

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

Leo Poirier
John Conway

Jasper Sharanowski
Joe Bailey

Florencio 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.

1st Degree Exemplification

On Thursday, November 2, 2006, at 7:30 pm at Trinity Centre, Nanaimo, we conducted another **First Degree exemplification** for our district. We are pleased to have had seven candidates taking their 1st Degree. The following were received into our Order: Rev. **Father Piotr Golinski**, Bros. **Andrew Kolodinsky**, **Rene Cusson** for Holy Trinity Council #9990, Nanaimo; Bros. **Joshua Doherty**, **Berni Musto** for Council 5253, Duncan, B.C.; and Bros. **Michael Green**, **Christopher Boyd**, for Council #, Shawnigan Lake/Mill Bay, B.C. We wish to thank the members of the First Degree Team for putting on the Degree with such great dignity and inspiration. Our special thanks goes out to our Worthy Past D.D. Br. **Bob Powell** (Duncan) for travelling such a long distance to be able to be with us and serve as G.K. on the team. In addition, we are extremely happy with the tremendous number of Knights who turned out in support of our new candidates, many travelling all the way from Duncan and Mill Bay. Thank you Brothers for your great support! And finally, our thanks to our Worthy Field Agent Br. **Marcel Casavant** and D.D. **Frank Enns** for their presence and dedication. 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 councils. Welcome Brothers!

On the Lighter Side

- "Oh, I am so happy to see you," the little boy said to his grandmother on his mother's side. "Now maybe daddy will do the trick he has been promising us." Grandma was curious. "What trick is that?" she asked. "I heard him tell mommy that he would climb the walls if you came to visit" he answered.
- When my three-year old son opened the birthday gift from his grandmother, he discovered a water pistol. He squealed with delight and headed for the nearest sink. I was not so pleased. I turned to mom and said, "I'm surprised at you. Don't you remember how we used to drive you crazy with water guns?" Mom smiled and then replied "I remember"
- "Do you believe in life after death?" the boss asked one of his employees. "Yes, sir" the new employee replied. "Well, then, that makes everything just fine" the boss went on. "After you left early yesterday to go to your grandmothers funeral, she stopped in to see you!"



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Executive meetings:

Last Thursday of the month (Aug.-May) 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 2006/2007

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| Grand Knight | Brian King | 751-7851 |
| Past Grand Knight | Vince Cooke | 756-9473 |
| Chaplain | Fr. Waldemar Podlasz | 753-3570 |
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Merry & blessed Christmas!



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From the desk of our Chaplain

Dear Brother Knights;

On December 2nd we began a new liturgical year and the season of Advent. Advent has a twofold nature: It prepares us for Christmas, when we recall Christ's first coming among us, and it is also a time when we look forward to his second coming at the end of the ages. Advent is a season of joyful expectation.

During Advent, each Sunday's gospel has a specific focus. The Old Testament readings, especially those taken from Isaiah, are prophecies about the Messiah and messianic times. The selections from the writings of the apostles present exhortations and instructions on different themes of this season. Advent is a special time given to all of us to prepare more deeply, especially through the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist for this special moment when the "Word became Flesh".

May Jesus himself, in this season of reflection and spiritual preparation, grant all of us all needed graces to fully comprehend and receive Him at the Solemnity of His Incarnation.

Vivat Jesus!

Fr. **Waldemar Podlasz**, SDS

Charity Appeal Drive

We are now about half way through our **Charity Appeal Drive!** We have some 900 books to sell this year and have sold about 372 to date. **Please**, if you have not yet done so, sign up to help. Give your name to Bro. **Dan DePape** at the November meeting, or call him at **740-2521**. **Brother Dan can not do it without your help!** Thank you Brothers!

REMINDER

- 1) There will be a **Major Degree Exemplification** in Nanaimo on Dec. 9, 2006, hosted by our council and Council #9990. We urge all our first degree members to consider becoming Third Degree Knights. Please contact our G.K. **Brian King** (751-7851) for full details.
- 2) The annual Christmas dinner for **4th Degree Members** & spouses will be held on Dec. 10, 2006, at Alice's Restaurant. Please, contact F.N. **Al Schickerowsky** (753-7813) for more information and details.
- 3) We will be serving two more pancake breakfasts to needy schools in our community. On December 13 & 21, 2006, breakfasts are planned at **Georgia Avenue** and **Bayview** schools for students, parents and teachers. We are told that even Santa might join us! If you are willing and able to help, please call Bro. **Claude Francoeur** (754-2425).
- 4) Remember in your prayers our departed Brother **Louis Gagnon** (Ladysmith) and all our other sick and departed Brothers.
- 5) Please contact Br. **Hans Fadum** at kc3842@shaw.ca if you have email and wish to, but presently don't, receive this bulletin via email.
- 6) Please remember the 'Corpus Fund', the K. of C. (B.C.) Charity Foundation's continued efforts to raise awareness & funds. For any questions & funds. For any questions or info., contact Bro. **Neil Jangula** at: nbjangula@shaw.ca or see our website at <http://members.shaw.ca/kc3842/information>

Our Council supports "See You In Nanaimo"

At our last general Council meeting in November, we were honoured to have Cpl. **John Blaase** of the **Nanaimo RCMP** detachment speak to us about a very important and worthwhile community initiative.

In 2005/2006 the Nanaimo RCMP in co-operation with community groups, ICBC, City of Nanaimo, and the Nanaimo Safer Cities Committee, launched a traffic safety project called "**See You In Nanaimo**". In the year prior to its launch, the Nanaimo RCMP investigated four fatal and six serious injury motor vehicle/pedestrian incidents involving citizens over the age of sixty years who were wearing dark clothing in darkness or inclement weather. Investigation and research has determined that all of these deaths and injuries may have been prevented if the victims had been wearing something reflective. Since the launch of this project, Nanaimo did not have a single fatal pedestrian motor vehicle accident. The project consists of two stages. It begins with a media campaign to educate all pedestrians and encourage them to acquire and use reflective clothing/vests/armbands, in darkness or inclement weather. The second stage requires the acquisition of reflective wrist bands and distribution to seniors and other at risk pedestrians who can not get their own. This is where community minded sponsors come in - they are being asked to assist by purchasing armbands and then donating them to the "**See You In Nanaimo**" Project.

Considering this a most worthwhile cause, our Council passed a motion to buy 300 armbands in support of this initiative. We are very pleased to once again be able to join other community sponsors and contribute to this critical, life-saving safety program for seniors.

K of C (BC) Charity Foundation and the United Way

We have received a very important message from our Worthy State Secretary regarding the Charity Foundation and the United Way. We strongly urge all members who are able to avail themselves of this option to seriously consider it. The following is his message:

As many of you know, this is the time of year the United Way Campaign gets underway. While we must always remain extremely vigilant with whom we donate our money, one very viable and safe option is the **Knights of Columbus (BC) Charity Foundation** – our Corpus Fund. If you wish to donate to the Foundation through the United Way and your payroll deduction plan, in the appropriate space on your form entitled "Other Canadian Registered Charities", under ORGANIZATION insert "**Knights of Columbus (BC) Charity Foundation**" and under BUSINESS NUMBER insert **12949 4472 RR0001**.

We hope this information is helpful for those who might be considering this as an option for their charitable giving.

God bless, **Dan O'Hara** State Secretary

News bytes.....

- St. Peter's CWL's is pleased to report that its annual Bazaar on Saturday Nov. 25, 2006 was a great success. The ladies extend a big 'thank you' to the many brother Knights who came out to help with setup, clean-up, or any of a great number of tasks during the event. Thank you Brothers!