

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

Sean Bishop
Robert Johnson

Richard Hall
David Lorette
Carlo Hoj

Dwain Ingram
Terry De Abreu

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The march from Centennial Square to the Legislature begins at 2:00 pm and a rally at the Legislature at 2:30 pm with various entertainment and speakers. Both our State Council and our former bishop, **Archbishop Richard Gagnon**, have endorsed this event. It is very important that we as Knights, don't just talk the talk, but now, also walk the walk! We urge you all to take this opportunity and stand up and be counted!

2013 Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities

On Jan. 12, 2014, the **2013 Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities** was submitted to the Supreme, State and District deputies. This report consists of a list of all activities our Council was involved in, the number of hours volunteered during the year, total council activity expenses, and total charitable (church, community/need, youth) disbursements.

Here is a brief summary of those disbursements: Church, \$2,112; community/need, \$9,889; youth, \$2,000; for a total of **\$14,001**. In addition, we also spent a total of \$4,117 on council activities. The number of hours dedicated to volunteer charitable and fraternal services were as follows: Church, 3,422 hours; community, 946 hours; and an estimated 1,728 hours of other volunteer services, for a total of **6,096 hours**.

Congratulations and a sincere thank you to all the Brothers who participated and volunteered throughout the past year in any and all of our activities. You are an example of what the Knights are all about; a living proof that, by volunteering, we can make a difference both in the parish and the larger community. Our thanks also goes out to Bros. **Hans Fadum**, and **Claude Francoeur** for supplying all the financial information, and to our D.G.K. Bro. **Brian King** for collecting the volunteer statistics—thank you!

On the Lighter Side

- A woman walked into the kitchen to find her husband stalking around with a fly swatter. "What are you doing?" she asked. "Hunting flies" he responded. "Oh! Killing any yet?" she asked. "Yep, 3 males, 2 females" he replied. Intrigued, she asked, "How can you tell them apart?" He responded, "3 were on a beer can, 2 were on the phone".
- Murphy proposed to his girl on St. Patrick's Day. He gave her a ring with a synthetic diamond. The excited lass showed it to her father, a jeweler. He took one look at it and saw it wasn't real. She returned to Murphy protesting vehemently about his cheapness. "It was in honour of St. Patrick's Day," he smiled. "I gave you a sham rock."



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Executive meetings:

Last Thursday of the month (Aug.-May) in St.Peter's Church, Resource Room, at 7:30 pm

Regular meetings:

1st Wednesday of the month (Sept.-June) in St.Peter's Parish hall, at 7:30 pm

Pancake breakfast:

Every 3rd Sunday (Sept.-April) and on Mothers & Fathers Day (May-June) after both Masses in St.Peter's Parish hall

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A blessed Easter!

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From the desk of our Chaplain

This year, April reminds me of that special kind of cream we can buy: “half and half” – and I am not thinking about the weather! April is divided between Lent and Easter, almost “half and half”. This might be a very good lesson for us about our Christian asceticism (“a lifestyle characterized by abstinence from various worldly pleasures, often with the aim of pursuing religious and spiritual goals”-Wikipedia) and also about the way we celebrate and feast.

Each day I have to “create” my own space, my oasis, where I can rest in God’s shade. Today we don’t live like the desert fathers and mothers, who were living in deserted places in monastic communities, splitting their life between prayer and work. There they had time for everything that was necessary and important. We don’t live with them but we can be nourished by them when we read their thoughts and reflections.

Amma Syncretica, a desert mother of the 4th century, teaches us about asceticism and reminds us about the quality of balance that is helpful in life, not only for monks but for all of us. “Truly, fasting and sleeping on the ground are set before us on account of our sensuality. However, if illness weakens this sensuality, then the reason for these practices is superfluous. For this is the great asceticism: to control oneself in illness and to sing hymns of thanksgiving to God.”

Let’s learn from her, and from all whose wisdom might be helpful to us, about how to control ourselves and keep a good balance in a time of penance – and also how to celebrate the joyful events of our faith.

God bless.

Fr. Piotr Lapinski, SDS

REMINDER

1. Our **first quarterly fraternal report** is now due. A reminder to all brother Knights to please submit your fraternal activities for the last three months (Jan.-Mar.) to Bro. **Brian King** at 250-591-4223 or brianking@shaw.ca within the week, and no later than **Sunday, April 13**. Thank you.
2. For those few members who have not yet paid their current **membership dues for 2014**, this is one more reminder that these are now three months over due. Please, make your payments at the April meeting or by mail to F.S. Bro. **Hans Fadum** at **P.O. Box 426, Nanaimo, B.C. V9R 5L3** with cheques payable to **KofC Council 3842**. Thank you Brothers.
3. Remember in your prayers all those who are sick: Bros. **Leo Poirier, Ed Stumborg, Gerard LeChasseur; Vince Cooke; Ted Kelly; Parker Okano; Warren Randle; James Wolfgang; Dwain Ingram; and Mark Gauthier**; as well as **Penny**, wife of Bro. **Brian Ferris**; **Maria**, wife of Bro. **Alex Kotai**; **Jerry King**, son of Bro. **Brian King**. Also, keep in your prayers all those who have passed away, especially **Fran**, sister-in-law of Bro. **Dan DePape**; and **Lucy**, mother of Bro. **Claude Francoeur**.

Welcome to our Council!

On Friday, March 7, 2014, at 7:30 pm, before our regular monthly meeting, we conducted another **First Degree exemplification** for our district.



We had two candidates taking their 1st Degree for our council, namely, Bros. **Christopher Jeffs** and **Grant Chatel**. (pictured l to r) We wish to thank the members of the First Degree Team for putting on the Degree with such great dignity and inspiration. A very special ‘thank you’ goes out Bro. **Al Schickerowsky** of Holy Trinity Council #9990, Nanaimo, who stepped in to serve as our Grand Knight. Thank you Brothers for your great support!

In addition we are very pleased to also welcome **four** other new brothers who transferred into our council during the last month: Bro. **Stewart Lay** comes to us from Council #6417, Nova Scotia; **Barry Webb**, from Council #7934, Victoria; Bro. **Gordon Thomas** last council was #6638 in Newfoundland; and **Simon Groot** has transferred in from Holy Trinity Council #9990, Nanaimo. We are happy to welcome all our new Brothers to our ranks and wish them many years of happy and fruitful service to and for their council. Welcome Brothers!

March for Life, May 8, 2014, Victoria, B.C.

Under the sponsorship of our State Council, Pro Life BC, and Campaign Life Coalition BC, the **7th Annual Western Canada March for Life** is planned for **May 8, 2014** in Victoria. This year the Campaign Life Coalition is on a mission to prevent the chemical abortion pill RU-486 from entering Canada. Hence, this year’s theme is **RU-4Life?** Currently, plans for the event will be much like last year: the event will begin with Mass at St. Andrew’s Cathedral and St. Patrick’s Church at 12:00 pm.

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- Please take note that for the duration of Lent, the **Friday evening devotions** at St. Peter’s will start with **Adoration** moving into the Church at 5:00, **Reconciliation** at 5:10, followed by **Benediction & Divine Mercy Chaplet** at 6:10, the **Way of the Cross** at 6:25, and finally **Mass** at 7:00. We invite all to attend and join us in these devotions.