



Holy Trinity Council 9990 News



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Dear Brothers,

February was filled with sadness as we mourn the passing of our dear brother Dale Hayes. But I believe in the resurrection and that we will meet again. Spring is near. Some flowers in my garden are blooming and Easter is not far off. It's time to shake off winter and come out to join the Knights' activities. Starting with our second annual Mardi Gras Shrove

Tuesday Shrove Dinner on March 4. Starting at 5 pm, we promise good food, and fun and games for the whole family. Also, look for a call to come out and help clean up the church yard. It is what the Knights do for our parish!

Vivat Jesus,

Norbert

Norbert Grillmair



Membership: Jim Loftus

Membership:

Unfortunately, we had to postpone the exemplification of our lessons that had been scheduled for our February General Meeting.

We now have three Brother Knights who have recently joined and are anxious to participate in the ceremony:

Jiyo Lonappan, Tim Konieczny, and Sena Rodrigo. These three men are in addition to our eight brothers who joined our Order last October and who have not yet found an opportunity to advance their Knighthood to the Third Degree.

While there are many scheduling conflicts getting in the way, we will work though them, and hopefully soon. Vivat Jesus

Jim

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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**Sign in the front yard of a Funeral Home:
"Drive carefully. We'll wait."**



Did you know
by Allan Crowe

Charlemagne (742- 814) Father of the Holy Roman Empire

Charlemagne—sometimes referred to as Charles the Great—was born around 742, the son of Pepin the Short (d.768), who became king of the Franks in 751. Charlemagne’s exact birthplace is unknown, although historians have suggested Liege in present-day Belgium and Aachen in modern-day Germany as possible locations. After Pepin’s death in 768, the Frankish kingdom was divided between Charlemagne and his younger brother Carloman. Upon Carloman’s death in 771, Charlemagne became the sole ruler of the Franks. He sought to unite all the Germanic peoples into one kingdom, and convert his subjects to Christianity. In order to carry out this mission, he spent the majority of his reign engaged in military campaigns.



Holy Roman Emperor

In his role as a zealous defender of Christianity, Charlemagne gave money and land to the Christian church and protected the popes. As a way to acknowledge Charlemagne’s power and reinforce his relationship with the church, Pope Leo III crowned him Emperor of the Romans and first ruler of the vast Holy Roman Empire on December 25, 800, at St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome. Charlemagne proved to be a talented diplomat and able administrator. He instituted economic and religious reforms. Charlemagne ruled from a number of cities and palaces throughout the Carolingian Empire, but spent significant time in Aachen.

Charlemagne’s Death and Succession

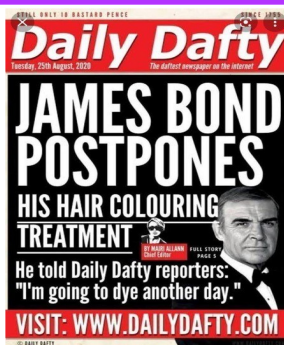
Charlemagne was in good health until the final four years of his life, when he often suffered from fevers and acquired a limp. In 813, Charlemagne crowned his son Louis the Pious, king of Aquitaine, as co-emperor. Louis became sole emperor when Charlemagne died in January 814 at the age of 72, ending his reign of more than four decades. At the time of his death, his empire encompassed much of Western Europe.

Charlemagne was buried at the cathedral in Aachen. In the ensuing decades, his empire was divided up among his heirs, and by the late 800s, it had dissolved. He became a legendary figure endowed with mythical qualities and in 1165, under Emperor Frederick Barbarossa, Charlemagne was canonized for political reasons; however, the Catholic Church today does not recognize his sainthood.

Sword of Charlemagne

A remnant from Charlemagne’s reign has achieved near-mythic status: La Joyeuse, or “the Joyous,” a medieval sword, is believed by some authorities to be the sword Charlemagne carried into battle. Armory experts debate whether the sword — a 38-inch weapon with a gold hilt — is actually the sword of Charlemagne, or a later version used primarily for ceremonies. Currently on display at the Louvre Museum in Paris, the sword had been used for the coronations of French kings since Philip the Bold was crowned in 1270.

