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Installation of Officers Tuesday, June 14th, 2011 St Joseph Church, Armstrong

General Meeting Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>,2011 Executive Meeting – Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>,2011

## Council 4949 Executive

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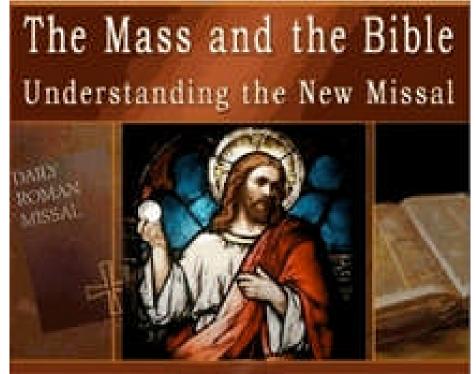
Sir Knight John V. Toporchak

# The New Roman Missal Chaplain Father Dale Normandeau

I am taking a break from my series on Spiritual Classics to write about an important upcoming event for us Catholics in the English-speaking world. I am referring to the new English language translation of the Mass prayers. This will be the most significant development in the way we celebrate Mass since the Vatican II reforms of the liturgy almost 50 years ago. While the Mass will look the same – there has been no change to the rubrics – it will sound different. The words spoken, chanted and



on English in the Liturgy (ICEL) put out a survey to ascertain what people generally thought of the present English translation of the Mass prayers. The dominant response expressed a desire to



prayed at Mass will sound more formal, less colloquial. This is a result of a more formal translation of the Latin, the original language of the Mass prayers.

So why the new translation? Simply put, because the people have requested it. In the 1980s, the International Commission

have a more formal translation of the Mass texts, expressed in a more elevated language than that found in the present translation. Members of ICEL themselves admitted, upon completing the present translation, that their work would have to be revised eventually. Forty years on, that day has arrived.

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Get to know your Brother Knight. Sir Knight John V. Toporchak



John Victor Toporchak was born in the family home on June 27, 1937. He was the youngest with an older brother and two older sisters. The name on his Birth Certificate was John Toporcsak but he went through life with the last name of Toporchak.

After High School Graduation, John attended Chicago Vocational School in Edmonton, taking Mechanics and welding. With his trade, John was never without a job.

In 1960, he became a member of the Knights of Columbus, joining a new Council 4949.

In 1962, John married Deanna Dombrowski and over the years they had two sons and two daughters, who later presented them with eight grandchildren. Next April, John and Deanna will celebrate 50 years of almost always wedded bliss.

In his younger days as a Boy Scout, John earned the honour of Queen Scout and as such earned a train trip to Ottawa to be presented his Badge by Governor General Vincent Massey. This lead to John becoming a Cub Leader and later, the Leader of the 7<sup>th</sup> Vernon, St. James Scout Troop. 40 years later, he is still surprised when a former Scout will say, "you were my Scout Leader, remember me?"

In 1974, John and Deanna purchased 365 acres of the former L.& A. Ranch in Spallumcheen, just north of Swan Lake and this became their new home. A few years later, they purchased another 210 acres and were kept busy farming and raising four young children. His Scouting days were over, but his sense of Community didn't leave. For a time, he was an Alternate Director of the North Okanagan Regional District, a Director for Larkin Water District, followed by six years as an Alderman in the Township of Spallumcheen.

When his days as an Alderman were over, John thought he would have some time to relax but a Director of OCPCS thought otherwise and asked him to be on the Board of Directors. As he had done little in the Vernon area, he was confident that he didn't stand a chance. He was voted in as a Director of the OCPCS and started his many years of work with the elderly. He soon was Vice President, followed by President. During his first term as President, Columbus Court One was built. During his second term as President of the OCPCS, Columbus Court Two was built.

After retiring from the OCPCS, John was elected to the Board of the Schubert Centre and is presently their Vice President.

While doing all this, John and Deanna were active members of St. James Church as well, both having served terms on St. James School Council, St. James Parish Council and both are Eucharistic Ministers. John was an Usher at St. James until Msgr. MacIntyre asked him to become an Acolyte at St. James in 1981.

