



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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St. James Council 4949 - Columbus Court - 301-3003 Gateby Place - Vernon, British Columbia V1T 9H5 -

## *Knight News*

VERNON ST. JAMES COUNCIL No. 4949

**APRIL 2012**

### KNIGHTS NEWS Online

[www.kofc4949.org](http://www.kofc4949.org)

EDITOR : Guenter A. Rieger  
Grand Knight

**General Meeting**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month**  
**Executive Meeting -**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month**

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**Council 4949 Executive**  
Chaplain Fr. Dale Normandeau  
Grand Knight Guenter A. Rieger  
Deputy GK Sal D'Agosto  
Chancellor Kevin Schmaltz  
Warden Joseph Scebba  
Treasurer John Toporchak  
Advocate Dave Lawrence  
Recorder David Elrick  
Outside Guard Art L'Huereux  
Inside Guard Jose Simao  
1. Year Trustee Ralph Hounslow  
2. Year Trustee David Durand  
3. Year Trustee Steve Campbell  
Fin. Secretary Mark Lopianowski  
Field Agent Blaine Anhel  
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### Birthdays in April

Bro. Jack Bradley Shore  
Bro. Roen H Berkom  
Bro. Adrien J Robert  
Bro. Bodo M Niedballa  
Bro. Gerald R Stinn  
Bro. James L Grazier  
Bro. Jeffrey R O Keefe  
Bro. Dr William A Cawkell  
Bro. David A Bunn  
Bro. Bruce L Altstadt

### Dear Brother Knights:

Every Year Jews gather around the world to celebrate Passover, as they have been doing for thousands of years. During the ritual meal of Passover, the youngest person in the household asks the question, "Why is this

night different from all other nights?"

In response to this question, an adult will relate how Moses led the Israelite people out of their bondage in Egypt, to the land God would give them as his covenanted people. This event was commemorated in the Passover meal, celebrated with a roasted lamb, bitter herbs, unleavened bread and wine.

Almost two thousand



years ago, an itinerant preacher and teacher gathered in Jerusalem with twelve of his followers to celebrate the Passover. During this ancient ritual, however, this preacher, Jesus, gave this meal a whole new and expanded meaning. This meal would now commemorate nothing less than the Passover from death to life which he was now about to inaugurate through his own passion, suffering and death, culminating in his resurrection. This new Passover would make his resurrection our own through him.



We will celebrate this Passover—Easter in this month. Easter is the reason why we Christians gather on Sunday to celebrate the Mass—our Passover. Easter is the great Sunday of Sundays, our foretaste of future glory which Christ Jesus has made possible for us.

We, like the Israelites being led through the desert, are being brought to our promised land—heaven. We are being led by the new Moses—Jesus. The Israelites' forty years of wandering are recalled in our forty days of lent, which lead us to Easter and hope in resurrected glory made possible by Christ Jesus.

May this Lenten Season reinvigorate your hope and desire for this resurrection as we prepare for Easter.

Vivat Jesus

Rev. Dale Normandeau

### Congratulations

to **50 Years of marriage** of Brother Val Dorigo and his wife Pat. Brother Val is an Honorary Life Member of the Knights of Columbus with over 40 Years of service to the Order.



Left GK Guenter A. Rieger, Val and Pat Dorigo, Father Dale Normandeau

Family and friends of Val and Pat enjoyed a Birthday cake, and parishioners had a good visit with the happy couple after Sunday mass.





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### OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE



**"The Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Program began August 3 at the 129th Supreme Convention in Denver.**

This program features an image of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Our Lady of Guadalupe, as patroness of the Americas, has special significance to the Knights of Columbus. When the Order sponsored a tour of a relic of St. Juan Diego's tilma in 2003, Our Lady of Guadalupe's role as mother of all in the Americas became very clear. In city after city, crowds of tens of thousands of people came to venerate Our Lady of Guadalupe. What was most striking was not the number of people, but the number of nationalities and ethnicities represented in each gathering. Likewise, at the Guadalupe Festival sponsored by the Knights of Columbus in 2009 in Phoenix, more than 20,000 people came to venerate and celebrate Our



KOFC 4949 and KOFC 12202 and Father Dale Normandeau after the Marian Prayer and Holy Mass .

Lady of Guadalupe. It is our hope that this prayer program will continue to expand devotion to Our Lady and the evangelization of the Americas."

