



Holy Trinity Council 9990 News



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Chancellor Jim Loftus

Dear Brother Knight:

I regret to inform you that, for personal reasons, Mike Patterson has found it necessary to resign his position as Grand Knight of Holy Trinity Council 9990. Please keep Brother Mike and his family in your prayers.

On a much happier note, Deputy Grand Knight Neil Fernandes is our newest father. Ninoshka gave birth to their first child, a boy, about a month ago. Neil has not been getting much sleep lately. Family duties always come first; accordingly Brother Neil has declined to take on any leadership duties in our Council for the time being. He will attend as many functions as he is able, but not in a leadership role. Please keep Brother Neil and Ninoshka and their son in your prayers. Section 137 of the Knights of Columbus Laws stipulates that the Chancellor "shall take charge of the council during the incapacity or extended absence of both" the GK and DGK. I accept this duty and responsibility.

There will be no Pancake Breakfast this month due to the proximity of the Christmas Dinner. Next Pancake Breakfast will be January 25. Consider getting a Charity Appeal ticket, or a few, online or at Church this weekend. Ticket sales close soon. Please come and help put up the Nativity Scene and Keep Christ in Christmas billboards this Friday Nov 28 at 10:00.

Be sure to attend our next General Meeting on Tuesday, December 2 at 7:00 pm in the Meeting Room off the Back Nave. Entrance via the East door. I plan a special draw this month. There will be a 1st Call for nominations for the position of Grand Knight. Please pray on this; perhaps you could lead us through the next six months. I plan to keep the business part as brief as possible, and we will conclude the evening with a fraternal social including brother Alex's homemade cookies.

Get your tickets for our Annual Holy Trinity Christmas dinner as soon as possible; tickets are limited. We need names and ages of Children to facilitate a visit with Santa. The Dinner is Friday, December 5. I want to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very merry and blessed Christmas.

Vivat Jesus
Jim Loftus, Chancellor

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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A gorilla strolled into a bar and asked for a drink. The bartender and all the other customers were taken aback by the gorilla's ability to order a drink. Looking side to side, the bartender wondered if he was the only one who found it strange that the large animal had just entered his bar.

Without much thought, the gorilla leaned forward and asked the bartender to bring him a martini. The bartender's jaw almost hung on the ground when he heard the gorilla order a drink.

The bartender shrugged his shoulders and decided that he would make the animal the drink that he requested without asking too many questions.

He made the martini, shaken, not stirred just as the gorilla had requested, and placed it in front of him at the bar. The gorilla pinched the thin stem of the glass and lifted it to his lips, taking a tiny sip. He said:

"Hmmm, this is great, man!"

Before the bartender turned around to attend to the other customers, the gorilla pulled out a \$50 note and slid it to the bartender across the bar.

Genuinely surprised, the bartender took the cash, thinking to himself that not only does the gorilla order and drink martinis, but he also pays for it. But, of course, this was the last thing he expected would happen during his shift.

As the bartender walked over to the cash register, he thought he would try something to see how far the gorilla's intelligence really stretched.

He grabbed the change from the register and even wrote out a bill for the animal before walking back over to where he was seated. Then he gave him the change, and looked to see how he would respond.

The bartender decided to make small talk with the animal, saying he was happy to see him in the bar because they didn't see gorillas regularly. The gorilla looked up and said:

"That doesn't surprise me seeing that you charge \$49 for a martini."

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FUTURE EVENTS

Nov 28 Put up the Nativity Scene
 Nov 28 Erect the Keep Christ in Christmas billboards
 Dec 02 General Meeting
 Dec 05 Christmas Dinner
 Dec 10 Patriotic Degree Christmas Dinner
 Feb 17 Shrove Tues Pancake Breakfast

December Anniversaries

Aurel & Ching Muego 51

December Birthdays

Peter BATT

Dallas McMAIN

Denis BERUBE

Don FAUCHON

Dave LOWDEN

Mark De Leon

Douglas FOX

Manuel RONQUILLO

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What is the difference between a poorly-dressed man on a tricycle and a well-dressed man on a bicycle?

