

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

Leo Poirier  
John Conway

Jasper Sharanowski  
Derek Stinson

Larry Lorenzo  
Kristian Dagsaan



Our very best wishes to all Brother Knights and their families for a very merry and blessed Christmas & a most prosperous and healthy New Year.

### Dr. Clement Persaud Speaks on Stem Cell research

Our Council was very pleased to have **Dr. Clement Persaud** speak to us again on the science and ethics of stem cell research on **Saturday, Nov. 10, 2007, in St. Peter's Church**. Without exception, all who attended were inspired and impressed by Dr. Persaud's clear, succinct explanation of this very complex and sensitive issue. He emphasized again the difference between embryonic and adult (umbilical cord and adult-derived) stem cell research and gave an up-date on the progress made of the latter since his first presentation two years ago. Adult stem research has been very successfully in patients with neurological, leukemic, cancer, cardiac and genetic disorders, while embryonic research has basically no major success to its credit. We are very thankful to Dr. Persaud for speaking to us again and hope he will do so again sometime in the future.

### The Curtain is Up!!

On Nov. 12, early in the morning six of our members started the daunting task of erecting the curtain wall in St. Peter's Church hall. What a challenge it was!!! With hammers, crowbars, screwdrivers and drills, Bros. **Bob Poulin, Claude Francoeur, Phil Fratpietro,** and **Rick Jones** started to uncrate the several hundred pound curtain and began to figure out the installation instructions. They quickly realized that plan A just wouldn't work, and, thanks to their many years of building and construction experience, quickly devised plan B. Bros. **Parker Okano** and **Hans Fadum** assisted and supported them in various ways, including pushing, pulling and lifting the heavy curtain and then screwing and bolting it into place. It took until mid-afternoon of hard work before their task was finally done. We now have a beautiful and very functional divider in the hall which will serve us well for many years to come. Thank you very much Brothers for a difficult job very well done!

### On the Lighter Side ....

MELANIE (age 5) asked her Granny how old she was. Granny replied she was so old she didn't remember any more. Melanie said, 'If you don't remember you must look in the back of your panties. Mine say five to six '



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### Executive meetings:

Last Thursday of the month (Aug.-June) at Columbian Centre at 7:30 pm

### Regular meetings:

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

### Pancake breakfast:

Every 3rd Sunday after both Masses

### Officers for 2007/2008

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Merry & blessed Christmas!!

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## Christmas Prayer

Lord, in this holy season of prayer and song and laughter, we praise You for the great wonders you have sent us: for shining star and angel's song, for infant's cry in lowly manger. We praise you for the Word made flesh in a little Child. We behold his glory, and are bathed in its radiance.

Be with us as we sing the ironies of Christmas, the incomprehensible comprehended, the poetry made hard fact, the helpless Babe who cracks the world asunder. We kneel before you shepherds, innkeepers, wisemen.

Help us to rise bigger than we are. Amen

**BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

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

## District Deputy's Greetings

My Brother Knights,

As we draw near to the season of Advent, for many of us it is a time to look forward to celebrating the birth of our Lord with family and friends. For some of us, that will not be possible. We may be in a hospital and our family is far away. We may be on the street and our family does not know where we are. We may be in prison and our family does not want to visit us because they are ashamed. For some of us, we are home alone and through illness or age are not able to do the things we want.

It is during those times that we, as K of C and Brothers to all, must share our time and talents. We have to remember that we are all God's children and inasmuch we do it to the least of them we do it to Him.

May you all have a safe and Blessed Christmas and may the joy of the Risen Christ be with you and your families.

Vivat Jesus **Frank Enns**, District Deputy.

## Charity Appeal Drive

We are now about half way through our **Charity Appeal Drive!** We have some 925 books to sell this year and have sold about 400 to date. *Please*, if you have not yet done so, sign up to help. Call Bro. **Dan DePape** at 740-2521. **Brother Dan can not do it without your help!**

## REMINDER

- 1) The travelling icon for the **Family Hour of Prayer** will be in our parish during the week of Dec. 12-18, 2007. Details will be announced.
- 2) The annual Christmas dinner for **4th Degree Members** & spouses will be held on Dec. 9, 2007, at Alice's Restaurant. Please, contact F.N. **Al Schickerowsky** (753-7813) for more information and details.
- 3) Remember in your prayers our sick Brothers, especially Bros. **Vince Cooke**, and **John Mulligan**, as well as, **Ula MacLellan**, daughter of Bro. **Joseph MacLellan**, and **Dodie Gogo** and **Mary Dunstan**, long time members of St.Peter's parish.
- 4) Please contact Br. **Hans Fadum** at [kc3842@shaw.ca](mailto:kc3842@shaw.ca) if you have email and wish to, but presently don't, receive this bulletin via email.
- 5) 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. **Neil Jangula** at: [nbjangula@shaw.ca](mailto:nbjangula@shaw.ca) or see our website at <http://members.shaw.ca/kc3842> (Information)

## First and Major Degrees Exemplifications

On Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2007, at 8:00 pm at St.Peter's Church hall, Nanaimo, we conducted another **First Degree exemplification** for our district. We are pleased to have had three candidates taking their 1st Degree: Bros. **Duncan Scott** and **David Norton** for Council #4253, Duncan, and Bro. **David Lorette** for our council. We wish to thank all the members of the First Degree Team for a job well done and all the members who attended in support of our new brothers. Our special thanks goes out to Br. **Bob Powell** for stepping in and serving as the G.K. We are happy to welcome the new Brothers to our ranks and wish them many years of happy and fruitful service to and for their respective councils.

In addition, on Saturday, Nov. 24, 2007, three of our Brothers, (in picture, left to right)



**Helmut Koch**, **Mark Gauthier**, and **David Lorette**, received the honours of the **2nd and 3rd Degrees** of our Order. The exemplification took place at St. Edward's Parish, Duncan, at 1:00 p.m. with Mass and the banquet following in the evening. We

were honoured to have had our Worthy State Deputy, **Dan O'Hara**, and **Bishop Richard Gagnon** present. Bishop Richard presided at the Mass and, as keynote speaker at the banquet, delivered a most thought provoking and at times sobering message on the state of Catholicism in the province of Quebec—and by extension, all of Canada. Thank you Bishop Richard and State Deputy Dan, for your presence and support. Finally, we congratulate and welcome our three Brothers to full Knighthood and wish them success in their future council involvements.

## News bytes.....

- Due to the bad weather, our **C.W.L./Knights Christmas potluck party** has been rescheduled to **Saturday, Dec. 8** after the 5:00 p.m. Mass.
- The **St. Vincent DePaul Society** will again need our assistance with its annual Christmas hamper delivery project. Packing the boxes is scheduled for December 14, 2007 in the church hall between 6-7pm. The following day, Dec. 15, starting at 8:30 am, also in the church hall, the hampers will be delivered. We ask all members to set aside an hour to help out in this very worthwhile project. Thank you Brothers.
- **St.Peter's C.W.L.** is pleased to report that its annual Parish Bazaar on Saturday Nov. 24 was a great success. The ladies extend a big "Thank you" to all brother Knights who came out to help in any way.