



# Holy Trinity Council 9990 News



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## Grand Knight Report — Garry Shepp

### A CHRISTMAS REFLECTION

As we approach the mid-way point of our Fraternal year, I would draw your attention to the Coats for Kids photos in this Newsletter. In many ways, it summarizes our purpose and achievements to date.

The joyful faces of these children express a *Thank You* which is beyond words.

Until this year, I don't think that many of us gave much thought to this program. It just seemed to be another worthy cause among the many which Knights support. We donate some money and Life goes on.

However this year with the leadership of Brother Pierre LeGal and others, we decided to make it a local cause. Brother Pierre investigated a partnership with the Saint Vincent de Paul group to identify where it could be most effective. As a result, both the need and destination were identified locally.

Coats For Kids is only one of the many international programs under the Knights of Columbus worldwide.

This year marked a special milestone with over **One Million** kids' coats distributed- and we were part of that!

The Knights do make a difference in the world. Trinity Council makes a difference in Nanaimo! I can't think of a better way this Christmas to celebrate our Brotherhood in Faith!

Vivat Jesus and a Merry Christmas to you & your loved ones from,

Garry & Sandra

What WAS the best thing before sliced bread?

Do Lipton employees take coffee breaks?

How come you never hear about grunted employees?

Still trying to get my head around the fact that 'Take Out' can mean food, dating, or murder.

What hair colour is used on a bald drivers license?

## 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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**COATS FOR KIDS—Pierre LeGal**

At our General Meeting in June, I suggested that we start a little earlier with the Coats for Kids program. I suppose, because I showed an interest, GK Garry Shepp asked me to Chair the program.

At our September Council meeting this Community Program was approved and we went ahead to buy and distribute the coats. While we're still in the planning stage for the distribution of the coats I suggested that St Vincent de Paul Society was better suited to identify a group in need and distribute the coats; this is what we did.

With the help of Brother Mike Finch, I contacted State to get the ball rolling and fortunately, because we started early, we were able to buy two boxes [24 coats] for the price of one (\$345.00).

I contacted Donelda Lapointe of SSVP to discuss where it would be best for the coats to go. Having had previous experience with Bayview Elementary School I suggested that school, it being in a less affluent part of Nanaimo. Donelda was good with that suggestion. I contacted the school principal and she was THRILLED.

The coats arrived at Holy Trinity Catholic in late October and SSVP delivered the coats to Bayview Elementary on Halloween Day when the school was having a Dressup Day, and all the staff were dressed as bumble bees. Students and staff were having a great time. The school principal was happy to select the kids in need. Pictures were taken and I believe the kids faces tell a story that words won't tell.

Thanks to Bros. Mike Finch, Garry Shepp, Council 9990, and St Vincent de Paul Society for their help in making this worthwhile project happen.

This is a Feel-Good project all around.



Some students, recipients of coats. and people who made it happen.

Brother Pierre LeGal, Brother Garry Shepp, Donelda Lapointe and her team from SVDP. Thanks to the teachers at Bayview Elementary



By: *Allan Crowe*

## *DID YOU KNOW?*

### St. Kateri Tekakwitha

St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Tekakwitha also spelled Tegakwitha or Tegakouita, baptized Catherine Tekakwitha, byname Lily of the Mohawks, (born 1656, probably Ossernenon, now Auriesville, N.Y, and died April 17, 1680, Caughnawaga, Quebec; canonized October 21, 2012; feast day in the U.S., July 14; and in Canada, April 17), the first American Indian canonized as a saint in the Catholic Church.

Tekakwitha was the child of a Mohawk father and a Christianized Algonquin mother. At age four she was the only member of her family to survive smallpox, which affected her own health. She was deeply impressed at age 11 by the lives and words of three visiting Jesuits, likely the first white Christians she had ever seen. She lead a life inspired by the example of those men, and at age 20 she was instructed in religion and baptized Catherine (rendered Kateri in Mohawk speech) by Jacques de Lamberville, a Jesuit missionary.

