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Grand Knight Report — Garry Shepp

REJOICE !

On the 3rd Sunday of Advent, Paul's letter to the Thessalonians (1Thessalonians 5.16-24) called on us to Rejoice.

The world news is full of turmoil and troubles. We all experience sufferings/problems in our lives and those of friends and family.

And yet Paul tells us to rejoice.

We are to rejoice in the great coming of Jesus Christ- the promised Messiah, the Son of God!

And rejoice we did at our Knights/Parish Christmas Dinner this year- the largest and most successful ever!

Almost 200 attended to celebrate and to come together to rejoice as a Parish community.

So much of its success was due to Brothers **Jim Loftus** and **Ian Halowaty** (as coordinators), and their amazing team behind all the planning and hard work.

It was also an occasion to rejoice the **25 years** of continuous service by a very special Knight, **Terry Hayes**, as our Newsletter editor and Web Master.

We had much to rejoice!

Vivat Jesus,

Garry

Holy Trinity Council 9990



Meetings

6234 Spartan Road, Nanaimo, BC

General

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

Executive

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



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By: *Allan Crowe*

DID YOU KNOW?

The History of New Year's Day and the church

New Year's Day is a festival observed in most of the world on January 1st, the first day of the year in the modern Gregorian calendar. It is among the most celebrated public holidays in the world, often observed with fireworks at midnight as the New Year starts in each time zone. Other New Year's Day traditions are making resolutions and calling on friends and family.

As a date in the Christian calendar, New Year's Day marked the feast of the Naming and Circumcision of Jesus, which is still observed in the traditional Catholicism by those who retain the usage of the General Roman Calendar of 1960. The mainstream Roman Catholic Church celebrates the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.

The ancient Babylonian calendar was lunisolar and around the year 2000 BC began observing a spring festival and the New Year during the month of Nisan, which was around the time of our March equinox. The early Roman calendar designated March 1st as the first day of the year; the calendar had just ten months, beginning with March. The January kalend which was the start of the month of January, came to be celebrated as the new Year at some point after it became the day for inaugurating new consuls in 153 BC.

Now you know



God created Seniors

Most seniors never get enough exercise.

In His wisdom God decreed that seniors become forgetful so they would have to search for their glasses, keys, and other things, thus doing more walking. And God looked down and saw that it was good.

Then God saw there was another need. In His wisdom He made seniors lose coordination so they would drop things, requiring them to bend, reach, and stretch. And God looked down and saw that it was good.

Then God considered the function of bladders and decided seniors would have additional calls of nature, requiring more trips to the bathroom, thus providing more exercise. God looked down and saw that it was good.

So, if you find, as you age, you are getting up and down more, remember it's God's will. It is all in your best interest even though you mutter under your breath.

Today, after I watched my dog get run over by a car, I sat on the side of the road holding him and crying. And just before he died; he licked the tears off my face.

Nine Important Facts to Remember as We Grow Older:

#9 Death is the number 1 killer in the world.

#8 Life is sexually transmitted.

#7 Good health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.

#6 Men have two motivations: hunger and hanky-panky, and they can't tell them apart. If you see a gleam in his eyes, make him a sandwich.



Dear Friends in Christ:

Our Community's recent change in leadership has presented us with an excellent opportunity to examine the surroundings of our Faith Community with a fresh perspective.

The last third of 2023 was particularly busy for the Maintenance Committee as we tackled many projects that were, sadly, long overdue.

As 2023 draws to a close, it is appropriate to account for that maintenance activity that was beyond the normal course of everyday maintenance usually undertaken by our faithful and dedicated Custodian, Brad.

Without exception, the projects on the attached list were all unplanned with the exception of the roof and trees.

A question recently arose as to who the Maintenance Committee was.

The Maintenance Committee is a committee of Holy Trinity Parish; it is made up of Knights. The Knights of Columbus is dedicated to the support of our Families, the Church, and our Priests.

Merry Christmas

Norbert, Mike, Mick, & Jim

Projects Completed by Holy Trinity Maintenance Committee
August through to December 2023

CHURCH

1. Sacristy: Built closet for vestments and banners
2. Removed unwanted materials
3. Installed new lighting
4. Acquired 2 bookcases
5. Nave: Built & installed hooks for banners
6. Hung banners & changed them out at each new Liturgical Season
7. Moved *I Trust In Jesus* picture
8. Built Sacramental Oils display shelf
9. Built a corbel for Mary
10. Replaced Stations of the Cross
11. Reconfigured seating—added 50 seats in Nave and about 50 in Overflow
12. Building: Removed unwanted materials from Fr Irek's Office & elsewhere
13. Acquired a coffee table for Fr. Irek's Office
14. Replaced Fr Irek's door
15. Hung a dozen crucifixes throughout the Upper Level

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16. Acquired a bookcase for Classroom
17. Installed security mirror for Sarah's Office
18. Installed Pickle Ball Court
19. Organized and supervised roof replacement
20. **Grounds:** Brought in dirt to fill in several big depressions
21. Removed a stump
22. Seeded and fertilized bare spots
23. Cut grass & removed debris from pavement & grounds throughout period
24. Cut, dug up, and removed undesirable vegetation & litter throughout
25. Pruned fruit trees
26. Organized and supervised removal of danger trees

RECTORY

1. repaired multiple holes in walls
2. painted through out
3. moved medicine cabinet
4. moved bathroom light
5. repaired both toilets
6. installed new towel rack
7. refinished the antique box/coffee table
8. installed new light
9. installed new glass shelves and lights above shelves
10. dimmed Kitchen counter lights
11. cleaned interior throughout including carpets & windows inside & out
12. removed many loads of unwanted materials & old chair
13. acquired 2 new chairs
14. removed brush & debris adjacent garage & driveway
15. removed deer fencing
16. removed landscape ties & pruned hedge
17. reset paving stones at back gate
18. repaired irrigation break & filled hole
19. installed motion detector lights

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 9 January General Meeting
- 23 January Planning Meeting
- 28 January Pancakes
- 06 February General Meeting
- 20 February Planning Meeting
- 25 February Pancakes

May your troubles be less, may your blessings be more,
and may nothing but happiness come through your
door.

By the time a man is wise enough to watch his step, he's
too old to go anywhere.

- Billy Crystal

And the cardiologist's diet: if it tastes good spit it out.

Today at 7 AM, I woke up feeling ill but decided I needed the money, so I went to work. At 3 PM I got laid off. On my drive home I got a flat tire and when I went into the trunk for the spare, it was flat too. A man in a BMW pulled over, gave me a ride, we chatted, and then he offered me a job. I start tomorrow.



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- ◆ *Chuck and Diane Rieger*
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- ◆ *Brother Mike Harrigan and wife Gay*
- ◆ *Brother Jim Whalen*
- ◆ *Brother Aurel Muego*
- ◆ *Betty Young widow of Brother Pat*
- ◆ *Brother John Vanreeuwijk*
- ◆ *Norma Dumas—wife of Brother Joe*
- ◆ *Brother James Chase*
- ◆ *Brother Les Taylor*
- ◆ *Widow Shirley Foucher*

*Do you have someone who needs prayers?
Send his name to the editor and the name
will be added to our list.*

January Anniversaries

<i>Jim & Sharon Whalen</i>	22
<i>Garry & Sandra Shepp</i>	55

January Birthdays

Warren McCormick

Aurel Muego

Norbert Grillmair

Don Powell

Joseph Dumas

No matter how big a hammer you use, you can't pound common sense into stupid people

2023 Christmas Dinner
More Photos on our website