Now you know

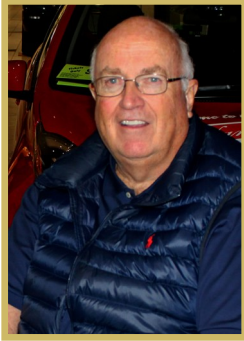


March Anniversaries

Denis & Maríy Adachí 59

Ed & Doris Landry 68





February 23 Pancake Breakfast

I'm pleased to share a recap of our very successful Pancake Breakfast. The participation of our new members was truly noteworthy, and I want to acknowledge everyone's contributions without unintentionally omitting anyone.

It was gratifying to see so many new members actively involved in every aspect of the event. Your support and engagement are greatly appreciated, both now and in the future.

The turnout from the parish, particularly among younger parishioners, was especially encouraging. The preparation went smoothly, and it was wonderful to witness the training of our newer council members.

I'm happy to report that we raised a gross total of \$683.00. After covering expenses and replenishing our float, we are able to turn over \$375.25 to the treasurer.

Additionally, I'd like to remind you that Council 9990 and the CWL are co-sponsoring the Shrove Tuesday supper on March 4th, starting at 5:00 PM.

Blessings,

Good of the Order

- ◆ *Brother Chuck Rieger*
- ◆ *Widow Joie Koster*
- ◆ *Brother Mike Harrigan and wife Gay*
- ◆ *Brother & PGK Aurel Muego*
- ◆ *Widow Betty Young*
- ◆ *Brother John Vanreeuwyk*
- ◆ *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.*



SIGN IN A VANCOUVER SHOE REPAIR STORE:

**We will heel you
We will save your sole
We will even dye for you.**

**Office: At an Optometrist's
"If you don't see what you're looking for, you've
come to the right place."**

An old man walked back to the pond near the woods with a small pail filled with seeds to feed the birds.

When he got there he saw 4 young ladies skinny dipping.

A young lady said "we are not getting out until you leave."

The old man said " I was just here to feed the Alligator"



Captain Alexandro Malaspina Assembly 34 2023-2024 Executive

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EVENTS

- ◇ Mar 04 @ 5 P.M. Shrove Tues
- ◇ Mar 05 Ash Wednesday
- ◇ Mar 09 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- ◇ Mar 11 General Meeting
- ◇ Mar 17 St. Patricks Day
- ◇ Mar 18 Planning Meeting
- ◇ Mar 20 First Day of Spring
- ◇ Mar 30 Pancake Breakfast
- ◇ Apr 1 General Meeting
- ◇ Apr 4 @ 7 PM Knights lead Stations of the Cross
- ◇ May 6 General Meeting

Dale Meredith Hayes

November 4, 1938 ~ February 22, 2025 (age 86)



DALE HAYES

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Dale Meredith Hayes on February 22nd, 2025 in Nanaimo, British Columbia at the age of 86. He was born on November 4th 1938 to parents Patricia and Alfred Hayes in Port Arthur, Ontario.

After graduating from high school Dale decided to leave Duncan with his brother and with pride join the Canadian Air Force which he then made his career for the next 30 years. He met the love of his life a few years later and married Julia Marie Lingenfelter on July 4th 1960.

Over his career he moved from St. John, Quebec, to Camp Borden Ontario, Lahr West Germany, North Bay Ontario, Ottawa Ontario and finally deciding to settle and retire in Nanaimo BC. One of his career highlights was spending time in the Middle East (Syria, Golan Heights) on a UN Peace Keeping tour for 6 months. In Lahr Germany, the family got many opportunities to travel and it provided us with a great education and an informed world view.

If there were two words that described Dale they would be kind and loving. Family, friends and his dog Bailey were his focus. He often talked about the Knights Of Columbus and the church being a big part of his life. Unfortunately, his health was tested the last few years and he was met with physical difficulties which curtailed his giving spirit.

Dale is lovingly remembered by his children Angela, son Mark (Sue) and Cathy (Shawn). He will be remembered by his brother Terrance (Suzanne), his brother in law Kenneth (Shirley), sister in law Sharon, devoted dog Bailey as well as numerous loving nieces and nephews. He is pre deceased by his loving wife Julia Marie Hayes, and his brother in laws, Peter and Jake (Lucille).

