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Grand Knight Report — Garry Shepp

A SEASON OF "MUCH ADO"

Brothers, following a bit of a hiatus this summer, we are now moving into a very active Fall.

Our first major event was the continuation of our popular **Pancake Breakfast** on the last Sunday of September. The largest turnout ever remembered came for eggs, waffles, sausages and blueberry pancakes so lovingly prepared by our great kitchen crew. There were many compliments!

Immediately following, we were setting up tables for the **Garage Sale** led by Coordinator **Mike Smith**. This event continues to draw large crowds and is one of our major fund raisers. It has a reputation as one of the largest and best Garage Sales in the city with good quality clean used items at bargain prices. Sale dates Sept. 29 & 30.

This event will be followed up with the start our annual **Charity Appeal** campaign in mid-October.

Coats for Kids is an international Knights program offering free winter coats to children and teens in need. This year our local program got an early "kick start" with Brother **Pierre LeGal** as coordinator.

Pierre has linked with Saint Vincent De Paul to arrange distribution through a local school.

Fr Irek, our new Chaplain, has some new ideas to extend both the Parish and Knight's services. The Knights will sponsor and assist Father in a new **Outreach** program to start this Fall.

As well, the Knight's meetings will all move to Tuesday nights in support of Fr Irek's plan for a Thursday evening Mass as a better time for working families and young singles.

Our change to Tuesday 7:00 PM evening meetings will start in November.

Our Council is still recovering financially from the forced shut-down of most of our fundraising projects during Covid. We are able to meet operating expenses; however, many of our Charitable and Bursary programs have been severely restricted.

With God's Blessings and our efforts, we will prevail!

Vivat Jesus,

Garry

Holy Trinity Council 9990



Meetings

6234 Spartan Road, Nanaimo, BC

General

7:00 P.M. First Tuesday of the month in the **church lounge**

Executive

7:00 P.M. Third Thursday of the month: Meeting room



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DID YOU KNOW?

The Life of St. Paul the Apostle

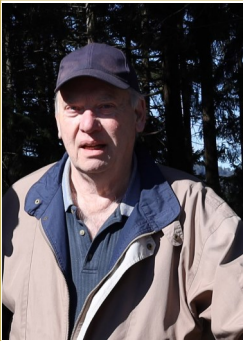
Saul (Paul) was born circa 5 AD in Tarsus. He was also born a Roman citizen. Saul moved to Jerusalem and studied under Gamaliel, a Pharisee and an esteemed rabbi. His deep beliefs in Yahweh led him to believe that Jesus was an imposter and a liar and he viewed Christians as deceitful and a threat to Judaism. He terrorized Jesus' followers to stop what he believed was a false message. His hostility to believers in Jesus including putting them to death. Saul was present when Stephen, a follower of Jesus, was stoned thus becoming the first Christian martyr.

On his way to Damascus, Jesus intervened and would forever change Saul's life: *"As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' 'Who are you, Lord?' Saul asked. 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,' he replied. 'Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.' Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes, he could see nothing."* (Acts 9:3-6, 8-9). His companions took him to Ananias, a believer, who with God's help, healed him. For Saul, both a physical healing and spiritual renewal took place. When he was healed the scales fell off his eyes and he became baptized.

Saul, now known as Paul, became one of the most influential apostles and believers in the history of Christianity. He was called to follow Jesus in a bold way; to spread the Gospel to the Gentiles. He founded churches, wrote letters, and led a ministry in which many men and women were part of spreading the Gospel. He travelled throughout what is now Turkey and Syria ending up in Rome.

He was eventually imprisoned, sentenced to death and was martyred for Christ in Rome.

Now you know



Garage Sale

Friday, September 29 from 2—6 PM

Saturday, September 30 from 9 AM to 1 PM

We are looking for household items to be donated for the sale. We can accept smaller pieces of furniture (end tables, coffee tables etc.), all types of fans, lamps and shades, framed pictures, tools, small kitchen appliances, children's toys and much more. Please remember all items must be clean and in good working order.

We will be accepting your donations at the Church gym, west door, **starting Monday Sept. 25** thru to and including **Friday Sept. 29**, between 10am and 2pm.

