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Grand Knight Report — Norbert Grillmair

Dear Brothers,

Over the past few months, we have had little participation from our members at our exemplification ceremonies. Since the ceremony is intended to welcome new brothers to our council, we will schedule our next exemplification to take place at a regular general meeting. That way we would give support to our new members and boost our morale by welcoming new brothers. I hope you all agree that this will be a positive change.

God Bless,

Your Grand Knight,

Norbert



Membership: Jim Loftus

Brothers:

We are preparing to welcome new brothers to our Council. Maciej Krok has recently transferred to our Council from Mid Island Council 3842 (St Peter's). Also, at our regularly scheduled meeting on **Tuesday, February 4 at 7:00 p.m.**, we will exemplify our lessons of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity for some of our new First Degree Brothers. The exemplification will take only about 35 minutes. Grand Knight Norbert Grillmair has promised a very abbreviated business meeting, and we will quickly adjourn for a **light social afterwards. Bring your family** to this meeting. It will be an excellent opportunity to meet our newest brothers, including those who joined our Council only two months ago.

Vivat Jesus
Jim Loftus

Explore event photos on our website

Holy Trinity Council 9990



Meetings

6234 Spartan Road, Nanaimo, BC

General

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

Executive

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



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"Cockwomble" is a British slang term used to describe someone who is considered foolish, incompetent, or annoying. It's often used in a humorous or derogatory way to refer to a person who behaves in a silly or ridiculous manner. The term gained popularity on social media and in various online discussions.



Did you know
by Allan Crowe

St. André Bessette (1845-1937)

Saint André, was born Alfred Bessette, on 9 August 1845 and died on 06 January 1937. He was a lay brother of the Congregation of Holy Cross and a significant figure of the Catholic Church among French-Canadians. He is credited with thousands of reported healings associated with his pious devotion to Saint Joseph. He was declared venerable in 1978, and beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1982. The miracle cited in support of his beatification was the healing in 1958 of a man who suffered from cancer. In 2019 Pope Benedict XVI recognized a second miracle and approved the decree of sainthood in 2010, with the formal canonization on 17 October 2010. He is the first Canadian living after Confederation to be canonized.



People came to know him, answering the door for hundreds day in and day out, for years. Some came to intuit that this brother prays more than most. They begin to tell him their sufferings. He prays with the sick, asks God to heal them, and commends them to St. Joseph, whom he loves. The word begins to spread quietly through the city: That simple brother who doesn't know how to read? God has given him the gift of healing. The other brothers begin to grumble. He's a fraud, some say. A danger to the order. Brother André cannot understand. Of course I don't heal, he tells them. I pray to St. Joseph, and he intercedes for them with his foster Son.

Brother André asked the Archbishop of Montreal for permission to build a small chapel to honor St. Joseph across the street from the school. You can build only what you have money for, the bishop replied. Brother André did not have any money. So he began to give haircuts, at 5 cents apiece. In a few years he had enough to build what was essentially a small roofless hut. Over many years came better walls, a roof, heating, and thousands of pilgrims – so many that plans were made for the little wooden chapel to become a basilica.

St. Joseph's Oratory, completed after Brother André's death, still attracts over two million pilgrims a year. It is filled with crutches, notes of gratitude, prayers.

Now you know



EVENTS

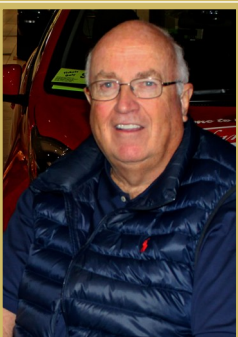
- ◇ Feb 4, 2025 general meeting and Exemplification
- ◇ Feb 18, executive planning meeting
- ◇ Feb 23, pancake breakfast

February Birthdays

Robert Loftus

February Anniversaries

Ed and Doris Landry 66



January 26 Pancake Breakfast

Our pancake breakfast marked the first parish activity of 2025, and the support from council members throughout the event was truly commendable. We are excited to engage with our newest members in this council project. The parish turnout was encouraging, and it was wonderful to see so many young attendees. Blueberry pancakes remain a favorite among our guests. A heartfelt thank you to all council members and their spouses for their invaluable assistance, which allowed us to conclude the event smoothly. After replenishing our float of \$400.00, we proudly submitted \$178.66 to the treasurer.



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Good of the Order

- ◆ *Brother Dale Hayes*
- ◆ *Brother Chuck Rieger*
- ◆ *Widow Joie Koster*
- ◆ *Brother Mike Harrigan and wife Gay*
- ◆ *Brother & PGK Aurel Muego*
- ◆ *Widow Betty Young*
- ◆ *Brother John Vanreeuwijk*
- ◆ *Widow Norma Dumas*
- ◆ *Brother James Chase*
- ◆ *Brother Les Taylor*
- ◆ *Widow Shirley Foucher*

*Do you know someone who needs prayers?
Send his/ her name to the editor he will add
the name to our list.*

*Being old is when you don't care where
your spouse goes, just as long as you don't
have to go too.*

A man gathers his three teenage sons out in his backyard, next to a burnt down shack. He says to them, "I know one of you burned down the outhouse. Which one of you did it?"

The sons remained silent.

The man said, "My sons, I want to tell you the story of George Washington. He chopped down his father's prize cherry tree. When his father asked him about it, he said, 'I cannot tell a lie, father. It was I who chopped down the tree.' Rather than punishing him, his father rewarded him for his courage in telling the truth in difficult circumstances."

"So I ask you again, my sons: which of you burned down the outhouse?"

The middle son came forward with his head hung down, saying, "Father, your story has shamed me. I was the one who lit the outhouse on fire."

At this point, the father picked up a branch and started after the middle son, who ran for his life! As he ran away, he shouted over his shoulder, "But father - what about George Washington and the cherry tree?"

The father replied, "George Washington's father wasn't IN THE CHERRY TREE when he chopped it down!"