Harassed, stoned, and threatened with torture in her home village, she fled 200 miles to the Christian Indian mission of St. Francis Xavier at Sault Saint-Louis, near Montreal. There she was known as the “Lily of the Mohawks” in recognition of her kindness, prayer, faith, and heroic suffering. Accounts of Tekakwitha’s life as written by the missionaries contributed significantly to the documentation for her beatification, which began in 1932 and proclaimed by Pope John Paul II in 1980. In December 2011, after evaluating the testimony of a young boy who claimed that his infection with flesh-eating bacteria disappeared after he prayed for her intercession, Pope Benedict XVI recognized Tekakwitha as a saint.

Now you know



### *Pancake Breakfast- October 29*

The response for set up, preparation and delivery was fantastic. Congratulations and thank you for your help. Our numbers in attendance were noted by several parishioners.

We will continue to add additional volunteers to the clean up and final washing requirements. A big thank you to Dennis Berube for his continuing help in this area.

This Breakfast was our final one for 2023, and we will resume our schedule on Jan 28, 2024. A reminder that that our shrove Tuesday supper in collaboration with the CWL will take the place of the end of February breakfast. More details on this project will be forth coming.

The support from the parish continues to be strong with gross receipts of \$689.60. We confirm that after paying our expenses and replenishing the float of \$300.00 we turned over \$299.25 to the treasurer.

Thank you again for everyone who helped to make this project a success !!!!

Blessings,

Mike F.

My luck is so bad that if I bought a cemetery, people would stop dying.— Alex Levine

I have never hated a man enough to give his diamonds back.—Za Za Gabor

Maybe it's true that life begins at fifty, but everything else starts to wear out, fall out, or spread out.

- Phyllis Diller

Don't worry about avoiding temptation. As you grow older, it will avoid you. - Winston Churchill





## Our Faith Community

The look of our Church continues to evolve:

Our Blessed Virgin Mary has finally been assigned a permanent place in the Sanctuary. Our master craftsman and immediate Past Grand Knight, Norbert, has very carefully extracted her from the wheeled platform and created a new, classical pedestal for her. Norbert also added some shelving to the base of the Tabernacle where our sacramental oils will be housed in three beautiful crystal vials. Plans are afoot to move the red Tabernacle light from the Chapel and install it in the Sanctuary.

Also, it was Norbert's exacting eye, aided by his sophisticated electronic equipment, that arrived at the perfect placement of the Stations of the Cross that previously resided in the Chapel.

We moved the image of "Jesus, I trust in You" because it was deemed advisable to put some physical distance between the images of infant and risen Christ. Our meeting and work areas may feel more Catholic now that we have finally hung ten Crucifixes throughout the Upper Level.

Attendance at our Masses has been increasing. Accordingly, we have slightly rearranged the seating in the Nave and added 20 more seats. There is still room for 30 more regulated spaces. Also, we have filled the Overflow / Lounge to the maximum regulated capacity of 81 seats.

It was recommended that meetings are no longer held in the Lounge. It is too much work to move all the chairs around and get them back in the correct places.

The addition of the pickle ball court has been a great success.

Over the past while you may have noticed even more improvements around our Church and Rectory undertaken by your four brothers on the Maintenance Committee .

Vivat Jesus

Norbert Grillmair, Mick Brzoza, Mike Mezzabarba, Jim Loftus



"Jesus, I trust in You"

You cannot hang out with negative people and expect to live a positive life. ”

Quotes & Thoughts

I don't feel old. I don't feel anything until noon. Then it's time for my nap. - Bob Hope



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Patriotic Degree

Dear Brother Knights:

The Fourth Degree will be holding their Christmas Dinner on Tuesday, December 5 at Ricky's Restaurant at the Days Inn located at 809 Island Hwy South. We will be assembling at 6:00 pm with dinner anticipated at 6:30. Unfortunately, arrangements had been made prior to learning that Council 9990 had been asked to move their meetings to a Tuesday evening. Hopefully this conflict can be overcome.

On behalf of Lady Nora, we want to thank you for all your prayers and good wishes. And we want to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a wonderful and Blessed Christmas.

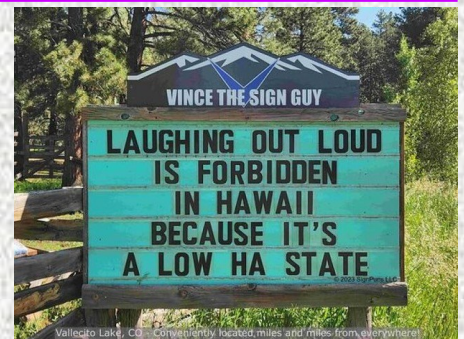
Vivat Jesus  
Jim Loftus  
Faithful Navigator

## December Anniversaries

*Aurel & Ching Muego* 54

*Mike & Gwen Smith* 27

If only vegetables smelled as good as bacon.







