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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 -

May 2011

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Grand Knight

General Meeting
Tuesday, May 10th, 2011 Council
Election of Officers
Executive Meeting –
Tuesday, May 24th, 2011

Council 4949 Executive

Chaplain

Fr. Dale Normandeau

Grand Knight

Guenter A. Rieger

Deputy Grand Knight

Pat Hagel

Chancellor

Kevin Schmaltz

Warden

Joseph Scebba

Treasurer

John Toporchak

Advocat

Paul Emmerson Rosetti

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David Elrick

Outside Guard

George Matymish

Inside Guard

Sal D'Agosto

1. Year Trustee

Ralph Hounslow

2. Year Trustee

David Durand

3. Year Trustee

Steve Campbell

Financial Secretary

Mark Lopianowski

Field Agent

Blaine Anhel

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Special Tributes

Late Pope Paul John II
Sir Knight Pat Hagel
Sir Knight Bodo Niedballa

John Paul II's beatification is meaningful for the
world, the Church and the Knights of Columbus.

by Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz



The beatification of Pope John Paul II will be a very important event for the Church and the world, as it recalls the character and apostolic activities of the pope "from a distant country" who boldly preached Christ to the ends of the world. He reminded us that Jesus is the Redeemer of mankind and the hope for all people of good will, and he awakened in our hearts the apostolic desire to bring the Gospel — the Good News — to people of different races and cultures.

Pope John Paul II On Path To
Sainthood

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zqHfJocwn4>

<http://www.youtube.com/vatican>

THE KNIGHTS' TESTIMONY OF FAITH

The Knights of Columbus, faithful to Christ and the Church and according to the will of its founder, the Servant of God Father Michael McGivney, joins in the renewal of the world through its loving service to people affected by sickness and misfortune.....

Whenever I think
of the
Knights of Columbus, I am
reminded with joy of a rich
heritage of faith,
fraternity
and service,
and of a shining example of
Catholic laity involved
in the mission
of the Church.

Pope Paul John II

Birthdays May

Giuseppe Scebba	1st
Nick S Shaigec	3rd
David S Lawrence	7th
Christopher Fernando	14th
Roland G Carriere	24th
Michael G Gernat	28th
Neil G Hengel	28th
Henry M Detourdonnet	30rd
Daniel J Toolsie	30rd
Leo T Lambert	31st



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60 YEARS A KNIGHT

(by Pat Hagel)



May 1st, 2011 marks the 60th anniversary of my installation in the Knights of Columbus. I would like to share with you some memories of my 60 years as a Knight.

I was raised on a farm near Beiseker, Alberta, and was the middle child of a family of eleven children, eight sons and three daughters. Our family was a devout Catholic family.

The nearest K. of C. Councils were located in Calgary some 50 miles away. My father, Edward Hagel, as well as other men from our parish belonged to a Calgary council. Attending meetings presented quite a problem during those depression years. Several of them, including my father, dropped out of the Knights because of the cost and the difficulty in attending meetings in Calgary.

I believe it was at that time that a "Columbus Club" was formed in our parish which was in some way affiliated with or modeled after the Knights of Columbus. I believe the men who still belonged to the Calgary council and the members of the Columbus Club requested the formation of a Knight of Columbus Council in St. Mary's parish, Beiseker.

On May 1st, 1951 the Father McQuaid Council #3398 was formed. Among the

51 Charter members were two of my older brothers and myself as well as several of my cousins and uncles. One of the charter members was Carl Schmaltz, father of Kevin and Tim Schmaltz of Council 4949. My father was too ill to join at that time. He passed away about 6 months later.

I clearly remember the day of my initiation. My brother said to me "There are two things you will never forget; your wedding day and your initiation in the Knights of Columbus". He was so right. All of my brothers soon became members of the Knights and two of them eventually became priests.

At that time I was 23 years old and worked on the family farm. I was active in the many of the activities the Knights sponsored. I was probably most interested in the social events; baseball games, curling bonspiels, parish picnics, Communion breakfasts, etc. In the early '50s a new church was built in Beiseker. The Knights provided much of the manual labor required. I have vivid memories of shoveling gravel into the cement mixer and pushing wheel barrows full of cement to the brick layers. The Knights also assisted in the upkeep of the parish buildings and grounds as well as cemetery. Since this was a farming community, K. of C. meetings were often postponed during seeding and harvesting.

During my years as a member of Council #3398 I rarely held a position on the executive. In the late 1960's I moved to Calgary with my wife and three daughters. I transferred to Council #4622.

