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Grand Knight Report — Norbert Grillmair

Dear Brothers,

As we come to the end of the year, I have so much to be thankful for. I am grateful to Jim and our membership team which has brought many new brothers to our council; Brother Mike who manages the Charity Appeal; the pancake breakfast team, led by the other Brother Mike; all the brothers who continue to help set up and take down for parish activities and all those who attend our meetings. The many good works of our brothers are so much appreciated, and I thank you for your support.

I am looking forward to this Advent season and getting together for our parish Christmas dinner.

Merry Christmas! I wish you all peace and good will for this season and beyond.

Vivat Jesus,

Norbert

1. People say 60 is the new 40. the cop who just pulled me over didn't agree.
2. Cable repairman on my street asked me what time it was. I told him it is between 8 am and 1 pm.

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

*Who are you going to call?
Nobody.... You're driving*

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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~ Harrison Ford...
Wood burns faster when you have to cut and chop it yourself.



Did you know by Allan Crowe

The Basilica of Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré is set along the Saint Lawrence River in Quebec, 30 kilometers east of Quebec City, and is one of the six national shrines of Canada. It has been credited by the Catholic Church with many miracles. It receives about a half-million pilgrims each year. The peak period of pilgrimage is around July 26, the feast of Saint Anne, the patron saint of sailors.

The basilica was initially a shrine to honour Saint Anne. In 1658, Étienne de Lessard donated two frontal acres from the west end of his property to the Church for a chapel. It eventually became the site of the modern day basilica. The chapel was built to house a miraculous statue of St. Anne.

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Now you know



Every time we try to eat healthy, along comes Christmas, Easter, summer, Friday or Tuesday and ruins it for us.

REMODEL with

I am responsible for what I say, not what you understand.

Last year I joined a support group for antisocial people.

THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A GROUCHY OLD PERSON. THE TRUTH IS, ONCE YOU GET OLD, YOU STOP BEING POLITE AND START BEING HONEST.

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Knights of Columbus Council 9990 member, Pierre Le Gal presenting Thomas Roden of the Salvation Army 24 Coats for needy children.



Council 9990 member, Pierre Le Gal presenting 48 coats to Bayview elementary school principal Neil Varner and student

The Process: by Pierre LeGal



The initiative began during the general meeting in September, when Council approved an expenditure of \$750. This amount would cover the cost of two boxes of coats, with each box containing twelve coats. However, if we placed the order before September 30th, we could take advantage of a special offer to get two boxes for the price of one, as the regular price per box is \$345.

I reached out to Bayview Elementary School, located in a less affluent area of Nanaimo's south end, with whom I had collaborated last year. They were eager to accept the offer of four boxes of coats. Meanwhile, a fellow Knight generously donated \$345 to purchase two boxes of coats for the Salvation Army. I informed the Salvation Army of this wonderful news, and they were delighted.

I placed the coat order before the end of September, and Brother Mike Finch sent the funds.

The coats arrived in Victoria at the end of October, and Brother Norbert Grillmair traveled to Duncan to collect them. Brother Jim Loftus kindly offered his garage for storage.

On November 5th, I delivered the coats: twenty-four to the Salvation Army and forty-eight to Bayview School. I extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of this project.

Pierre

SEVENTY-TWO COATS DONATED TO CHILDREN IN NEED.

The “Coats for Kids” program is synonymous with the Knights of Columbus mission of charity. Since Coats for Kids launched in 2009, Knights have distributed coats in 49 U.S. states and all 10 Canadian provinces — including Native American and First Nation reservations in the U.S. and Canada. Knights of Columbus councils have distributed over 100,000 coats to children in need each year since 2017.

This year B.C. / Yukon councils have distributed over 3500 coats to needy children. This is the second year that our Council has participated in this program. Bayview Elementary School Principal Neil Varner accepted 48 coats from Brother Pierre Le Gal who also presented 24 coats to Thomas Roden of the Salvation Army that were purchased by one of our brother knights anonymously

A tombstone with a typo,
Well that’s a grave mistake
Swarms of flying insects
threaten the town!
Police deploy the swat team

Remember these simple rules to be happy:

1. Free your heart from hate
2. Free your head from worries
3. Live simply
4. Give more
5. Expect less.

Mike Smith

Charity Appeal Coordinator

Time is running out to buy your tickets for this year's **Charity Appeal**. To date, our Council 9990, has sold \$2150 worth of tickets, ranking us in 46th out of 127 councils. State has set a quota for our council of \$2500, before the draw date of Dec 14, 2024. If you haven't had a chance to buy some tickets please do so, or convince your friends and neighbors to participate. Tickets are available online at www.kofccharity.ca.