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Nov 20 (2x\$1000), Dec 2 (2x\$1000)

Main Draw Saturday December 16, 2023, 8:01pm

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## December Birthdays

Richard Jones

Denis Berube

Dom Fauchon

Joe Gillich

Dave Lowden

Peter Batt

Doug Fox

Manuel Ronquillo

Brian Bergeron

Bob Smith

- ◆ Dear paranoid people who check behind their shower curtains for murderers. If you do find one, hat's your plan?
- ◆ The older I get, the more I understand why roosters just scream to start their day.
- ◆ Being popular on Facebook is like sitting at the 'cool table' in the cafeteria of a mental hospital.
- ◆ You know you're over 50 when you have 'upstairs ibuprofen' and 'downstairs ibuprofen'.
- ◆ I too was once a male trapped in a female body...but then my mother gave birth.
- ◆ When I lost the fingers on my right hand in a freak accident, I asked the doctor if I would still be to able write with it. He said, "Probably, but I wouldn't count on it."

You know you're over 50 when you have 'upstairs ibuprofen' and 'downstairs ibuprofen'.

How did doctors come to the conclusion that exercise prolongs life, when...

...the rabbit is always jumping but only lives for around two year, and

...the turtle that doesn't exercise at all, lives over 200 years.

So, rest, chill, eat, drink, and enjoy life!

### Wisdom from Phyllis Diller

*Whatever you may look like, marry a man your own age. As your beauty fades, so will his eyesight.*

*Housework can't kill you, but why take a chance?*



HOLY TRINITY PARISH

# Family Christmas Dinner



Saturday December 16, 2023

7pm

Doors open at 6:30pm; Dinner at  
7pm  
children under 5 free  
children 6-12 \$15  
13 & up \$30

Catered by Sandy's Ukrainian Kitchen  
Tickets on sale now -  
cash/cheque/debit/credit card

gluten free options available  
please contact the office to  
arrange

## PARISH FAMILY

### CHRISTMAS DINNER

Saturday, December 16

- Doors open at 6:30
- Dinner Served at 7:00
- Children under 5 FREE
- Children 6 to 12 \$15
- Aged 13 and up \$30

**Tickets on sale now: cash,  
cheque, Debit or Credit Card**

Fully catered by Sandy's Ukrainian Kitchen.

For those who require it, a gluten free portion, in addition to the main portion, can be made and set aside for you, but we need to know the number of portions. Please leave your full name and phone number at the office so we can accommodate you.

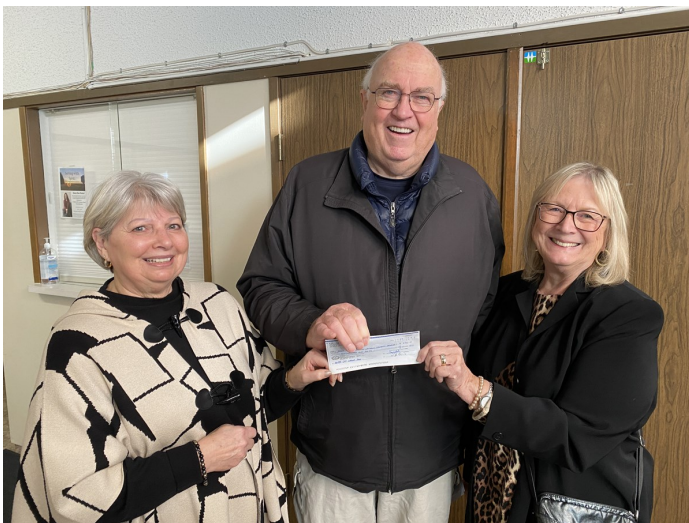
Money can't buy you happiness .... But it does bring you a more pleasant form of misery.

- Spike Milligan

## Good of the Order

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

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



Brother Mike Finch presenting a Council 9990 cheque to CWL ladies, appreciation for their help with our successful garage sale