



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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Knight News

VERNON ST. JAMES COUNCIL No. 4949

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

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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 Schmaltz
- 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 March

- Bro. Nelson A Brandle
- Bro. James R Whitelau
- Bro. Gerard A Kampman
- Bro. Uriah B Nordine
- Bro. Vital J Tetreault
- Bro. Leonardus Carpay
- Bro. Paul F Emerson Rosetti
- Bro. David J R Durand
- Bro. Gerald Le Blanc
- Bro. Sauro Banducci
- Bro. Maurice Jh Gilliard
- Bro. John D Schulz
- Bro. Arnie L Goodwin
- Gerald R Guina
- Bro. Mark H Hutter
- Bro. Gerry D Hopfner
- Bro. Michael K Fedyniak

Founder's Day March 29th



March 29th is the anniversary of the day the Knights of Columbus was granted a charter by the state of Connecticut. This day calls for a special celebration in every council throughout the Order.

The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization. Founded in the United States in 1882, it is named in honor of Christopher Columbus.

There are more than 1.8 million members in 15,000 councils, with nearly 200 councils on college campuses. Membership is limited to "practical Catholic" men aged 18 or older.

Councils have been chartered in the United States, Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, Guatemala, Panama, Dominican Republic, the Philippines, Guam, Spain, Japan, Cuba, and most recently in Poland.

St. James Council 4949 was granted a charter on April 10th, 1960 and has evolved from 53

a catholic Gentleman that adds to our council. Please ask men you know to be members of the Knight of Columbus Council 4949.

March will be a busy month for all Knights across the country including our local Council. Like every year, March will be again a recruitment month, also called Membership Blitz.

An Intense weekend effort focused on increasing membership for our council. Bro. David Elrick and his team are very busy for the weekend of March 12/13, 2011 on which we have our Membership Blitz at St. James Church.

Please contact Bro. David Elrick to be a part of the team, to share the work on that weekend. You can read more details in his report.

Another team is working together with our District Deputy to make it possible to have a major Degree held in Vernon on June 11th, 2011. This will be not just a major Degree, but also the 100 year celebration of the Knights of Columbus for BC and Yukon.

During that weekend there will be a banquet at the Schubert Centre. Only 200 tickets will be available for the banquet. To secure your ticket/s as soon as possible, please call the rectory 250-542-1276, or contact Bro. David Elrick. Why it is so important for you to reserve your ticket in advance? Ten councils from District 10 and 11 will participate in the Major Degree, and as mentioned only 200 tickets will be available.

\$20 for a four course-sit down dinner will be a bargain. Council 12202 will give us a helping hand, and we would

members to 145 members today. Our first Grand Knight was Bro. Hank Murray

Dear Brother Knights.

We are well into the year 2011, and spring is just around the



Guenter A. Rieger, Grand Knight

corner, unless the snow will not go away.

We all of us need to invite someone to be among our membership. We need to recruit



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like to thank them in advance for their commitment.

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Today over 1.8 million Knights follow the footsteps of founder Father Michael J. Mc. Givney. Let's celebrate that day in a special way. Therefore your attendance at the next meeting, March 8th, 2011, would be most appreciated.

Yes, many of the activities of the Knights of Columbus sound demanding, and certainly many are, but that does not mean that others can't be just fun. The Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast, stand as a prime example.

A dedicated group of Knights, spearheaded by Bro. Joey Toolsie and Bro. Mike Fedyniak, working very hard and have fun too, by preparing every first Sunday of the month, a tasty Pancake Breakfast, served at St James Parish Center.

Every Knight, including all parishioners and the public at large, are invited. If you would like to be a part of that dedicated Pancake Breakfast team, just contact Bro. Joey, and I'm sure you will be on the team. You're just a phone call away.

Being a Knight is more than camaraderie; it is being involved with your community; it is supporting your local Catholic Church, while enhancing your own faith; it is about protecting and enhancing your family life.

Faternally
Guenter A Rieger,
Grand Knight



Starting left: Seve Campbell, Joey Tollsie, Doug McIntyre, Mike Fedyniak, Joel Pfanschmith, David Campbell, David Lawrence, Mark Lopianowski,

The Pancake Breakfast CREW

Bro. Joey Tollsie, Bro. Mike Fedyniak Bro. Dave Lawrence, Bro. David Elrick Bro. Joel Pfanschmith Bro. Doug McIntyre, Bro. David Jones, Bro. Sal Dagosto, Bro. Steve Vaslallo, Bro. Mark Lopianoswki, Bro. Art Lheureux, Bro. Richard Hoven and many more.