Attire

I went Line Dancing last night.
 Well it was a roadside sobriety test ...
 Same thing



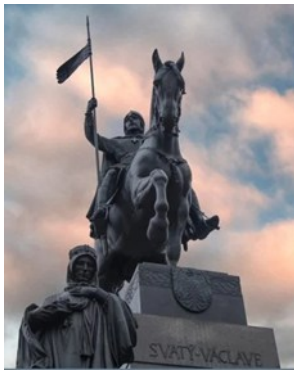
By *Allan Crowe*

Do You Know?

St. Wenceslas (Vaclav the Good)_

A change from the Apostles for our Christmas newsletter

There is the story of “Good King Wenceslas ” from the traditional Christmas carol. It describes a scene from the life of Wenceslas that gives a glimpse into his heart. It tells of a cold, bitter night when Wenceslas and a page notice a poor man gathering wood. The kind hearted king asks where the man lives. He instructs the page that they will go that very night and provide the man with a meal.



Wenceslas is the Latinized version of the Old Czech name **Vaclav**. It means "more" or "greater") and "Slav" (meaning "glory" or "fame"), so it translates to "greater glory". Wenceslas was not actually a king, but a Duke. The Holy Roman Emperor, Otto I, bestowed the more prestigious title on him posthumously.

His father, **Vratislaus I**, was the Duke of Bohemia and a Christian. His mother, **Drahomíra**, though baptized before the marriage, was aligned with Bohemia's pagans. Václav (Wenceslas) was born c907. When he was about 13, his father died in battle and his paternal grandmother **Ludmila**, became regent. But the regency did not last long. In 921 resenting her mother-in-law's influence on the government and her soon-to-be duke son, his mother had Ludmila killed. The authorities banished her for this in 922. Wenceslas became the duke of Bohemia when he was 18 and as a demonstration of his character and remembering the biblical command to “Honor your father and your mother” (Exodus 20:12), he brought his mother out of banishment and forgave her.

Wenceslas's kindness and generosity extended to the rich and poor alike. He was greatly dedicated to giving shelter to the homeless as well as to buying the freedom of slaves—especially the freedom of slave children. In an effort to spread Christianity further, Wenceslas invited missionaries to Bohemia.

But Bohemia came under threat from invasion by the Saxon and East Frankish ruler **Henry the Fowler**, and the Magyars from modern-day Hungary. When he submitted to Henry, Wenceslas provoked the ire of some of his nobles, who plotted against him with the help of his brother, **Boleslav (the Cruel)**. On September 28, 929, Boleslav murdered Wenceslas, as he went to mass or at a feast where he was set upon by several assassins before his brother ran him through with a lance. He was only 25 years old

Like his grandmother, Wenceslas was hailed as a martyr and saint almost immediately.

His feast day is September 28.

Now you know



While taking a routine vandalism report at an elementary school, I was interrupted by a little girl about 6 years old.

Looking up and down at my uniform, she asked, 'Are you a cop? Yes,' I answered and continued writing the report . ' My mother said if I ever needed help I should ask the police. Is that right?' 'Yes, that's right,' I told her. 'Well, then,' she said as she extended her foot toward me, 'would you please tie my shoe?'



Captain Alexandro Malaspina Assembly 34 2024-2025 Executive

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Faithful Captain

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Faithful Purser

Faithful Pilot

Faithful Scribe

Faithful Inner Sentinel

Faithful Outer Sentinel

Faithful Trustee (1-Year)

Faithful Trustee Second Year

Faithful Trustee Third Year

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Good of the Order

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- ♦ *Widow Norma Dumas*
- ♦ *Widow Shirley Foucher*

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

I have reached the age where my mind says, "I can do that" where my mind says, "try it and you'll be sorry."

Some say life begins at 40, others say 50,... Nonsense!

Life begins when u decide to quit worrying about what everyone else thinks.

Life is too short to wake up with regrets... So love the people who treat you right...

Forget about the ones who don't. Believe everything happens for a reason. If you get a second chance, grab it with both hands.

If it changes your life, let it. Nobody said life would be easy, they just promised it would be worth it.

The quieter you become, the more you hear what truly matters

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