

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

Leo Poirier
Michael Bechtel

Michael Goglin

Ivan Plavetic
Harry Eckes



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.

Christmas Dinner

Our council and the C.W.L. held their joint **Christmas Dinner** on Saturday Dec.1 at Peter's Church hall. Approximately 40 people attended, and judging by all the happy faces, everybody had a wonderful time and thoroughly enjoyed all the good food. Our special thanks goes out to **Dolores Francoeur** for preparing the turkey; to Bro. **Claude Francoeur** for organizing the set up; to Bro. **Donn Sherry** of our brother Council Holy Trinity 9990, for organizing and arranging a casino event which was a great hit with every one who participated; to the ladies of the **C.W.L.** for all the good food; to all brother Knights who helped with set up and clean up; and finally but not least, to all the Knights and ladies of the C.W.L. who came out! Thank you to one and all!

Santa Arrives at Country Club Mall

On Sunday, November 25, eight Brothers of our council helped **Country Club Mall** with its annual great fundraiser for children and at the same time welcome Santa Claus to Nanaimo. Bros. **Claude Francoeur, Jimmy Sirsois, Dan DePape, Chris Dafoe, Jim Cassino, Doret Landry, Eduardo Dagsaan, and Zeno Jeon** were serving pancakes along with bacon, lots of syrup, juices, and fruits. They were busy non-stop for over two hours, serving well over 500 children along with moms and dads. Management of the mall was very thankful for our help, and we in turn, were pleased to be able to show our appreciation for allowing us to sell our Charity Appeal tickets in its mall. Thank you very much Brothers for your great work!

On the Lighter Side

- The Sheriff pulled up next to Murphy unloading garbage out of his pick-up into the ditch. The sheriff asked, "Why are you dumping garbage in the ditch? Don't you see that sign right over your head." "Yep," Murphy replied. "That's why I'm dumpin' it here, 'cause it says: 'Fine For Dumping Garbage.'"
- Murphy came running into the store and said to his buddy, "Paddy, somebody just stole your pickup truck from the parking lot!" Paddy replied, "Did you see who it was?" Murphy answered, "I couldn't tell, but I got the license number."



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Executive meetings:

Last Thursday of the month (Aug.-May) 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:

Every 3rd Sunday (Sept.-April) and on Mothers & Fathers Day (May-June) after both Masses in St.Peter's Parish hall

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Merry and blessed Christmas!



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From the desk of our Chaplain

Dear Brother Knights,

On Sunday, Dec. 2, 2012 we began a new liturgical year and the new liturgical season of Advent. As usual, this is a great time for us to ponder the mystery of Christ's Incarnation and to prepare ourselves, not only to celebrate our faith, but also to make it grow stronger. For that to happen, the season of Advent always provides us with a few special occasions. First, I'd like to encourage you to accept our Holy Father's invitation and make this year a "Year of Faith", a year of renewal and recommitment to our faith. Secondly, as you remember, our parish will be visited by the icon of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We will gather together to pray for all families especially those of our parish. Another important event we cannot forget is our advent penitential service, which, this year, will be on Wednesday, Dec. 19. This is a great occasion to "recharge your batteries" and make sure that Christmas won't take you by surprise.

Brother Knights, I'd also like to take this opportunity to wish you all a merry and blessed Christmas. The Word becomes Flesh, God assumes our human nature and earth unites with heaven in this, one of the greatest mysteries of our faith. This is an occasion to be celebrated with joy, love and hope. Let us wish for each other that these enter our hearts, families and communities during this season of Christmas thereby strengthening our faith and making us firm witnesses to God and his love.

Vivat Jesus! Fr. **Waldemar Podlasz** S.D.S.

Charity Appeal Drive

We began our **Annual Charity Appeal Drive** on **Nov. 13, 2012**. If you have not yet signed up to help out, please do so as soon as possible. We urge all members to step forward and commit themselves to do their part to make this drive a success. We have some 500 books to sell this year. **Please**, if you have not yet done so, give your name to Bro. **Dan DePape** at the December meeting, or call him at **250-740-2521**. **Brother Dan can not do it without your help!** Thank you!

REMINDER

1. State has released the 2012/2013 schedule of the travelling icon for the **Family Hour of Prayer**. Once again the icon will be **Our Lady of Guadalupe**, and will be in our parish from Dec. 12, 2012 to Jan. 9, 2013. Further details will be announced when confirmed.
2. **Membership dues for 2013** can now be paid. Payments may be made at the meeting or by mail to F.S. Bro. **Hans Fadum** at **P.O. Box 426, Nanaimo, B.C. V9R 5L3** with cheques payable to **KofC Council 3842**.
3. Remember in your prayers all those who are sick: Bros. **Louis De Pagie, Gerard LeChasseur; Vince Cooke; Ted Kelly; Parker Okano; Warren Randle; James Wolfgang; Alfred Drexler; Ed Stumborg**; as well as **Bernadette**, wife of Bro. **David Kenny**; Bro. **Oscar Clemotte** and family; and **Maria**, wife of Bro. **Alex Kotai**. Also keep in your prayers all our brother Knights who have died.

Drills, Screws and Glue

On Saturday, Nov. 10, 2012, nine of our brothers armed themselves with power drills, screws and glue and tackled the daunting task of moving the hymnal and missal holders in St. Peter's Church pews about 8 in. lower. Lowering these holders has resulted in the hymnals no longer sticking out over the top of the pews, and greatly improving the overall movement in and out of the pews. From 9 o'clock in the morning till about 2 in the afternoon, Bros. **Claude Francoeur, Rick Jones, Zeno Jeon, Ed Campbell, Rene Marchand, Hans Fadum, Ed Stumborg, Jim Cassino**



(left picture), and **Lance Ryan** (right picture) worked tirelessly with only a short well deserved pizza lunch break provided by **Fr. Waldemar**. All agree, the work was well worth it, since the over-all appearance of the church has radically improved! Another job well done, Brothers. Thank you very much!

News bytes.....

- The **Saint Vincent DePaul Society** is asking the Knights of Columbus to assist it once again with its Christmas hamper deliveries. The schedule is as follows: 1) Dec. 21st—contact Bro. **Claude Francoeur** to help setup tables in the church hall; 2) Dec. 21st—packing the boxes, starting 5 pm; 3) Dec. 22nd—delivery starting at 9:00 am. Please come out and help for an hour or two. Thank you.
- In preparation for Christmas, a **penitential rite** has been scheduled at St. Peter's Church on Wednesday, December 19, at 7pm.