For the past 51 years, John has been a member of St. James Council 4949 serving for 15 years as Financial Secretary and as the Bingo Coordinator for the past 25 years. Deanna did the latter with him every Sunday because as she said, if she didn't, she would never see him. They will be retiring from that job on June 19. As well, John was the Faithful Captain for 2 years followed by 2 years as Faithful Navigator of Msgr. John Miles Assembly 2064. He is

currently the treasurer for St. James Council 4949 and Faithful Admiral of the Msgr. John Miles Assembly.

As of July 1, 2010, John and Deanna



are no longer actively farming. Retirement has freed up some time for them to do the things they love doing. Deanna still sings with the Kalamalka Chorus of Sweet Adelines and John is still a volunteer in his Community and



Church. They now have time to travel and are thoroughly enjoying that. They are planning a trip to the United States this summer and in filling out the Passport forms they realized that John would never get a Passport using his name that is known by all because of the Slovak spelling of his name on his Birth Certificate. It was easier to have his name changed than to change the name on everything in his possession.

In April of 2011, John Toporcsak had his name officially changed to John Victor **Toporchak**.



# In Service to One. In Service to All

Message June 2011 by Grand Knight Guenter A. Rieger

#### Brother Knights.

The month of May was again a busy one for our council. Many volunteers have put a lot of time and effort into different projects.

The Heart and Stroke Foundation "Big Bike Run", organized by Brother Dave Lawrence, was a BIG success. We had participant from our Council 4949 and from the Lady of the Valley Council 12202. We raised over 2,500, the highest amount of that day. Thanks Brother Dave for all the work he has put in that project, and a big thanks to all participants.

On May 17<sup>th</sup>, council members of Council 4949 and Council 12202 took part in this year's confirmation at the Lady of the Valley Church.

Brother Sal D.Agosto including his helpers put a lot of time and sweats in, to make our Garage Sale a success. We have raised over 2,400.00 which will allows us to due more good work for our community.

The BC-Yukon State Convention, celebrated this year the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Brother Dave Lawrence and myself represented our Council 4949.

One of our own, Brother Michael Gernat, our District Deputy, was elected to State Warden. Congratulation Brother Michael on your new elected post.

At the same time I would like to congratulate Brother Dale Hofer, Grand Knight of Mother Theresa Council 12202, for his new appointment as District Deputy for the fraternal year 2011-2012.

Election of officers were held during our Business Meeting May 10<sup>th</sup>,2011. I would like to thank our Brother Knights for re-electing me as Grand Knight for our fraternal year 2011-2012. Thanks to all Brothers helping me to get the job done during the last fraternal year.

Keeping in mind that each council including ours has many Knights involved in service committees. I would like to ask each member to be willing to service on those committees as it was happen during the last year.

On May 27<sup>th</sup> I have attended the Grade 2011 ceremonies at Wesbuilt Center to presented to student Jennise Moore one of our Knights of Columbus bursaries. More details of KOFC bursaries will be printed in the next newsletter.

May 31st, was another important event, taken place at Columbus Court. Jacob Schmaltz, son of Brother Kevin Schmaltz, completed his First Degree. He followed his father and his two brothers to become a Knight Jacob is now our youngest Brother. Welcome Brother Jacob Schmaltz.

June 11<sup>th</sup>,2011, our council will host the banquet for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Exemplification.

Remember our business meeting will be this month on June 21st.

On June 14<sup>th</sup>, is the installation of officers at St. Joseph's Church in Armstrong. Officers of four councils will be installed, including the officers of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree. Please bring your wife to the installation in Armstrong. Look for more details in this newsletter.

Looking back: Time is flying by and our fraternal year is coming to an end, and a new beginning will start on July 1<sup>st</sup>,2011.

It's like life. The beginning with birth and the end with death, which in our believes will be he beginning to eternal life.

We as Knights take our commitment seriously by fulfilling the task started by our founder Father Michael McGivney.

Yes, it's up to each Knight how much time he is willing to spend for this noble cause. Sharing our knowledge and



experience with our council will be an wonderful experience.

I have to repeat myself again and again by saying" as more you get involved, as more you appreciate being a Knight of Columbus.

I personally would like to thank Sir Knight John V. Torporchak for asking me many years ago to join the Knights of Columbus. Thanks John. I know, I will never be able to devote the same amount of time like John has spend during his last 51 years being a Knight. But I am trying to do my best.

