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Grand Knight Report — Garry Shepp

THE EASTER STORY

He felt the sand of a dusty road, the growl of a hungry stomach, the soft warmth of the sun and the harshness of a cold wind. He heard the phrase, "I love you son," as his mom embraced him.

He tasted the soft bread and delicious wine as he conversed with good friends. Tears wet his cheeks when his friends lost their brother. And he felt the sting of rejection from people who hated him. He knew the agony and cold fear of human death.

Jesus. Fully human.

All the feelings, all the emotions – Jesus experienced them.

This is the part of the Christian story which is hard to understand. God could have just **told** us His message, but instead, he **showed** us. God sent his son to walk in our world with us. Jesus showed us how to love big... live fully... find real joy... and commune intimately with God in prayer.

Ultimately he accepted the humiliation of arrest, torture and rejection by his friends and everyone else around him. Finally, the excruciating pain by being nailed to a wooden cross amongst criminals.

Why would he do this?

Easter Sunday showed us why!

"Christ is Risen"! Hallelujah!

Vivat Jesus,

Garry

"Your call is very important to us. Please enjoy this 40-minute flute solo."

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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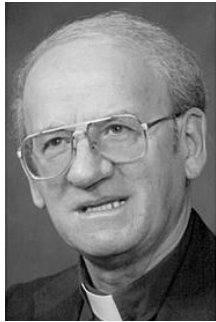


By: *Allan Crowe*

DID YOU KNOW?

FR. ANDRE DION, OCTOBER 17, 1923 – AUGUST 01, 2016

“Canada’s first worker-priest”



Fr. André was ordained a Franciscan priest on June 21, 1953 in Montreal. His desire to learn English led him to study in Edmonton, and then ministry to Maillardville, BC from 1958-1962. He then transferred to Port Alberni, where he served for 2 years until being recalled to his Franciscan community for 4 years. Fr. André returned to BC and became the first “worker-priest” in the North Island parishes of Ports Hardy, Alice and McNeill, where he was employed as an electrician and later an accountant for the school board while as pastor. He literally rebuilt the church in Port Hardy!

In 1978 he took a sabbatical year then was pastor at various churches throughout Victoria. Fr. Andre came to Holy Trinity in September 1990 where he retired in July 1993. He was the Chaplin for Council 9990 during my time as Grand Knight.

Father André wrote his memoirs entitled “Tapestry” that weaves a story of his life in 6 letters: “W D R F U L”. Those letters became his personalized license plate. In his book he writes about receiving a gold chalice from a couple in Montreal. Their son was a priest who died suddenly and after inquiring, they gifted it to him. The chalice has the date of their son’s first mass which co-incidentally was also the date of Fr. Andre’s first mass (June 22, 1953).

Now you know



Seder Dinner— Jim Loftus

Holy Thursday Seder Dinner

On Holy Thursday, before Mass, we reactivated a celebration of the Passover Meal – Christ’s Last Supper – a program Brother Rich Pistone introduced us to almost twenty years ago. Thirty-seven brothers and sisters in Christ from Holy Trinity Knights and CWL councils, Captain Alejandro Malaspina Assembly, and some widows came together in our Church Hall. Brother Stephen Burchert prepared the sumptuous lamb (three days in preparation!), Brother John Van Reeuwyk baked the unleavened bread, and Ching Muego prepared the delicious haroseth and blew the summoning and welcoming horn. Everyone brought a tasty dish to round out the wonderful meal and offered a donation to cover miscellaneous expenditures. The program for the evening followed the Christian version of the Jewish Seder Dinner. Components of the meal represented elements of Jewish captivity and their flight from slavery – The Exodus. The readings and prayers told their story. The Kitchen and Hall have been booked for Holy Thursday, April 17, 2025. We hope you will be able to attend.

