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Grand Knight

General Meeting
2nd Tuesday of the month
Executive Meeting –
4th Tuesday of the month

Council 4949 Executive
Chaplain Fr. Dale Normandeau
Grand Knight Guenter A. Rieger
Deputy GK Pat Hagel
Chancellor Kevin Schmalz
Warden Joseph Scebba
Treasure John Toporchak
Advocat Paul Rosetti
Recorder David Elrick
Outside Guard George Matymiish
Inside Guard Sal D'Agosto
1. Year Trustee Ralph Hounslow
2. Year Trustee David Durand
3. Year Trustee Steve Campbell
Fin. Secretary Mark Lopianowski
Field Agent Blaine Anhel

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

**PRAYERS FOR THE
SICK AND DISTRESSED**

Most Reverend Bishop David Monroe, Bro. Bill and Mary Turner, Bro. Gary Balcon, Bro. Colin Mooney, Bro. Adrien Robert and Bro. Norm Sasges



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 soon celebrate this Passover--Easter--later on 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
Fr. Dale Normandeau





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VERNON ST. JAMES COUNCIL No. 4949

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

Council Director Report Sal D'Agosto



Dear Brothers

First of all I would like to inform you that we are organizing a games night (adults only) in Columbus court, all brothers and their spouses are welcome. Munchies and light drinks will be available.

I am also 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 looking at organizing a garage sale and an auction on the long weekend in May (20th-23rd).

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 on March 6, 2011 was well attended and we had 13 volunteers (again thank you for your time). We deposited \$365.57. The next pancake breakfast will be on Sunday April 3, 2011. Do not forget to

bring a friend and/or a neighbor as everyone is welcomed.

A reminder that I still have a number of "Holy Rosary Transfers", license plate holders and shopping cart tokens and

Keep Christ in Christmas magnets . If you are interested in purchasing some please feel free to contact me.

Our bingo on Sundays at the Schubert are not as well attended as they should be, so we could use a larger number of players, pass the word around that we have bingo on Sunday nights at the Schubert.

If you can help on any of these activities feel free to contact me at 250-542-4740 or at sdagosto@telus.net .

May God bless you and your families.

Your fellow brother Knight
Sal D'Agosto

THE SALT FREE Water Treatment System / Water Softener and descaler, *WaterAtBest*,



a revolutionary technology breakthrough for the treatment of hard water, that converts hardness minerals out of solution into sub-micron particles unlike traditional water softeners.

This eliminates scale buildup in plumbing systems and appliances without the use of any water softening salt! Customers in Europe using SALT FREE Water Treatment Systems for more than 25 years.

District Deputy Report Michael Gernat



My Brothers All,

129 years ago Michael J. McGivney began what is the Greatest Catholic men's organization in the world, when he founded the Knights of Columbus. We celebrate Founders Day and we celebrate the fraternity that we all enjoy. Because of Father McGivney and his vision, you and I are able to enjoy working side by side for the good of our Church , our Council, our Community and our Families. Being a member of the Knights of Columbus is one of the most positive decisions I have ever made and I urge each and every one of you, right now, to take a moment and invite someone that you know to also experience what can be had as a Brother Knight. April 5th, there a First Degree is scheduled at Columbus Court. Let' make sure that we have done our job as Knights and have invited more men to join us.

Spring is definitely here and with spring we look toward new beginnings. Let your new beginning be in the form of reconciliation. As we prepare for one of the most special celebrations of our Church, that being the resurrection of our Saviour Jesus Christ, Father Dale is giving of his time so that

there is extra time for confessions. Check your bulletins and make a concentrated effort to attend during this Lenten season. Confession is one of the greatest gifts our church gives us. Celebrate your new beginning!

Mark your calendar for June 11th. Council 4949 will be hosting a Major Degree and along with the Major, we will have a Ladies Day Program, Mass and a Four Course Dinner. The dinner is an opportunity for all members of District 8-11 to come together and celebrate the Centennial of the Knights of Columbus in the BC/Yukon jurisdiction. We will be fortunate to have members of our State Executive in attendance at our celebration. Tickets are \$20 per person and are on sale at the Rectory and at Advance Fur Dressers.4311- 31 St.

As we progress through our Lenten season, don't think of giving up, think of "giving". Exercise the Charity, Unity and Fraternity that we as Brothers stand for.

Your Council Director, Brother Sal is organizing a Games I know he has a variety of games that we can play as we enjoy an evening of fraternity..... I look forward to seeing many of you there! Come out, bring your spouse and let's just have fun in one another's company.

On behalf of Deb and myself, I would like to wish all of you all the Joys of the Easter Season. May the Risen Lord be your constant companion as we journey through this special time.

Fraternally,
Michael Gernat
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“Being a Knight can be a wonderful and lasting experience in your life.

Helping us, to help others.”

Message: Grand Knight Guenter A. Rieger



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: *Ēostre*; 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.

The first week of the Easter Season is known as Easter Week or the Octave of Easter. The week from Palm Sunday to Easter is known as Holy Week. Easter also marks the end of Lent, a season of fasting, prayer, and penance.

