



Holy Trinity Council 9990 News



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Brother Knights,

It is with a heavy heart that I share this news, our brother & past Grand Knight Mike Patterson has passed away. Please keep him and Cathy in your prayers. Understandably, Cathy is not ready to speak with anyone at this time & would need some quiet time with her family. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul rest in peace. Amen,

Neil Fernandes, Grand Knight



Grand Knight— Neil Fernandes

Hello Brothers,

I trust & hope you all are doing well.

Our next general meeting will be on Tuesday, 7th April at 7pm. Please attend & try to get a brother knight who hasn't been able to make it for the past meetings to come with you.

With the new change in the Sunday mass timings (9am & 11am) our Pancake breakfast will now be after the 9am mass on the 26th of April. Parishioners attending the 9am mass can join us once mass is over & for those attending the 11am mass, they can have breakfast before mass. There is a saying that is apt in this situation – “Intelligence is the ability to adapt to change.”

I will be attending the Annual State Convention on the mainland, scheduled on 24th - 26th April & will be representing our council #9990. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish you & your family a blessed Holy Week. Looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

Vivat Jesus.

Neil Fernandes

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



Visit our web site

<https://www.trinity9990.com/>



Seder Dinner:

Once again, we celebrated the institution of the Holy Eucharist by hosting, together with the SVDP and CWL, another Holy Trinity Family Seder Dinner. Forty-one people came together to literally break bread; sadly, some had to cancel due to sickness. Our heartfelt thanks to Master Chef Stephen Burchert, who prepared the lamb, Master Baker John Vanreeuwyk, who baked the unleavened bread, Ching Muego, who prepared the charocet, everyone who brought their delicious Seder dish, and all who helped prepare the room. Unfortunately, the 48-year-old dishwasher decided to spring a massive leak (the pump housing crumbled); all the dishes had to be washed by hand after the flood was mopped up. (Parts are on order). The \$10 per person cover charge brought us to slightly better than breakeven; the proceeds will be split between SVDP, CWL, and Knights.

Happy Easter



*Seder Dinner
March 31, 2026*

Today, I interviewed my grandmother for part of a research paper I'm working on in my psychology class. When I asked her to define success in her own words, she said; "Success is when you look back at your life and the memories make you smile".

Today, after my 72-hour shift at the fire station, a woman ran up to me at the grocery store and gave me a hug. When I tensed up, she realized I didn't recognize her. She let go all with tears of joy in her eyes and the most sincere smile and said; "On 9-11-2001, you carried me out of the World Trade Center."

Water is lighter than butane, because butane in a lighter

We do not throw away perfectly good food in this house.
We put it in Tupperware until it goes bad.
The we throw it away.

Talk is cheap
Because the supply
Always exceeds
demand



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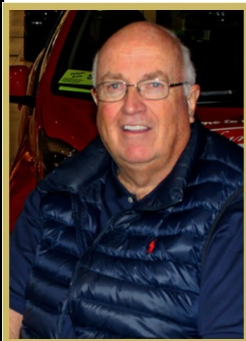
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Today, as my Father, three brothers, and two sisters stood around my mother's hospital bed, my Mother uttered her last coherent words before she died. She simply said, "I feel so loved right now. We should have gotten together like this more often."



PANCAKE BREAKFAST — 29 March 2026. Mike Finch

I wish to thank my brother Knights for their support on Sunday. Preparations proceeded in an orderly fashion not withstanding absences. To all my brothers please do not hesitate to join us at this major Monthly project.

We all were looking forward to having breakfast for the Parishioners and they did not let us down with the attendance that was over whelming. Even with additional production of waffles and pancakes we may have had one or two parishioners that did not get a complete "world famous breakfast". A good job well done.

We all look forward to the April 26 breakfast as the new mass times will be in play. At this time we plan on having breakfast ready at 10:00 AM for those Parishioners attending 9:00 AM mass and for those parishioners wanting breakfast and fellowship before attending the 11:00 AM

Mike

BIBLE

A little boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible. He picked up the object and looked at it.. What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed in between the pages.

'Mama, look what I found,' the boy called out...

'What have you got there, dear?'

With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered, 'I think it's Adam's underwear!'



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](#)

OPINIONS

On the first day of school, a first-grader handed his teacher a note from his mother. The note read, 'The opinions expressed by this child are not necessarily those of his parents.'