COMING EVENTS
* 16 April General Meeting
Planning Meeting ** no April meeting
* April 28 Pancake Breakfast

April Anniversaries

Thomas & Ajantha Markose Prethesh	16
Norbert & Christa Grillmair	55
Martin & Maria De Bruyns	26



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- ### Good of the Order
- ◆ Brother Bob Smith and wife Lynne
 - ◆ Chuck Rieger
 - ◆ Widow Joie Koster
 - ◆ Brother Mike Harrigan and wife Gay
 - ◆ Brother Aurel Muego
 - ◆ Betty Young widow of Brother Pat
 - ◆ Brother John Vanreeuwyk
 - ◆ Norma Dumas—wife of Brother Joe
 - ◆ Brother James Chase
 - ◆ Brother Les Taylor
 - ◆ Widow Shirley Foucher
 - ◆ Brother Roy Kuziw

April Birthdays

Fr. Irek Bem
Jim Loftus
Mike Finch
Rene Cusson
Jose De Bora
Paul Geneau

Why do I have to press one for English when you're just going to transfer me to someone I can't understand anyway?

Becoming an adult is the dumbest thing I've ever done.

"Grief never ends... but it changes.
It's a passage, not a place to stay.
Grief is not a sign of weakness, nor
a lack of faith...
It is the price of love."

~George Clement Jeffs **March 30, 1927 - February 21, 2024**

George was born in Vancouver in 1927 and moved to Nanaimo with his family in 1939 (age 12) after his father died. In 1942, he, with his brothers opened the White Owl restaurant in the Eagles Building in downtown Nanaimo. We hear to this day, that they made the best hamburgers!

In the late 1940's, George joined his brother Ted, in operating Nanaimo Minute Men. Eventually, they parted ways and George started Chilo Transport Ltd and ran it until his retirement.

George was a founding member of Trinity Catholic Church in north Nanaimo. He was recently honoured as a 70 year member of the Knights of Columbus.

After waiting until his fiancée turned 19 years old, George married the love of his life, Evelyn Graham, in 1948. They raised seven children, sticking together like glue, through the good times and the challenges. In retirement, they spent many years travelling in their motor home, mostly heading south into the US, with some trips in BC.

George was predeceased by his loving wife, Evelyn; his sons Norman and Gordon; his daughters, Christine and Mary and his grandsons, Tony, Michael and Mathew. He is survived by his children; Barbara (Dale), Jack (Becky) and Gloria (Rob), 22 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren.

After mom passed in 2018, he set out to forge a new chapter in his life. He set forth in the community eager to meet new people, share his knowledge of Nanaimo and experience all that life had to offer. We called him the 'new and improved dad'.

There was a team of people who helped him be a part of the community and kept him as independent as possible. The last few years were particularly challenging as his cognitive and physical decline made getting out more difficult, but he carried on with dogged determination and a fear of dying.

Dad often said, "people are really nice to old guys" and we saw many acts of kindness by random people when he got himself into trouble. Seeing all of that has restored our faith in humanity.

We would like to thank: Dr William Colbourne, NPs Lise Dawson and Erica Cambrey, for the excellent medical care that was given to him. To Kevin and his team at the Drugstore, for many years of good advice and flexibility with many medication changes. HandyDart - dispatchers - for your kindness and patience, and to the Drivers - for taking their 'history of Nanaimo lessons' on a regular basis. He has to be one of Handy Darts most frequent riders.

To all the Home Support workers who came to care for dad. Some of you came to see him (and mom) for many, many years. The kindness and patience you showed, listening to his never ending stories and taking the time to look at the many, many photos of his life - Thank you! He considered many of you as friends and you meant a lot to him.

Thank you to the office staff at Home Support: the nurses, schedulers, case manager Rebeca and OT Laura, for scrambling to help out near the end. You got things done and helped out his extremely stressed daughter. To the good people at St Andrews Church - your love and kindness warmed his heart on Wednesdays. To Susan and the crew at the OAP, for making him feel welcome at the luncheons, even though he was like a bull in a china shop. Thank you to his dear friends Betty, Colleen, Cate and Bozena, who opened their kind hearts, with support and friendship.

A special thank you to Susan Garcia, who spent countless hours chronicling dad's life story, and put it into book form for him. And finally, to all the everyday heroes who work at the hospital - doctors, nurses and all the staff, who under extremely stressful working conditions, show up, work hard and show kindness and companionship to their patients every shift. ***There will be a private family service later in the spring.***



MOOSE HIDE CAMPAIGN: AN INDIGENOUS LED GRASSROOTS MOVEMENT TO END GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

In collaboration with Trinity's Truth and Reconciliation Committee, the Knights are invited to participate in the Moose Hide Campaign, an initiative to help end gender-based violence against women and children. The Campaign Day is **Thursday May 16 2024**. It was started by indigenous and non-indigenous men as an awareness campaign. This idea stems from BC's response to the recommendations of Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Traditional Indigenous beliefs hold that the wearing of a moose hide is good for healing both physical and emotional pain. For this reason, it is seen as an excellent symbol for taking a stand against violence and undoing the effects of Residential Schools. In the words of Senator Murray Sinclair, the Chief Commissioner of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission,



**MOOSE HIDE
CAMPAIGN**
**CAMPAGNE
MOOSE HIDE**

“The Moose Hide Campaign provides a sacred space to contribute to our nation's healing journey. It is a movement that calls upon people to speak up, take action, educate and support each other.”