EVENTS

Sacrament of Reconciliation	Dec 3
Planning Meeting	17 Dec
Charity Appeal	Now to – Dec 14
Decorating Church Hall For Christmas Party	1 to 3 PM 13 Dec
Set up Hall for Christmas Party	10 AM 14 Dec
Parish Christmas Party	5:30 PM 14 Dec
Clean-Up Hall	11 AM 15 Dec

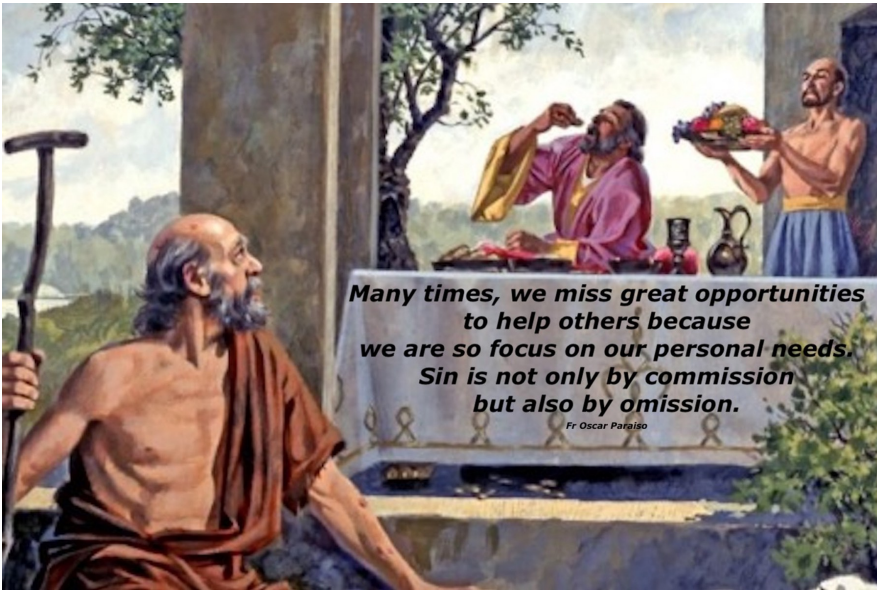
Guidelines for Life

1. The ability to speak several languages is an asset, but the ability to keep your mouth shut in any language is priceless.
2. Be decisive. Right or wrong, make a decision. The road is paved with *flat squirrels* who couldn't make a decision.
3. Old age is coming at a really bad time.



~ Jean Kerr...

The only reason they say 'Women and children first' is to test the strength of the life-boats.



Many times, we miss great opportunities to help others because we are so focus on our personal needs. Sin is not only by commission but also by omission.

Fr Oscar Palasio

December Birthdays

Denis BÉRUBÉ

Don FAUCHON

Joe GILLICH

Dave LOWDEN

Peter BATT

Douglas FOX

Manuel RONQUILLO

Brian BERGERON

Don FAUCHON

CHRISTMAS QUOTES FROM THE SAINTS

St. John the Apostle: “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it...And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.”

St. John Paul II: “If we celebrate with such solemnity the birth of Jesus, it is to bear witness that every human being [is] somebody unique and unrepeatable...somebody thought of and chosen from eternity, some[one] called and identified by his own name. It is as it was with the first man, Adam. It is as it was with the new Adam, born of the Virgin Mary in the cave at Bethlehem: ‘You shall call his name Jesus.’”

St. Paul VI: “We consider Christmas as the encounter, the great encounter, the historical encounter, the decisive encounter, between God and mankind. He who has faith knows this truly; let him rejoice.”

Venerable Fulton Sheen: “The world might have expected the Son of God to be born—if He was to be born at all—in an inn. A stable would be the last place in the world where one would have looked for Him. Divinity is always where one least expects to find it.”

St. Teresa of Calcutta: “My prayer for you is that when Christ comes to you in Christmas, He may find in you a warm home, warm love like that of a heartfelt of love, like that of a simple shepherd who was the first one chosen to see Christ.”



The Knights held a dinner for their wives at Mrs. Riches on November 20th. We enjoyed the company of 26 Knights and their wives after a long hiatus due to COVID. There was a few stories told and much reminiscing and laughter. We enjoyed the food and the fraternity of all who attended and look forward to a similar gathering in the spring.
Doug Fox

December Anniversaries

Aurel and Ching Muego

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Captain Alexandro Malaspina Assembly 34 2023-2024 Executive

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Good of the Order

- ◆ Brother Chuck Rieger
- ◆ Widow Joie Koster
- ◆ Brother Mike Harrigan and wife Gay
- ◆ Brother & PGK Aurel Muego
- ◆ Betty Young widow of Brother Pat
- ◆ Brother John Vanreeuwyk
- ◆ Widow Norma Dumas
- ◆ Brother James Chase
- ◆ Brother Les Taylor
- ◆ Widow Shirley Foucher

Do you have someone who needs prayers? Send his/ her name to the editor he will add the name to our list.

**Great
Hide and Seek Players
Are hard to find.**



**Vince The Sign Guy
I married my wife
For her looks
But not for the ones
I'm getting lately**

At bedtime, the 81-year-old woman said to her 83-year-old husband, "Honey, I just looked out the window and I think the garage light is on. Could you please get up and turn it off?"