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

*The Truth has no defense
Against a fool
Determined to believe a lie*

*If the grass looks greener on the other side
Stop staring, Stop complaining
Start watering the grass
you're standing on*

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FUTURE EVENTS

- 07 Apr General Meeting
- 21 Apr Executive Planning
- 26 Apr Pancake Breakfast

Good of the Order

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

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

<i>April Birthdays</i>
<i>Jose De Bora</i>
<i>Paul Geneau</i>
<i>Jim Loftus</i>
<i>Mike Finch</i>
<i>Rene Cusson</i>

<i>April Anniversaries</i>	
<i>Thomas & Ajantha Markose Prethesh</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>Norbert & Christa Grillmair</i>	<i>57</i>
<i>Martin & Maria De Bruyns</i>	<i>28</i>



Do You Know?

By *Allan Crowe*

As we celebrate the death and rising of our Lord Jesus Christ I thought it appropriate to write about the apostle who betrayed him, Judas Iscariot. Was there ever a man more possessed by the devil than he?

Judas Iscariot (Born circa 03 AD and died in 30 AD) was one of the Twelve Apostles and is notorious for betraying Jesus. “Judas” is the Greek form of the Hebrew Judah”, meaning “praise” while “Iscariot” is commonly interpreted as “man of Kerioth” indicating he may have been from a town in Judea, making him the only apostle from that region. Alternative interpretations suggest “Iscariot” could mean “dagger man” or “liar” though these are debated.

He is always the last on the list of the Apostles. He was in charge of the group’ money and was a thief who regularly stole from it. Judas was known to be a liar who was also deceitful and greedy. John introduces his thievery by saying, “as he had the money box he used to take what was put into it.” (John 12:4 – 6).

Jesus referred to Judas as a devil and a son of perdition who it would have been better if he were never born (Matthew 26:24). It is interesting to note that Christ not only knew he would be betrayed, he hand-picked the betrayer! He stated, when he selected the twelve men who would follow him, “Did I not choose you twelve, and one of you is a devil?” (John 6:71).

Betrayal of Jesus

Judas is most notorious for betraying Jesus to the Sanhedrin in the Garden of Gethsemane. He identified Jesus to the arresting soldiers with a kiss, a gesture that has become synonymous with treachery (the Judas Kiss). The betrayal was motivated by greed, as he received thirty pieces of silver in exchange for revealing Jesus’ location. The Gospels suggests that Judas was influenced by Satan during this act, highlighting the spiritual dimension of his betrayal.

Death and Legacy

We know that Judas felt remorse for his actions (Matthew 27:3) and knew he sinned. His sorrow, however, did not lead to true repentance and a change of heart, as it did for Peter. It led to him committing suicide.

Accounts of Judas’ death vary. According to Matthew, he felt remorse, returned the silver to the chief priests, and hanged himself. The Book of Acts describes a more gruesome death, stating he fell headlong in a field he purchased with the betrayal money, resulting in his body bursting open. His place among the apostles was later filled by Matthias.

Now you know 

Speeding Ticket.....

A man is speeding down a country road when he notices red lights flashing behind him in his rearview mirror...

So, he pulls over to the side of the road and rolls down his window.

An officer approaches his car and asks him, “Sir, do you realize how fast you were going?”

The man replies, “Yes, I’m really sorry about that officer, but I have to go.”

The officer interrupts him, “Not so fast. You’re coming with me...” The officer takes the man to jail and tells him, “You’re going to have to wait for the chief to get back in a few hours.”

After a few hours have passed, the officer tells the man, “Well, you’re lucky...”

“The chief is on his way back from his daughter’s wedding, so he’ll be in a good mood.”

The man replies, “I doubt it.”

The cop snaps back, “Why do you say that?”

The man replies... “I’m the groom!”



Dear Brothers:

You may have noticed some recent tree falling around the church and were wondering about the reasons. There are many. You may have noticed long cracks in the pavement radiating out from the trees. The tree roots are beginning to break up the pavement. In one area, the roots are lifting the pavement, creating a significant tripping hazard. Also, some of the strong winds we get have been breaking off large branches. While we have had several programs pruning dead branches, when the heavy, live branches come crashing down, we are especially concerned about the people and vehicles that may be below. However, perhaps our greatest concerns are around the forked trees that are in danger of breaking off, as we have experienced in the past, luckily with no injury or worse so far. Thanks go out to those brothers who responded to our call for help with the clean-up, including Dennis and son Brandon Tan, Rob Schiefele, Jose DeBorba, Mike Mezzabarba, Mick Brzoza, and, of course, Norbert Grillmair. Your sacrifice has resulted in significant cost savings to our church and made the job go much faster.

