

Happy birthday to our Bro. Knights celebrating their birthdays in January:

Duart Rapton
Rick Saby
Luu Vu

Brian King
George Ives
Joe Dumas
Yvan Gosselin

Pat O'Keefe
George Martin
Mark Gauthier

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Santa arrived. The hot, delicious pancakes and sausages were thoroughly enjoyed by all as was evident by the many happy and smiling faces. We were very pleased to have been able to serve well over 450 servings. As always, this was a very gratifying experience for all the Brothers involved, especially the realization that on this one day at least, they had made a real difference in the lives of these children. Well done Brothers and our sincere thanks.

A New Office

A big 'Thank you' goes out to two Brother Knights who completely remodeled St. Peter's Parish office. Over the last six to eight weeks, Bros. **Bob Poulin** and **Claude Francoeur**, along with electrician Mr. **Paul Francoeur**, worked many hours to transform the old, dingy, cramped facility into a bright, spacious functional office. Not only were carpets replaced, new coats of paint applied, but also walls removed, new walls put up, and the entire work space enlarged and re-designed. For greater security and efficiency the new office also provides a separate entrance and ante-chamber for visitors. This was a very difficult and time consuming project, and hence, our Brothers deserve our very sincere gratitude and thank you.

.... and a Flood!

Sometime during the night of Dec. 12/13, a water hose in the church hall kitchen broke, flooding the entire hall with several inches of water! It was Bro. **Claude Francoeur** who discovered the disaster and immediately spearheaded a recovery/clean-up campaign. It took the better part of a day for Bros. **Claude, Bill Ducey, Rene Marchand** and **Bob Poulin** to pump out the water and clean up the mess. The church's insurance and restoration companies were called in to assess the damage and plan long term restoration. Thank you Brothers, for tackling a very messy job!

On the Lighter Side

Nine-year-old Joey was asked by his mother what he had learned in Sunday School. 'Well, Mom, our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. When he got to the Red Sea, he had his army build a pontoon bridge and all the people walked across safely. Then he radioed headquarters for reinforcements. They sent bombers to blow up the bridge and all the Israelites were saved.' 'Now, Joey, is that really what your teacher taught you?' his mother asked. 'Well, no, Mom. But, if I told it the way the teacher did, you'd never believe it!'



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Executive meetings:

Last Thursday of the month (Aug.-June) in St. Peter's Parish hall at 7:30 pm

Regular meetings:

1st Wednesday of the month in St. Peter's Parish hall, 7:30 pm

Pancake breakfast:

Every 3rd Sunday after both Masses; except Jan. & May, on the last and 2nd Sunday respectively

Officers for 2008/2009

Grand Knight	George Martin	250-754-0826
Past Grand Knight	Brian King	250-591-4223
Chaplain	Fr. Waldemar Podlasz, SDS	250-753-3570
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Financial Secretary	Hans Fadum	250-754-1694
Treasurer	Rick Jones	250-756-3038
Lecturer	Claude Francoeur	250-754-2425
Advocate	Dan DePape	250-740-2521
Warden	Leo Poirier	250-390-3272
Inside Guard	Mike Loos	250-716-5893
Outside Guard	Helmut Koch	250-591-0838
Trustee 3 Years	Brian King	250-591-4223
Trustee 2 Years	Rene Marchand	250-753-1657
Trustee 1 Year	Joe Walker	250-758-7850

Happy & healthy New Year!!

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From the desk of our Chaplain

Recipe for a Happy New Year. Anonymous

Take twelve fine, full-grown months; see that these are thoroughly free from old memories of bitterness, rancour and hate; cleanse them completely from every clinging spite; pick off all specks of pettiness and littleness. In short, see that these months are freed from all the past—have them fresh and clean as when they first came from the great storehouse of Time. Cut these months into thirty or thirty-one equal parts. Do not attempt to make up the whole batch at one time (so many persons spoil the entire lot this way), but prepare one day at a time. Into each day, put equal parts of faith, patience, courage, work (some people omit this ingredient and so spoil the flavour of the rest), hope, fidelity, liberality, kindness, rest (leaving this out is like leaving the oil out of the salad dressing—don't do it), prayer, meditation, and one well-selected resolution. Put in about one teaspoonful of good spirits, a dash of fun, a pinch of folly, a sprinkling of play, and a heaping cupful of good humour.

Have a happy and blessed New Year!