With great effort, the elderly man got out of bed, opened the door, and stepped outside. To his shock, he spotted five or six burglars trying to break into the garage. He quickly called the police.

"Please take my address," he said. "It's just my wife and me at home, and there are five or six thieves attacking our garage. I need a police team sent here right away!"

The dispatcher responded, "We have your address on file. Don't worry, but no teams are available at the moment. I'll send someone as soon as possible."

Irritated, the old man watched the burglars fumbling with the locks. Two minutes later, he called the police again.

"Forget about sending anyone. I've shot all five of them."

Panic ensued at the police station. Within five minutes, officers arrived, accompanied by a helicopter, paramedics, three doctors, and two ambulances. They quickly contained the situation. A team leader approached the old man and asked, "You said you shot them, right?"

"Yes," the old man replied, "and didn't you say no team was available?"

"Do you remember me?"

The old man replies no. The young man then explains that he was once his student. The teacher asks,

"What do you do now?"

The young man responds, "I became a teacher."

"Ah, that's wonderful! Just like me?" the old man inquires.

"Yes, actually. I chose to become a teacher because you inspired me."

Intrigued, the old man asks when the young man decided to pursue this path.

The young man recounts a pivotal moment: "One day, a friend of mine, also a student, came in with a beautiful new watch, and I wanted it badly. I stole it from him. Soon after, he realized it was missing and reported it to our teacher—you. You then addressed the class, saying, 'A student's watch was stolen today. If you have it, please return it.'

I didn't return it because I felt guilty. You then closed the door and asked us to form a circle. You were going to search our pockets one by one until the watch was found. However, you told us to close our eyes, promising to only look for the watch while we did. We complied, and as you went through our pockets, you found the watch in mine. You continued searching everyone else's pockets and then said, 'Open your eyes. We have the watch.' You never revealed who had stolen it, preserving my dignity. That day was the most humiliating of my life, but it also marked the moment I decided not to be a thief or a bad person. You didn't scold me or give me a lecture; you conveyed your message without words. Thanks to you, I learned what it truly means to be an educator. Do you remember this incident, professor?"

The old professor replied, "Yes, I recall the situation with the stolen watch. I was searching pockets, but I didn't remember you specifically, as I closed my eyes too."

This encapsulates the essence of teaching: If correction comes at the cost of humiliation, then you have yet to learn how to teach.

This message was posted online.



Membership: Jim Loftus

Brothers:

On Saturday, November 23, immediately after celebrating the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, we held an exemplification of our Lessons. Since many of our regular Degree Team members and alternates were unable to attend, Brothers Neil Fernandes, Gerry Laporte, and Mike Mezzabarbra stepped up and did an excellent job presenting our messages of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. Jainshaw, as always, was a great Warden, and it is always special when our Chaplin is able to lead us in prayer. With the completion of the ceremony, Brothers Ryan Ternier, Bong Banting, and Romeo Selda joined our Council, and Adam Gudowski joined Mid Island (St. Peter's) Council 3842. A light social followed.

Our thanks go out to Christa, Adele, Ian and others who helped with the social and to the Knights and their family members who came to witness and support the effort and our new members. Unfortunately, three new Brother Knights (Dennis Tan, Marcelo Suvillaga, and Meryll Mariano) were unable to participate on account of work and health conflicts. So planning is underway to hold another presentation of our lessons before Christmas. This Sunday, December 1 at 7:00 p.m. is the probable time, so please stay tuned and come out and support our new brothers and get a brief 35 minute refresher on our three lessons. Entry will be through the Main Entry at the front of Holy Trinity Church.





CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO FAMILY & FRIENDS



Are you planning to send Christmas greetings in Christmas Cards or Christmas Family Newsletters? Feeling stuck for an appropriate seasonal greeting? Why not use one of these suggestions below?

-From our family to yours, Merry Christmas and gifts for the New Year.

-Greatness of God in the Highest! May the favors of God's uncommon presents be yours this Christmas and in the New Year.

-Delight to The World... In Christ Alone – Merry Christmas!

-May a Christmas star sparkle into your heart and consume in your soul brilliant may Jesus' tranquility favor you and carry genuine bliss to you this evening.

-May Christ's tranquility and expectation be with your family now and in the near future may His adoration make you feel great inside may He give you a soul of insight.

-May the God of expectation fill you with all satisfaction and harmony as you trust in Him, so you may flood with expectation by the intensity of the Holy Spirit.

-May the marvel of Christmas fill your heart with euphoria and harmony.

-May the immortal message of Christmas fill your heart and home with euphoria now and all through the coming year.



-May you cheer in the supernatural occurrence, the present, and the guarantee of Christmas.

-On this sacred night may your heart be lit up with affection, satisfaction and harmony wish you a great season cheerful Christmas to all of you.

MERRY & BLESSED CHRISTMAS TO YOU & YOURS

BROTHER MIKE PATTERSON, LECTURER

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One Liners:

- ◆ *Lord, keep your arm around my shoulder and your hand over my mouth.*
- ◆ *I've traveled a long way and a lot of the roads were not paved.*