



Holy Trinity Council 9990 News



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Grand Knight Report — Norbert Grillmair

Dear Brothers and Parishioners,

October was a very busy time for our Knights. Because of the support to last year's Charity Appeal, we were able to present Crossroads Pregnancy Centre with a cheque for \$1,000.00.

Last week, six boxes of Coats for Kids arrived. This KofC program provides warm winter coats to children in need and this year, we will deliver the coats to Bayview Elementary in Nanaimo as well the Salvation Army.

Our membership drive was very successful bringing nine new brothers to our order. We are planning to hold an exemplification ceremony in November to welcome them to our council.

Oktoberfest was a sold-out parish event. Thank you to all who helped set up, decorate, cook, serve and clean up. Your contribution made it such a fun time for everyone. And I promise the music will be improved next year so that everyone will get up and dance!

I hope to see all members at our next informative general meeting.

Vivat Jesus,

Norbert

When I ask for directions, please don't use terms like "EAST"

Photos on our website

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

*Being in debt draws a lot of interest
from bankers*

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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♦ *Ah! Being young is beautiful but being old is comfortable.*



Did you know by Allan Crowe

Saint Juan Diego and Our Lady of Guadalupe

Saint Juan Diego was born in 1474. After the death of his father, he lived with his uncle and was brought up under the Aztec pagan religion. In 1524, Franciscan missionaries arrived in Mexico and Juan Diego and his wife, Maria Lucia, converted to Catholicism and became the first to be baptized in the region.

On December 9, 1531, Juan Diego was visited by the *Virgin Mary* while he was on his way to celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. He saw a radiant woman who spoke to him in his native tongue as the “*ever perfect holy Mary, who has the honor to be the mother of the true God.*” Mary instructed Juan Diego to ask the bishop to build a chapel in her honor on Tepeyac Hill, the site of a pagan temple. He told *Bishop Juan de Zumarraga*, who was doubtful. Later that day, the Virgin Mary appeared again to him. He went to the bishop the next day and again told him of the request. The bishop asked for proof that his vision was indeed real and divine.

Juan immediately went to Tepeyac where the Virgin Mary appeared to him for a third time and she agreed to give him proof the next day. He could not make it because his uncle was ill. The following day he set out to find a priest for his uncle and for the third time The Holy Mother appeared. She told him his uncle would be healed and instructed him to climb a hill and collect flowers growing there.

Even though it was December and the terrain was rocky, he found many flowers on the hill. He filled his cloak with the flowers and returned to the Holy Mother who arranged the flowers in his cloak and told him this was the sign to show the bishop. In the bishop’s presence, he opened his cloak to reveal a miraculous image of the Holy Mother printed on the flower-filled cloak. The next day, Juan Diego’s uncle was cured from his sickness just as the Virgin Mary promised. His uncle told him that Mary also revealed herself to him in a vision and restated her request for a church on Tepeyac Hill. Mary told him she wanted to be known with the title of Guadalupe. The church was finally built on Tepeyac Hill the next year.

Juan Diego’s cloak with the miraculous image was put in display on the church. It has remained in good condition until the present day. The Basilica of Guadalupe, the church where it is displayed, is one of the world’s most visited religious sites.

Juan Diego was canonized on July 31, 2002.

Now you know



The most expensive vehicle to operate, by far, is the Costco shopping cart.

The best murder weapon would be a Tupperware lid because no one would ever find it

Nobody told me that when you get a husband that the ears are sold separately

OKTOBERFEST 2024

Congratulations to WGK Norbert and Council 9990 members who prepared and served at this wonderful parish event. A capacity crowd of parishioners enjoyed socializing with great food, a variety of refreshments, music and even some dancing. While we didn't see any beer maidens like the cartoon below, we did manage to drink all the beer in stock!



And here is a quick background on OKTOBERFEST courtesy of Wikipedia:

Oktoberfest is the world's largest *Volksfest*, featuring a [beer festival](#) and a [travelling carnival](#), and is held annually in [Munich, Bavaria](#), from mid- or late-September to the first Sunday in October. The annual event attracts more than seven million international and national visitors at its peak. Oktoberfest is an important part of local culture, having been held since the year 1810 (with intermissions). Other cities across the world also hold [Oktoberfest celebrations](#) that are modeled after the original Munich event.

During the event, large quantities of [Oktoberfest Beer](#) are consumed: in 2014, 7.7 million liters were served. Visitors also enjoy numerous attractions, such as amusement rides, side stalls, and games. There is also a wide variety of traditional foods available.