In 1979 we moved to Vernon and I transferred to Council #4949. Now my involvement in the Knights really intensified. I was retired and had more time to take an active part in council activities. Along with my brother Knights, I volunteered at the Bingo nights held in the old Legion building. I took part in the "Shepherd's Dinners" we held to honor our Sisters, Priests and Bishop.

I served in several positions on the executive. I became Grand Knight in 1991. This was a daunting experience for

me. What did I, a farmer who had never completed high school, know about chairing meetings, protocol and the like! I am truly grateful for the trust placed in me by my brother Knights and to the encouragement, guidance and support of several former Grand Knights. One of the highlights of my term as Grand Knight was the opening of Columbus Court.

Following my term as Grand Knight I was appointed District Deputy, another rewarding experience.

In 1986 the Msgr. John Miles



Assembly of the 4th Degree Knights was formed. I was one of the charter members and in 1997 was elected as Faithful Navigator.

In looking back on my 60 years of "Knighthood" I am very grateful for many things;

- the many friends I have made and the memories of so many good men I have worked, prayed and played with.
- the opportunities for spiritual growth through the guidance of our spiritual directors, retreats and special masses sponsored by the Knights, especially the Necrology mass.
- all the educational opportunities by being involved in the executive and attending conventions.
- the opportunities to serve my community, my parish and my church.

It is my prayer that all Catholic men will avail themselves of the opportunity to belong this great Fraternity.

Fraternaly
Pat Hagel



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them is our Deputy Grand Knight,

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Message May 2011 by Grand Knight Guenter A. Rieger



Brother Knights.

It's almost one year ago after I was elected as your Grand Knight. During the last year I was privileged to represent our council in different venues, and I have to say, as more you get involved, as more you appreciate being a member of the Knight of Columbus.

Elections of officers for our Council 4949 coming up in May. I would like to encourage every member, if you're nominated for an Executive position, to be willing to let your name stand for election of officer. I also would like to encourage all members to make an effort to come out on election day, which will be on Tuesday May 10th, 2011, during our Business meeting at 7:00PM at Columbus Court. (see Election notice on page 6)

We are privileged having many committed Knights in our Council. We will start with this issue to feature our members with a special tribute.

A very strong supporter of the Knights of Columbus was late Pope Paul John II. The Beatification of Pope John Paul II is May 1st as the date to honor one of the most beloved popes of all times as a model of saintliness for the church.

Pope Benedict XVI has recognized a miracle attributed to Pope John Paul II, sainthood a mere six years after his death. One of the required steps was the October 2010 ruling by a panel of physicians that a French nun's recovery from Parkinson's disease after praying to John Paul -- who suffered from the same disease -- was "scientifically inexplicable."

<http://www.kofc.org/un/en/news/releases/detail/JP2IntheNews.html>

We have at St. James Council 4949 many committed members. One of

Pat Hagel. Pat is celebrating on May 1st his 60th anniversary being a Knight of Columbus.

Thank you Sir Knight Pat Hagel for 60 years of service to the Knights of Columbus

On behalf of the Knights of Columbus 4949, I would like to thank you for being a committed Knight. I also would like to extend our Thanks to your wife Jean, who allowed you for being involved with our Council 4949.

It was a pleasure working with you, and we benefited from your previous experience as Grand Knight and District Deputy. I would like to congratulate you on your 60th Anniversary being a member of the Knights of Columbus.

During the last Business Meeting our Council recognized Brother Jose Simao by naming him the Knight of the Month. Congratulations Jose.

As mentioned before, we will start with this issue a new method to get to know our Members, by introducing our Brother Knights. Please feel free to forward your own or other members memories etc to GK@KOFc4949.org to be printed in our newsletter.

Just think about what our small council has accomplished over the years.

Let's show our Members, but also our Church community what the Knights of Columbus are. We don't want to show off, but I think it is important that our membership, including our church community and our community at large know what Council 4949 is all about.

As everyone should now, Knights of Columbus are a group of catholic men, helping, if help is needed, as

our Founder Farther Michael McGiveny started this process over 100 years ago.

Yes, we are a diverse group of people, and we all have different qualities which we share with our council and our projects.

If Council 4949 would not exist, we definitely would not have the Schubert Centre, Gateby or Columbus Court. Just think about what a small Council like ours has accomplished, which is again a reflection of committed Knights.

May, is the month of Mary, the mother of Christ. We celebrate on Sunday, May 8th Mothers day, which is a special celebration for showing appreciation for our mothers.

On May 8th, our Council has a special Pancake Breakfast for our mothers. Please bring your mother or mothers you know including your friends to our Pancake Breakfast.

