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Grand Knight Report- Neil Fernandes



Dear Brothers,

As we officially enter the season of fall, let us be grateful for all of the blessings we have and appreciate the precious people in our community & lives.

Though it was unfortunate to not have Oktoberfest this year, September's Pancake breakfast was a huge success! I'm sure we were all pleasantly surprised with the huge turnout. I would like to thank all our brother knights who helped. We had brothers from 8am until doors closed & some who helped with either setup / take down. Each one of you & all your hardwork is much appreciated & valued.

Also, some of you may receive emails asking for any favors, money, gift cards etc, please do not reply or engage - instead block that email address & send me an email or text informing about anything like that. These are all scams & unfortunately is something we have to be careful about. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 6th October at 7pm. Hope to see you there.

Thanks & Regards,
Neil Fernandes

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 06 General Meeting

October 12 Thanksgiving Day

October 20 Planning

October 25 Pancake Breakfast

December 11 Christmas Dinner

Holy Trinity Council 9990

Meetings

6234 Spartan Road, Nanaimo, BC

General

7:00 P.M. First Tuesday of the month in the **Boardroom**

Planning

7:00 P.M. Third Tuesday of the month: Meeting room



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Faithful Scribe

Faithful Inner Sentinel

Faithful Outer Sentinel

Faithful Trustee (1-Year)

Faithful Trustee Second Year

Faithful Trustee Third Year

Master BC & Yukon

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October Birthdays

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Stephen Burchert

Terry Hayes

Mike Howard

Gerald St Pierre

Yungtu (Domínico) Park

October Anniversaries

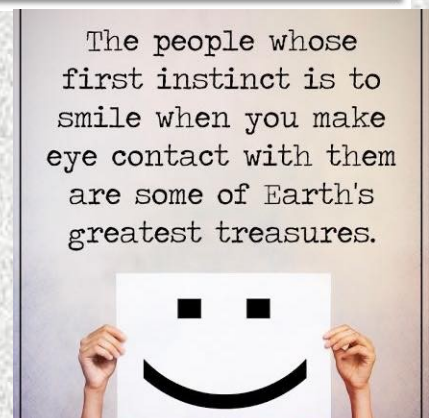
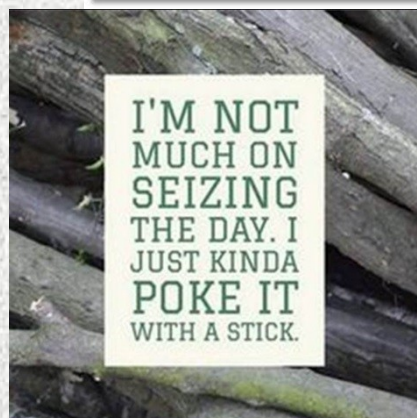
Peter & Mardeen Batt 60

Marcello & Ana Suvillaga 13

Jim & Nora Loftus 48

Don & Ann Marie Powell 25

Most people write Congrats
because they don't know the
spelling of congratulashions





Do You Know?

By *Allan Crowe*

Although he is best known as St. Bartholomew his family name, this article starts with the older version of his first name “Nathanael” and transitions to “Bartholomew”

Nathanael was born circa 15 AD in Cana, Galilee, a small town in the northern region of Israel. Matthew, Mark, and Luke identify him by his family name, Bartholomew, while John uses his first name. There is a general consensus that Nathanael and Bartholomew are the same person. The reason for this identification is Bartholomew is his surname “Bar-Tolmai”, meaning son of Tolmai.

He was introduced to Jesus by his friend Philip, who invited him to meet the Messiah. At first, Nathanael was skeptical when he heard that Jesus was from Nazareth, saying, “Can anything good come from Nazareth?” Despite this initial skepticism, when Nathanael met Jesus, he was quickly won over. Jesus, recognizing Nathanael’s honesty and straightforwardness, remarked, “Here is a true Israelite; there is no deceit in him”. Nathanael asked how he knew him and Jesus revealed that He had seen Nathanael under the fig tree before Philip called him. We don’t know what happened under the fig tree but this meeting marked his conversion and Nathanael immediately recognized Jesus as the Son of God.

Nathanael followed Jesus during His earthly ministry, witnessing His teachings, miracles, and resurrection. After Jesus’ ascension, Christian tradition holds that Nathanael preached the Gospel in various regions, including India, Armenia, Ethiopia, and Persia.

