

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

Tim Somerville  
Ed Campbell  
Yves Landry

Randy Cormier  
Giuseppe Lindia  
John Mulligan  
Christopher Wilson

Lance Ryan  
Eric Coyne  
John Critchley

**Reflections on Lent ...**

In some ways Lent is the most famous of all the Church's seasons. Perhaps that is because of its many traditions, or because it is so long. The six weeks of Lent take us from the end of winter to the beginning of spring. During Lent we put away the joyful "Alleluia." We will not sing it again until Easter, when we rejoice in the Resurrection of Jesus. We also clear away unneeded decorations and give our homes a good spring cleaning.

Lent is not an unhappy time, but it is a serious time. It is an opportunity to think about how much the Gospel means to us and how well we are living up to God's law of love. We watch and pray with Christ. We choose actions that help us become more prayerful, help us live more simply, and teach us to share what we have with those who are in need. We fast, reminding us of the goodness of God, the strength it takes to control our desires, and our unity with the hungry people of the world.

Lent is a time to turn back to those we have hurt or offended, and to apologize, ask pardon, and restore peace between us. We turn our thoughts inward and try to recognize the ways we have refused to obey God's laws or failed to live up to God's call that we lead a holy life. It is a time for us to prepare for the greatest feast of all, the Resurrection of Jesus.

**New Chairs for the Parish Hall**

Through an initiative of our Council, we were able to purchase 116 new chairs for the parish hall. Under the direction of Bro. **Claude Francoeur**, new chairs were ordered, received, unpacked and set-up, while some 90 old worn blue cloth-covered chairs were dismantled and disposed of. The new chairs arrived just in time for the recently held fund raiser — and what a wonderful aesthetic and comfortable difference they made!! Our council contributed \$1,500 towards this purchase, while the parish and the **C.W.L.** made up the difference. Our thanks goes to Bros. **Claude Francoeur, Dan DePape, Rick Jones, George Martin** and all who helped with this project.

**On the Lighter Side ....**

A little girl asked her mother 'How did the human race appear?' The mother answered, 'God made Adam and Eve; they had children; and so was all mankind made.' Two days later the girl asked her father the same question. The father answered, 'Many years ago there were monkeys from which the human race evolved. The confused girl returned to her mother and said, 'Mom, how is it possible that you told me the human race was created by God, and Dad said they developed from monkeys?' The Mother answered, 'Well, dear, it is very simple. I told you about my side of the family, and your father told you about his.'



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**Executive meetings:**

Last Thursday of the month (Aug.-June) in St.Peter's Church, Upper room, at 7:00 pm

**Regular meetings:**

1st Wednesday of the month in St.Peter's Parish hall, 7:00 pm

**Pancake breakfast:**

Every 3rd Sunday after both Masses

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forget the rude remarks.*



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## From the desk of our Chaplain

### Ash Wednesday

Dear Brother Knights;

Every year we open the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday. I'd like to take this opportunity to share with you few facts about this special day and its significance. Following the example of the Ninevites (story of Jonah), who did penance in sackcloth and ashes, our foreheads are marked with ashes to humble our hearts and remind us that life passes away on earth. The distribution of ashes comes from a ceremony of ages past. Christians who had committed grave faults performed public penance. On Ash Wednesday, the bishop blessed the hair shirts which they were to wear during the forty days of penance, and sprinkled over them ashes made from the palms from the previous year. The penitents did not enter the church again until Holy Thursday after having won reconciliation by the toil of forty days' penance and sacramental absolution. The ashes are made from the blessed palms used in the Palm Sunday celebration of the previous year. The ashes are blessed with holy water and traditionally they are scented by exposure to incense. While the ashes symbolize penance and contrition, they are also a reminder that God is gracious and merciful to those who call on Him with repentant hearts. And so, the Church calls on us to seek that mercy during the entire Lenten season with reflection, prayer and penance.

In Christ,

Fr. **Waldemar Podlasz**, SDS

### Charity Appeal winners 2010/11!

Congratulations to all this year's winners! Even though we did not sell any of the winning tickets this year, we are very happy and congratulate Trinity Council #9990 for selling the 4th place winning ticket!

