



Holy Trinity *Council 9990 News*



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Grand Knight — Mike Patterson

Dear Brother Knights and Friends, I am delighted to share with you the November edition of our Council 9990 newsletter. As we move further into autumn, our council continues to demonstrate the spirit of service, unity, and fraternity that makes our community strong.

Oktoberfest: A Resounding Success

This year's Oktoberfest project was a tremendous success, thanks to the dedication and hard work of our members and volunteers. With a lively turnout and delicious food the event was a sell-out! Funds raised will go toward supporting our KofC brothers in the Ukraine. I want to extend heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed—whether you helped set up, cooked, served, or simply joined in the festivities. Your enthusiasm and commitment made this event memorable for all.

Coats for Kids: Warmth in Action

Our annual Coats for Kids initiative was once again a great achievement. Thanks to Pierre's leadership, we were able to provide warm winter coats to children in need through Saint Vincent de Paul and Brechin Elementary School. Pierre, your passion and organization are deeply appreciated, and you have made a significant difference in many young lives.

November 4 Meeting: Welcoming Father Jose

Please mark your calendars for our regular council meeting on November 4. We are honoured to welcome Father Jose, our new pastor and council chaplain. Father Jose brings with him a wealth of experience, warmth, and spiritual guidance. This will be a special evening to get to know him, hear his vision for our parish, and strengthen our partnership in service and faith. All members are encouraged to attend and give Father Jose a warm Council 9990 welcome.

Looking Ahead. As we approach the holiday season, let's continue to support one another and seek ways to serve our parish and wider community. Your ongoing involvement is what makes our council a beacon of hope and fellowship. On behalf of the executive team, thank you for your faith, generosity, and commitment. See you at the meeting on November 4!

Vivat Jesus!

Mike Patterson

Grand Knight, Council 9990

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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November Birthdays

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Ed McDonald

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November Anniversaries

Dennis and Jennifer Tan 21

Jeff and Madeeha Guinn 22

Ken And Shirley Lingenfelter 62

Roy and Dolores Kuziw 65

Doug and Huguette Fox 65

Karunakaran and Mini Jainshaw 21

Dennis and Gwen Fry 51

Coats for Kids

Presentation to Rob Johnson and Mike Mezzabarbera of Saint Vincent de Paul



This is our fourth year participating in the Coats for Kids program, and my third year serving as Chairperson.

Earlier this fall, I met with the Principal of Brechin Elementary School to determine if there was a need. The response was a resounding **yes**. The school is located in a less affluent area of Nanaimo, and our Council agreed to provide support and take advantage of the *Two-for-One* opportunity offered by Supreme.

In September, we ordered six boxes of coats, each containing twelve coats. One Brother generously paid for two boxes—three boxes of girls' coats and three boxes of boys' coats in total. With the help of Bro. Mike Finch, the order was placed, and we received the coats in early October.

On October 15th, Grand Knight Mike Patterson and I delivered four boxes to Brechin Elementary School, where they were gratefully received by the Principal. The remaining two boxes were presented to Rob Johnson of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, who also expressed deep appreciation.

Holy Trinity Council—along with the Councils in Duncan and Port Alberni—are the only Councils north of the Malahat that continue to participate in this valuable program.

At medical school, a professor asked a student, "How many kidneys do we have?"

The student answered, "Four!"

The professor, proud and wanting to show he was right, said, "Four? Bring some grass, because there's a donkey in the room." He told his assistant to get it.

The student then told the assistant, "And bring coffee for me!"

The professor got very angry and kicked the student out of the class.

But the student was Aparicio Torelly Aporelly (1895–1971), a funny man known as the 'Baron of Itararé.'

As he left, he dared to say again to the angry professor:

"You asked how many kidneys *we have*? *We have four kidneys: two are mine, and two are yours. 'We' means more than one. Enjoy your meal of grass.*"



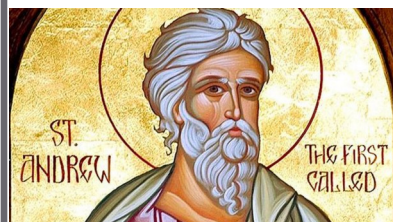
By *Allan Crowe*

Do You Know?

The Apostle St. Andrew

The Apostle Andrew was one of the twelve main disciples of Jesus Christ and the brother of Simon Peter. He was born in Bethsaida, Galilee, possibly between 5 and 10 AD.

