



# Holy Trinity Council 9990 News



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## Grand Knight Report- Neil Fernandes



As you are aware, I represented our council #9990 & attended the 115th BC & Yukon State AGM & Convention that was held from 24th to 26th April in Richmond.

Attending this convention made me realize the huge difference the Knights of Columbus make to the Church & to society as well. Knights are also referred to as "The strong right arm of the church" & rightly so - as we are the world's largest catholic fraternal service organization that support the church through charity, defence of faith and promoting family life & vocations.

There are a couple of ideas in mind that will be shared at our next general meeting on Tuesday, 5th May at 7pm. I also request you to kindly inform our fellow brother knights about the next meeting & please share ideas / suggestions on how we can bring about some new activities / changes in our parish at Holy Trinity.

Vivat Jesus.

Neil Fernandes  
Grand Knight

Kids:

“You have a light in you the world needs —-never dim it for anyone.”

“Mistakes don’t define you— how you grow from them does.”

## 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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# 2025-2026 Executive

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### PANCAKE BREAKFAST — 26 April 2026. Mike Finch

We were pleased with the very enthusiastic group of brothers who assisted in all aspect of the April 26 breakfast. This was the first breakfast where we had to work around the new mass times of 9:00 am and 11:00 am. We expected a large crowd and our purchases were in anticipation of this. We had set breakfast for 10:00 am so that we would get parishioners coming from the 9:00 am and parishioners going to the 11:00 am mass . This will be our major goal over the next several months and we can only be hope that this arrangement will be accepted by the parishioners.

Unfortunately the turnout was poor and is reflected in a gross of only \$346.22, which after covering all our expenses and replenishing the float of \$400.00 we turned over \$226.10 to the treasurer. This means that we had a deficit of \$173.90 in putting this breakfast on.

As you all know, the proceeds from our Pancake Breakfasts are a major source of funds for our projects. Key among these is our education bursaries. It is hoped that it is only a matter of time before our parishioners adjust to the new times and are able to enjoy our breakfasts.

Our next breakfast will be on May 1<sup>st</sup>. With the Canada Day BBQ on July 1<sup>st</sup>, we will not be having a Pancake Breakfast in June. After May, our next breakfast will be at the end of summer. Please consider coming out to assist with this project.



## *Captain Alexandro Malaspina Assembly 34 2024-2025 Executive*

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### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BURSARY ANNOUNCEMENT



The Knights of Holy Trinity Council 9990 are pleased to award \$500 Bursaries to students in the parish who will be attending a Post Secondary educational institution in the NEXT SCHOOL YEAR.

Because of the success of our recent fund raising activities, which was supported generously by our parishioners, we are once again able to help students as they pursue further studies.

Application forms are available via the link below or at the church office.

Deadline for applications is **31 May 2026**.

[2026 BURSARY APPLICATION](#)

Your birthday cake collapses from the weight of the candles.

You Know You're Having a Bad Day When...  
 Everyone avoids you the morning after the company office party.  
 Your twin sister forgets your birthday.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 9990**  
**BURSARY APPLICATION FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade/Year \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

School Attended This Year: \_\_\_\_\_

To What Parish do you belong? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the educational goal for your studies? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a close relative who is a Knight? \_\_\_\_\_ If Yes,

WHO? \_\_\_\_\_ Council No. \_\_\_\_\_

**RULES AND REQUIREMENTS:**

**ELIGIBILITY:**

1. A member of this year's grade twelve graduating class.
2. A student who is continuing studies at a Post Secondary institution.

Application **MUST** be made through the Financial Secretary, Council 9990, 6234 Spartan Road, Nanaimo, B.C., V9T 2N9.

Completed applications **MUST** be received by the Financial Secretary no later than **31 MAY 2026**.

A copy of your transcripts of marks **MUST** accompany your application. This transcript may be from last year of your first semester marks.

You **MUST** submit a short autobiography outlining your family, church, and community activities, work and volunteer experiences, prizes and awards received, any special circumstances etc.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Donn Sherry**

*Be silent if you can't talk without yelling.*  
*Be silent when someone is sharing their struggles and vulnerability*

*Be silent if your words can betray someone's trust.*  
*Be silent in the heat of anger*

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*Maciej Krok*

*Ringo (Romeo) Selda*

*Allan Crowe*

*John Shanie*

*Ralph Carlson*

*Thomas Prethesh*

*Roy Kuziw*

*Les Taylor*

*Mick Brzoza*

*John Novotny*

*Jainsaw*

### *May Anniversaries*

*Peter & Francesca CHEA 52*

*Allan & Marg Crowe 62*

*Don & Sharon FOUCHON 24*

*Mike & Margaret HOWARD 57*

*John & Roseanna VANREEUWYK 24*

*Ken & Gale KOURY 68*

*Tim & Melinda FRANKLIN 35*



## Do You Know?

By *Allan Crowe*

### **SAINT JOHN THE APOSTLE**

Apostle John, ( B. circa 6 AD – D. circa 100 AD), Western feast day December 27; Eastern feast days May 8 and September 26.

