

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

Tim Somerville	Randy Cormier	Joseph Maclellan
Ed Campbell	Giuseppe Lindia	Yves Landry
John Mulligan	John Critchley	Christopher Wilson

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For good reason, Bishop Remi became known as one of the most dynamic and forward-looking members of the hierarchy in North America. He stood up for the active functioning of the laity, the role of women in the Church, and the poor and vulnerable everywhere. In the development of a local Synod, he implemented Vatican II in his diocese of Victoria.

The Council was, of course, only the opening of the Church. The work of fully implementing the seminal ideas will take many years. Bishop Remi has displayed patience as not the least of the virtues he brings to enlarging public understanding of what it means to be part of the People of God. In his "retirement" years, he has not slowed down as he continues his lectures and workshops throughout North America, Europe and China. Sturdy, dauntless, loving, Bishop Remi De Roo has made a contribution to the Church in Canada of historic proportions.

*From program hand-out: Tribute Dinner, Bishop Remi De Roo at 85,
February 24, 2009, University Club of Victoria.*

We extend our prayers, our very best wishes and congratulations to Most Rev. Remi De Roo, Bishop Emeritus of Victoria, on the occasion of his 85th birthday. Ad multos annos, Bishop Remi!

Thank you, Winston!

Our sincere 'thank you' goes to Mr. **Winston Bushnell** for a most interesting and enjoyable evening last Feb. 4. For about 1 1/2 hours, Winston talked and showed us slides of his many sailing adventures, including down the eastern seaboard, around the world in seven years, across and through the Northwest Passage, among others. Over 40 brother Knights, wives and parishioners attended, and by all indications, everyone really enjoyed themselves. Thank you very much, Winston, for a great evening!

On the Lighter Side

A rough and ready fellow came to a priest in North Western Canada, and asked to go to confession, saying it had been 3 years since he last went to confession. He explained that he was a trapper, in a very remote region, and that it took him the better part of 2 weeks to get to confessions; travelling on foot, by canoe, and then by train and bus; and that usually he could not leave his trap lines unattended for that long. "Why don't you take a plane?" the priest asked, "You could fly to the city, go to confession and communion and be back in 36 hours". "I've thought of that, Father," the man said, "but for venial sins it's too expensive, and for mortal sins, it's just too risky".



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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

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From the desk of our Chaplain

Dear Brother Knights,

For this Lenten message I'd like to share with you few short excerpts from Benedict XVI's messages for Lent since occupying the chair of Peter. I hope this will provide you with some inspiration for making many good resolutions for this season of Lent:

+ May every family and Christian community use well this time of Lent, in order to cast aside all that distracts the spirit, and grow in whatever nourishes the soul, increasing love for God and neighbour. I am thinking especially of a greater commitment to prayer, *lectio divina*, recourse to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and active participation in the Eucharist, above all Sunday Mass. (2009)

+ Fasting certainly brings benefits to physical well-being, but for believers, it is, in the first place, a "therapy" to heal all that prevents them from conformity to the will of God. (2009)

+ Lent offers us a providential opportunity to deepen the meaning and value of our Christian lives, and it spurs us to rediscover the mercy of God so that we, in turn, become more merciful toward our brothers and sisters. (2008)

+ We are not owners but rather administrators of the goods we possess: these, then, are not to be considered as our exclusive possession, but the means through which the Lord calls each one of us to act as a steward of His providence for our neighbour. (2008)

+ Lent is a favourable time to learn to stay with Mary and John, the beloved disciple, close to him who on the Cross, consummated for all mankind, the sacrifice of his life (cf. *John* 19: 25). (2007)

+ Throughout history, even when hate seems to prevail, the luminous testimony of His love is never lacking. To Mary, "the living fount of hope" (Dante Alighieri, *Paradiso*, XXXIII, 12), we entrust our Lenten journey, so that she may lead us to her Son. (2006)

In Christ, Fr. **Waldemar Podlasz** S.D.S.

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, our Bros. **Eddy Brouard**, and **Walther Hein** (Trinity Council, #9990); our Past State Deputy **Angus MacNeil**; as well as **Matthew Schultz** (few hours old infant son of Field Agent **Amery Schultz** (Kamloops). Also pray for the sick, especially Fr. **Oscar Paraiso**, Bros. **Gerard LeChasseur**, and **Joe MacLellan**, **Marie-Clair Poirier**, wife of Bro. **Leo Poirier**, and **Kathie Campbell**, wife of Bro. **Ed Campbell**.
- 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. **Germain Fortier** at: gafortier@shaw.ca or see our website at <http://members.shaw.ca/kc3842> (Information)



In Memoriam

On Tuesday February 3, 2009, our Bro. **Eddy Brouard** suddenly passed away at the age of 84. Bro. Eddy had been a member of our Order for almost 44 years and for most of those a proud and faithful member of our Council. It is with heavy hearts and great sadness that we now take leave from our Brother. We pray for him and offer our deepest sympathy to his wife, **Monique** and the entire **Brouard** family.

May he Rest in Peace.

Tribute to Bishop Remi De Roo on his 85th Birthday

Bishop **Remi De Roo** is one of the last living Fathers of the Second Vatican Council (1962-65), the most momentous event of the Catholic Church in the 20th century. On October 31, 1962, he was called by Pope John XXIII, the originator of the Council, to be a bishop and thus took part in the preparation of the Council's 16 documents, which brought the Church into the modern world.

On four occasions, Bishop Remi addressed the Council. The main focus of his interventions was on:

- +The unity of the divine creative and redemptive plan.
- +The one vocation of all believers concerning both spiritual and temporal matters.
- +The sacramental character of family life and conjugal intimacy.
- +The one calling of the ordained ministerial priesthood.
- +Religious freedom and ecumenism.

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News bytes.....

- Please take note that for the duration of Lent, the **Friday evening devotions** at St.Peter's Parish will start with **Reconciliation** at 6:00, followed by **Benediction** at appr. 6:50, **Mass** at appr. 7:00, and finally the **Way of the Cross** right after Mass. We invite everyone to attend. Mar. 6th will be our night to lead the prayers. Come and join us in this devotion that reminds us of Jesus' love for us through His passion.
- Our congratulations also go out to Bro. **Jack Kelly** who just became the latest octogenarian of our Council. Congratulations, Jack!
- Due to the dedication and persistence of Bro. **Rawley Morales**, we were able to add some 15 more members to our email list. Thank you Bro. Rawley for your hard work; we now have 65 members on our list.
- The confirmed date for St. Peter's/KofC **11th Annual Golf Tournament** is now set for Saturday, **June 27, 2009**, at Arrowsmith Golf and Country Club. Please mark your calendar and watch for more specifics in future bulletins.