

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

Ted Kelly  
Claude Francoeur  
John Pinto

Alfred Drexler  
Dan DePape

Lucien Maes  
Rick Mah  
George Yelle

### Our 2008/09 Executive Officers



Back row, left to right: Bros. **Helmut Koch, Joe Walker, Brian King, Rick Jones and Leo Poirier**. Front row, left to right: Bros. **Michael Loos, Rene Marchand, G.K. George Martin, D.G.K. Bill Ducey, and Hans Fadum**. Missing from picture: **Rev. Father Waldemar Podlasz, SDS, Bros. David Lorette, Mike Walker, Claude Francoeur, and Dan DePape**.

### On the Lighter Side ....

Father O'Malley, an Irish priest, was transferred to St. Ann's Parish. Father O'Malley rose from his bed one morning. It was a fine spring day in his new mission parish. He walked to the window of his bedroom to get a deep breath of the beautiful day outside. He then noticed there was a jackass lying dead in the middle of his front lawn. He promptly called the local police station. The conversation went like this:

'Good morning. This is Sergeant Jones. How might I help you?' 'And the best of the day te yerself. This is Father O'Malley at St. Ann 's Catholic Church. There's a jackass lying dead in me front lawn and would ye be so kind as to send a couple o'yer lads to take care of the matter?'

Sergeant Jones, considering himself to be quite a wit, replied with a smirk, 'Well now Father, it was always my impression that you people took care of the last rites!' There was dead silence on the line for a long moment. Finally Father O'Malley replied: 'Aye, 'tis true; but we are also obliged to notify the next of kin.'



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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

#### **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
Deputy Grand Knight	Bill Ducey	250-755-1181
Chancellor	David Lorette	250-247-8981
Recorder	Mike Walker	250-756-0727
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

*A conscience is what hurts when all of your other parts feel so good!*

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## A stronger Order

In his annual report [to 126th Supreme Convention, held in Quebec City], **Supreme Knight Anderson** noted both the fraternal and business successes of the past year. Among the highlights were:

- Membership at an all-time high of 1,763,182. The 2007-08 fraternal year ended with a net gain of 21,894 members.
  - 244 new councils chartered in the last fraternal year, bringing the total orderwide to 13,485 councils.
  - Columbian Squires membership grew to 28,961, and there are now 20,758 college Knights, an increase of 1,301 from last fraternal year.
  - Total insurance in force in 2007 climbed past \$66 billion. The Order is ranked 967th on the *Fortune* 1000 list of America's largest corporations. Insurance sales in the last five years grew by more than 46 percent, while the industry as a whole grew only 8.6 percent during the same period.
  - Top ratings from Standard & Poor's (AAA) and the A.M. Best Co. (A++ Superior).
  - More than \$14 billion in assets and \$7 million daily in investment capital
- "Unlike so many other companies, the Knight of Columbus is financially stronger today than it was one year ago," Anderson told the convention attendees. (from: *KnightLine*, Aug.21, 2008. Vol. 25, no.12. p.1-2)

## Charity Appeal Drive

On Oct. 7, 2008, we will once again launch our Annual Charity Appeal Drive. The Early Bird draw will again be held after Christmas, on Jan. 17, 2009. The cut off for the main draw will be Jan. 31, 2009 and the draw itself will be held on Feb. 7, 2009 in Kelowna. The following are the main prizes: 1st, Chevrolet Colorado truck; 2nd, Dodge Caravan minivan; 3rd, Chevrolet Malibu Hybrid; 4th, Honda Civic; and 5th, a Toyota Corolla.

We are very happy and thankful that Bro. **Dan DePape** has once again graciously accepted to be the chairman for this year's drive. We urge all members to step forward and help sell tickets. Please, be prepared to give your name to Bro. **Dan** at the October meeting, or call him at **250-740-2521**. He can not do it without your help! Thank you Brothers!

## REMINDER

- 1) A **Major Degree Exemplification** will be held on Saturday, Nov. 8, 2008, hosted by Council #4597, Courtnay. We urge all 1st Degree members to consider taking their next step to full Knighthood. Contact our G.K. **George Martin** (250-754-0826) for full details.
- 2) Remember in your prayers **Jasper Sharanowski** and all our other departed Brothers. As well, pray for the sick, especially Bros. **Gerald LeChasseur**, **John Mulligan**, **Joe MacLellan**, & **Marie-Clair Poirier**, wife of Bro. **Leo Poirier**, and **Dodie Gogo**, long-time member of St. Peter's.
- 3) 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](mailto:rnw7@telus.net) or see our website at <http://members.shaw.ca/kc3842> (Information)

## District Deputy's Greetings

My Brother Knights,

The time is upon us where we look forward to getting together and working with our Brothers to strengthen the Church and to help those less fortunate. I hope that all had a restful and enjoyable summer, visiting with friends and family and remembering. Remembering is one of the jobs that we need to do as Knights and Brothers. Some have drifted away and we need to reach out to them and bring them back. Reaching out to the community through Soccer Challenge, Student Essay Contest, Basketball Free Throw, and Substance Abuse Poster Contest are just some of the many ways we can help our council to grow and our officers to succeed. The Regional Seminar is scheduled for Sunday September 28, 1.00pm at St. Peter's in Nanaimo. This is a great way to learn more about council functions, the work our officers do and how to help them and our council to succeed and grow. I would like to see at least six or seven council members attend as well as the required officers. In closing, I wish all a successful Charity Appeal, and may God Bless you and your families.

Yours in Christ,

**Frank Enns**, DD 21

*Editor's note: Unfortunately, we only received our D.D.'s greetings a day after the Sept. bulletin was released. Hence, some of the references are now dated. HJF.*

## Membership Drive

In keeping with Supreme and State membership objectives, we are planning a **membership blitz sometime in October**. At this time, we have not yet finalized any specific plans, but hope to have an Open House for potential new members and their wives. Our last blitz a few years ago was very successful, and we hope to be able to repeat that success this year. In the mean time, we wish to encourage all our members to make an effort to approach potential new members to join our Order. Form 100's, the application forms for new members, will be available from your G.K. and Bro. **Claude Francoeur** at the meeting on Oct. 1. Please, use these and try to sign-up at least one new member. Thank you.

## News bytes.....

- We extend our very best wishes and congratulations to our bother Council, **Dr. Tillman Briggs Council #4597**, Comox Valley, as it celebrates its 50th Anniversary. Our council was the sponsorship council, and our late Brother, **Mladen Zorkin**, as District Deputy at the time, a driving force in its creation. Congratulations and continued success in all your future undertakings.
- A **Knight's rosary was found** in St.Peter's parking lot on Thursday morning Sept. 11. It was probably lost by someone attending Adoration Wednesday night or Thursday morning. Please contact Br. **Rick Jones** (250-756-3038) if you have lost your rosary.
- We are honoured to have the manager of the **Nanaimo Lifeline Program** speak to us on Oct. 1, at 7:30 p.m. immediately before our regular general meeting. Please come out and learn more about this very important and helpful service in our community.
- The next **C.W.L. Bazaar** will be on 7-8 November. Mark your calendars!