinner to include our ladies. It is our way of showing them that we recognize and appreciate that it is with their help our Assembly has accomplished much. We also invited some of our leadership alone with their wives. We want to let them know that we appreciate how often they must travel lengthy distances to cover the large territory they are required to cover.

I thank Marianne Trepanier for baking her butter tarts for our Christmas dinner with our ladies and Laurie Barnhard for cooking her muffins, purchasing most of the deserts and materials to decorate the hall. Thanks Paul McNamara for another fine job as our photographer. I thank all who helped or participated in any way to make the evening an enjoyable one.

We are looking to increase our membership and lighten the load somewhat. We have an exemplification coming up in Amherstburg on January 24 so I ask you to encourage you fellow council members to join our Assembly. Future exemplifications will likely be held in Chatham or London. It would be wise to take advantage of this one coming up.

A Happy New Year to You and your family

Ron Barnhard Faithful Navigator

# Christmas Dinner with our Ladies December 16, 2025



## Our Servers and clean up crew for the Evening



The above ladies from the Tecumseh Ladies Council Lana Fauteux, Rose Laforet, Susan Beneteau, Sharon Craig and Lois Drouillard served and did the cleanup of a delicious dinner catered by the culinary class at St. Anne's Catholic High School headed by Jodi Mavranzas

Photos by Paul McNamara

## Another Donation to Street Help

There was enough food left over from the Christmas dinner with our ladies that we delivered it downtown to Street Help.

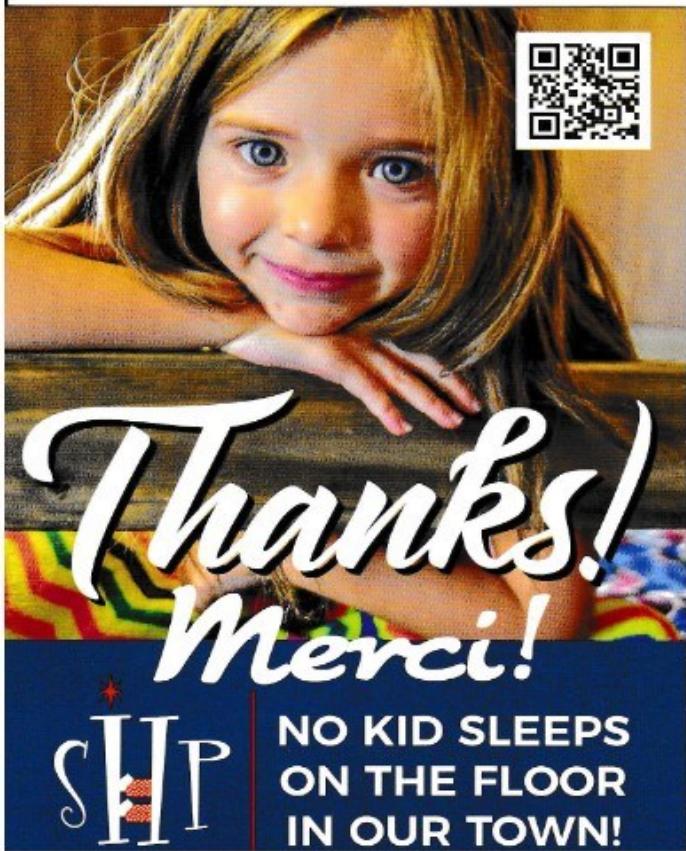
There were trays of roast chicken, roast potatoes, honey glazed carrots, penne with tomato sauce, salad, salad dressing and dinner rolls.

Shown to the right is Street Help staff Roy and Bob with Ron Barnhard Faithful Navigator carrying the food into the kitchen.



Bob seen to the left getting ready to heat the food in their ovens

Due to financial donations such as what we have contributed from running bingos, Street Help has been able to add a dining area where the homeless can sit and eat inside instead of outside on the sidewalk.



**Knights of Columbus®**

WE DID IT! THANK YOU!

1000 BEDS DELIVERED TO NEEDY CHILDREN AND THANKFUL FAMILIES. YOUR GENEROUS PHILANTHROPIC KINDNESS IS ADMIRE AS AN EXAMPLE OF HOW WE ALL CAN BECOME PART OF THE SOLUTION TO END CHILD BEDLESSNESS.

