

FR. VICTOR C. COTE COUNCIL 9671



**Serving the Community of
Good Shepherd Parish**



NEWS FOR KNIGHTS

January/February 2026

Next General Meetings: Tuesday, January 27th, 7 pm;
Tuesday, February 24th, 7 pm (snacks 6:30 pm for both)

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Council 9671 Executive 2025 – 2026

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Grand Knight - Edward Raymond



Be the Change this Year!

Dear Brothers,

New Year, New You, New Ways to live the Gospel values! Let's keep on defending the faith, the family and support our parishes and community with new acts of charity!

Thank you again to all the Brothers who have carried their torches of initiatives and responsibilities for our council.

The more sails of support we put up for each other, and all our brothers and sisters, the better we can reflect Christ's light and love in the world.

Pray for world peace, world leaders, and the global community. Pray for those forgotten, abandoned, mar-

ginalized and those who live on our streets right here at home.

We can all do more, give more and be more.

Brothers are Beacons of hope!

B: brave

R: reasonable

O: optimistic

T: together

H: happy

E: engaging

R: realistic

Be the change in your daily actions, that you want to see in the world!

Love you all! God Bless!

Br. Edward Michael Raymond





Deputy Grand Knight - David Pellizzari



We Continue to Contribute!

Happy New Year Everyone! I pray everyone had a great Christmas and hope you all have a terrific new year ahead.

I'm happy to report on several initiatives that our council has been (or will be) engaged in. Our now annual Holiday Ice-Skating Event at the Atlas Tube Recreation Centre was another success over the holiday break.

We had approximately 300 participants over the two-day event and provided over 250 hot chocolate drinks to put smiles on many faces!

Thanks to Father Nicholas Point Council 4375 and Belle River Council 2775 for sharing the cost of hosting the event for our family of parishes. Special thanks to Carl Baillargeon (Council 4375 GK) and Jerry Marcotte (Council 4375 Advocate) for attending both days, as well as, for providing decorative

flags and greeting participants with a smile. Our own Martin Sobocan was the lone brother knight who put fear aside and skated on the "frozen pond" this year (see photo below). Thanks are also extended to Brother Tony Barile for assisting with the skating event on both days.



Martin Sobocan skating at our Atlas Tube event on December 28th.

During the month of December, Chancellor Piero Bachetti helped restart our *Keep Christ in Christmas* Poster Contest. It's been many years since brother Urban Amlin assisted in this school-based initiative (and did so for quite a few years), so it was with great gratitude that Brother Piero took on this project. In the end, we had students from St. Andre French Immersion Catholic School (at the old St. Gregory School) participate with the assistance of their friendly and supportive staff. Though the participation was limited, we hope to expand the project next year at the school and ex-

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Dave Pellizzari (DGK) and Piero Bachetti with St. Andre students who participated in the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest.

tend an invitation to another local Catholic school. This year, each student received a medal and a certificate for their participation. Two of the students shown will be hearing shortly how their artistic efforts were judged at the district level.

Lastly, Brother Piero is also spearheading a re-start of the Basketball Free Throw contest on behalf of our council. This event is scheduled to be held Saturday, January 25th at Atlas Tube. Thus far we

have an estimate of 15 participants from St. Andre's and look forward to a larger number as the event draws near.

We'll be looking for volunteers to help with this event and who knows, maybe we'll have time for a bit of pick-up basketball ourselves... if the knees hold out.

Yours in solidarity,

Dave Pellizzari, DGK



**Ron Barnhard -Faithful Navigator of
Rt. Rev. Wilfrid J. Langlois Assembly 1789**



Reaching our Goals for 2026

Hello Brother Knights of Fr. Victor C. Cote Council 9671,

As we approach the halfway point of our fraternal year, both your council and our assembly must remain focused on the goals we have set for ourselves to have a chance to win some of the awards that are available. The most important goal is to reach or exceed our membership quota of new members.

Fr. Louis Boue' Assembly will be hosting a combined exemplification on January 24th, 2026, at St. John the Baptist Church in Amherstburg starting at 11:00am. If you know of someone who is interested in joining your council or if you have members who would like to advance to the Fourth Degree of our order this would be a perfect time .

Since it is in our backyard this time it will be more convenient and less costly. David Pellizzari and Tony Barile are already signed up to join. Please consider joining them on January 24th.

A combined exemplification was held in September of last year in Chatham and a common complaint for not attending was that it was too far to travel.

There will likely be more exemplifications later this year but most likely will be held in Chatham or London. Take this opportunity.

If you are interested please let your Grand Knight know so arrangements can be made.

Vivat Jesus

Ron Barnhard

Council 9671 Awards Submissions to Ontario State for 2025 – 2026



Hello Brothers, Priests and Families of Council 9671.

We as a council most likely do not see the full impact of all the great things we do as a united band of Brothers and families. One event here, one donation there...BUT ... just to summarize the overall impact of what we did so far this year...to date from March 2025 to present we have prepared a total of 90-plus submissions ready to go to Ontario State awards director Brother Dan Lohin. All submissions to Ontario State have a due date of March 15 every 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 all of Ontario (530+ councils) and Best in our division (division2) year after year.

I would like to thank our Executive and all members of 9671 both past and present and their families for their generous time and efforts when called upon. Special thanks to families and parishioners of our amazing community always supporting our needs for the cause.