Mike Patterson, Lecturer

November Birthdays

Frank Bava

Mike Harrigan

Dale Hayes

Ed McDonald

Larry Mccaferty

Dennis Adachi

November Anniversaries

Richard & Pauline Jones 35

Jim & Nora Loftus 46

Peter & Mardeen Batt 58

Don & Ann Marie Powell 23

Romel & Lilbeth Artadi 13





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 Vanreeuwyc
- ◆ 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 and the
name will be added to our list.*

EVENTS

General Meeting	Nov 5
Planning Meeting	Nov 19
Charity Appeal	Oct –Dec
Parish Potluck Dinner	Dec 14



OKTOBERFEST OCT 25/ 2024

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

LIFE CHAIN

LIFE CHAIN is a testimony of our solidarity with mothers experiencing a crisis pregnancy and whom are left with NO choice but to have an abortion. On Sunday Oct 6th approximately 35 persons from St Peter's and Holy Trinity Catholic Church gathered for one hour along the Island Highway to give a public testimony that abortion is a desperate solution to a social problem.



With approximately 90,000 to 100,000 surgical abortions taking place in Canada each year, and an unknown number of pharmaceutically induced abortions, it is clear that we are not taking this issue serious. Abortions leave women scared for life. These women needed a compassionate support system that will give them a real choice. A choice for life. The LIFE CHAIN serves to remind all of us that we have a social responsibility to support the most vulnerable among us, especially the un-born and their mother's.



As in previous years, approximately 600 vehicles passed by us. Approximately 8 expressed their disapproval of our display. In contrast at least 20 expressed approval. One may conclude that our message in favour of LIFE is clearly the preferred choice.

To all the folks who participated in this years Life Chain and their families and friends, we owe them a very special thanks for your efforts.



Membership: Jim Loftus

A big thank you to all our Brother Knights who helped with our Membership Drive on October 5 & 6. We received contact info for 13 men that day who expressed an interest in our Order. Three others have also recently expressed an interest in joining us. We will be conducting an exemplification of our lessons on Charity, Unity, and Fraternity on Saturday, **November 23**, immediately following the 5:00 Mass. The ceremony takes about 35 minutes. Plans are in the works for finding an additional date for those who cannot make the 23rd. Please plan to attend the 5:00 Mass on the 23rd and meet our new brothers. Grand Knight Norbert is planning a brief social afterwards.

A fact is information minus emotion. **An opinion** is information plus experience. **Ignorance** is an opinion lacking information and, **stupidity** is opinion that ignores fact.

OKTOBERFEST 2024





Celebrating Canadian Knights' Historic Patriotism

A look back on Canadian Knights' World War II efforts in celebration of Remembrance Day

By Andrew Fowler 7/1/2020

Ref.: <https://www.kofc.org/en/news-room/knightline/special-edition/week-of-june-29/celebrating-canadian-knights-historic-patriotism.html>

The first Canadian Knights of Columbus council — Montreal Council 284 — was founded only 30 years after that country became an independent nation. Since then, Canadian Knights have proudly adhered to the principles of charity and patriotism, as exhibited by their service during World War II.

Canada entered the war following Nazi Germany's invasion of Poland on Sept. 1, 1939 — more than two years before the U.S. declared war on the Axis Powers. Nearly 1.1 million Canadians served on the frontlines in Europe, Northern Africa and the North Atlantic, as well as in the Pacific, from the war's start to its end in 1945. Meanwhile, thousands of Canadian Knights volunteered to serve their country in defence of freedom.

This wasn't the first great worldwide crisis through which Knights and the Order persevered. In October 1939, the Supreme Council approved the construction and mobilization of "Knights of Columbus Canadian Army Huts," similar to the huts hosted by the Knights during World War I.

The K of C Huts during the First World War were praised for their service by military leaders, including General John Pershing, commander of the American Expeditionary Forces (AEF). He said that "of all the organizations that took part in the winning of the war, with the exception of the military itself, there was none so efficiently and ably administered as the Knights of Columbus."