PLEASE ACCEPT THIS COMMEMORATIVE COIN AS A TOKEN OF OUR APPRECIATION.

BRIAN P. CYNORA MBA  
SHP WINDSOR CHAPTER PRESIDENT

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The card pictured above was a token of thanks from SHP and was presented to the Knights of Columbus and accepted by State Deputy David Gelinas on December 22, 2025 at a reception making the 1000th locally built and delivered bed in the Windsor and Essex County. The local chapter of SHP thanked the numerous individuals, local companies and organizations who have pitched in.



**A Complete Bed Ensemble....**

This photo depicts a complete bed package the strong wooden structure which is assembled by volunteers at its destination, mattress, sheet, blanket, comforter, pillow and pillow case. The grouping has a \$450.00 value. Standing behind are Jerry Marcotte, Brian Cyncora and Carl Baillargeon. Twenty percent of Canadian made beds from several Canadian chapters are constructed and donated by SHP Windsor. Windsor is currently the only chapter operating in Ontario.

# Joe Bachetti Honoured in Knights of Columbus Sword Ceremony



From left; Paul Johnston - District Master, Cheryl Johnston, Brenda Bachetti, Joe Bachetti - Sir Knight Ron Barnhard - Faithful Navigator Assembly 1789 at a recent Knights of Columbus Sword Ceremony held Dec. 16th at Ste-Anne's Parish in Tecumseh. Photo by Devan Mighton, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Lakeshore News Reporter Devan Mighton, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter, Lakeshore News Reporter

A ceremonial sword was passed to Deputy Mayor Joe Bachetti during a Knights of Columbus ceremony held Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2025, at Ste-Anne's Parish in Tecumseh, marking his advancement to the organization's 4th degree and recognizing his long-standing commitment to public service and community leadership. The symbolic gesture reflects the Knights' tradition of patriotism and civic duty. Bachetti, who recently retired as an elementary school principal with the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board, said the moment carried special meaning. "I was very humbled to receive this recognition," he said. "For the Knights to highlight the importance of service and the values that sustain our community is truly meaningful. It's a challenge to continue fostering relationships and helping neighbours in my current role."

According to Jerry Marcotte, Admiral of the Rt. Rev. W. J. Langlois Assembly 1789, Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus. "Assembly 1789 is very pleased that Sir Knight Joe Bachetti has chosen to join the Honour Guard of our fine Assembly as we re-engage in offering an Honour Guard presence at various church and religious occasions, funerals, and community events such as Remembrance Day ceremonies and community parades. With the cessation of the former colourful nautical-themed cape and chapeau, the public is just now beginning to recognise us in the new attire."

"Our Assembly was formed in Tecumseh on March 5, 1979, and for its namesake chose 'one of the greats' in the church, that being the Rt Rev. W. J. Langlois, Dean of Essex and Prelate, who served for many years at St. Rose Church in Riverside. The Fourth Degree, being the 'Patriotic and Ceremonial' arm of the K. of C., is made up of men who are active in their faith." said Marcotte. As a 4th-degree Knight, Bachetti now holds the title of Sir Knight and carries the ceremonial sword, which symbolizes a commitment to patriotism, service and leadership. The 4th degree is the most visible level of the Knights of Columbus, with members forming the colour corps that participate in public events, funerals and patriotic ceremonies, often serving as honour guards.

Fourth-degree members also take on leadership roles supporting veterans, military families and community service initiatives, helping bridge faith and civic responsibility. Members belong to regional assemblies that draw Knights together from multiple councils to carry out patriotic and charitable projects. The ceremony also highlighted the work of Knights of Columbus Council #4375 in Tecumseh, which remains active in community life through fundraising, volunteer efforts and support for local organizations. The council regularly assists with food drives, youth initiatives and community events, while maintaining close ties with groups such as the Tecumseh Legion and local sports organizations. “The Knights are about camaraderie, social support and giving back,” Bachetti said. “This ceremony symbolises that spirit and encourages people to think about how they can contribute to the community.”