MARCH 2011 RECRUITMENT BLITZ

Last March we conducted a very successful recruitment blitz. We would like to follow the same plan on March 12 and 13. Our Chaplain, Father Dale, has agreed to these dates. His support during the previous campaign was very much appreciated.

The plan is simple: a few words by Father Dale and the Grand Knight following each of the three masses; volunteer Knights note the name and telephone



Membership Director Bro. David Elrick

number of each parishioner who expresses

interest in becoming a Knight of Columbus, as they leave the church following mass. Then the work begins. If a significant number of men are interested we will conduct an open house information meeting in the basement of St James Church on March 17 at 7:00 PM. Participation by spouses will be encouraged. At the conclusion of that meeting those who wish may complete F100 membership application forms with the assistance of our volunteer team.

However, if a small number of gentlemen express interest in belonging to the Knights of Columbus during the blitz we will meet each of them individually to provide information. We anticipate holding a First Degree for the



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new applicants on or about **March 29th**. I would be grateful if Knights volunteer to be canvassers following each of the three masses. A minimum of four is required for each mass. We will have only the time it takes to exit the church to collect information from interested men, so the more the better! I can be contacted by telephone at 250-503-0936 and by email at

geodav@shaw.ca. A very brief (five minutes) coordination meeting of volunteer canvassers will take place at Columbus Court immediately following the next business meeting on March 8.

I look forward to working with you to increase the membership of our council.

Bro. David Elrick
Membership Director

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SECOND AND THIRD DEGREE CEREMONY ON 11th JUNE, 2011

District 11 of the Knights of Columbus, which includes St James Council 4949, plans to conduct a Major Degrees (2nd and 3rd Degrees) Ceremony in the St James Parish Centre, Vernon, BC on June 11, 2011.

The purpose of this letter is to advise eligible First Degree Knights of Columbus of the general details and to request that they advise if they will participate, or not. Registration will begin at the parish centre at 11:30 AM. The fee of \$30.00 for each candidate belonging to Council 4949 will be paid by the Council. Knights participating should wear their

blazer, shirt and tie or equivalent attire. Sandwiches will be available following the proceedings.

A separate program for spouses will be provided.

The regularly scheduled 5:00 PM mass will be available at St James Church. A banquet will follow at the Schubert Centre beginning at approximately 6:00 for 7:00 PM at a cost of \$20.00 per plate. Banquet tickets will likely be available for sale in mid April.

This is a major undertaking which will be open to councils in other districts and is a significant opportunity for Knights in District 11 (Vernon, Armstrong/Enderby, Salmon Arm and Revelstoke) because it is seldom available locally. The team that conducts the ceremony is from out of town and executives from the BC/Yukon State Council will attend.

You can appreciate that an early indication of attendance is essential to effective planning and the enjoyment of the event by participants and their wives.

I would be grateful for a response indicating whether you plan to attend, or not, and if you will be accompanied by you spouse, at your earliest convenience, please.



My contact details are:
(250) 503-0936,
email: geodav@shaw.ca

Yours sincerely,
David Elrick
Membership Director
Council 4949

From the Desk of your District Deputy,



My Brother Knights,

From time to time, we all look back and say: What have I done? I know I do....Can you answer that you have given of your time in a productive manner? Have you helped that individual that is less fortunate than you? Have you visited the widow of an old friend or helped a group of young people? Did you respond to the call from your Pastor?

What is our Worthy DD talking about you are asking yourself...well I am just referring to our mandate as Brothers. Are we doing our job within our community, in our parish? Very soon, we will be submitting reports to our State Executive for the annual convention. This year is especially exciting because we are celebrating the 100th year of Columbianism within the BC/Yukon jurisdiction and we here in District 11 are going to be fortunate enough to celebrate those 100 years, right in our own back yard.

June 11, 2010, District 11 will be hosting a Major Degree in Vernon. This is a very special time for our Brother Knights of the First Degree, as they will be fortunate to experience the Second and Third Degree at home, with their Brother Knights close at hand to support them. Following the Degree exemplifications, which will be in honour of Bishop David Monroe, we will be hosting a banquet to celebrate not only the Major Degree but also 100 years of service by the Knights of Columbus in our province.