St. Andrew died circa 60 AD in Patras, Achaia [Greece]. He was the first apostle Jesus called and the first apostle to claim Jesus was the Messiah. The name Andrew is Andreas in Greek meaning courage but is most often defined as manly. Since no other name is ever given for Andrew, it likely means his family was at least open to non-Jewish cultures.



The Gospel of John tells us how Jesus called Andrew. John the Baptist tells everyone that Jesus is “the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world” (John 1:29), and that he is “God’s Chosen One” (John 1:34). The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!” When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. The first thing Andrew did was tell his brother Simon, “We have found the Messiah”, and he brought him to Jesus.

Andrew preached in Scythia and the Greek colonies along the northern coast of the Black Sea before making his way to Chersonesus in Crimea. Tradition says he founded the see of Byzantium (later Constantinople) in 38 AD. This diocese became the seat of the Patriarchate of Constantinople under Anatolius, in 451. Andrew is recognized as a patron saint of the Patriarchate.

How did Andrew die?

Andrew was martyred by crucifixion in the Greek city of Patras around 60 AD. Like his brother, Peter, Andrew didn’t consider himself worthy to die in the same way as Jesus, so he was tied on a crux decussata (X-shaped cross, or "saltire"). The “X” cross is now known as a "Saint Andrew's Cross"

Acts of Andrew

The “Acts of Andrew” is an apocryphal text from the second or third century which claims to record the ministry of Andrew the apostle, and focused on the region of Achaia. They also include numerous supernatural accounts of Andrew’s miracles which are recorded nowhere else—including a claim that he preached for three days straight as he hung on the cross—and it didn’t emerge until decades, possibly centuries after his death.

Now you know



FUTURE EVENTS

Nov 04 General Meeting

Nov 18 Planning

Nov 28 Pancake Breakfast

Dec 2 General Meeting

Dec 05 Christmas Dinner

Dec 10 Christmas Dinner 4th



Fr. Jose blessing attendees at Oktoberfest



GK Mike Patterson greets guests to Oktoberfest



OKTOBERFEST 2025

Mick Brzoza

We are very happy to report that our modern 2nd annual Oktoberfest dinner & dance was a great success. This year was special in that it was Father Joseph's first party with us & that he had "an in" on some live music for us.. a nice young guitarist Mr. James Meyer who just happened to be wearing his authentic Lederhosen outfit.

Another special feature for this year was that proceeds will be going to support the Knights of Columbus Ukraine Fund.

We learned a couple things from last year to help streamline dinner service for this year and we continue re-fine our shopping list and will again for next year.

You may not know (I didn't) but Norbert gets most of the sausages all the way from Pete's in Port Alberni, cause when I was driving into Coombs I said "so which place is it?" he says "oh no, it's in PA & I was wondering why you went this way" We had a laugh and I realized I should not have skipped breakfast.

FYI Pete's butcher shop is now in new hands, which were his staff, so technically old hands. We also purchase locally from Nesvogs, Superstore & Costco.

The kitchen team of Stephen, Bong, Norbert and Mick making your favourite German foods was just another part of the larger team of key Knights this year with Alex, Ian, Neil, Dennis & always a couple Mikes' rounding out most efforts. There were other great volunteers helping with table set up, take down & table cleaning as well.

Norbert & I were especially grateful to those who stayed with us till the end of our very long day cleaning the last bits of the kitchen. Diane & Gerry, Terry, Doris & Ed & I'm forgetting someone(s) but thank you thank you, thank you.

It was great to see the dancing, the children, some new faces, 3-4 couples from our sister Council of 3842 and guests of parishioners attending. See you all next year.



*Some of our key volunteers
To see more visit our website*

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Captain Alexandro Malaspina Assembly 34 2024-2025 Executive

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In 2009, famous Italian freediver Enzo Maiorca was diving with his daughter Rossana near the coast of Syracuse when something truly special happened.

As he was going deeper into the water, Enzo suddenly felt a soft tap on his back. When he turned around, he saw a dolphin—not there to play, but clearly asking for help.

The dolphin swam down, and Enzo followed. About 15 meters below the surface, they found another dolphin stuck in an old fishing net. Without wasting a moment, Enzo called to his daughter for a knife and carefully cut the net to free the dolphin.

As soon as it was free, the dolphin made a sound Enzo later described as “almost like a human cry.”

When they all reached the surface, Enzo and Rossana saw that the dolphin was a pregnant female—and just moments later, she gave birth right there in the open sea.

The male dolphin circled around them, then gently came up to Enzo, touched his cheek with its nose—like a soft kiss—and then swam away with his new little family.

Later, Enzo shared his thoughts:

“Until people learn to respect and communicate with the natural world, they’ll never truly understand their place on this planet.”