Bachetti’s selection for the honour reflects decades of involvement in public life. He was first elected to Tecumseh council in 1994, later becoming deputy mayor in 2014. In 2022, he was elected deputy warden for Essex County. Throughout his municipal career, he has focused on collaboration, shared services, and practical solutions that improve residents’ quality of life. “Serving the town has always been about more than policies,” he said. “It’s about working together, supporting programs, and finding ways to make everyday life better for people.”

His background in education continues to shape his approach to leadership. During his career with the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board, Bachetti said he gained a deeper understanding of the needs of youth and families in the community

“Education really shows you how important strong support systems are,” he said. “When schools, municipalities and community organizations work together, it makes a real difference.” Bachetti said the support of his family has been essential throughout his public life. “I have been fortunate to serve with the support of my wife Brenda and our three daughters,” he said. “There are many family events I miss because of my role as an elected official, but they have never complained. They are my rock, and I am grateful for their support.”

He hopes the ceremony serves as a reminder of the value of local involvement and volunteerism. Bachetti encourages residents to consider joining or supporting community organizations such as the Knights of Columbus, the Optimist Club, the Tecumseh Legion, and local sports groups. “Every act of service matters,” he said. “Whether it’s volunteering, mentoring or simply helping a neighbour, it all contributes to making Tecumseh a stronger community.”

“While the sword itself is ceremonial, its message is clear. Rooted in tradition and carried forward through service, it represents a continuing commitment to civic responsibility—one that remains central to Tecumseh’s identity.



### New Parade Banner debuts in Windsor's Christmas Parade

This colorful 8 ft. wide banner preceded the K of C Nativity themed float in the Dec 6, 2025 parade. The parade's theme, being '*A Canadian Christmas*' allowed for the 10 ft. maple leaf to remain on the float. **Lt. to rt.** Admiral of Dean Wagner Assembly Michel Sassine, GK Carl Bailleleur, James Chute and FN Ron Barnhard of Assembly 1789.

...Photo by Jerry Marcotte

## K OF C FLOAT IN TECUMEH'S CHRISTMAS PARADE



This photo taken at the Bert Lacasse Park prior to Tecumeh's parade on Nov. 21st, depicts the nativity-themed entry. The professional looking 20 ft trailer is an asset of the local K of C Councils and is also modified for entry into Canada Day parades. Awaiting the start of the parade are a wiseman Wendy Wittine (Bro. Willi's wife) and shepherds are Tatiana, Kinsy and Emily, all grandchildren of knights. Karen Baillargeon also sported a wiseman's costume as GK Carl Baillargeon pulled the float in his pickup. ..Photo by Jerry Marcotte



## Knights of Columbus FOURTH DEGREE *Patriotic degree of the Order.*

### Schedule of events

Saturday January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Location: St. John the Baptist Church, 225 Brock St. Amherstburg, Ontario

Third Degree Exemplification 11:00am to 12:00am Candidates register 10:30

11:00 am: Honour Guard report for Line Guard practice (uniform only)  
12:00 pm: Light lunch served for all new third degree Knights, Fourth Degree Candidates, Brothers all and families

12:00 noon – 1:00 pm: Registration for Fourth Degree  
12:30 pm: Candidates & ladies report together with Marshalls to Council chambers

12:45 pm: Sir Knights report to Church  
12:30 pm: Degree Team report together in separate room  
12:30 pm: Ladies remain with the candidates Council chambers  
1:00 pm: Exemplification promptly begins in Church  
Ladies are welcome to join the Knights for the entire ceremony, there will not be a Ladies program  
3:00 pm: Group photo

Social coffee and Cocktails, Light Dinner, Present Certificates at Columbus Hall 190 Richmond St., Amherstburg

### Prayers Needed

Sir knight Mike La Butte is in charge of our Sick Committee and has been for many years.

He states in his Faithful Comptroller's article that if you know of any member or spouse who is sick, please let your assembly know. Once Mike is informed he sends out "Get Well Wishes" or whatever is appropriate.

There is power in prayer so let us make use of it. We should start keeping a list of and say a prayer of healing for all who are on the list at every meeting.