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.”

On March 25th, the Knights of Columbus of St. James Council 4949 were leading the Station of the Cross. Many Knights participated. After the Station of the Cross St. James Council 4949 together with Mother Theresa Council 12202 were celebrating together the Mass for the Unborn.

During the last week Sal D'Agosto, Joe Simao, Ed Sylvestre, Jim Grazier, Art L'Heureux, Joe Scebba, John Toporchak, Ralph Hounslow, Dave Elrick, Noel Desrosiers, Michael Toporchak, Jake and Joe Schmaltz and Michael were busy bruning trees and cleaning the parking lot around St. James Church.

Elections are coming up for all position.



Nomination Committee chairman David Durand, Ralph Hounslow and Steve Campbell

Congratulations to Brother Martin Belec



At he last Business Meeting Brother Martin Belec received his Honery Life Membership. Thank you Brother Martin Belec for you commitment being a Knight of Columbus of St. James Council 4949.

The Knights of Columbus

BC/Yukon is celebrating it's 100th Anniversary, and it will be held in Vernon.

Our council is hosting the banquet at the Schubert Centre. A wonderful opportunity for us, since we don't have to travel. Reserve your tickets early, since only 200 seats are available.

I'm looking forward to see you all at our next Business Meeting on Tuesday, April 12th at 7:00PM at Columbus Court. If you have a burgundy blazer please wear it, since it will make our 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.

Fraternally
Guenter A. Rieger
Grand Knight

June 11th - Banquet to Celebrate 100th Anniversary of Knights of Columbus in BC/Yukon Jurisdiction. Four Course Dinner at Schubert Centre . \$20.00 per person. Tickets available at St. James Rectory and Advance Fur Dressers. 4311- 31St. Phone Michael at 250-542-7200 for info



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Welcome to Personal Alternative Funeral Services



Dealing with a terminal illness; the death of someone close or even pre-planning your own final arrangements is not always easy. Such questions as "where do I go?" or "what do I do now?" must be answered. Today, with the high cost of death care services in this area, inadequate information can result in a severe financial burden for a family. More info Tel: 250-558 0866

IN MEMORY



Sir Knights

Thomas Patrick Moore passed away peacefully in his sleep at Heron Grove on March 5, 2011.

Tom was a chartered Member of the 4.Degree and served as scribe and Faithfull Navigator of the John Miles Assembly.

He was involved building the Schubert Centre and St. James School.

In September 1946, he married the love of his life, Pearl Ward from Lumby and together they shared 59 years of loving, laughing and living life to the fullest.

In lieu of flowers, friends wishing to do so may make donations in memory of Tom to the Knights of Columbus #4949 St. James' Scholarship Fund.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family

Carmel of St Joseph Monastery in Amrstrong, BC



The nuns are always at home. Under the tender guidance and protection of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, a Carmelite monastery radiates the joy and peace of Nazareth in the simple monastic life based upon the liturgical seasons as each day quietly unfolds itself. Clad in the holy habit of Carmel, the Carmelites of Armstrong, B.C., spend their day in prayer - which is the center and purpose of Carmelite life. Enclosure, solitude and silence all help to create an atmosphere for this prayer life where they may listen to the voice of Christ and grow in union with Him. More at...<http://www.carmelspall.org/WayOfLife.htm>

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Spring Election May 2nd, 2011

Will real issues be up for election debate?

"Catholic organizations hope that party leaders like Michael Ignatieff (Left) and Stephen Harper (Right) will focus on issues important to Canada rather than using cheap tactics to win votes.



"Voters should get engaged in saying what they want their leaders to be doing, and not just be consumers of what the parties want us to hear," he said.

At Citizens for Public Justice, another ecumenical group trying to foster debate on social justice, this election will be about four issues — a federal poverty-reduction plan, climate change, immigration and taxes. The BC. Catholic Michael Swan <http://bcc.rcav.org/>

THE CATHOLIC KNIGHT:

As Roman Catholics we need to spread the word. Please tell as many of your Catholic friends and neighbors about the pope's three-point agenda for the upcoming elections. Feel free to direct them to this story on this web page. Here is the URL to cut and paste if you need it: <http://catholicknight.blogspot.com/2006/04/popes-three-point-agenda-for-voting.html>

June 11th, 2011

Major Degree, If you would like to receive your 2nd and 3rd Degree, please contact Membership Director David Elrick to register
250-503-0936

Pro-Life Director Bodo Niedballa



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 on Saturday, April 16th, 2011, at the Pantry Restaurant (3908-32nd St.). Doors will be open at 6.00 pm and dinner will be served at 6.30 pm.

Guest speakers will be Mrs. Jenny Rogers and Mrs. Shannon Green. There will be a Pregnancy Centre establishing for this area. They will tell us all about it and the need for it.

Tickets for \$20 are still available at the Pro-Life Thrift Store and the St. James rectory. See You at the Pantry.

Pro-Life Director
Bodo Niedballa