Wearing the moose hide pin, a 2 cm square patch held on by a bobby pin, signifies your commitment to honour, respect and protect the women and children in your life and speak out against gender-based and domestic violence. Knights, and all parishioners will be given the opportunity to get a Moose Hide patch when they arrive in April. For further information please refer to the Moose Hide Campaign web page at: <https://moosehidecampaign.ca/>

By participating in the campaign we will be honouring the vision set out in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action, the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls' Calls for Justice. Further, this initiative conforms exactly to the values of the Knights of Columbus. It is hoped that all our brother Knights will see this as a good opportunity to exemplify our beliefs.



ROBERT J SMITH (1934-2024)

On behalf of Trinity Council, I extend our deepest sympathies to Bob's wife Lynne and family on their loss this week.

Both Bob and Lynne have been very active and involved with Trinity Parish over the years. Bob joined the Knights in June 2015. He served as our Council's Church committee representative for several years until ill health forced him to step aside.

As well, Lynne was instrumental in creating the highly successful altar servers' program we see today.

We will miss this good and faithful servant of the Knights.

May God grant him eternal glory!

Vivat Jesus,

Garry

It would be wonderful if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes, then come out wrinkle-free...and three sizes smaller.



Pancake Breakfast Mar 24— Mike Finch

We are very pleased with the turnout for the set up, preparation, delivery and cleanup for the pancake breakfast on Sunday.

It is always interesting that we learn something from every breakfast that we put on. A little tweaking will occur to ensure that we do not run out of the world famous waffles and blueberry pancakes at future breakfasts.

The turnout from the parish was great and is much appreciated.

Our gross was \$639.00 and after paying all our expenses and replenishing the float we have turned over \$286.11 to the treasurer.

Seder Dinner—March 28, 2024



Paddy was in New York .
He was patiently waiting and watching the traffic cop on a busy street crossing. The cop stopped the flow of traffic and shouted, 'Okay, pedestrians!' Then he'd allow the traffic to pass.
He'd done this several times, and Paddy still stood on the sidewalk.
After the cop had shouted, 'Pedestrians!' for the tenth time, Paddy went over to him and said, 'Is it not about time ye let the Catholics across?'

More photos on our website
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Gallagher opened the morning newspaper and was dumbfounded to read in the obituary column that he had died. He quickly phoned his best friend, Finney.
'Did you see the paper?' asked Gallagher. 'They say I died!!!'
'Yes, I saw it!' replied Finney. 'Where are ye callin' from?'

Today's 3-year-olds can switch on laptops and open their favorite apps. When I was 3, I ate mud.



2024-25 Council Elections



Brother:

It is time to begin thinking seriously about next year's leadership team. Thus far, your nominating committee does not yet have a recommendation for either a Grand Knight or a Deputy Grand Knight for the year beginning July 1st. The usual concerns most of us have when considering the honour of serving are: I do not have enough time, I do not know everybody, I do not know what to do, There is too much to do, I am not a leader. While most people have these fears, you would be surprised at how little those concerns bear to reality or will limit your ability to be successful in either of these roles. The Grand Knight of our council will have 75 brothers, most of whom are ready and willing to support him in some way. Your nominating committee has proposed and developed a mentoring program for our next Grand Knight, Deputy GK, and Chancellor. These experienced mentors will be available to offer you guidance and suggestions to make leadership roles less daunting. Please pray on this. Contact us to discuss how we can help you and our council be successful.

Vivat Jesus Jim Loftus and Dennis Adachi



Greater Victoria
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**13TH
APRIL
2024**

2pm - 3:45pm
Holy Trinity Church

\$20 per ticket
Proceeds to Building Fund

Tickets available at the church office.

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