## Family of the Year— Mike and Kathy La Butte



Mike became a member of the 3rd degree in April 1986 and joined the Executive in 2002 and has been on the executive ever since.

Both Mike and his wife Kathy and their family have cooked and served Christmas dinner for their council for many years. volunteered for many events and fund raised for their council for many years.

They both have put on the Children's Christmas Party for their Council for over 45 years.

Mike has been a long time bingo worker and is Bingo Chairman

Photo by Paul McNama

Mike joined the **4th degree in September, 2002** and after doing his term as Faithful Navigator was voted in as Comptroller and has served in that position to this day.

Mike and Kathy started the Mothers Day Breakfast in 2010 to 2015 to raise funds for the Assembly.

They work at dinner meetings and any fund raiser put on by the Assembly.

### **Church:**

Mike is president of the Ushers Club of his church

Both Mike and Kathy are Eucharistic Ministers

Kathy prepares all the meals for the meetings of the Ushers Club and all their parties. Kathy is a member of the Catholic Women's League and helps with all their meals and fund raisers.

Kathy is on the Church Council

### **Other:**

Both are **VERY VERY VERY** devoted to their family.

If for any reason you are sick or under the weather and Kathy hears about it she will prepare meals for you and it will be delivered to you by Mike

## Knight of the Year - Jerry and Donna Marcotte



Jerry took over as Faithful Navigator at a difficult time. Our colour guard had switched to a new uniform with much resistance. Jerry recognizing the value an active colour guard and persisted to build it back up. The Covid virus was another obstacle Jerry encountered but that didn't slow him down. He joined forces with Fr. Victor C. Cote Council to hold a BBQ Steak Fundraiser to build up our General Account. We have held 3 years of sellout attendance. His next project was to get approval to hold bingos. We are now able to use proceeds from these bingos to donate to food banks, Coats of Kids Programs, sleeping bags for the homeless etc.

Well done Jerry and thanks to Donna for her strong support.

Photo by Paul McNamara

## La Verne Martins Head Commander of our Colour Guard - Highest Points holder



**La Verne Martins** is presented with his plaque by **Ron Barnhard F.N** with the latest points added. La Verne is very proud of the points he has accumulated over the many years that he has been a member of our Colour guard



## Dedication

On December 6th the night of Windsor's Santa Clause parade, warnings were being broadcast to the public about the extreme cold and to stay inside unless absolutely necessary. We were a bit disappointed at the low turnout of our members to support the float that the Knights of Columbus had entered in the parade. We were equally surprised when Our **Commander La Verne Martins** showed up, put on a Wise Man suit and rode on top of the float, waving to the cheering crowd lining the sidewalks.

**That is dedication.**

## Assembly Coat Donation to BBBB....



On November 18, 2025, SKs Mike Charbonneau and Jerry Marcotte met with Ellen Battold, a Program Director and Registered Dietitian and Nutritionist (on the left) to receive two boxes of coats for adults. Also in the photo is a volunteer Karen Harrop. On this day, the two were enroute to Leamington to pick up vegetables to donate to a food program that also benefits some of the families who attend BBBB. The food program that also operates out of Peace Lutheran Church on Tecumseh Rd. East where this photo was taken. Although **Building Blocks for Better Babies** operates out of 1699 Northway Ave. they also are engaged in a food program to assist some of the young

families that come to them for support and guidance. They were indeed grateful for the coats that they will be able to offer to some of the parents who attend their program.

### ***SK Charles' quote....'It's like a family...."***

For a short while now, one can often see SK Charles Desmarais on the television ads promoting the Cardinal Place Home where he has resided for a few years. In the ad, there is a short clip of SK Charlie starting that *it is ...'like a family'*. I've inquired of him if his proprietor Mike Cardinal pays him a royalty! As of this past September, Charlie turned 91 and has been a knight for 53 years and a SK for 39 years. The certificate on his wall is a 50 year Certificate from Council 4375.

Charlie had been active in the Colour Guard of our assembly as he recalls joining in many religious events as well as community parades. He recalls his membership in the knights as being very rewarding.

Charlie remains quite devout, he watches a mass every day at 6 p.m.

The Cardinal Place had previously been the home of a religious community and so still has a fine chapel with stained glass windows and an altar where masses are scheduled. He joins in

these masses as well.