1st	2011 Chev Silverado 1500	Sherry Price	Prince George
2nd	2011 Ford Mustang Convert	Dave Buxton	Surrey
3rd	2010 Dodge Grand Caravan	Bev Smith	Kamloops
4th	2011 Chevrolet Malibu	Wayne Schaefer	Nanaimo
5th	2011 Dodge Caliber	Ameila Conway	Delta

### REMINDER

1). Remember in your prayers all those who are sick: **Bishop David Monroe** of Kamloops; Bros. **Ed Stumborg, David Haworth, Gerard LeChasseur; Ted Kelly, Vince Cooke; Nora** and Bro. **Jack Kelly; Peggy** and Bro. **Curly Greene; Patsy**, wife of Bro. **Dan Cain; Bernadette**, wife of Bro. **David Kenny**; and **Maria**, wife of Bro. **Alex Kotai**. Also keep in your prayers those who have died, especially **Marie Poirier**, wife of Bro. **Leo Poirier; Ernie Little**, father of **Bro. John Little**, and **Monica Haworth**, wife of Bro. **David Haworth**.

2). **Membership fees for 2011** are now due. 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**.

## Pancake Breakfast at North Oyster School

For the second time this year, a pancake breakfast was held at another one of our elementary schools in the outskirts of Nanaimo. On February 2, 2011 we were at **North Oyster School** to serve a breakfast for the whole school. North Oyster School is the **fourth school** at which we provide a nutritious breakfast up to twice a year. Six Bro. Knights worked at the event: **Claude Francoeur, Ted Steven, Joe Walker, Bill Ducey, Rick Jones** and **Hans Fadum**. They met to car-pool at 6:30 a.m. to get to the school just before 7:00 on a cool winter morning. By 8:15 a.m. the first students, parents, teachers, and indeed, whole families arrived. The hot, delicious pancakes and sausages were thoroughly enjoyed by all as was evident by the many happy and smiling faces. We were very pleased to have been able to serve well over 150 helpings. As always, this was a very gratifying experience for all the Brothers involved, especially with the realization that on this one day at least, they had made a real difference in the lives of these children. Well done Brothers and our sincere thanks.

### News bytes.....

- It is with heavy hearts that we have learned of the passing of **Marie Poirier**, wife of Bro. **Leo Poirier**, on Sunday, Feb. 27, 2011. Marie had been a long-time, faithful and active member of St. Peter's parish and the C.W.L. She will be greatly missed. A prayer service for Marie will be held on Thursday, March 3rd at 7:00 p.m. and her funeral will be on Friday, March 4th at 11:00 a.m., both in St. Peter's Church. We extend our sincere sympathy and prayers to our brother Leo and his entire family.
- The date for St. Peter's/KofC **13th Annual Golf Tournament** is set for Saturday, **June 11, 2011**, at Arrowsmith Golf and Country Club. Please mark your calendar and watch for more specifics in future bulletins.
- 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. On **March 18**, we, the Knights, will be leading the Way of the Cross. We invite all to attend and join us in this devotion that reminds us of Jesus' love for us through His passion.
- A **4th Degree Exemplification** is planned for March 26, 2011 here in Nanaimo, hosted by the local Alexander Malaspina Assembly. The event will be held in St. Peter's church hall, commencing with registration at 2:00 p.m. and followed by the exemplification at 2:30. Mass will be at 5:00 p.m. in St. Peter's, while 'Happy Hour' and the traditional banquet, at about 6:30 p.m., will be at the No.256 Legion, East Wellington Rd. (across from Quarterway School). The cost for the banquet will be \$25 per person (which includes all gratuities and taxes) and is payable to Bro. **Claude Francoeur** at the banquet in **cash** or by **cheque**. **Cut-off for ordering tickets will be March 19, 2011**; there will be **no** tickets at the door. To order tickets, or for more information, please contact F.N. **Parker Okano** at 250-753-5115 or at [deckhand@telus.net](mailto:deckhand@telus.net).