Happy Easter
Jim Loftus



KETCHUP

A woman was trying hard to get the ketchup out of the jar. During her struggle the phone rang so she asked her 4-year-old daughter to answer the phone. 'Mommy can't come to the phone to talk to you right now. She's hitting the bottle.'

NUDITY

A little boy got lost at the YMCA and found himself in the women's locker room. When he was spotted, the room burst into shrieks, with ladies grabbing towels and running for cover. The little boy watched in amazement and then asked, 'What's the matter, haven't you ever seen a little boy before?'

SCHOOL

A little girl had just finished her first week of school. 'I'm just wasting my time,' she said to her mother. 'I can't read, I can't write, and they won't let me talk!'

I'm so old I remember Multiplication was called
"Times Tables"



Newsletter-District Deputy Report—Garry Shepp DD21

FRATERNAL BENEFITS

It's wonderful to see that all councils have experienced good membership growth over the past two years.

Some are transfers but many others are new members- especially from among our new Canadians.

Many of these are younger men with young families.

Also many of them will be working in jobs with few benefits and the likelihood of several job changes in the future. Their benefits will change or even terminate with every job change.

The Knights of Columbus Fraternal Benefits are the Insurance benefits available to every member. Backed by **the third largest insurance company in the world** as well as one of the highest rated, it only invests in companies consistent with our Catholic values.

Furthermore it is not managed by stock market traders, but by Brother Knights for Brother Knights!

This was Fr McGivney's original concept in starting the Knights of Columbus over 100 years ago- *“financial security for families”*.

This why every council must ensure that its members, especially those with young families, are aware and introduced to its Fraternal Benefits.

This investment will be owned by you forever, regardless of future life changes. It is an asset which will grow in value over time and can be used as collateral or borrowed against whenever needed.

A Knights of Columbus Insurance Agent is available upon invitation to address your council about this very important subject!

Vivat Jesus,

Garry

DRESS-UP

A little girl was watching her parents dress for a party. When she saw her dad donning his tuxedo, she warned, 'Daddy, you shouldn't wear that suit..'

'And why not, darling?'

'You know that it always gives you a headache the next morning.'

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 cotton-wool, 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.'

"A man and his dog were walking along a road. The man was enjoying the scenery, when it suddenly occurred to him that he was dead.

He remembered dying, and that the dog walking beside him had been dead for years. He wondered where the road was leading them.

After a while, they came to a high, white stone wall along one side of the road. It looked like fine marble. At the top of a long hill, it was broken by a tall arch that glowed in the sunlight.

When he was standing before it he saw a magnificent gate in the arch that looked like mother-of-pearl, and the street that led to the gate looked like pure gold. He and the dog walked toward the gate, and as he got closer, he saw a man at a desk to one side.

When he was close enough, he called out, 'Excuse me, where are we?'

'This is Heaven, sir,' the man answered.

Would you happen to have some water?' the man asked.

Of course, sir. Come right in, and I'll have some ice water brought right up'.The man gestured, and the gate began to open.

'Can my friend,' gesturing toward his dog, 'come in, too?' the traveller asked.

'I'm sorry, sir, but we don't accept pets.'

The man thought a moment and then turned back toward the road and continued the way he had been going with his dog.

After another long walk, and at the top of another long hill, he came to a dirt road leading through a farm gate that looked as if it had never been closed. There was no fence. As he approached the gate, he saw a man inside, leaning against a tree and reading a book.

'Excuse me!' he called to the man. 'Do you have any water?'

'Yeah, sure, there's a pump over there, come on in..'

'How about my friend here?' the traveller gestured to the dog.

There should be a bowl by the pump.'

They went through the gate, and sure enough, there was an old-fashioned hand pump with a bowl beside it. The traveller filled the water bowl and took a long drink himself, then he gave some to the dog.

When they were full, he and the dog walked back toward the man who was standing by the tree.

'What do you call this place?' the traveller asked.

This is Heaven,' he answered.

'Well, that's confusing,' the traveller said. 'The man down the road said that was Heaven, too.'

'Oh, you mean the place with the gold street and pearly gates? Nope. That's hell.'

'Doesn't it make you mad for them to use your name like that?'

'No, we're just happy that they screen out the folks who would leave their best friends behind.'" Dogs are family.

Even if you trust someone, keep some things to your self.