



# Holy Trinity Council 9990 News



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## Grand Knight Report — Norbert Grillmair

Dear Brothers,  
Thank you to everyone who supported our sold-out parish Christmas dinner – those who trimmed the hall and set up the tree, the helping hands who decorated the tables and those who came back to clean up afterwards. All help was greatly appreciated to make this another successful parish event.  
I wish you all a blessed new year and look forward to 2025 and continuing to work for our council, parish and community.  
Vivat Jesus,  
Norbert



## Parish Christmas Dinner

Mike Creedon and I organized a 50/50 Draw and successfully raised \$880 in just about an hour. I believe my idea of drawing three tickets for the raffle may become a tradition next year, as it seemed to generate excitement among the parishioners. Many even brought their little ones to buy more tickets later on. For next year, I suggest we also consider adding door prizes and possibly a Silent Auction to help raise more funds for the Knights. Sandie's Kitchen provided a fantastic turkey dinner, and a big thank you to Mike Finch and Norbert for managing the bar, especially given the long wait before they could eat.

Dennis Adachi

Wishing you all a wonderful and peaceful New Year



Explore photos on our website

# 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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I wear memory foam insoles to remember why I walked into the next room.



## Did you know by Allan Crowe

While Roman Catholics made their way toward Christmas over the four Sundays of Advent, they might be surprised to learn that their traditions — with its wreaths, candles, colors and hymns is not celebrated by all Catholics. Byzantine Catholics - Eastern-rite Catholics follow the Byzantine (or Greek) rite. The fourth-century rite used by Eastern Orthodox Churches prepare for the feast of the Nativity on Dec. 25 with a six-week period of fasting similar to Lent. While Roman Catholics celebrate Christmas according to the Gregorian Calendar, the Eastern Churches use the Julian calendar and celebrate it on January the 6th.

The term “rite” in the phrase Eastern Catholic rite signifies not only liturgical ceremonies but the whole organization of particular churches. In the early 21st century there were five distinct Eastern rite traditions—the Byzantine, the Alexandrian, the Antiochene, the Chaldean, and the Armenian. In the ancient world, four-major cities became centers of Christianity: Rome, Constantinople, Antioch and Jerusalem. Though Rome was initially most prominent, Constantinople, now Istanbul, Turkey, rose in stature after it was named the capital of the Roman Empire by Emperor Constantine in 330.

For almost a thousand years the Patriarch of Constantinople presided over the church in the Eastern Roman (Byzantine) Empire and its missionary activity brought the Christian faith in its Byzantine form to many people. The Byzantine rite is by far the most widely observed, affecting the most people and the most territories worldwide. Its liturgy is based on the rite of St. James of Jerusalem and the churches of Antioch, as reformed by St. Basil and St. John Chrysostom. That liturgy is used by the majority of Eastern Catholics and by the Eastern Orthodox Church (which is not in union with Rome).

The Byzantine branches include the Albanians, Bulgarians, Belarusians, Georgians, Greeks, Greek Catholic Melkites, Hungarians, Italo-Albanians, Romanians, Russians, Ruthenians, Slovaks, Jerusalem, Ukrainians, and the Croatian Greek Catholic Church.



## Now you know



Ron Chestna, who’s 89 years young, got pulled over by the police around 2 a.m.

The officer asked him, "Where are you off to at this hour?"

Ron responded, "I’m heading to a lecture on alcohol abuse, its effects on the body, plus smoking and being out late."

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## EVENTS

- ◇ Jan 7, 2025 first general meeting of the year
- ◇ Jan 21, executive planning meeting
- ◇ Jan 26, First pancake breakfast of the year

Did you ever take a nap so good and woke up thinking you missed the school bus?...and your 52

### January Anniversaries

*Garry & Sandra Shepp 56 yrs.*

*Les & Lila Taylor 26 yrs.*

### January Birthdays

*Warren McCormick*

*Aurel Muego*

*Norbert Grillmair*

*Don Powell*

## WHAT DOES A DISTRICT DEPUTY DO?



Although I am in regular communication with the GK's and FS's of District 21, I thought it might be interesting to let the members of my home Council Trinity# 9990 know a little bit about what I've been doing since my appointment as District Deputy (and what a DD does).

**District 21** is comprised of **5** councils- Trinity and Mid-Island in Nanaimo, Ladysmith, Duncan and Mill Bay/Cowichan.

Starting **July 5**, I attended the **District Deputy Training** weekend in **Abbotsford**. It was an opportunity to meet the other DD's from throughout BC/Yukon as well as the State Executive. I found the weekend sessions to be interesting but intensive.

All the old programs were reviewed and several new ones introduced.

Over the summer I undertook to meet and get to know the GK's and FS's in the other councils of District 21.

As well as attending their Council meetings, I introduced the new COR program and BBQ promotion.

It was interesting to see how other councils were similar in most respects but also had some interesting "twists" to their operations and funding.

Throughout **September** I conducted **Installation** ceremonies for the Executives of Duncan and both Nanaimo councils.

In **October** I organized the **District 21 meeting** at Trinity followed by a very successful **Membership Drive**.

We were very fortunate to have the top two State executives (State Deputy Herb Yang and incoming SD Edgar Nacar) lead both events as well as Brother Richard Wah ( BC/Yukon Insurance Head) in attendance.