For more information on the Our Lady of Guadalupe image and devotion, please see this

[letter from Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson.](#)  
[Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Booklet](#)  
Reprint of KOFC web site

St. James Council 4949 and Mother Theresa Council 12202 celebrated on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012 "The Marian Prayer: at St. James Church. It was very well attended by both Councils. The Icon will remain for 8 more days at St. James Church, before it will travel to Armstrong.

### **Council Director Report Deputy GK Sal D'Agosto Dear Brothers**

I am asking for your help and co-operation on a fund raiser for our council. As some of you have heard at our last business meeting, we



are organizing again a garage sale on the long weekend in May (19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>).

As you can appreciate we need your help as we need every member from the first to the fourth degrees to participate. I need some of you to volunteer for a committee and we need the rest of our 140 members to help on that weekend, so please consider giving us a little of your time.

Our last pancake breakfast was well attended and we had 15 volunteers (again thank you for your time. The next pancake breakfast will be on Sunday April 29<sup>th</sup> for the CWL Pin Celebration and our KOFC 4949 Pancake Breakfast again on Mothers Day May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Do not forget to bring a friend and/or a neighbor as everyone is welcome.

God Bless  
Deputy GK, Council Director  
Sal D'Agosto



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**“If we are afraid to let people know who we are  
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we’re not allowing others to participate.**

**Guenter A. Rieger”**

***Message: Grand Knight Guenter A. Rieger***



### **My dear Brother Knights.**

During the Lenten season Catholics and we as Knights reconnect to the faith that has been handed down to us over thousands of years, by celebrating the resurrection Jesus our savior.

“Easter (Old English: *Eostre*; Greek: *Πάσχα*, *Paskha*; Hebrew: *פסח*, *Pesakh*, “Passover”) is the central feast in the Christian liturgical year. According to the Canonical gospels, Jesus rose from the dead on the third day after his crucifixion. We as Catholics celebrate this resurrection on Easter Day or Easter Sunday (also Resurrection Day or Resurrection Sunday.

Easter is linked to the Jewish Passover by much of its symbolism, as well as by its position in the calendar. In most European languages the feast called Easter in English is termed by the words for Passover in those languages and in the older English versions of the Bible the term Easter was the term used to translate Passover.”...

Our Council was leading the Station of the Cross on two Fridays. A Big Thank YOU to our Church Director Brother Ivan Hysek who made this event a special one.

KOFC 4949 and KOFC 12202 were celebrating together this year’s Marian Prayer, a Knights of Columbus initiative, which got started during the 129<sup>th</sup> Knights of Columbus Convention in Denver.

A special celebration will be this year’s Ladies Appreciation Night. Our council is inviting all parishioners of St. James and OLOV Church and friends of the Knights of Columbus to our 2012 Ladies Appreciation Night. The Motto of the night will be Laughter, Friendship and fine Dining. It will take place on May 12<sup>th</sup> at the Schubert Centre, and I’m looking forward to see all of you and your friends. Please invite also a KOFC 4949 widow. Tickets are \$20 and you will be able to enjoy a three course sit down Dinner.

Election of Officers for the Fraternal Year 2012-2013 will

be on May 8<sup>th</sup> during our regular Business Meeting.

Please forward your name or recommend a Brother/s to the Nomination Committee: Bro. Steve Campbell, Bro. Ralph Hounslow and Bro. Doug Mc Intyre.

We’re reaching more out than ever before. Our Council is following the messages given by late Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI, to be involved in the new Evangelization of the World. Knights of Columbus members should be amongst the first.

The new addition, of videos of our Council and Supreme, on our web site, received praise from the Supreme Advocates office. “We’re letting the World know who we are and what the Knights and the Catholic Faith is all about.”

Supreme and our Council using the You Tube media to publish videos. You may have noticed, that I have put some videos, posted by Supreme on You tube, on our web site too.

I have also included links (see Holy See, on our home page) to Pope Benedict’s XVI twitter, face book account

including “NEWS” from the Vatican City.

People who are using I-pods or other modern media are now able to access our Council activities on their I-pods. We should not be concerned of compromising our privacy, since privacy has changed since the world wide web has been introduced.

However, if web applications used correctly, it will help us, like Supreme or the Vatican City using it, to get the message out to the world.

“If we are afraid to let people know who we are and what we doing as Knights of Columbus, we’re not allowing others to participate. Guenter A. Rieger”

I’m looking forward to see you all at our next Business Meeting on Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM at Columbus Court. If you have a burgundy blazer please wear it. This will make our business meetings more special.