Regina and myself would like wish all mothers a wonderful mothers day filled with joy and happiness.

Faternally

Guenter A. Rieger, Grand Knight

June 11th. 2011

Major Degree, in Vernon, BC

If you would like to receive your 2nd and 3rd Degree, please contact

Membership

Director David Elrick

to register **250-503-0936**



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Pro-Life Director Bodo Niedballa

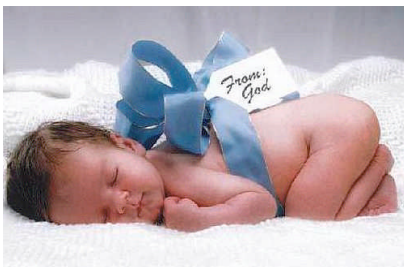


Annual Prayer Service

To pray for and to remember all the victims of abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia This year's theme for the National March for Life in Ottawa, Victoria and many other Canadian cities and towns is

"Abortion Kills a Human Being".

In solidarity with and united in prayer and spirit, we'll join with the tens of thousands of marchers. The Vernon & Area Pro-Life Society will hold its



Annual Prayer Service

Thursday, May 12th,

at 12 noon at the Cenotaph Park Downtown Vernon. We sincerely hope that many of you will make the effort to take part in this beautiful and meaningful ceremony and join us in prayer.

Fraternally
Bodo Niedballa

Knight of the Month Award

Brother Jose Simao

Presented by Grand Knight Guenter A. Rieger during our last Business Meeting. Congratulations Brother Jose Simao



Financial Secretary

Sir Knight Mark Lopianowski

Brother Mark is checking out the membership. It looks like that we have still 16 members who have not paid their membership dues.

Please call Mark at 250-549-4151 for payment.

If you have some financial difficulties and unable to pay, please call Mark to make some payments arrangements. Let's talk and resolve it.

If you don't pay, our council, which means your Brother Knights, have to pay your share to Supreme.

You don't want this to happen. Thank you for taken the time to bring you back to a member in good standing.

Thank you from all your Brother Knights of St. James Council 4949

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, little Oscar and for late Bro. Norm Sasges and family.



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He came for only two years but is still here

Sir Knight Bodo Niedballa

(by Jack Morrison)

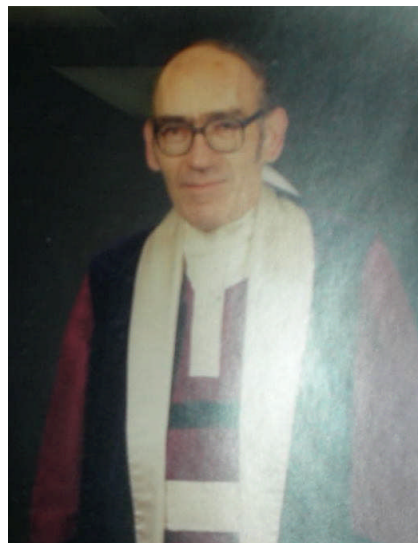


Bodo Niedballa was born in Torun, in the west of Poland, in 1932 and moved to Upper Silesia shortly after. His father was an administrator of farms. Bodo was the second child in a family of three. In 1945 they were evicted to Germany where Bodo finished his education and apprenticed as a typesetter, becoming a journey- man in 1954.

Bodo and Gertrud's brother became close friends and they were all three involved in the Catholic youth group. It was in this way that their loving relationship started. But Bodo had a yen to try another country. Australia was his choice at first. But in his research he found the entry into Canada was easier and as Gertrud agreed to let him try it, to Canada he came. Arriving in Edmonton from Dusseldorf in September 1958, he continued almost immediately to Fort St. John and work for Dan Murray at the Alaska Highway News. Dan was the son of our famous Ma (Margret) Murray. Bodo stayed in Fort St. John for two years, joining the parish choir and making many friends. He returned to Germany and was able to persuade Gertrud to marry him and return to Fort

St. John "for only two years". In 1962, Ma Murray persuaded them to move to Lillooet and take over her printing shop for the Bridge River-Lillooet News. In 1968, Ma Murray decided to close the shop and job out the printing of the paper. Bodo was able to get a job with the Dept. of High-ways and worked for them until May of 1969 when he came to work in his trade for Wayside Press in Vernon. Gertrud and the children (by now they had four) followed in July when school was finished.