A strong reminder that nature has a voice—if we’re willing to listen.

Credit to the original source.

You probably missed it in the local news, but there was a report that someone in Pakistan had advertised in a newspaper an offer of a reward to anyone who killed a Canadian - any Canadian.

An Australian dentist wrote the following editorial to help define what a Canadian is, so they would know one when they found one. So the following is an Australian Definition of a Canadian. In case anyone asks you who a Canadian is ??

A Canadian can be English, or French, or Italian, Irish, German, Spanish, Polish, Russian or Greek.

A Canadian can be Mexican, African, Indian, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Australian, Iranian, Asian, Arab, Pakistani or Afghan.

A Canadian may also be a Cree, Metis, Mohawk, Blackfoot, Sioux, or one of the many other tribes known as native Canadians.

A Canadian's religious beliefs range from Christian, Jewish, Buddhist, Muslim, Hindu or none. In fact, there are more Muslims in Canada than in Afghanistan.

The key difference is that in Canada they are free to worship as each of them chooses. Whether they have a religion or no religion, each Canadian ultimately answers only to God, not to the government, or to armed thugs claiming to speak for the government and for God.

A Canadian lives in one of the most prosperous lands in the history of the world. The root of that prosperity can be found in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms which recognize the right of each person to the pursuit of happiness.

A Canadian is generous and Canadians have helped out just about every other nation in the world in their time of need, never asking a thing in return.

Canadians welcome the best of everything, the best products, the best books, the best music, the best food, the best services and the best minds.

But they also welcome the least - the oppressed, the outcast and the rejected. These are the people who built Canada.

You can try to kill a Canadian if you must as other blood-thirsty tyrants in the world have tried but in doing so you could just be killing a relative or a neighbour. This is because Canadians are not a particular people from a particular place.

They are the embodiment of the human spirit of freedom. Everyone who holds to that spirit, everywhere, can be a Canadian.

'Keep your stick on the ice Canada' !!!

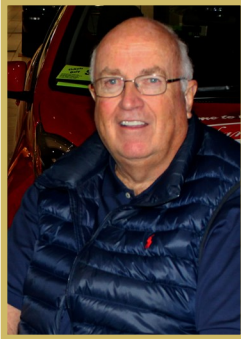
Pancake Breakfast Teammates Norbert and Mike



Good of the Order

- ◆ *Brother Mike Harrigan and wife Gay*
- ◆ *Brother & PGK Aurel Muego*
- ◆ *Widow Betty Young*
- ◆ *Brother John Vanreeuwyk*
- ◆ *Widow Norma Dumas*
- ◆ *Brother Les Taylor*
- ◆ *Widow Shirley Foucher*

*Do you know someone who needs prayers?
Send his / her name to the editor to include
a name.*



Pancake Breakfast Oct 26

Mike Finch

"We are very pleased to report that, although there was a somewhat lower turnout, this month's Pancake Breakfast was warmly received. Thanks to an enthusiastic volunteer work force the preparation of both the breakfast and the hall went very well Sunday morning. Many shining and cheerful face's made the work go so well that we all had almost a half an hour for the work force to have breakfast. In addition to satisfying many appetites we were able to take in \$587.50. From this we replenished our float and turned over \$230.65 to the treasurer.

THANK YOU to all who helped with this month's pancake breakfast and to all our customers. Our next planned breakfast will be Nov 30 => see you all there. "

5 October 2025

LIFE CHAIN Gerald Laporte

LIFE CHAIN is a public witness of our solidarity with mothers experiencing a crisis pregnancy—women who often feel they have no choice but to seek an abortion. On Sunday, October 5th, approximately thirty-five parishioners from St. Peter's and Holy Trinity Catholic Churches gathered for one hour along the Island Highway to give public testimony that abortion represents a desperate response to a complex social issue.



With approximately 90,000 to 100,000 surgical abortions taking place in Canada each year, and an unknown number of pharmaceutically induced abortions, it is clear that we are not taking this issue serious. Abortions leave women scared for life. These women needed a compassionate support system that will give them a real choice. A choice for life. The **LIFE CHAIN** serves to remind all of us that we have a social responsibility to support the most vulnerable among us, especially the un-born and their mother.

As in previous years, approximately 600 vehicles passed by us. Approximately 10 expressed their disapproval of our display. In contrast at least 25 expressed approval. One may conclude that our message in favour of LIFE is clearly the preferred choice.



To all the folks who participated in this years Life Chain and their families and friends, we owe them a very special thanks for your efforts.

