

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

Sean Bishop  
Robert Johnson  
Paul Gogo

Richard Hall  
David Lorette

Dwain Ingram  
Terry De Abreu  
Carlo Hoj

**Some Excerpts from the latest St. Vincent de Paul Newsletter  
by President Patrick Maguire.**

Dear Friends of SVDP,

Our St. Peter's Conference is always busy! ... While the need in the community is great, unfortunately, the labourers are few! Our small group is really stretched in trying to meet all of the demands of the work that we do. It seems like every week now there are people in need who have to be put over to the following week because we do not have enough delivery teams to serve them...

We know from our collections, our food drives and our Christmas hamper project that there are many, many very generous people in our community and we are so grateful for your support and encouragement...

There are opportunities for service in many different roles in our Society. Not everybody needs to be available during the day to do home deliveries. If you have an hour or two a week, there are many ways in which you can serve the poor and needy through SVDP. So, retired or not, young or more mature, male or female, please give a thought to the possibility of helping as a member of our Conference. It's a really practical way to heed the message of His Holiness, Pope Francis—we serve Christ in serving the poor...

"He will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these, you did for me.'" Matthew 25:40.

Thank you and God bless!

**Patrick Maguire** President, St. Peter's Conference, Nanaimo.

**On the Lighter Side ....**

After 35 years of marriage, Murphy and wife Fiona came for counseling. When asked what the problem was, Fiona went into a tirade listing every problem they had ever had in the years they had been married. On and on and on: neglect, lack of intimacy, emptiness, loneliness, feeling unloved and unlovable, an entire laundry list of unmet needs she had endured. Finally, after allowing this for a sufficient length of time, the therapist got up, walked around the desk and after asking Fiona to stand, he embraced and kissed her long and passionately as her husband watched - with a raised eyebrow. Fiona shut up and quietly sat down in a daze. The therapist turned to Murphy and said, "This is what your wife needs at least 3 times a week. Can you do this?" "Well, I can drop her off here on Mondays and Wednesdays, but on Fridays, I fish."



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**Executive meetings:**

Last Thursday of the month (Aug.-June) 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:**

4th Sunday in Jan., Mother's & Father's Day (May-June) and every 3rd Sunday (Sept.-Dec.; Feb-Apr.) after both Masses in St.Peter's Parish hall

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***A happy & blessed Easter!***



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## From the desk of our Chaplain

### *The Journey of Lent*

We enjoy celebrating Palm Sunday. We wave the palm branches and celebrate. And we all love Easter Sunday! It is a happy time, with flowers, new clothes, and the smell of spring in the air.

Yet there is something significant missing if we only concentrate on celebration for these two Sundays. It is too easy and promotes much too cheap a grace to focus only on the high points of Palm Sunday and Easter, without walking with Jesus through the gathering shadows of Holy Thursday and the darkness of Good Friday. For us, that journey begins on Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. The journey through Lent is a way to place ourselves before God, humbled, bringing in our hands, no price whereby we can ourselves purchase our salvation. It is a way to confess our total inadequacy before God, to strip ourselves bare of all pretences to righteousness, to come before God in dust and ashes. It is a way to empty ourselves of our false pride, of our rationalizations that prevent us from seeing ourselves as needy creatures, of our external piety that blinds us to the beam in our own eyes.

Through prayer that gives up self, we seek to open ourselves up before God, and to hear anew the call: "Come unto me!" We seek to recognize and respond afresh to God's presence in our lives and in our world. We seek to place our needs, our fears, our failures, our hopes, our very lives in God's hands, again. And we seek by abandoning ourselves in Jesus' death to recognize again, who God is, to allow His transforming grace to work in us once more, and to come to worship Him on Easter Sunday, with a fresh victory and hope that goes beyond the new clothes, the Spring flowers, the happy music.

God bless. **Fr. Chris**

## 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](mailto:brianking@shaw.ca) within the week, and no later than **Sunday, Apr. 12**.
2. For those few members who have not yet paid their current **membership dues for 2015**, this is one more reminder that these are now three months overdue. Please, make your payment at the April meeting or by mail to Bro. **Hans Fadum** at **P.O. Box 426, Nanaimo, B.C. V9R 5L3** with cheques payable to **KofC Council 3842**. Thank you.
3. **Father Michael McGivney Guild**. All members and their families are urged to join the Guild to advance the beatification process of our founder. It's free and its easy! See our website at <http://members.shaw.ca/kc3842> (**Information page**) for full details and application form
4. Remember in your prayers all those who are sick: Bros. **Ted Kelly** and wife **Olga**; **Mark Gauthier**; **Bob Poulin** and wife **Audry**; as well as **Josephine**, wife of Bro. **Guy Doiron**. Also, pray for all those who have passed away, especially Bros. **Vince Cooke**, **Parker Okano**, **Gerard LeChasseur** and, **Maria**, wife of Bro. **Alex Kotai**.

## Welcome Bishop Gary!

St. Peter's Parish was honoured to welcome our bishop, Most Rev. **Gary Gordon**, on the weekend of March 14-15. Bishop Gary celebrated all weekend Masses, preached and shared with us his love of Christ, the Church and the people of his diocese. He spoke of the significance and symbolism of his pastoral ring and crozier, even going so far as to pass his ring around among the congregation!. After both Sunday Masses, our council hosted a pancake breakfast to enable parishioners to meet



Bishop Gary, and he in turn, to greet and socialize with them. In the picture above, Bishop Gary gives Bro. **Claude Francoeur** a few brotherly hints on how to flip the perfect pancake!!!

## March for Life, May 14, 2015, Victoria, B.C.

Under the sponsorship of our State Council, Pro Life BC, and Campaign Life Coalition BC, the **8th Annual March for Life, Victoria**, is planned for **May 14, 2015** in Victoria. This year's theme will be **Every Life's Worth Living**. Currently, plans for the event will be much like last year: it will begin with Mass at St. Andrew's Cathedral and St. Patrick's Church at 12:00 pm. 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 the following speakers: our bishop, Most Rev. **Gary Gordon**; **P.J. & Pamela Lewis**; **Mark Pickup**, Human Life Matters; **Courtney DeGeest**; **Emily Ryznar**, student, Simon Fraser University; and MC, **Pavel Reid**, Director, Office of Life Marriage and Family, Archdiocese of Vancouver. Both our State Council and Bishop **Gordon** have very strongly endorsed this event and invite all Brother Knights, along with their family and friends, to come out and join the march. 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!

## News bytes.....

- A Fourth Degree Exemplification will be held in Victoria on May 9, 2015. All 3rd Degree Knights are urged to consider joining the 4th Degree. Please call F.N. **Al Schickerowsky** (250-753-7813) for more information and details.