On the day of my visit, his two daughters were on hand to challenge him to a board game in the community room. They were to be taking him home for a visit at Christmas.

SK Charlie welcomes visitors and the staff have been welcoming in bringing visitors up to his room. The Assembly wishes SK Charles all the best in the coming year.

...J. J. Marcotte





Hope everyone had a safe Christmas holiday and are ready to start 2026 off to be a great year.

Thanks to the members who have paid their "2026" Dues. Cost of our yearly dues are \$30.00. Your "2026" membership cards are now available!

Please make cheque payable to: Rt. Rev. Wilfrid J. Langlois Assembly 1789.

Send to: Michael B. La Butte 954 Parkview Ave. Windsor, ON. N8S-2X4

You can also drop off your dues on a meeting night. Third Tuesday of the month, meeting starts at 7:00pm.

If you have any questions regarding your dues do not hesitate to call anytime (519)944-2658 or Email [mlabutte@cogeco.ca](mailto:mlabutte@cogeco.ca) If anyone knows of any member or spouse who is sick please let your assembly know. Don't wait to tell someone at the next meeting, so we can respond in a timely matter. Thanks! We looking for new members to join our assembly so we can start asking a third degree member now for our next 4<sup>th</sup> degree this January 24<sup>th</sup> 2026 exemplification! We have a few members of the third degree going to the January 24<sup>th</sup> exemplification. Hope to see everyone at our Meetings on the third Tuesday of the month at 7.00pm at St. Annes parish hall.

## Birth and Wedding / Ordination Anniversary Dates

### January Birthdays

Jerry Marcotte	17
Rejean R. Deshaires	19
Edward F. Chartrand	20
Frank Gresch	29
Michael B. La Butte	29
Robert G Paquette	31

### February Birthdays

Tom Farrer	1
Shawn Sharkey	6
Robert Cayea	10
Robert T. Kane	15
Emod A. Greff	17
John C. Tomlinson	17
Terry D. Strong	18
Mike Charbonneau	25
Daniel W. Laforet	25
John A. Rocheleau	25
Gerald L. Vigneux	26

### January Anniversaries

Alec & Jean Fauteux	19
Ron Barnhard & Laurie Fox	28

### February Anniversaries

Daniel & Debbie Laforet	25
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## SK Onorio and Lady Carmen Muscedere

It's **always good** to see our fellow SKs from neighboring assemblies when we have functions. Here we witness door prize winners SK and Commander Onorio Muscedere and wife Lady Carmen as they prepare to leave from the Christmas Dinner of Council 4375 that was held at the **Average Joe's** on December 6, 2025. It was held in the former banquet hall of Riverside Bishop J. T. Kidd Council 4924 so some of the guests were there for nostalgic purposes. Various dates were given as to how soon the hall will actually be raised. SK Onorio hails from Fr. Alphons Kerckhaert Assembly 2289. FYI: The bottle was empty!

...Photo by Jerry Marcotte

## Colour Guard Points Accumulation Tracking Being Discontinued

Total Points Accumulated as of	12/31/23	12/31/24	12/31/25
BAILLARGEON, Carl		42	81
BARNHARD, Ron	942	975	1046
BACHETTI, Joe			18
BUGLISI, Vincenti	432	444	474
CHARBENEAU, Ed	15	21	27
CHARBENEAU, Mike	15	15	21
CHENIER, Jean	349	349	370
DESHAIES, Rejean	1158	1158	1158
FAUTEUX, Ken	1311	1311	1311
GREEN, John	633	633	633
GRESCH, Frank	360	360	360
KANE, Robert	417	417	417
HUGGINS, Art	84	84	84
LABUTTE, Michiel	1740	1743	1776
LAMPHIER, Larry	938	941	972
LEE, David	138	141	198
LOCKWOOD, Norbert	9	18	30
MAHEUX, Frank			12
MARCOTTE, Jerry	1320	1383	1443
MARTINS, LaVerne	4611	4623	4724
PAQUETTE, Robert	2193	2193	2193
PERGOLESI, Dan	1389	1392	1392
RAY, Thomas	2730	2763	2787
REGNIER, Jack	354	360	366
RENAUD, Frank	1179	1188	1194
SABGA, John	27	33	39
SMITH, Gary	474	486	492
TREPANIER, Eugene	3	6	24

Final numbers showing last three years of accumulating points. This represents an accumulation of points going forward from the year 2000.

