

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

Tim Somerville	Randy Cormier	Ed Campbell
Giuseppe Lindia	Fr. Chris Pastuszka	Eric Coyne
Yves Landry	John Critchley	Gordon Thomas
Christopher Wilson	Darryl Ballegeer	Gus Bergman

Baby Shower



We hosted our **7th Annual Baby Shower** during January 2015. The program aims to collect donations of various baby supplies and clothes which are then offered to local Birthright or pregnancy crisis centres for distribution. A baby crib was set up in St.Peter's Church foyer and used to collect the dona-

tions. Parishioners responded with great generosity! In the picture above, Bro. **Bob Neilsen** looks on as donations are being dropped off. All items were presented to the **Nanaimo Crossroads Crisis Pregnancy Centre**, who sorted them and provided the following estimate of value: new items, \$300; gently used items, \$200; and diapers, \$300, for a total of \$800. We extend our very sincere thanks to all parishioners who contributed so generously and to Bro. **Rick Jones** for organizing and managing the project so well. The Pregnancy Centre, on its part, was extremely grateful for our contribution and continued support.

On the Lighter Side

A seven year old boy was at the centre of a London courtroom drama when he challenged a court ruling over who should have custody of him. The boy surprised the court when he proclaimed that his parents, aunt, and grandparents all beat him repeatedly and adamantly refused to live with any of them. Thus the judge took the unprecedented step of allowing the boy to propose who should have custody of him. After two recesses to check legal references and confer with child welfare officials, the judge granted temporary custody to the England Football team, whom the boy firmly believed not capable of beating anyone.



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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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*Just one person saying to me, 'You've made my day!'
— makes my day.*

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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 celebrating 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.**

Excerpts from the Saint Vincent de Paul Society newsletter:

"Our deliveries started up again in January after the Christmas break and the calls show no sign of slowing down. In fact 2014 has been the busiest one so far since we began to keep statistics eleven years ago. Over the 2014 calendar year, we delivered emergency hampers to over 400 families, consisting of 900+ adults and almost 700 children.....Once more this month, we do not have enough people to deliver to all of the families who are calling for help..... If you think you could spend an hour or two a week on this charitable Gospel mission, please speak to any member of the Society or call me at 250-760-0640. **Patrick Maguire**, President."

This might be a great Lenten, and indeed, year around activity for some of us! Please give it some serious consideration. H.-J.F., editor.

REMINDER

1. 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!



We are very happy to welcome a new brother to our Order and council. Bro. **Chad Mereski** (left, with our G.K. **Brian King**) was initiated at a Feb. 4, 2015 exemplification held at St. Peter's Church hall and hosted by our own First Degree Team. We extend our thanks to the members of the Team for putting on the Degree with such great dignity and inspiration, and to our Worthy D.D. **Jim Loftus** and Insurance Agent, **Marcel Casavant** for their presence and support. We wish our new Brother many years of happy and fruitful service to our council. Welcome brother!

Pancake Breakfast at Bayview School

As planned, a pancake breakfast was held at another one of our needy schools. On February 12, 2015, we were at **Bayview School** to serve breakfast for the whole school. Bayview School is one of four schools at which we provide a nutritious breakfast up to twice a year. Eight Bro. Knights worked at the event: **Louis Curti**, **Barry Webb**, **Jim Cassino**, **Joe Walker**, **Claude Francoeur**, **Angelo Petraroia**, **Dan DePape** and **Hans Fadum**. They arrived at 6:00 a.m. on a mild, wintery morning to set up and get everything ready. By 7:45 a.m. the first students, parents, teachers, and whole families arrived. The hot, delicious pancakes and sausages were thoroughly enjoyed by all as was evident by the many happy and smiling faces, as well as the numerous repeat servings. We were very pleased to have been able to provide well over 250 servings. Well done Brothers and our sincere thanks!

News bytes.....

- It is with heavy hearts that we acknowledge the passing of **Maria Kotai**, wife of Bro. **Alex Kotai**, on Friday, Feb. 13, 2015. Ever since moving to Nanaimo, Maria had been a faithful member of St. Peter's parish and the C.W.L. We extend our sincere sympathy and prayers to our brother Alex and the entire Kotai family.
- 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.
- For the duration of Lent, the Friday evening devotions at St. Peter's Parish will start at 5:10pm with the Blessed Sacrament being moved to the Church followed by Reconciliation; at 6:10pm, Benediction; at 6:25 pm, Stations of the Cross; and at 7:00, Mass.