On behalf of Regina and myself, I would like to wish all Brother Knights and families to experience the Joys of the Easter Season. Vivat Jesus

*Guenter A. Rieger / GK*





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### IN MEMORY

Bro. Jack Schafer



Bro. Robert Wright



Please pray for the repose of the souls of Brother Jack Schafer and Bro. Robert Wright. Bro. Jack was an honorary Life Member, serving the Order for 37 years.

Brother Robert Wright served the Knights for 20 years. He was a quiet but committed Knight.

### Pro-Life Director Bro. Bodo Niedballa

### HAPPY 80<sup>TH</sup> Birthday Bro. Bodo Niedballa.



Bro. Bodo is an Honorary Life Member, serving the Knights of Columbus for 37 years. Bro. Bodo is very active in the Pro-Life movement and is for many years our Pro-Life Director.

#### *Here's Your Chance . . .*

to show your concern and also support for the pro-life cause to stop the murder of the unborn child.

The Vernon & Area Pro-Life Society is inviting you to attend their Annual General Meeting at the Schubert Centre. Tickets for \$20 are still available at the Pro-Life Thrift Store and the St. James rectory.

Pro-Life Director  
Bodo Niedballa

### Big Bike Run

Team Captain Bro. Dave Lawrence  
Heart and Stroke Foundation Big Bike Run

Brother Knights. I will organize this year again the

Big Bike Run to raise funds for the Heart and Stroke Foundation.



The date for the BIG Bike Run has been changed to May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012. We will meet at the parking lot at the Vernon Performing Art Centre on 33<sup>rd</sup> Street at 5:45PM. For pledge sheets please call me at 250-542-5523

Yours in Christ

Bro. Dave Lawrence.

### Membership Director

Bro. David Elrick.

### Brother Knights.

On the weekend of April 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will have our Membership Drive.

This year we will show some KOFC videos after mass. Father Dale approved



this new initiative, but I need

your help to make it a success. Please wear your burgundy blazer, if you have one.

God bless

Bro. David Elrick

### District Deputy #11

Bro. Dale Hofer

On behalf of my wife Dianne and I, we wish you all a very Happy Easter brother knights and their families. This is a season of reflection,



reconciliation, and prayer. On April 8th, Easter Sunday, our Saviour rose from the dead. With prayer we can anticipate the resurrection and say "Halleluia" when that day comes. I hope an effort of sacrifice and fasting was made by everyone during this Easter season.

Our fraternal year is 3/4 finished and we all have to work to bring new members into our wonderful order and put the final touches on all the projects we will be running over the next 3 months.

We just had a first degree ceremony at Columbus court on March 20th and the next one planned is in Salmon Arm on April 17th. Please work on bringing new families into the Knights of Columbus.



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Now is also the time, if you haven't already is to start succession planning. Who is going to be the next executive in place? Your nomination committee should have their thinking caps on and approaching members to fill the seats of vacating members. Please support your Grand Knight and volunteer to take on an officer's role in your council. Grand Knights and Program Directors should also be reviewing the activities and projects complete this fraternal year and the ones yet to come. This is important if you want to earn the Columbian award. You will need 4 activities in the areas of Family, Church, Pro-Life, Youth, and Council. Is your plan in place?

To assist you for the Father McGivney award, on February 16th, I hosted "an evening with Dan O'Hara". Thank you for having good representation at this meeting. We were very fortunate to have Brother Dan speak to us on membership and retention. As usual it was very informative. I hope that it sparked a little excitement in everyone and got your membership juices flowing. Remember what Brother Dan said, "Every Knight has a responsibility to promote the growth of the Order". Remember...

- **Belief with Passion,**  
- **Knowledge with Confidence,** and a  
- **Winning, positive attitude** - WORKS.

If you say, "You don't want to

become a Knight do you?" What do you think their answer will be? Good Luck with your membership growth, and again, if I can help in any way, please let me know.

Thank you for your time and attention. Remember...live, laugh and be happy, all while doing God's work. God Bless.

