



Holy Trinity *Council 9990 News*



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Chancellor Jim Loftus

Happy New Year Brother:

As we close out 2025 and enter a new year, this is a good time to look back on, and be thankful for, a few of our most recent successes and look forward to the opportunities that await us. We are thankful for the innumerable brothers, and their families, who helped plan, organize, execute, and participate in another successful Holy Trinity Parish Family Christmas Dinner. The many pictures of happy faces Brother Terry Hayes has posted on our website and the \$440 raised for St. Vincent de Paul charities proves it was well worth it. While Charity Appeal ticket sales were not outstanding, we did meet our minimum goal thanks to the tireless efforts of brothers Rob Schiefele and Rick Jones. And we welcome

Bob and Doris Stovall to our Council; they recently transferred in from Ascension Parish. Nine brothers have volunteered to re-establish our Phoning Committee. Our goal is to stay in touch with all our members, see how they are doing, and to remind us all about upcoming events. Sadly, this is an area I too need help with. I would have missed the last meeting, which I was leading, had it not been for the fortunate phone call I received an hour before the meeting!

As you know, the entire Parish was invited to a special half-hour of devotion before our Icon of the Holy Family on December 30. Forty-six years ago, in 1979, the Knights of Columbus and St. John Paul II initiated the Pilgrim Icon Program to encourage public Rosaries led by men. Our Council and Holy Trinity Parish was honoured to have been gifted one of the four Holy Family Icons, blessed by Pope Francis, that travelled throughout BC and Yukon from 2015 to 2017.

Plans are in the works for hosting a Multi-Language Rosary, for the Parish, one evening during Lent. We are looking for volunteers to lead a decade in English, French, Pilipino, Spanish, and Korean. If you have a skill in one of these languages, please contact me.

There will be a second call for the position of Grand Knight at our next meeting on January 6. Please pray on this and offer your talent. With our great team behind you, you will find this a most enjoyable and fulfilling experience. The Salvation Army is expanding its efforts in assisting Nanaimo's homeless. Please come to the meeting and hear the details, which will be presented by Brother Mike Mezzabarba.

Wishing you and your family a very Happy New Year.

Vivat Jesus

Jim Loftus

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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Time doesn't lie—It just slowly exposes the truth.

If you don't own your emotions, they'll own your life.

Upgrade yourself so high they can't reach, only watch

I was just at the gas station, minding my own business, waiting in line to get some gas. There was this young lady in front of me, and she was taking forever. I overheard the cashier telling her that both of her cards were declined. She asked, "Is something wrong with your machine?" and turned around to walk away.

I couldn't help but smile, and she looked at me and said, "Why are you f**king smiling?" I replied, "Watch your mouth; I always smile and you should too."

I then looked at the cashier and asked, "What pump is she on?" He told me, "Pump number two, why?" I said, "Can I put \$20 on pump number two for her?" The cashier was surprised, saying, "Are you serious? She was very rude to you." But then another guy behind me, who was also black, said, "Go ahead, fill it up." So, we both helped pay for her gas.

When we went outside to tell her about the gas, the woman apologized and started crying. She went into her truck and showed us her new hire paperwork. She was starting her new job on Monday and needed gas to get through the week until she gets paid.

It was a reminder from God to always keep a smile on my face, no matter what. We never know what someone else is going through, and we all have a purpose on this earth!

Credit: Bryan Brown

Laws of Integrity—Always be honest with yourself and others, even when it's hard

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FUTURE EVENTS

Jan 06 General Meeting
 Jan 20 Planning
 Jan 25 Pancake Breakfast
 Feb 17 Shrove Tues Pancake Breakfast

January Birthdays

Warren McGormick

Aurel Muego

Norbert Grillmair

Don Powell

Ruben Perez

January Anniversaries

<i>Dílan & Chathríka Fernando</i>	7
<i>Jíyo & Dexy Lonappan</i>	23
<i>Ryan & Brielle Ternier</i>	7
<i>Bong & Myriam Banting</i>	42
<i>Neil & Ninoshka Fernandes</i>	7
<i>Garry & Sandra Shepp</i>	58

9% of plastic waste is recycled—the rest ends up in landfill or oceans.

Electronic waste is growing 3x faster than other waste—Old gadgets pile up fast.

25% of people with two-car garages can't park in them—Because of too much clutter.



Do You Know?

By *Allan Crowe*

St. James the Greater



James the Great was one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus. According to the New Testament, he was the second of the apostles to die, after Judas Iscariot's suicide and the first to be martyred. Saint James is the patron saint of Spain and, according to tradition, his remains are held in Santiago de Compostela in Galicia, Spain. Also, according to tradition, parts of his body are in Jerusalem (head) and England (hand).

James was born C. 4 BC, to a family of Jewish fishermen on the Sea of Galilee. His parents were Zebedee and Salome. Salome was a sister of Mary, the mother of Jesus which made James a cousin of Jesus. James is styled "the Greater" to distinguish him from the other apostle James "the Lesser," with "greater" meaning older or taller, rather than more important. James the Great was the brother of John the Apostle.