As our fraternal years is almost over, I would like to take this opportunity by thanking all officers, directors and committee chairman for the work they have put in our projects during our fraternal year. A big Thanks to all our members, attending meetings and helping in different function. A special thanks to our ladies allowing us to due our work.

Thanks to our Chaplain Father Dale, for his support and his spiritual guidance.

On behalf of Regina and myself I would like to thank you for your support and we would like to wish you and your family a great summer.

Vivat Jesus!

Guenter A. Rieger, Grand Knight



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The New Missal

The *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* was passed in 1963 and ICEL was formed shortly after to begin work on a new English language translation of the Mass.

There was, unfortunately, a general lack of proper preparation for the people in anticipation of the reformed Mass. While most people embraced the vernacular translation, many people responded with confusion and anger. They felt the new translation was unnecessary, a complete break with the past, and even questioned its validity. This animosity felt towards the *Novus Ordo* (New Mass) exists amongst some pockets of Catholics to this day.

In light of the mixed response to the Novus Ordo, steps have been taken today by various Bishops' Conferences in Englishspeaking countries to insure that adequate catechesis is provided in anticipation of the new translation. The happy by-product of this catechetical initiative is the opportunity it provides Catholics to re-visit their liturgical heritage and to re-appreciate how their Mass has evolved and yet remained the same. In fact, a study of the history of the Mass can clear up a lot of misconceptions people have about it. For those who believe that the present Mass is invalid because it represents a complete severance with our past and tradition, an examination of its history will show that this argument is simply unsustainable. When one recognizes what is essential to the Mass and what is secondary, one finds that our Mass retains a consistency with the past in its essentials, while also reflecting the evolutionary process found in its embellishments, a reality that has also existed from its beginning.

The word *liturgy* is derived from the Greek word meaning *public service* or

work. In light of Christian worship, it refers to the Eucharistic Sacrifice. When Jesus gathered with his apostles to celebrate the Jewish Passover, he gave the bread and wine consumed at that ritual meal a whole new meaning and significance by identifying himself with them. Through this act, he gave his followers a memorial sacrifice to celebrate in perpetuity. Christians have celebrated the Eucharist since there have been Christians, as evidenced in the Acts of the Apostles and St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. Around the end of the first century, Jewish converts added a liturgy of the word to the Eucharistic assembly, where passages from the Hebrew Scriptures and the New Testament evolving were proclaimed.

The earliest extra-scriptural description of the Mass – the Liturgies of Word and Eucharist – was written by St. Justin Martyr in the middle of the second century. Although his description of the Mass was written almost 1,900 years ago, it has a remarkable resemblance to what we celebrate today. Catholic Christians then, as today, gathered to hear the proclamation of scripture, to offer intercessory prayers, to celebrate the Eucharist, and even take up a collection!

Over time other elements were added to the Mass, such as the *Gloria*, *Lord Have Mercy*, Responsorial Psalm and the *Our Father*. Eventually, Latin replaced Greek as the preferred liturgical language in the Western part of the known world. Latin would remain the liturgical language of the Mass in the West, even after it ceased to be the principle language of communication of the people. The Mass prayers were collected into books known as *Missals*, of which a variety existed among Latin-Rite (also known as Roman) Catholics.

While many people believe active participation in the Mass is a new innovation, the history reminds us otherwise. Renewed interest in the Liturgy goes back to the mid-nineteenth century and was fueled by study of ancient liturgical manuscripts, scripture and interest in greater lay participation in

the liturgy. This renewed interest in the liturgy became known as the *Liturgical Movement*.

Later, Pope Pius XII would express many of the aspirations of the Liturgical Movement in his 1947 Encyclical Mediator Dei, a document which would exercise a great deal of influence on the Second Vatican Council. In the 1960s. the members of ICEL had a daunting task before them when they began the work of translating the Roman Missal into English. They had no template to work from, because the Mass had never been translated into English before. They drew insights from the 1969 Concilium **Document** on translating liturgical texts, titled Comme le Prevoir, and insights drawn from the biblical scholar and translator Eugene Nida (1914-). Eugene Nida developed the theory of *dynamic* or functional equivalence, which focuses more on what the words mean than what they say. This was the operative idea behind the English translation of the Roman Missal promulgated by Pope Paul VI in 1970, which, with a few modifications, is the Missal presently in use among Roman Catholics in the English-speaking world.