Fr. **Waldemar Podlasz**, SDS

Pancake Breakfast at Georgia Avenue School

As planned, a pancake breakfast was held at another one of our needy schools. On December 3, 2008 we were once again at **Georgia Avenue School** to serve a Christmas breakfast for the whole school. Georgia Avenue School is one of three schools at which we provide a nutritious breakfast up to twice a year. Seven Bro. Knights worked at the event: **Claude Francoeur, Angelo Petraroia, Leo Poirier, Dan DePape, Joe Walker, Rick Jones** and **Hans Fadum**. They arrived at 6:00 a.m. on a cool, frosty morning to set up and get everything ready. By 7:30 a.m. the first students, parents, teachers, and indeed, whole families and even

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REMINDER

- 1) Victoria Council #1256 will be hosting a **Major Degree Exemplification** on Saturday April 4, 2009. We urge all 1st Degree members to consider taking their major degrees. For more details, please contact our G.K. **George Martin** (250-754-0826)
- 2) Remember in your prayers all those who have gone before us in the sleep of Christ, especially, Bros. **Tony Vernery** (Port Coquitlam, #9125), **Doug Flynn** (Campbell River, #5468), **Lionel Poilievre** (Port Alberni, #3435), and **Dodie Gogo**, long-time member of St. Peter's Parish. Also pray for the sick, especially Past State Deputy **Angus MacNeil**, Bro. **Joe Dol** (Port Alberni, #3435), **Marie-Clair Poirier**, wife of Bro. **Leo Poirier**, and **Kathie Campbell**, wife of Bro. **Ed Campbell**.
- 3) **Membership fees for 2009** are now due. Payments may be made at the meeting or by mail to F.S. Bro. **Hans Fadum**
- 4) Please remember the 'Corpus Fund', the K. of C. (B.C.) Charity Foundation's continued efforts to raise awareness & funds. For any questions or information, contact Bro. **Raymond Williams** at: rnw7@telus.net or see our website at <http://members.shaw.ca/kc3842> (**Information**)

Christmas Hampers Delivered

The **St. Vincent de Paul Society of Nanaimo**, once again held its annual Christmas hamper project on Dec. 19 & 20, 2008. Dozens of Knights, and in many cases their families, helped package the hampers, labeled them, set up deliveries, and then actually made deliveries throughout our community. This year the project turned out especially challenging — the weather conditions were atrocious! In spite of snow, ice, cold, and treacherous road conditions, some 90 hampers were delivered to needy families and individuals. A big "Thank you" goes out to all our Brothers who came out to help and worked on this project in any way. A very special thanks, however, goes to Bro. **Jake Gillespie** for being the K of C liaison and for calling and getting our members out. Thank you all; a job well done under very challenging circumstances!

Christmas Dinner

Our council and the C.W.L. held their joint **Christmas Dinner** on Saturday Dec.6 at Peter's Church hall. Approximately 65 people attended, and by all the happy faces, everybody had a wonderful time. The pot-luck dinner was fabulous and the sing-along, led by Bro. **Doret Landry** on the piano, lifted everyone's spirits. Bro. **Donn Sherry** of our brother Council Holy Trinity 9990, organized and arranged a casino event which was a great hit with everyone who participated. Congratulations to all the winners! Our special thanks goes out to Bro. **Donn Sherry** for the casino activities; to Bro. **Doret Landry** for tickling the ivories; to Bro. **Claude Francoeur** for running the bar; to Bro. **Dan DePape** for cooking the turkey; to the ladies of the **C.W.L.** for all the good food; to all brother Knights who helped with set up and clean up; and finally, to all the Knights and ladies of the C.W.L. who came out! Thank you to one and all!

News bytes.....

- The ladies of the C.W.L. will be holding their annual **C.W.L. Sunday**, on Jan. 25, 2009. The ladies will serve as various ministers, including ushers, at both Masses. We, the Knights, will in turn help them celebrate the day by moving our regular monthly pancake breakfast to that day. We wish the ladies a great and successful day!
- We extend our thanks to the C.W.L. for its very generous donation to our council for the help we provided them at their recent bazaar.
- We also thank all Brothers and parishioners who have worked so very hard over the last several weeks clearing the snow in the parking lots .
- On Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2008, in St. Peter's Church we celebrated our **Family Hour of Prayer** with the KofC travelling icon of Our Lady prominently enshrined in the sanctuary. It began with mass celebrated by our chaplain, Fr. Waldemar, followed by the prescribed prayers and the rosary. In all, about 35 people attended. It was a very inspiring and prayerful event.
- Due to unexpected poor weather conditions and a lot of snow in the Mid-Island region, our Worthy D.D. **Frank Enns** had to cancel the **District Meeting** originally scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 14, 2008, at Trinity Centre. He is now trying to re-schedule it to another date. As soon as a date has been set, we will communicate it to you.