*Dale Hofer*

District #11 District Deputy

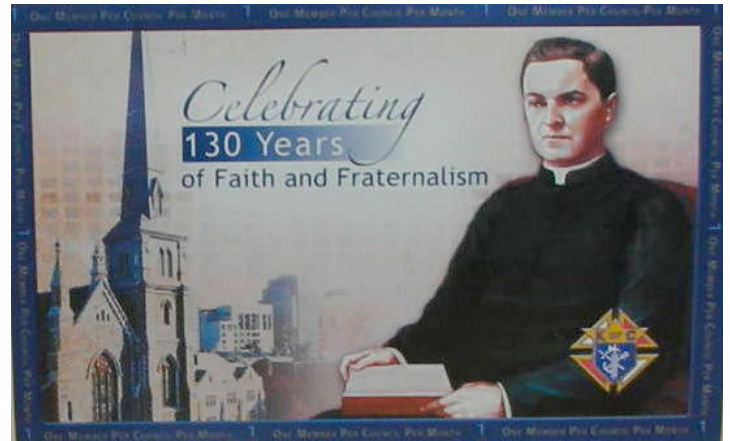
## Field Agent

Knights of Columbus Insurance  
**Bro. Blaine Anhel**



## Have you insured your most valuable asset?

Is your income protected if you become too sick or hurt to work? Your ability to work and earn an income is your most valuable asset. Yet a disability could prevent you from earning that income. Just one year of a disability could eliminate your savings. I would like to show you that Income Armor, an individual disability income insurance product from the Knights of Columbus, should be a key part of your overall financial plan and family's protection. If you become too sick or hurt to work, Income Armor



provides monthly benefits to help you meet living expenses and maintain your standard of living. Your monthly benefits help you pay your mortgage and other monthly bills, and help your savings and retirement assets remain intact.

In short, if you have a job and don't have a way to protect that paycheck, you should seriously consider Income Armor today. I look forward to meeting with you.

Here is a wonderful link explaining Knights of Columbus Insurance: [www.kofc.org/un/en/insurance/benefits/index.html](http://www.kofc.org/un/en/insurance/benefits/index.html)

For more details or answers to insurance questions contact Field Agent Blaine Anhel.

Blaine Anhel, FIC Field Agent, Knights of Columbus Insurance Cell: 250.804.8100

## Celebrating 130 Years of Faith and Fraternalism

During our Corporate Sunday mass, we have celebrated with a special mass the foundation of the

Knights of Columbus, founded by Father Michael J. McGivney on March 29<sup>th</sup>, 1882.

Link to KOFC4949 video <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FbD6TkdhdZU>

Uploaded by [catholicnewsagency](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d0kpse-vS7A) Father Michael J. McGivney <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d0kpse-vS7A>

## Council Director

Deputy GK Bro. Sal D'Agosto



Call 250-542-4740







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### **Pancake Committee Chairman** Bro. Mike Fedyniak



**Schedule April and May**  
April 1<sup>st</sup>, for KOFC4949  
April 29<sup>th</sup>, for CWL  
May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Mothers Day

### **Grand Knight** Bro. Guenter A. Rieger

On behalf of Council 4949,  
I would like to thank Pancake

Committee chairman Mike Fedyniak and the entire Breakfast team for their monthly efforts, preparing a tasty Pancake Breakfast for parishioners and Knights.



Our Pancake Breakfast is not only a wonderful social event for Knights and parishioners, but a very important part for raising funds too.

Thanks to our supporters to make each Pancake Breakfast a success.  
"Thank you for helping us, to be able to help others."

Vivat Jesus  
GK Guenter A. Rieger



Tickets are \$20 and available at:  
St. James Rectory 250-542-1276  
Schubert Centre 250-549-4201 ask for Jack  
WFS Brother. Mark 250-549-4151



St. James Council 4949 audit.  
Left: Ralph Hounslow, Steve Campbell, John Toporchak and Mark Lopianowski



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Dave Lawrence and get

### Election of Officers Fraternal Year 2012-2013

During regular Business Meeting  
May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
Columbus Court  
7:00PM

Grand Knight  
Deputy Grand Knight  
Chancellor  
Warden  
Treasurer  
Advocate  
Recorder  
Inside Guard  
Outside Guard  
Trustee 1st years  
Trustee 2nd years \*  
Trustee 3rd year \*

Financial Secretary, appointed by Supreme Knight

\*Trustee 1st year moves up to trustee 2nd years

\*Trustee 2nd years moves up to Trustee 3rd years

#### Nomination Committee:

Chairman: Steve Campbell 250-542-1002

Member: Ralph Hounslow 250-545-5857

Member: Doug McIntyre 250-542-4286

If you would like to nominate a Brother, please call one of the three members of the Nomination Committee. Nomination will be also excepted on Election night.