A mass and celebration to honour Dale's life will be held at Trinity Catholic Church on March 14th at 11 a.m. Come join us to celebrate this special man that will always be remembered in our minds and hearts.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to the Heart and Stroke foundation <http://www.heartandstroke.ca> or Nanaimo General Regional Hospital <http://nanaimohospitalfoundation.com>.

Though you are gone, the love you gave us remains, a beautiful reminder of your presence in our lives

What we have once enjoyed deeply we can never lose. All that we love deeply becomes a part of us — Helen Keller

Guidelines for Life

- The ability to speak several languages is an asset, but the ability to keep your mouth shut in any language is priceless.
- Be decisive. Right or wrong, make a decision. The road is paved with *flat squirrels* who couldn't make a decision.
- Just once, I want the prompt for username and password to say, "Close enough."
- Becoming an adult is the dumbest thing I've ever done.
- If you see me talking to myself, just move along. I'm self-employed. We're having a meeting.

Wisdom from a Jewish Man

A female CNN journalist heard about a very old Jewish man who had been going to the Western Wall to pray, twice a day every day, for a long, long, time.

So she went to check it out. She went to the western Wall and there he was, walking slowly up to the holy site.

She watched him pray and after about 45 minutes, when he turned to leave, using a cane and moving very slowly she approached him for an interview.

“Pardon me, sir, I am Rebecca Smith from CNN. What is your name?” “Morris Feinberg,” he replied. “Sir, how long have you been coming to the Western Wall and praying?”

“For about 60 years.” “60 years! That is amazing! What do you pray for?” “I pray for peace between the Christians, Jews and the Muslims.” “I pray for all the wars and all the hatred to stop.” “I pray for all our children to grow up safely, as responsible adults and to love their fellow man.” “I pray that politicians tell us the truth and put the interests of the people ahead of their own interests.” And finally, “I pray that everyone will be happy.”

“How do you feel after doing this for 60 years?”

“It’s like I’m talking to a wall!”

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

Don’t worry about getting old,. Worry about thinking old Bill Gates is known as one of the richest men in the world. One day, someone asked him, "Is there anyone richer than you?" Bill Gates replied, "Yes, there is someone who is richer than me." Then he shared a story.

He said, "There was a time when I wasn't rich or famous. One day, I was at the airport in New York, and I wanted to buy a newspaper from a vendor. But I didn’t have any money at that moment, so I decided not to buy it and returned it to the seller. I told him I didn't have enough money. The vendor said, 'I’m giving it to you for free.' I was surprised, but I took the newspaper."

Bill Gates continued, "A few months later, I was at the same airport, and again, I didn’t have enough money to buy the paper. The same vendor offered it to me for free again. This time, I refused, saying I still didn't have enough money. He said, 'You can take the newspaper, I’m giving it from my own profits. It won’t hurt me.' So, I took it." Years later, when Bill Gates became famous, he remembered the vendor and decided to find him.

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March Birthdays

Peter Cheah

Neil Fernandes

Ian Halowaty

Domíníc Gonzales

Mike Paterson

Thomas Park

Andre LeTain

Len Campbell

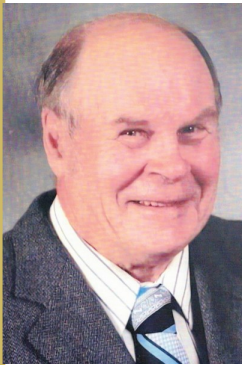
Martín De Bruyns

take you on vacation." We're spending 3 weeks behind the fridge

As I walk through the valley of the Shadow of Death, I remind myself that you can’t always trust Google Maps.

I took my suit to the cleaners, who wanted to charge me \$40, so I gave it to the charity shop next door. They cleaned and pressed it and put it in the window. I bought it back for \$15

****In Loving Memory of Joseph (Joe) Henry Gillich****



****January 9, 2025****

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Joseph (Joe) Henry Gillich on January 9, 2025. Joe departed this world peacefully at home, surrounded by the love of his family.