John was born to Zebedee and Salome, a family of Jewish fishermen on the Sea of Galilee. He was the younger brother of James and according to some traditions, a cousin of Jesus, as his mother Salome was believed to be the sister of Mary. John worked as a fisherman alongside his father and brother.

John, the youngest of Jesus' twelve disciples, was known as the "Beloved Disciple" and traditionally credited with authoring several New Testament works. He was among the first disciples called by Jesus. John was part of Jesus' inner circle with Peter and James, witnessing key events such as the Transfiguration and the raising of Jairus' daughter, and he remained close to Jesus during the crucifixion. He is traditionally identified as the "Beloved Disciple" in the Gospel of John, emphasizing his intimate relationship with Christ.

John is traditionally credited with writing the Gospel of John, three epistles and the Book of Revelation. His writings emphasize love, faith, and the divinity of Christ, reflecting his close relationship with Jesus and his theological insights.

Before Jesus died on the cross, He entrusted His mother, Mary to John's care. When Mary died, John wrote his three epistles. He outlived the other apostles and was the only one to die of natural causes, though he faced persecution. According to legend John was arrested by Emperor Domitian (81-98 AD) and was plunged into boiling oil from which he miraculously escaped unscathed. It's a dramatic story but the bible never mentions it! So where did it come from? Tertullian, a 2nd century theologian is the first to mention that John was plunged into a boiling cauldron of oil. However, John was banished to the island of Patmos by Domitian where he recorded the book of Revelations. Eventually John made it back to Ephesus and died an ordinary death. He was the only apostle to die of old age; the others were martyred for their faith.

Now you know 

### **Golfing Toward Confession**

A man went to the confessional. "Forgive me, Father, for I have sinned."

"What is your sin, my son?" the priest asked.

"Well," the man started, "I used some horrible language this week, and I feel absolutely terrible."

"When did you use this awful language?" asked the priest.

"I was golfing and hit an incredible drive that looked like it was going to go over 250 yards, but it struck a power line that was hanging over the fairway and fell straight down to the ground after going only about a hundred yards."

"Is that when you swore?"

"No, Father. After that, a squirrel ran out of the bushes and grabbed my ball in his mouth and began to run away."

"Is that when you swore?"

"Well, no. You see, as the squirrel was running, an eagle came down out of the sky, grabbed the squirrel in his talons, and flew away!"

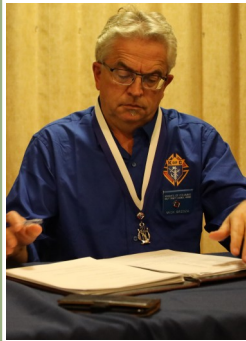
"Is that when you swore?" asked the amazed priest.

"No, not yet. As the eagle carried the squirrel away in his claws, it flew toward the green. And as it passed over a bit of forest near the green, the squirrel dropped my ball."

"Did you swear then?"

"No, because as the ball felt it struck a tree, bounced through some bushes, careened off a big rock, and rolled through a sand trap onto the green and stopped within six inches of the hole."

The priest signed, "You missed the putt, didn't you?"



**COMMUNITY DIRECTOR**— Mick Brzoza

We are happy to report on extensive efforts by our Knights in protecting our church properties by removing danger and damaging trees. We all love and appreciate the grandeur of the Douglas Fir that surrounds our property. Nonetheless, there are situations whereby trees become a liability.

We are midway through all the cleanup after falling, and want to thank all the volunteers that aided in maintaining safety, branch relocation and chipping. It's a significant undertaking and we look forward to putting the church grounds and overflow parking into tip top condition after stump removals. Please help participate in volunteer callouts that save the church a lot of financial burden that can be used for many other parish needs.

Thank you to the HTC Maintenance Committee, many volunteers and especially Jim Loftus for his direction in the long term care of our beautiful property.

Mick Brzoza



**TOP LEFT:** Levi St. Pierre brought his dad Gerald to the Knights' sponsored Church Grounds Clean-up on Saturday, April 11. They were a big help to Brothers Norbert, Mick, and Jim.