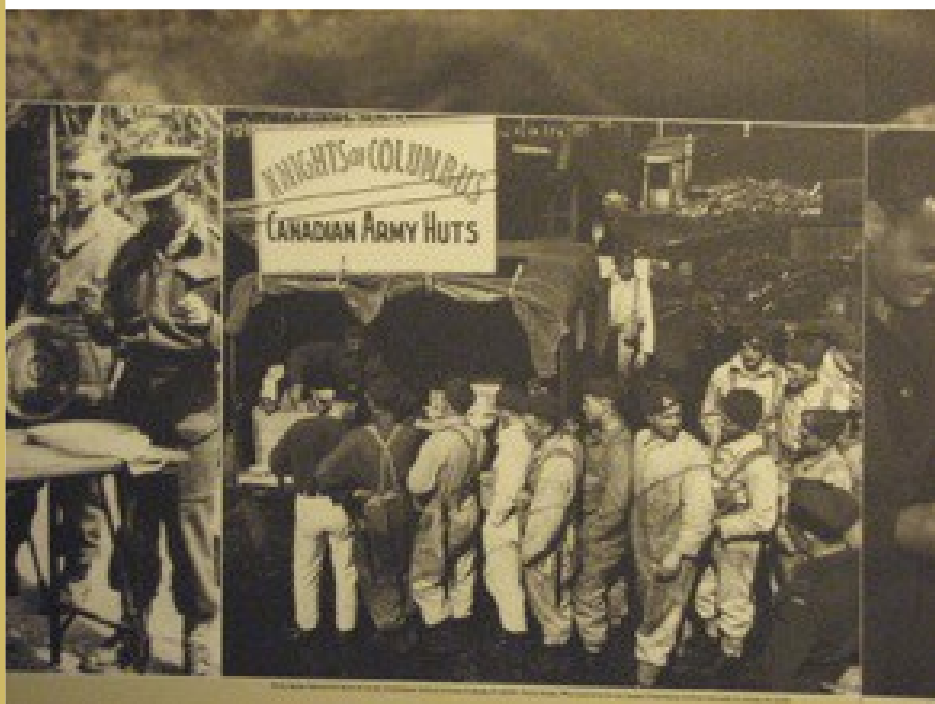
The huts became known for their slogan "**Everybody Welcome, Everything Free**" because of their service to soldiers regardless of race or religion.

This same mentality — even the same slogan — was present as huts were built in Canadian cities and across the globe, including in England, Iceland, Italy, Hong Kong and the Middle East. The huts tended to the physical and spiritual welfare of the servicemen, offering not only entertainment and recreation — such as a "toboggan party" in Brandon, Manitoba — but also religious services.



The ability to speak several languages is an asset, but the ability to keep your mouth shut in any language is priceless.

The K of C huts were not quaint dwellings, but large-scale facilities with the ability of serving meals to thousands at a time as well as providing cigarettes, magazines and live shows, like in St. John's Newfoundland and Sydney Fortress Area, Nova Scotia. Meanwhile, in places like Aldeshot, weekly attendance at the K of C chapel was well over 1,000. In 1941 alone, more than one million men in the armed forces were served in huts and hostels in Nova Scotia.



Then-Supreme Knight Francis Matthews — who also served as chairman of the National Catholic Community Service (NCCS) and as one of three vice presidents of the United States Organization (USO) — toured Canadian K. of C. Army Huts in 1943 and was astonished by their work. “They are really a part of the auxiliary service of the Canadian Army,” Supreme Knight Matthews wrote in *Columbia* (April, 1943). “Everybody says that the work of the Knights of Columbus is indispensable to the Canadian forces.”

The K of C Huts were so integral to the Allied war effort that one hut in St. John's, Newfoundland, was the target in an alleged-sabotage attack by the Nazis.

Canada became an industrial giant at the outbreak of the war, with 1 in every 14 Canadians —Knights included — engaged in war production. They supplied the Allied forces with munitions and raw materials, as well as tanks, airplanes and other vehicles. Knight's councils also organized blood drives. One of these, — Council 1942 in Fredericton, New Brunswick — was the first local council to aid the Red Cross in its campaign for 100,000 blood donations for soldiers and air raid victims. Throughout the war, the K. of C. Canadian Army Huts distributed more than 366,101 rosaries, 4,000 missals and 713,415 prayer books to servicemen.

As Supreme Knight Matthews said during the 1942 Supreme Convention, “I extend the appreciation and gratitude of us all for the great religious and patriotic contribution which, to the lasting credit of our society, they are making on behalf of their countrymen in the armed forces of Canada.”

OTHER TESTEMONIES TO KNIGHT'S SERVICE

Knights of Columbus in Solidarity With Ukraine:

<https://www.kofc.org/en/documentary/solidarity-with-ukraine/index.html>

Knights of Columbus Support Poland:

<https://thedialog.org/featured/knights-of-columbus-councils-in-ukraine-poland-short-onexperience-long-on-service-to-people/>

The Truth has no defense against a fool determined to believe a lie

Mark Twain



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