Going forward, a new tracking system based on hours volunteered will be used. This will be in line with the volunteer hours that are submitted to Supreme at the end of each fraternal year.

# Assembly's Cross Restoration Project

## Vandalized....

**The photo of this wreath**, taken on January 4, 2026, is all that remains from our Assembly's project of restoring a historical aluminum cross that graced the steeple of St. Anne Church before its more recent steeple rebuilding. Our Assembly took it on as a project and had some refabrication as well as some tin work which was donated by Syles Enterprises. When asked, Sylvio Lesperance Jr, son of the recently deceased Sylvio Lesperance Sr, who had been a GK of Council 4375 circa 1967, was helpful in repairing the cross. At that time, those repairing it were impressed by its hand-made nature. President of the Tecumseh Area Historical Society, Marilyn Pryor was very saddened to see that it had been stolen from its perch within the west garden area of the Museum Site. It was stolen sometime between Nov. 6th and 8th, 2025.



This photo, dated Dec. 8, 2022 was taken at the time of the completed installation with then FN Jerry Martotte, Rita Ossington and Bro. Doug Drouillard of the Tecumseh Historical Society /Museum along with our then Chaplain, Fr. Mark Poulin.

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This was the first theft that had been reported from the property of the Tecumseh Museum Site. A police report was filed and a significant story appeared about the theft in the Windsor Star.

Since any inquiries to a local parish of a media nature have to be directed to the diocesan office in London, an inquiry there did not yield anything. At no time was our Assembly mentioned as the catalyst for the restoration project.

The community has expressed dismay at the theft in that there was little monetary value in the cross itself.

On a public website, the O.P.P. were still seeking information . If you have information and wish to remain anonymous, you can forward a tip to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or online at [www.crooks.com](http://www.crooks.com)



The photo above shows the cross in its former appealing garden setting. The cross dates back to 1891.



This is one of the four crosses that was restored and mounted by SK Carl Baillargeon at his home on Banwell Road.

**Dear SK's ... Lent Begins Feb. 18th, 2026....**



Bro. Joe Remedios  
Ontario State's  
Faith Director

## **Knights of Columbus – Lenten Scripture Reading Journey**

“33 Days through the Holy Bible: From Genesis to Revelation”

### **Dear Brother Knights,**

As we prepare our hearts for the sacred season of Lent, we invite you to join a powerful spiritual journey — reading the entire Holy Bible, from Genesis to Revelation, in 33 days.

Together, we will deepen our faith, renew our hearts, and strengthen our brotherhood through the living Word of God.

#### **About the Program**

- Duration: 33 days, beginning on Ash Wednesday and ending during Holy Week
- Format: Online (Zoom) — allowing all councils and members to participate together
- Focus: Daily reading of selected Scripture passages covering the entire Bible
- Goal: To grow closer to God through His Word and prepare spiritually for Easter

A detailed reading schedule will be shared with all participants.

#### **How You Can Participate**

We are seeking active participation from our Brother Knights in the following ways:

- Readers: Proclaim the Word of God during the online sessions
- Moderators: Open and close the readings with prayer and reflection
- Technical Support: Assist with Zoom hosting and session management over the five weeks

Whether you serve by reading, moderating, or supporting technically, your contribution will make this faith-filled journey possible and impactful.



#### **A Journey of Faith and Unity**

*This is more than a reading plan — it's a pilgrimage through Scripture, walking together from Creation to Revelation as one family in Christ.*

**Admiral's Note:** Bro. Joseph Remedios is an Ontario State Faith Director. This Lenten Program article was intended for the on-line Ontario State Bulletin but was unfortunately omitted. As Lent will be upon us prior to our next publication, I thought it to be a timely inclusion. Kindly read other fine content in the quarterly **Ontario State Online Bulletin**. Visit the Ontario State Homepage and seek it under 'Publications'

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