### "The Heart & Stroke Big Bike is coming to Vernon!"

The Big Bike is a 30-person bicycle that represents the hope and support of thousands across the country. Join us by submitting your team of 29 to ride the bike and help stop heart disease and stroke from taking the lives of 1 in 3 Canadians.

Spectators are more than welcome- come see the Big Bike as it rolls through your neighborhood!

Register your team online at [www.bigbike.ca](http://www.bigbike.ca) or contact your local Heart and Stroke Foundation Office for more information at 604-591-1955.

The Big Bike Run, organized by Bro. Dave Lawrence, was a big success in 2011. The Shining Knights, of KOFC 4949 and KOFC 12202, were able to raise the highest amount on that day, which was \$2,550.00.

To participate you have to get a pledge sheet from Bro.

pledges from friends, business associates.

You can also pledge for



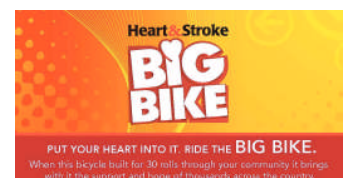
yourself.

Let's hope the weather will cooperate on May 9<sup>th</sup>. If you have a white shirt or a white T-shirt, please bring it with you, or wear it.

The Big Bike can seat up to 30 people.

You're also welcome if you don't like to be on the Bike.

You can cheer and support your Brother Knights.







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### Prayer for our Knights.

Dear Lord we ask you to strengthen us, as we fulfil the duty as Knights of Columbus.

Help our Brother Knights who are sick and in distress, and help us to follow your commandments In Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

## Our Principles

"All the good works we do are informed by our four core principles:

**Charity** - Our Catholic faith teaches us to "Love thy neighbor as thyself." Members of the Knights of Columbus show love for their neighbors by conducting food drives and donating the food to local soup kitchens and food pantries, by volunteering at Special Olympics, and by supporting, both spiritually and materially, mothers who choose life for their babies. Knights recognize that our mission, and our faith in God, compels us to action. There is no better way to experience love and compassion than by helping those in need, a call we answer every day.

**Unity** - None of us is as good as all of us. Members of the Knights of Columbus all know that - together - we can accomplish far more than any of us could individually. So we stick together...we support one another. That doesn't mean that we always agree or that there is never a difference of opinion. It does mean that - as a Knight of Columbus - you can count on the support and encouragement of your brother Knights as you work to make life better in your parish and community.

**Fraternity** - The Venerable Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus, in large part, to provide assistance to the widows and children left behind when the family breadwinner died - often prematurely. The Order's top-rated insurance program continues to do this today, as do individual Knights, who last year gave more than 10 million hours of their time to assist sick and/or disabled members and their families. In the Knights of Columbus, we watch out for and take care of one another.

**Patriotism** - Members of the Knights of Columbus, be they Americans, Canadians, Mexicans, Cubans, Filipinos, Poles, or Dominicans, are patriotic citizens. We are proud of our devotion to God and country, and believe in standing up for both. Whether it's in public or private, the Knights remind

the world that Catholics support their nations and are amongst the greatest citizens." Reprinted of Knights of Columbus web site.

### "Why Join the Knight of Columbus"

#### Knights of Columbus Insurance

Since our founding in 1882, the primary mission of the Knights of Columbus has been to protect families from the financial ruin caused by the death of the breadwinner. In the beginning, Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney and his fellow Knights "passed the hat" to benefit widows and orphans.

From that humble start, the Order has grown to include top-rated life insurance, long-term care insurance and retirement products.

With more than \$80 billion of insurance in force and a full-time field force of more than 1,400 serving our members and their families, we are proudly fulfilling Fr. McGivney's vision.

The best way to learn about our products is by arranging a visit with a local field agent. Your agent can custom design an insurance program to meet your current needs, help you plan for the future or simply explain the many fraternal benefits that come with membership.

## Insurance Q & A

### Do I need life insurance?

"Yes, the chances are you do need life insurance, whether it's for paying funeral expenses, replacing income, providing money for your child's education, protecting your home or many other reasons.



Unfortunately, too many people don't know the value of a life insurance policy and go without any or adequate coverage. Check out our [life insurance calculator](#) to see where you stand.

### Honorary Membership for Brother Sam Banducci, 34 years of service.



Left: Sam Banducci, GK Guenter A. Rieger, Father Dale Normandeau