They had enjoyed their stay in Lillooet and were sad to leave their many friends. The Niedballas have given us four lovely children. Susanne who was born in Fort St. John, Martin, Christina



and Thomas who were born in Lillooet, they all have been active members of our parish and our community. Bodo joined the Knights of Columbus in 1976 and has been an active member ever since.

He was Grand Knight for two years and during his term we won the Star Council Award. In 1999, Bodo was appointed by Supreme as the district deputy for District 11. Later, with the help of his family, he has collected the news, edited, printed and mailed our newsletter ten months of the year for about 18 years. Winning the 4th Degree Award for the best newsletter in B.C.- Yukon.

Our newsletter has played a major part in making this Council the success it

is. For this I thank the family on behalf of all the local members of Council 4949.

Council 4949 also expressed their appreciation by presenting the Niedballas with the "Family of the Year" award.

"You are not alone anymore in the parish when becoming a Knight, says Bodo. But you have to take the first step."

Bodo has been active in the Cursillo movement and was chairman of the St. James parish council for two years. For many years Bodo was a reader in our church as well as a commentator while Gertrud and Susanne still serve in the music ministry, and their son Martin serves as an Acolyte at Mass.

In September 2010, Bodo and Gertrud celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary and received congratulations from our Governor General in Ottawa.

Bodo is for many years and still today the Pro-Life Committee Director for St. James Council 4949.

May God bless you all
Jack Morrison

May is for Mothers

In celebration of Mother's Day, Catholic TV will air a documentary about St. Gianna Beretta Molla on May 8th.



St. Gianna is known for refusing an abortion and a hysterectomy when she was pregnant with her fourth child and doctors discovered a tumor in her uterus. She opted for a risky operation to remove the tumor that preserved the life of her child rather than undergo a hysterectomy. Six days after giving birth to her baby she died from complications. St. Gianna was the last saint to be



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canonized by Pope John Paul II.

Catholic TV will air the documentary
You can watch the story of St. Ganna on
tube. See link below

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=myxX2PZsOI0>

In Memory



It is with deep sadness we announce that Sir Knight Norbert Carl (Norm) Sasges was called Home to the Lord suddenly on Thursday, April 21st, 2011 at the North Okanagan Hospice House.

Sir Knight Norm Sasges was a Charter member of St. James Council 4949, and a member of the 4th Degree John Miles Assembly.

Norm was not only involved with the Knights of Columbus, but also in many other community initiatives and responsibilities. He was also involved in the community as early Director of the Vernon & District Credit Union and serving on the Executive of the Snowmobile Clubs. Norm had an integral part in the building of St. James School, the Schubert Centre and Gateby Complex. Norm was holding the office of Financial Secretary for many years for St. James Council 4949.

Norm has been reunited with his wife Bev, who was the love of his life for 52 years.

Our prayers and sympathy are with his family. May his soul rest in peace.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

FOR THE 2011-2012

FRATERNAL YEAR

Tuesday, May 10th, 2010 7:00PM

Columbus Court

St. James Council 4949

Now is the time to consider who will lead your council for the 2011-2012 fraternal year. Our elections will be held at our regular Business Meeting on Tuesday, May 10th, 2011.

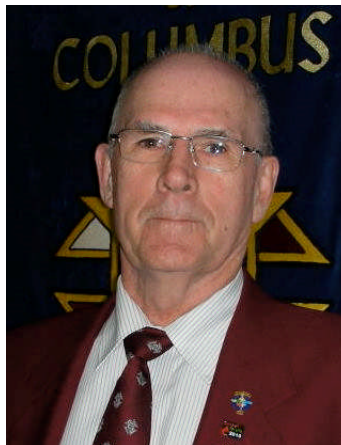
Section 126 and 128 of the laws of the Knights of Columbus require members each year to elect Grand Knight – Deputy Grand Knight – Chancellor – Warden – Treasurer – Advocate – Recorder – Outside Guard – Inside Guard – Trustees. Except for Trustees, who may serve terms of up to three years, the new officers will serve from July 1, 2011, to the time their successors are elected and installed into office.

The Grand Knight annually appoints the council's lecturer. The council Financial Secretary holds office at the Supreme Knight's will for a three-year term. A member may not be installed as an officer unless his dues are paid to the previous quarter. Failure to keep his dues paid also makes him ineligible to continue office.

Nomination from the floor will be also possible on Election night..

HEART & STROKE FOUNDAION

Organize / Captain
Sir Knight Dave Lawrence



On Monday, May 9th, 2011 the Heart and Stroke foundation has the BIG Bike in Vernon. St. James Council will participate, and Brother Dave Lawrence is organizing the team for our Council. If you would like to participate please

contact Dave at 250-542-5523 to get a Pledge sheet.