## Good of the Order

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

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

## FUTURE EVENTS

- 05 May General Meeting
- 10 May Mothers Day
- 14 May March For Life, Victoria
- 19 May Executive Planning Meeting
- 31 May Pancake Breakfast
- 01 July Canada Day Picnic

## Knights in Action



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Mothers Day Flowers** 9-10 May 2026 Started by Fr Joseph a number of years ago, and one of the fun traditions we have in Council 9990, is to give a flower to each mother in our parish congregation on Mothers Day. Each mother attending one of the weekend masses is invited to come to the front of the sanctuary and receive a flower from one of our Knights. From all accounts this gesture is deeply appreciated by our parish mothers. We typically have two Knights hand out the flowers at the front of the sanctuary. If you are willing to participate in this, please tell the Grand Knight.



**March for Life Victoria** Thursday, May 14, 2026 Ref.: <https://m4lvictoria.ca/schedule/> The Knights of Columbus invite you to attend the March for Life in Victoria, BC on May 14, 2026. This is an annual event that Knights and thousands of others from across Canada participate in every year with the aim of making the pro-life movement visible.

As can be seen in the schedule below, this event commences with a Catholic Mass in Victoria. It is followed by a march from Centennial Square at the Victoria City Hall, and proceeds down Government St. to the BC Parliament Buildings. On the front lawn of the Legislature there will be a prayer secession followed by a number of speakers that actively advance Life issues. Please see the Schedule of Events below for more detail.

## 2026 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**12:00 PM PDT:** Catholic Mass St Andrew's Roman Catholic Cathedral 740 View Street, Victoria, BC

**12:00 PM PDT:** Protestant Prayer Service Central Baptist Church 833 Pandora Avenue, Victoria, BC

**1:45 PM PDT:** March leaves from Centennial Square and processes down Government Street to BC Legislature 1 Centennial Square, Victoria, BC **2:15 PM PDT:** Rally commences BC Legislature 501 Belleville Street, Victoria, BC

**3:15 PM PDT:** Rally concludes

## Doctor s Orders

A 92 year-old man went to the doctor to get a physical. A few days later, the doctor saw the man walking down the street with a gorgeous young lady on his arm.

A couple of days later, when the old man had an appointment with the doctor again, the doc said, "You're really doing great, aren't you?"

The man replied, "Just doing what you said doctor, 'Get a hot mamma and be cheerful.'"

The doctor said, "I didn't say that. I said you got a heart murmur.

Be careful."

## A SHORT HISTORY OF HOLY TRINITY COUNCIL #9990



Our council was formed on February 13, 1989 with 33 members. When we celebrated our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary in Feb. 2009, we were fortunate to have all our past grand knights plus the past district deputy responsible for the formation of our council in attendance – see photo below. As the second council in Nanaimo we often join forces with the *Mid Island Council #3842* for major functions such as the installation of officers, with each council hosting on alternating years. Several past grand knight went on to be our district deputy and editor of the state newspaper.

*From left to right: Jim Loftus; Fr. Piotr Golinski, Chaplain; Nick Tysowski, (charter G.K.); Bill Duncan; Ed Landry; John Barr; Claude Francoeur, Past D.D. (responsible for the formation of our council); Bob Koster; Allan Crowe; Al. Schickerowsky; and Pat Young.*

Sad to say that only 3 of the PGKs in that picture along with the District Deputy are still with us (Jim Loftus; Ed Landry; Allan Crowe and D.D. Claude Francoeur). As of 2026 there have been 18 Grand Knight with several serving multiple times. Photos of all G.K.s are on our web site at <https://www.trinity9990.com/>.

Over the years we have been blessed with active membership chairmen and other knights who have been instrumental in increasing our membership which has seen our council expand from 33 members to over 90. We have received many of Supreme's Star Council awards and also were the recipient of their Double Star Council award.

Our council has been an active one from the beginning. We were first a number of times for the State Charity Appeal ticket sales when we had a table in both Rutherford (now NNTC) and Woodgrove malls and were always among the top sellers. We are still ranked among the top sellers under the new on-line sales program. Trinity Catholic Church was originally part of Trinity Ecumenical Centre along with the Trinity United Church. A few years ago the United Church decided to move on and as a result the R.C. Diocese of Vancouver Island became the sole owner of the property. Our members are active within the church and centre including; Eucharistic ministers, ushers, readers, sacristans, altar servers, etc. We have been involved with many different organizations over the years within our community including our church youth group, Coats for Kids, Pro-Life (including the annual March for Life walk in Victoria), St. Vincent de Paul and scholarships for graduating secondary students to mention a few. In short, we put our money and time to good use for the benefit of our church and community. We also hold pancake breakfasts which we have done from the start. Each year we put on a Christmas dinner where the proceeds go to a local charity such as St. Vincent de Paul. We also hold a July 1st Canada Day picnic on the church grounds.

Allan Crowe, PGK.

### RARE LIFE LESSONS BY A JAPANESE MONK

**A clear mind is stronger than a busy one**

**Happiness is found in discipline, not desire**