*****We are unable to take clothes, shoes, large pieces of furniture, televisions, computers, printers (no electronics), paints or books.**

When my grandson Billy and I entered our vacation cabin, we kept the lights off until we were inside to keep from attracting pesky insects. Still, a few fireflies followed us in. Noticing them before I did, Billy whispered, "It's no use Grandpa. Now the mosquitoes are coming after us with flashlights."

*Garage Sale September 29-30
You still have time to drop off your donations
Below some of the items that are being sorted and priced for the sale*





Membership

Dear Brother:

Upon the recommendation of a brother from Mid-Island Council 3842, I watched a 50 minute video on the Masonic Order on YouTube. I also recommend you invest the time to see it through to the end.

It is a lecture (with pictures and minor interviews) given by Dr Selwyn Stevens who is reportedly a leading expert on all things freemasonry and is also a best-selling author. It is not always understood that Catholics are not to belong to the Masonic Order, (and Masons are not supposed to be Catholic.) Regrettably, some of our good brother Knights have also joined the Masonic Order. When discovered, this has often caused tremendous disharmony within the respective Council and beyond.

Should you choose to view the video, you will come to understand why Catholic membership in the Masons is usually very disruptive and emotional. You will also come to understand many other interesting facts. You will see some ceremonial similarities with the Knights. Indeed, through my research I have also found many ceremonial similarities between the Knights and the Odd Fellows and other fraternal organizations. Check out:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XAx5W821tqQ>

God Bless

Jim Loftus — Faithful Navigator

Congratulations

To Brothers and wives celebrating
October Anniversaries

Let us pray for all married couples: that they will help one another attain holiness through the graces given to them in the Sacrament of Matrimony.

Richard & Pauline Jones

34

Jim & Nora Loftus

45

Peter & Noreen Batt

57

Don & Ann Marie Powell

22

Good of the Order

Please pray for:

- ◆ Chuck and Diane Rieger
- ◆ Joie Koster, widow of PGK Bob Koster
- ◆ Brother Mike Harrigan and wife Gay
- ◆ Brother Jim Whalen
- ◆ Brother Aurel Muego
- ◆ Betty Young widow of Brother Pat
- ◆ Brother John Vanreeuwyk
- ◆ Norma Dumas—wife of Brother Joe
- ◆ Brother James Chase and wife Dorothy
- ◆ Brother Les Taylor

Do you have someone who needs prayers?
Send the name to your editor and the name will be added to our list.



Years of Service
Michael Harrigan 30

The older I get the tighter companies are putting lids on their jars.

I thought growing old would take longer.

I didn't know if my granddaughter had learned her colors yet, so I decided to test her. I would point out something and ask what color it was. She would tell me and was always correct. It was fun for me, so I continued. At last, she headed for the door, saying, "Grandma, I really think you should try to figure out some of these colors yourself!"



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Patriotic Degree:

Dear Sir Knights:

Your executive met recently and reviewed a number of issues. Our Faithful District Master for BC and Yukon, Sir Knight Henri Mercado, will be in Nanaimo on **Friday, October 13** to conduct the **Installation of Officers** for the current fraternal year. All Sir Knights are invited to attend at Holy Trinity Church for the ceremony which will commence at **6:00 pm**. Since the State's Regional Meeting will follow, there will not be a social afterwards. Save The Dates!

Your executive proposes to hold the Captain Alessandro Malaspina Assembly Christmas dinner on **Tuesday, December 5**. Your suggestions including venue and program are solicited.

The next regular meeting of our Assembly is planned for **Saturday, October 21 at 10:00 am** at Holy Trinity Church. Please plan to attend both.

Vivat Jesus

Jim Loftus, Faithful Navigator

When my grandson asked me how old I was, I teasingly replied, "I'm not sure." "Look in your underwear, Grandpa," he advised "Mine says I'm 4 to 6." (WOW! I really like this one -- it says I'm only '38'!)

A 6-year-old was asked where his grandma lived. "Oh," he said, "she lives at the airport, and whenever we want her, we just go get her. Then, when we're done having her visit, we take her back to the airport."