James is described as one of the first disciples to join Jesus. The Gospels state that James and John were preparing to fish with their father by the seashore when Jesus called them to follow him. After all twelve apostles had been selected, Jesus asked Andrew to choose three of them to be his personal associates. He selected James, John, and Peter. All three were the only ones present at three particular occasions during his public ministry: the raising of Jairus' daughter, the transfiguration of Jesus and Jesus' agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. James and his brother wanted to call down fire on a Samaritan town, but were rebuked by Jesus.

The Acts of the Apostles records that Herod usually identified as Herod Agrippa, had James executed (beheaded) in 44 AD at age 48. His death may have been triggered by his fiery temper from which he and his brother earned the nickname "Boanerges" or "Sons of Thunder".

James was made a saint in the Catholic tradition, around 1100 AD. A popular pilgrimage in Europe bears his name, "The Way of Saint James." July 25 is celebrated as a feast day in his honour.

Now you know

WEDDING VOWS

The Wedding Ceremony came to that awkward moment when the priest asked if anyone had anything to say concerning the union of the bride and groom. Utter silence was broken when a beautiful young woman carrying a child stood up. She starts walking slowly towards the priest. The congregation was aghast - you could almost hear a pin drop.

The groom's jaw dropped as he stared in disbelief at the approaching young woman and child. Chaos ensued as the bride threw the bouquet into the air and burst out crying. Then the groom's mother fainted. The best men started giving each other looks and wondering how to save the situation.

The priest asked the woman, "Can you tell us why you came forward? What do you have to say?"

There was absolute silence in the church as the woman replied, "We can't hear you in the back."



Captain Alexandro Malaspina Assembly 34 2024-2025 Executive

Faithful Friar

Faithful Navigator

Faithful Comptroller

Faithful Captain

Faithful Admiral

Faithful Purser

Faithful Pilot

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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Mike Finch

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Good of the Order

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- ◆ Brother Mike Harrigan and wife Gay
- ◆ Brother & PGK Aurel Muego
- ◆ Brother John Vanreeuwylk
- ◆ Widow Norma Dumas
- ◆ Widow Shirley Foucher

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

Law of Responsibility—Take ownership of your actions and choices

Time is endless when you are in pain!

Time is short when you are happy!

Time is deadly when you are sad!



Santa (Ed Landry) Visited the Parish

Christmas Dinner

Perfection is a trap; Progress is the weapon



Alex Khoustaba
December Knight of the month



Cheque presentation to Brother Ian Halowaty our representative with St Vincent de Paul for \$440, the proceeds of the 50/50 draw at the Christmas Dinner.



Neil Fernandes November Knight of the month



DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT

A unique Knights' event occurred on Saturday, December 20 in Parksville. **District# 2** (North Island) and **District# 21** (Central Island) collaborated to hold a Regional meeting with State officers. This included all Councils north of the Malahat and their key executive officers (GK, FS, DGK & Membership Directors).

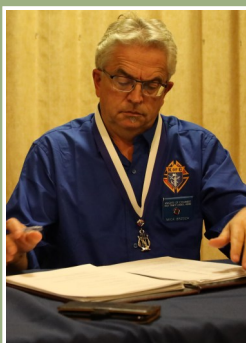
State Deputy Edgar Nacar among several other State officers delivered presentations on Membership, Charity Appeal results, Council Insurance, and accessing State's website for forms/reports along with the wealth of information available there. The questions and discussions were many and lively among all participants.

It was special to experience the camaraderie throughout.

Following the meeting, several chose to stay for the 5:00PM Mass and the following Christmas Dinner hosted by Ascension Parish.

Vivat Jesus,

Garry



COMMUNITY DIRECTOR— Mick Brzoza

As your Community Director I'm pleased to report that we put together another great Christmas dinner event.

With many volunteers planning long in advance, then to selling tickets, purchasing beverages for adults and gifts for children, and the wonderful Hall decorations to get everyone in the holiday mood.

I was especially happy with the great food from our new caterer Extreme Eatery and a musical bonus with a talented guest singer performing joyous songs.

Of course we had Santa's visit to surprise the children & provide a photo opportunity for parents.

Thank you to CWL for sponsoring the guest singer, thank you to the many volunteers and a big thanks to all the Knights Executive team for each taking an active roll to make Father Joseph's first Holy Trinity Christmas Dinner a highlight of the season.

Have a wonderful & healthy New Year and all the best in 2026

DEATH

While walking along the sidewalk in front of his church, our minister heard the intoning of a prayer that nearly made his collar wilt. Apparently, his 5-year-old son and his playmates had found a dead robin. Feeling that proper burial should be performed, they had secured a small box and cottonwool, then dug a hole and made ready for the disposal of the deceased.

The minister's son was chosen to say the appropriate prayers and with sonorous dignity intoned his version of what he thought his father always said: 'Glory be unto the Faaather, and unto the Sonnn, and into the hole he goooes.' *(I want this line used at my funeral!)*

Everytime, time is determined by your feelings and your psychological conditions and not by clocks.
So have a nice time Always



Doug & Huguette Fox
December Family of the Month



Christmas Dinner
2025