Born and raised on a family farm in Saskatchewan, Joe's early years were filled with the hard work and values that shaped his character. He went on to work at neighboring farms before embarking on a remarkable journey with the Canadian Pacific Railroad. This career allowed him to explore the breathtaking landscapes of Canada, with cherished memories from Revelstoke, Medicine Hat, Sparwood, and eventually settling in Nanaimo, where he retired in 1993.

A true lover of the great outdoors, Joe found joy in fishing, hunting, and camping. Whether he was on the water or in the woods, he embraced nature with open arms. His passion for curling—both as a player and devoted spectator—was infectious, and he often gathered with friends to cheer on his favorite teams.

In quieter moments, Joe could be found diving into a captivating book, engaging in a strategic game of chess or cribbage, or crafting beautiful woodworking projects in his garage. His kindness, generosity, and thoughtfulness left an indelible mark on all who knew him.

Joe is survived by his beloved wife, Juanita; his son, Frank; his daughter, Anna; and his cherished siblings: Theresa, Agnes (Laurie), Elizabeth, Henry, Anthony (Arden), Bernhard (Connie), Alphonse (Marilyn), Andrew (Jean), and Leo (Mary). He also leaves behind Aunt Josephine, cousin Melvin (Patricia), sister-in-law Joan, and a host of nieces and nephews who will carry his memory forward. He was predeceased by his parents, John and Anna, as well as his sister Catherine and brothers Wilfred and Dennis.

A dedicated member of the Knights of Columbus, Joe served in various executive roles, demonstrating his unwavering commitment to his parish and community. His leadership and dependability inspired many, and his absence will be deeply felt.

At bedtime, the 81-year-old woman said to her 83-year-old husband:

"Hey... I just looked outside, and I think the garage light is on. Could you get up and turn it off?"
With great effort, the old man got out of bed, opened the door, and went outside. He saw five or six burglars trying to break into the garage. He immediately called the police.

"Listen, take down my address. It's just my wife and me here, and five or six thieves are trying to break into my garage. Please send help quickly."

The dispatcher replied, "We've got your address. Don't worry. No teams are available right now. I'll send someone as soon as I can."

Frustrated, the old man watched the burglars struggle with the garage locks. Two minutes later, he called the police again:

"Forget it, there's no need to send anyone now. I've shot all five of them."

The police station went into chaos. Within five minutes, a police team arrived with a helicopter, paramedics, three doctors, and two ambulances. They quickly took control of the situation. Later, the team leader walked over to the old man and asked:

"You said you shot them, didn't you?"

"And didn't you say no teams were available?"



A PROPOSAL TO CONSIDER SOME CHANGES TO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #9990

PREAMBLE:

Our Council has close to 100 members. Around 25% of members attend our monthly meetings. About half of those attending are members of the Council Executive and have a role in the meeting. Very few rank and file Knights attend regularly. And there are many Catholic men in the parish who have chosen not to be members of the Knights. Why is this? I suggest that many Catholic men don't see the value of the Knights and many current members do not find the meeting format or what happens at the meetings to be of interest or value to them. And they are not excited by the work of the Knights in the parish. But this can change!

SUGGESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

Re-structure the regular monthly meetings:

**Short business meeting
Short faith program or activity
A bonding activity or program
Social component**

Conduct most of the regular Council business at the monthly Executive Meetings. The Executive delivers a short, detailed report to the General Meeting and asks for approval in one motion.

Develop a Council #9990 marketing plan to excite current members, recruit new members, and raise the profile of the Council in the parish.

Develop a new outreach and innovated plan to expand membership in the Knights. It will be important to target men among the new families in the parish.

Identify new critical parish projects needed in the parish and plan a way that Council #9990 can support them.

Mike Patterson—Lecturer — March 2025

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After about a month and a half of searching, he finally tracked him down. Bill asked him, "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 a long time ago?"

The vendor smiled and said, "Yes, I remember. I gave you a newspaper twice." Bill replied, "I want to repay your kindness. Tell me what you want, and I'll make it happen."

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

Bill Gates said, "That was the moment I realized the vendor was richer than I was. He didn't wait to be wealthy to help someone. He helped me when he had very little. I learned that the truly rich are those with a generous heart and a big mind, not just those with a lot of money." The lesson is that having a kind and giving heart is more valuable than having a lot of wealth.