**November** was followed up with another successful **Membership Drive** for Mid-Island Council 3842 in Nanaimo.

Finally in **December**, I attended the **Mid-Year State meeting** held in **Surrey**. Again, a weekend of meetings to review programs and progress.

In between all of this, I receive almost daily e-mails from Supreme, State and councils about almost everything.

I am constantly impressed by the many dedicated Brothers and genuinely good men whom I have since met as a DD!

Vivat Jesus  
Garry

## TWELVE COMMANDMENTS FOR SENIORS

1. Talk to yourself. There are times when you need expert advice.
2. "In style" are the clothes that still fit.
3. Your people skills are just fine, It's your tolerance for idiots that needs work.
4. The biggest lie you tell yourself is, "I don't need to write that down. I'll remember that."
5. "On time is when you get there.
6. Even duct tape can't fix stupid, but it sure does muffle the sound.
7. It would be wonderful if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes and then come out wrinkle free and three sizes smaller.
8. Lately I've noticed people my age are so much older than me.
9. Growing old should have taken much longer.
10. Aging has slowed me down but it hasn't shut me up.

Where do reindeer go if they lose their tail? They go to a retail store.



**Membership: Jim Loftus**

We welcomed Marcelo Suvillaga and Dennis Tan, and their families, to our Council with a special Exemplification of our lessons on Charity, Unity, and Fraternity on Sunday evening, December 1<sup>st</sup>. Also, our long-time First Degree Brother Len Campbell also participated in the ceremony and became a Third Degree Brother Knight. This makes five new families who have joined our fraternal brotherhood this fall, and we look forward to holding another exemplification of our lessons in the coming weeks for other men of Holy Trinity Parish who have expressed interest in the many benefits of membership in the Knights of Columbus.

Vivat Jesus  
Jim Loftus



*Brother Mike Mezzabarba presenting the lesson on Unity*



*Brother Gerry Laporte presenting the lesson on Fraternity*



*Brother Jainshaw demonstrating the lesson on Unity*



*Brother Bong & Myriam Banting join in the picture with Brothers Len Campbell, Marcelo and Ana Suvillaga, Dennis and Jennifer Tan, and their families.*



*Brothers Dennis Tan, Marcelo Suvillaga, and Len Campbell receiving the Rosary of Mary our Queen.*



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The officer, a bit taken aback, asked, "Seriously? Who's giving a lecture like that at this time?"

With a totally straight face, Ron replied, "That would be my wife."

**Sometimes, the best lessons in life come when you least expect them!**

**If you fail, it's not your parents' fault, so do not whine about your mistakes, learn from them.**

**Comments made in the year 1957**

- o I'll tell you one thing, if things keep going the way they are, It's going to be impossible to buy a week's groceries for \$20.
- o Have you seen the new cars coming out next year? It won't be long before \$5000 will only buy a used one.
- o If cigarettes keep going up in price, I'm going to quit. A quarter for a pack is ridiculous.

*Brother Neil Fernandes presenting the Discourse on the Rosary*

*Be grateful that no matter how much chocolate you consume your ear rings will still fit.*

**\*\*The Richest Man\*\***

Bill Gates is often recognized as the richest man in the world. One day, someone asked him, "Is there anyone richer than you?" He replied, "Yes, there is someone who is richer than me," and then shared a memorable story.

He recounted a time before he was rich or famous, when he was at an airport in New York and wanted to buy a newspaper. Unfortunately, he didn't have any money at that moment. He returned the paper to the vendor, explaining that he couldn't afford it. To his surprise, the vendor said, "I'll give it to you for free." Grateful, Bill took the newspaper.

Months later, he found himself at the same airport, again short on cash for the paper. The same vendor offered it for free once more. This time, Bill declined, explaining he still didn't have money. The vendor insisted, "You can take it; I'm giving it from my own profits. It won't hurt me." So, Bill accepted.

Years later, after becoming famous, Bill remembered the vendor and made it his mission to find him. After about six weeks of searching, he finally tracked him down. He approached the vendor and asked, "Do you know who I am?" The vendor replied, "Yes, you're Bill Gates." Bill then asked, "Do you remember giving me a newspaper for free long ago?"

With a smile, the vendor confirmed, "Yes, I remember. I gave you a newspaper twice." Bill responded, "I want to repay your kindness. Tell me what you need, and I'll make it happen."

The vendor looked at Bill and said, "Sir, how could your help compare to mine? I helped you when I was just a poor newspaper vendor, and now you're offering to help me as the richest man in the world. How can your help equal mine?"

Bill Gates realized in that moment that the vendor was richer than he was. The vendor had chosen to help when he had very little. Bill learned that true wealth lies in having a generous heart and an open mind, not merely in possessing money.



# Captain Alexandro Malaspina

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- ◆ Widow Norma Dumas
- ◆ Brother James Chase
- ◆ Brother Les Taylor
- ◆ Widow Shirley Foucher

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

I don't know how to use TikTok, but I can write in cursive, do long division, and tell time on clocks with hands... so there's that. I might not be up to speed with the latest trends, but I can bring some classic skills to the table!



### Comments made in 1957

- “If they raise the minimum wage to \$1, nobody will be able to hire outside help at the store.”
- “When I first started driving. Who would have thought gas would someday cost .29 cents a gallon. Guess it would be better to leave the car in the garage”