This Mass translation's advantage is its clarity of meaning. It is easily understood and its words are and direct. Its disadvantage, however, is the loss of the cadence, word pictures, rhythm and poetry which is found in the original Latin. The result is a translation that is functional but, in my opinion, flat and rather bland. It has become evident that a new English translation of the Mass prayers is needed. In 2001, The Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments issued a new document, Liturgiam Authenticam, which reminded translators that "the original text, insofar as possible, must be translated integrally and in the most exact manner, without omissions or additions in terms of their content, and without paraphrases or glosses".





#### District Deputy Michael Gernat



My Brothers All,

I cannot believe that we are almost at the end of this Fraternal year.

In this my last communication with you as your District Deputy, I just wanted to say Thank you! You are all to be commended on the job you do for our Fraternal Order.

Being a member of the Knights of Columbus is worthwhile and rewarding, and the members of District 11 have shown time and time again how much they believe in the Order and the work that we do for our church, our communities, our councils.

The Knights of Columbus is indeed a Family and I am proud to be a part of your family and work side by side with you. Don't forget to offer that same opportunity to the catholic man sitting beside you at mass, or the catholic man that you happen to meet at a pancake breakfast, garage sale or perhaps even the one you sell a horse blanket to. Our membership is strong but it can always be stronger...and that my Brothers is up to you! Each and everyone of you is the membership director for your Council, cease the opportunity to bring more members into the order.....extend the invitation!!

I would like to introduce you to your new District Deputy. Brother Dale Hofer, the present Grand Knight of Council 12202, will assume that role on July 1st. Dale is very capable of fulfilling the role and I am sure you will offer Dave and his wife Dianne all the hospitality that you did to me and Deb.

It is my plan to visit with each Council before the end of June, but on behalf of Deb and myself, we wish to thank you for a great year, have a wonderful summer.

I look forward to working side by side with all of you in my new role as State Warden.

God Bless you and your family Fraternally, *Michael Gernat*, District Deputy

#### Council Director Sal D.Agosto



On behalf of the Knights of Columbus St. James council 4949, I would like to take this time and thank everyone that donated to or participated in our recent garage sale. Your generosity helped in making it a great success. We were able to raise over \$2,300.

A portion of the proceeds from the garage sale will be donated to support

the World Youth Day Team from our Diocese.

Mothers Day pancake breakfast was again a big success. Thanks to all Brothers for helping and supporting our pancake breakfast.

On a private note: Thank you for electing me as Deputy Grand Knight for our new fraternal year 2011-2012

May God bless you all and again a sincere thank you.

Salvador D'Agosto
Council Director, St. James Council 4949

# Installation of Officers. 2011-2012

# Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>,2011

#### **Location:**

St. Joseph Church Armstrong, BC

#### **Program:**

6:30 Mass, after Mass Installation of officers and Social with our ladies.

Officers of four councils will be installed.

Our master will be present to install the officers of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree.

Please contact our Financial Secretary Brother Mark if you attending this event, to get a head count.

Officers have to attend.

<u>Dress code for officers:</u> Burgundy blazer



## Birthdays June

Patrick J Hagel 06-01 Anton S Kopp 06-01 John M Toporchak 06-03 Johann B Lingohr 06-04 Saveglio A Lozza 06-05 Benjamin W Schmaltz 06-06 Joseph O Dorval 06-08 Danial M Campbell 06-09 Ivan F Hysek 06-19 Stephen D Campbell 06-20 Clayton A Repp 06-20 Denis M Brunelle 06-22 George J Matymish 06-26 John V Toporchak 06-27 Douglas G Morrison 06-28 Ralph Hounslow 06-29

# 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 Ian Scargill.

#### Water the Best Medicine?

Our cells need water to transport proteins and enzymes to nerve endings. If the body becomes dehydrated, a waterrationing process kicks in. The brain is



first in line to receive available water, followed by the kidneys and liver. After that, it's every organ for itself. Because of that, Batmanghelidj -- who died of pneumonia in 2004 -- thinks dehydration may be a cause of many types of degenerative diseases, like asthma, arthritis, hypertension, angina, diabetes (type 2), lupus and multiple sclerosis.