This year we are once again entering two submissions:

- SO-40 Longevity Award for our long running Golf Tournament and Parish Picnics
- Also, we are submitting SO-20 Multi-Council Awards for our 3rd annual Holiday Ice Skating Event at the Atlas Tube Centre for the Community and we share this with Council 2775 Belle River and 4375 Fr. Nicholas Pointe. This is a multi-council award we three would share together with Council 9671 as the host council and our DGK David Pellizzari as the Chairperson.

We have already surpassed the amount of entries submitted last year. This year so far we have 90 + submissions ready to go and still adding to the list. God Bless and thanks to your tireless efforts we will continue to strive to be #1 in Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism . Our plan is to have all the submissions in the hands of Ontario State before the 15th of February.— ***Brother Dave Wilds, Awards Chairman, KofC 9671***

The Knight Motivator



Quotes for Motivation and Perspective

Clarity of Purpose:

Have clarity of your goals, both personal and professional. By being clear, your team and others will pick up on your intent and integrity. This will always create a forward momentum, ideally in the right direction!

"Love your neighbor as yourself."

"I am the way, the truth, and the life."

"Do not judge."

"Blessed are the merciful."

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." _ **Vivat Jesus!**



"You want to be extra rigorous about making the best possible thing you can. Find everything that's wrong with it and fix it. Seek negative feedback, particularly from friends."

_ **Elon Musk**

Thanks!

Br. Edward

"Ten Little Fingers"

*He has ten little fingers that will never hold your hand,
And ten little toes that will never feel the warmth of sand.
He has sweet little lips that will never kiss your cheek,
And a mouth full of words that he will never speak.
He has two beautiful eyes that will only once shed tears,
As he is aborted from his mother by a doctor who doesn't care.
His mother has been taught; she has the right to choose,
Even though it means his life he must lose.
As he rests in the bosom of Jesus, he must wonder why,
Couldn't anyone stop this? Did they even try?
How can we expect God to hold back his wrath,
As we travel further down this wicked path.
He has ten little fingers reaching out to you,
Saying, "Please, don't let them kill me. I want to grow up too."*

*By
Edda Stewart*



Wilds World ... Growing up in the 40s, 50s and 60s!

- Facts from the Internet!

I may not have lost all my marbles, but there is a small hole in the bag somewhere!

- On the surface: Cool as a cucumber. On the inside – Squirrel in traffic.
 - I'm so glad I was young and stupid BEFORE there were camera phones.
 - The biggest lie I tell myself: "I don't have to write that down. I'll remember it."
 - How's being an adult going, you ask? ...Well I turned on the wrong burner and have been cooking nothing for about 25 minutes.
 - I don't let my age define me, but the side effects are getting harder to ignore.
 - I choked on a carrot this afternoon and all I could think of was... I bet a donut wouldn't have done this to me.
 - I have reached the age where my brain says "you probably shouldn't say that" to "what the hell let's see what happens."
 - I keep a potato masher in the drawer because sometimes it's fun to not be able to open that drawer.
 - Being a little older I am very fortunate to have someone call and check on me every day. He's from India and very concerned about my car warranty.
 - At my age rolling out of bed is the easy part....Getting off the floor is a whole other story.
 - It's fine to eat a "test" grape in the produce section BUT you take a bite of a rotisserie chicken and it's all...Sir you have to leave NOW.
 - My super power is holding on to junk for years and throwing it away a week before I need it.
 - I've been watching my weight....It's still there.
 - If a cookie falls on the floor and you pick it up...that's a squat right?
- Lastly...My kids laugh because they think I'm crazy...I laugh because they don't know it's hereditary.

Keep on Smiling.....

Brother Dave Wilds PGK



Charities Chairman - Jack Regnier



Bingo Account Start: \$36,735.09

Earnings: \$3240.00

Donations: \$4300.00

Balance: \$35,675.41

Vivat Jesus! - Jack

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
Mike Selmani	
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





Knights of Columbus

INSURANCE

Making a difference for life.

Dear Brothers,

During the month of February and especially around Valentine's Day, we spend a lot of time thinking about our loved ones. We do much more than think about loved ones at Valentine's Day; we give flowers and chocolates and send greeting cards. Why all the fuss? To show our love, of course! But have you ever considered that you should insure your love? That's what insurance is all about. Why does a member buy life insurance? Because he loves someone. He buys life insurance because he loves a wife or children. He doesn't want his loved ones to experience a lack of money if he is not there to provide for them. He wants to make sure his family can stay in the same home they love; he wants to make sure his children will have the college education they will need; he wants to ensure that his daughter will have the wedding she's always dreamed of; he wants his family to continue to live the lifestyle he's been able to provide. In addition to life insurance the Knights of Columbus offers long-term care insurance, disability income insurance, and retirement annuities. All of these, like life insurance, help insure your love. Need extended care? Long-term care coverage can help. Can't work because of illness or injury? Disability income insurance can provide for some family necessities until you can work again. Want guaranteed interest on your retirement savings? An annuity might be right for you. All these products can help insure your love. So go ahead and buy that box of chocolates, get a beautiful arrangement of flowers or a dozen roses and include a card; but then sit down with me and with your wife and let me show you how you can insure your love.

Vivat Jesus!



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