St. Bartholomew’s bold preaching and conversions, however, led to his martyrdom. He died circa 69 AD in Albanopolis (Urbanopolis), Armenia. The standard account holds that he was flayed and beheaded by order of King Astyages of Armenia, after the king’s brother and some pagan priests converted to Christianity through Bartholomew’s preaching and his refusing to renounce his faith. His skin was removed in strips, a brutal form of torture that left him agonizing in pain. Eventually, he was beheaded, completing his martyrdom. This gruesome method of execution has made him the patron saint of tanners and leatherworkers.

Now you know



A gambler was at the horse races playing the ponies and all but losing his shirt. He noticed a Priest step out onto the track and blessed the forehead of one of the horses lining up for the 4th race. Lo and behold, that horse - a very long shot - won the race.

Next race, as the horses lined up, the Priest stepped onto the track. Sure enough, he blessed one of the horses. The gambler made a beeline for a betting window and placed a small bet on the horse. Again, even though it was another long shot, the horse won the race.

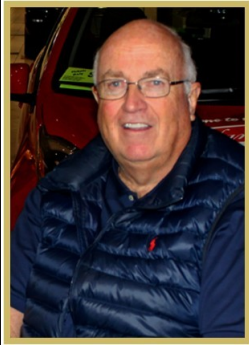
He collected his winnings, and anxiously waited to see which horse the Priest would bless next. He bet big on it, and it won. As the races continued the Priest kept blessing long shots, and each one ended up winning. The gambler was elated. He made a quick dash to the ATM, withdrew all his savings and awaited for the Priest's blessing that would tell him which horse to bet on .

True to his pattern, the Priest stepped onto the track for the last race and blessed the forehead of an old nag that was the longest shot of the day. This time the priest blessed the eyes, ears, and hooves of the old nag.

The gambler knew he had a winner and bet every cent he owned on the old nag. He watched dumbfounded as the old nag came in last. In a state of shock, he went to the track area where the Priest was.

Confronting Him, he demanded, 'Father! What happened? All day long you blessed horses and they all

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PANCAKE BREAKFAST — 27 September 2026. Mike Finch

Good morning gentlemen,

The Sept 27 Pancake Breakfast was a resounding SUCCESS. The support from the brothers was evidenced from start to, finish. Thanks to each and everyone of you. To those who were unable to assist our next Pancake Breakfast is Oct 25, 2026 and your will be most welcome.



The support of the parishioners from the 9:00m AM mass was heart warming. It was also great to have support from the 11:00 Mass attendees. Thank you for your support. We estimated that 150 attended .

Our gross was \$886.20 and after replenishing the float we have turned over \$574.80 to the Treasurer.

Thank you again to all those that made this project so successful.

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won. Then in the last race, the horse you blessed lost by a mile. Now, thanks to you I've lost every cent of my savings!'.

The Priest nodded wisely and with sympathy. 'My Son,' he said, 'that's the problem with you Protestants, you can't tell the difference between a simple blessing and last rites.'



By *Allan Crowe*

Do You Know?

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS EMBLEM



The emblem of the Order dates from the second Supreme Council meeting May 12 1883, when it was designed by James T. Mullen, who was then Supreme Knight. A quick glance at the emblem indicates a shield mounted upon the Formée Cross. The shield is that associated with a medieval Knight. The Formée Cross is the representation of a traditionally artistic design of the Cross of Christ through which all graces of redemption were procured for mankind. This then represents the Catholic spirit of the Order.

Mounted on the shield are three objects: A fasces standing vertically, and, crossed behind it, an anchor and a dagger or short sword. The fasces from Roman days, is symbolic of authority which must exist in any tightly-bonded and efficiently operating organization. The anchor is the mariner's symbol for Columbus, patron of the Order, while the short sword or dagger was the weapon of the Knight when engaged upon an errand of mercy. Thus, the shield expresses Catholic Knighthood in organized merciful action, and with the letters K. of C., it proclaims this specific form of activity.

The red, white and blue in the background of the shield and the foreground of the Cross of Malta are the national colors of the USA (which was the only country with KofC councils at the time). As such, Red is the symbol of stout-hearted courage, of pulsing activity and a full measure of devotion. Blue is the symbol of hope, of calm tranquility under God and of confidence in the protection of our country. White is the symbol of nobility of purpose, of purity of aim and of crucible — tried ideals to be carried out.

The first international KofC council (#284) was formed in Montreal in 1897.

Now you know



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- ◆ Brother Mike Harrigan and wife Gay
- ◆ Brother & PGK Aurel Muego
- ◆ Brother John Vanreeuwyk
- ◆ Widow Norma Dumas
- ◆ Widow Shirley Foucher
- ◆ Brother Terry Hayes
- ◆ Fr. Oscar Pariso

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