How is it possible that wealthy Western people are dehydrated? Under normal circumstances, everyone loses three to four liters (a gallon) of fluids a day. In order to replenish the supply, we have to drink some 80 percent of that (20 percent of the needed water generally comes from what we eat). Don't wait until we're thirsty, we are advised. Thirst, after all, is a sign that our bodies are experiencing an acute water shortage. Water straight from the tap does the trick, according to some scientist.

The disadvantages of water softeners using salt include: The process of regenerating the ion exchange bed dumps salt water into the environment. The elevated sodium concentration of most softened water can affect the taste and may not be good for people on low sodium diets, although sodium concentrations are typically quite low relative to sodium levels in most food.

Typically, approximately 50 gallons of rinse water per cubic foot of resin is required to totally remove hardness and excess salt from the resin after each regeneration.

THE SALT FREE Water Treatment Systems, *WaterAtBest*, also called water softener / descaler or water conditioner, 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!

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## Welcome to St.James Council 4949

The future of any KOFC council is depending on new members. On May 31<sup>st</sup>,2011 St. James Council 4949 got a new member, Jacob Schmaltz, the son of Brother Kevin Schmaltz.

Jacob is the third son of Kevin becoming a Knight.

His father Kevin Schmaltz, a former Grand Knight of Council 4949, is holding the office of Chancellor today and in the new fraternal year.



Membership Director Sir Knight David Elrick, welcomes our new Knight, Jacob Schmaltz, to Council 4949 Jacob is our newest and youngest member.

#### Big Bike Run a big success.

The Big Bike Run was a big success for the Knights and the Heart and Stroke Foundation. St. James Council 4949 was able to raise over \$2,500.



Grand Knight Guenter A. Rieger and Team Captain David Lawrence posing for a picture, displaying the result of funds raised.







The Shining Knights of St. James Council 4949 before the Big Bike Run

## Welcome to Personal Alternative Funeral Services

**Our Guidance - Your Decisions** 

Dealing with a terminal illness; the death of someone close or even preplanning 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.



David Jones, a Knight of Columbus and funeral attendant with Personal Alternative in Vernon, knows first hand dealing with death in his family.
David was born in Nelson, BC in



Upon graduating from university in 1975 he began a career in teaching.

For the next 32 years he taught at the elementary grade level in Nelson, Grand Forks and Armstrong, BC.

A NCCP level 2 coach for hockey and baseball he coached for 10 seasons Greater Vernon Minor Hockey and Vernon Minor Baseball.

After experiencing the death of his parents he felt the call to assist and support those individuals who are grieving the loss of a family member or a loved one. In July 2007 he commenced work with Thompson Funeral Service in Nelson, BC. He continues work as a funeral attendant with Thompson Funeral Service when in Nelson during the summer months.

More recently he has joined the Personal Alternative Funeral Service team working in Vernon and Armstrong. Personal Alternative 4417-29<sup>th</sup> Street, Vernon, BC 250-558-0866

### Officers elect Fraternal Year 2011-2012 Congratulation

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appointed by Supreme Knight Carl Anderson

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# Mothers Day Pancake Breakfast

Council 4949 is offering a pancake breakfast on every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month.



The Pancake Breakfast held on Mothers Day was again a very successful one. Parishioner, visitor and Knights have filled the parish center. Tables had to be reset to be able to serve all guests. The KOFC 4949 pancake breakfast is offered every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month by donations.



The Knights would like to thank all guests for supporting this event. This fund raiser will allow Council 4949 to support local groups, St. James School and many other organizations in Vernon.

The KOFC 4949 pancake breakfast is offered every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month at St. James Parish Center. 8:30AM – 10:30AM Major Degree & Banquet Celebrate with us 100<sup>th</sup> YEARS of KOFC BC and Yukon Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Major Degree:

St. James Parish Center
Mass: St. James Church

Banquet: Schubert Centre 100th Anniversary of BC/Yukon Knights of Columbus will be celebrated in Vernon on Saturday, June 11th.

A Major Degree will be conducted at the Parish Centre in the afternoon, followed by Mass and a banquet at the Schubert Centre. Come out, share experiences, and honour your Brother Knights and parishioners.

The Banquet will be a four course, sit down dinner for only \$20.00 and hosted by St. James Council 4949. Tickets are available at the Rectory and Advance Fur Dressers 4311 – 31 St. Get them now..they are going fast!!! Call Michael Gernat at 250-542-7200 for further details.