I am asking that you mark the date on your calendar, not only to come out and support our Brothers but also to come out and celebrate. We do our "good works" quietly and often without fanfare...so take out that calendar and write in June 11th for a Knight of Celebration.

March is also our membership blitz month. This is a perfect time to invite other Catholic men to join you as a Brother and become a member. Bro. David Elrick has done a very good job as Membership Director and I urge you to support him when he calls upon you for assistance for the next blitz.

I look forward to working with you all to promote our Fraternal Order and especially as we answer the call of our Pastors to do springtime work in our parishes....

Fraternally,
Michael Gernat, DD#11
**PRAYERS FOR THE
SICK AND DISTRESSED**
Most Reverend Bishop David Monroe, Bernice Bibby, Bro. Bill and Mary Turner, Bro. Tom Moore, Bro. Gary Balcon, Bro. Colin Mooney, Adrien Robert.



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Congratulations!

John Miles Assembly
25th Anniversary
March 2011



For most men who follow Jesus, there comes a time when duty extends beyond our own lives, beyond how we lead our families, and into how we serve our fellow man. That's what the Knights of Columbus is all about.

The Patriotic Degree allows knights to take this one step further. "Sir Knight" is more than a title. It's an honour

The Emblem of the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus



The Triad Emblem of the Fourth Degree of the Knights of

- * The Dove
- * The Cross
- * The Globe

The Dove, the classic symbol of the Holy Spirit and Peace, is shown hovering over the orb of the earth or Globe. Both are mounted on a variation of the Crusader's cross, that which was found on the tunics and capes of the Crusading Knights who battled to regain the Holy Land.

Our Honored Order cherishes as its patron Christopher Columbus. Christopher...Christ Bearer Columbus...Dove of Peace, symbolizing the Paraclete Spiritually, the sacred symbols on the emblem typify the Union of the Three Divine Persons in one Godhead...the most blessed Trinity.

- * The Globe... God the Father, Creator of the Universe
- * The Cross...God the Son, Redeemer of Mankind
- *The Dove...God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of humanity



Any Third Degree member in good standing, one year after the anniversary of his First Degree, is eligible for membership in the Fourth Degree.

The Fourth Degree is the separate, and is the highest, degree of the order. Members of this degree are addressed as "Sir Knight". The primary purpose of the Fourth Degree is to foster the spirit of patriotism and to encourage active Catholic citizenship.

The Color Corps is the most visible arm of the Knights, as they are often seen in parades and other local events wearing their colorful regalia.

The Funny Section

I'm not a Knight yet, but I'm trying very hard to become one.....



The Confession Session

The new priest is nervous about hearing confessions, so he asks an older priest to sit in on his sessions. The new priest hears several confessions, then the old priest asks him to step out of the confessional for a few suggestions.

The old priest suggests, "Cross your arms over your chest and rub your chin with one hand." The new priest tries this. The old priest suggests, "Try saying things like, 'I see, yes, go on, and I understand, how did you feel about that?'"

The new priest says those things, trying them out. The old priest says, "Now, don't you think that's a little better than slapping your knee and saying, 'No way! What happened next?'"

A lawyer and an engineer were fishing

A lawyer and an engineer were fishing in the Caribbean. The lawyer said, "I'm here because my house burned

down, and everything I owned was destroyed by the fire. The insurance company paid for everything."

"That's quite a coincidence," said the engineer. "I'm here because my house and all my belongings were destroyed by a flood, and my insurance company also paid for everything."

The lawyer looked somewhat confused. "How do you start a flood?" he asked.

A priest at the pre-school

A priest was walking along the corridor of the parochial school near the preschool wing when a group of little ones were trotting by on the way to the cafeteria. One little lad of about three or four stopped and looked at him in his clerical clothes and asked, "Why do you dress funny?"

He told him he was a priest and this is the uniform priests wear. Then the boy pointed to the priest's collar tab and asked, "Do you have an owie?"

The priest was perplexed till he realized that to him the collar tab looked like a band-aid. So the priest took it out and handed it to the boy to show him. On the back of the tab are letters giving the name of the manufacturer. The little guy felt the letters, and the priest asked, "Do you know what those words say?"

"Yes, I do," said the lad who was not old enough to read. Peering intently at the letters he said, "Kills fleas up to six months!"