"The BIG Bike program makes a big difference for Canadians, funding vital research to reduce the risk of heart disease and stroke. – a leading cause of death in Canada. Your generous support has resulted in great advances in heart disease research and development of the implantable pacemaker to pioneering the use of artificial hearts.

But there is still more we can do. That's why every dollar you raise goes towards helping the Heart and Stroke Foundation reduce the impact of heart disease and stroke, and ultimately save more lives. And the more you raise, the more chances you have to earn fantastic prizes, too!



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WELCOME to the SCHUBERT CENTRE *Vernon's Community Centre for Seniors*



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Wedding, Anniversary, and Birthday Celebrations / Community Events, Presentations, Fairs / Christmas and Holiday Functions / Engagement, Bridal and Baby Showers / Memorials, Ceremonies, and Celebration of Life Services / Variety, Theater Productions and Film Showings / Church and Religious Functions / Industry Conventions and Executive Meetings / Warehouse and Community Garage Sales / Staff or Employee Meetings / Conventions and Home Shows / Concerts, Banquets, Craft Fairs, and Dances

JACK GAREB

Manager

Schubert Centre - 3505 - 30 Avenue - Vernon, BC Canada V1T 2E6

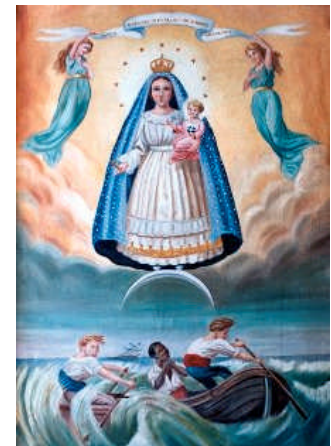
Ph: 250-549-4201 schubertcentre@shaw.ca

The Divine Mercy Devotion Marian Prayer Service

Tuesday May 3rd 7:00pm
St. James Church

**Please check your Church
bulletin for other
announcements for May 2011**

Please join in this special prayer service sponsored by your Knights of Columbus. The Marian Prayer Service, In honor of Our Lady of Charity began on September 8, the feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The program features an image of Our Lady of Charity, the patroness of Cuba. Our



Lady of Charity has special significance to the Knights of Columbus, given the Order's first principle of Charity, which was also the theme of Pope Benedict XVI's first encyclical, *Deus Caritas Est*. Therefore, although the Virgin of Charity has her origins in Cuba, devotion to her is altogether appropriate for Knights of Columbus and their families everywhere. As a sign of spiritual solidarity with Pope Benedict XVI, the Holy Father and his intentions will be remembered during the prayer service. At the conclusion of the yearlong prayer program, a "spiritual bouquet" will be presented to the pope, including a report on the total number of prayer services.

The Schubert Centre started in 1981 in the Schell House and for the next three years the Knights of Columbus planned, designed, financed and built the existing building. The original cost was about \$1.75 million and today it would be well in excess \$4 million. The Schubert Centre Society was since February 1988, largely with volunteer help, at that time we had only 360 members. Currently, we have in excess of 1200 members.

The Schubert Centre has been a social and recreational "hot spot" for seniors since 1984. This non-profit organization

The Schubert Centre takes pride in meals that are created seven days a week by Schubert's chef and his volunteers. Moreover, rightly so, as Schubert does not receive any provincial or federal monetary support, catering and food services are the primary source of income for the Centre. The Centre relies primarily on donations, fundraising, and income generated through its food services sector to continue all operations.

The Schubert Centre, another community project going strong, was started and is supported by The Knights of Columbus St. James Council 4949.



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Deputy Grand Knight Pat Hagel receives from Grand Knight Guenter A. Rieger his new **Golden Honery Life Membership Card**, replacing his old blue Honery Life Membership Card



Knight of Columbus
Garage Sale
Silent Auction
Chairman
Brother Sal D. Agosto



If you would like to contribute some items for the Knights of Columbus GARAGE SALE / SILENT AUCTION, please contact Sal at 250 - 542 - 4740. Our Garage Sale will be held at St. James Parish Centre on the May long weekend. Items or donations will be received on Thursday before the May long weekend, at the Parish Center.

If you have insurance questions, please call Brother Blain Anhel
1-877-532-5632



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MEMBERSHIP IN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practical (that is, practising) Catholics in union with the Holy See. This means that an applicant or member accepts the teaching authority of the Catholic Church on matters of faith and morals, aspires to live in accord with the precepts of the Catholic Church, and is in good standing in the Church