Ian Halowaty receiving his knighthood degree



Mike Mezzabarba receiving his Family of the year certificate



Mike Smith receives his Knight of the Year certificate

Pancake Breakfast

On September 24, our pancake breakfast event exceeded all expectations, with a remarkable turnout of parishioners. Fr. Ben made his first appearance as parish priest, preferring waffles over pancakes.



Our best estimate is that between 100 and 150 parishioners joined us, requiring us to set up both round and rectangular tables, a first for our breakfasts.

It was truly heartwarming to see Alice Berube and Jo Creedon, knights' wives, join their husbands in the kitchen, serving and preparing breakfast. We're still overwhelmed by the success of this fantastic event. Feedback from our parishioners was very positive, with many expressing their intent to return for breakfast next Sunday (next breakfast is in five weeks).

We're immensely grateful to all the brothers who contributed to the breakfast's success. Support from our parishioners, including many new faces, was truly great and was very encouraging". Thanks to your support, the event generated a gross income of \$851.85, including \$145.00 from our square reader. After replenishing our float, we've been able to contribute \$564.05 to the Treasurer.

We can say with pride that we've accomplished something truly wonderful!

How Children perceive their grandparents.

I was in the bathroom, putting on my makeup, under the watchful eyes of my young granddaughter, as I'd done many times before. After I applied my lipstick and started to leave, the little one said, "But Grandma, you forgot to kiss the toilet paper good-bye!" I will probably never put lipstick on again without thinking about kissing the toilet paper good-bye.

A second grader came home from school and said to her grandmother, "Grandma, guess what? We learned how to make babies today." The grandmother, more than a little surprised, tried to keep her cool. "That's interesting," she said. "How do you make babies?" "It's simple," replied the girl. "You just change 'y' to 'i' and add 'es'."



Dear Brother Knights

Last year we had a lot of fun with our 1 – 4 PM Card Games Afternoon in the Parish Lounge and recently some of you have been asking when are we going to start it again!

However, before doing so, I have listed a few ideas on how we might **increase** our participation. Please let me know if any of these suggestions meet with your interest. It will be included on the agenda at our October 5th 7 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting.

1. Instead of Card Games in the Parish Lounge, we could play pool at the “James Street Games Room” on Victoria Crescent. Open 2 – 11 PM every day. Last year, Mike Mezzabarba, Mike Creedon, Dennis Adachi and another friend played “8 Ball Pool” there from 2 – 4 PM on Fridays. The place was so bright and cheery that even husbands brought their wives there to play.
2. Making reservations is not required as there are several tables. However, if there is enough interest, you can reserve as many tables as you want. The rate for 2-4 players at a table is \$16.50/hr. You can enjoy soft drinks, beer, hot dogs, etc. while playing your game.
3. If you don’t want to play pool, they also have Foos Ball, Air Hockey and Ping Pong on the premises at \$15.75 - \$17.50/hr.
4. Free 2-hour parking before 6 PM and free parking after 6 PM.
5. For our Card Games in the Parish Lounge, consider playing other games as well (i.e. Darts, Scrabble, Back Gammon, Chess) plus invite other parishioners or friends to participate.

Note: 50/50 Draw (\$5 ticket) will still be offered. However, Mike Finch’s ticket stub will be misplaced for each draw!



Looking forward to hearing from you.

Dennis Adachi (dennisadachi@shaw.ca)

Celebrating October Birthdays

Dale Duperreault

Stephen Burchert

Terry Hayes

Mike Howard

Ted Kelly

Gerald St Pierre

Domínico Park

1. A grandmother was telling her little granddaughter what her own childhood was like. "We used to skate outside on a pond. I had a swing made from a tire; it hung from a tree in our front yard. We rode our pony. We picked wild raspberries in the woods." The little girl was wide-eyed, taking this all in. At last she said, "I sure wish I'd gotten to know you sooner!"
2. A little girl was diligently pounding away on her grandfather's word processor. She told him she was writing a story. "What's it about?" he asked.

"I don't know," she replied. "I can't read."

I don't know how cemeteries can raise prices and blame it on the cost of living