

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

Guy Doiron  
Jerry Brown  
George Ives  
George Martin  
Mark Gauthier

Brian King  
Telford Nault  
Jim Cassino  
Christopher Dafoe  
George Horvat  
Grant Chatel

Patrick O'Keefe  
Louis De Pagie  
Marcel Casavant  
Luu Vu  
Daniel Cain

### Christmas Dinner

Our council and the C.W.L. held their joint Christmas Dinner on Saturday Dec.6 at Peter's Church hall. Approximately 60 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 **Dan DePape** for preparing the turkey; to Bro. **Claude Francoeur** for organizing the set up; to Bro. **Doret Landry** for tickling the piano ivories and leading us in a sing-a-long; 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!

### Christmas Hampers Delivered

The **St. Vincent de Paul Society of Nanaimo**, once again held its annual Christmas hamper project on Dec. 20. Knights from our and Trinity councils, and in some cases, their wives, helped package, label, set up, and then made deliveries throughout our community. 100 hampers with food and toys were prepared and delivered to needy families. A big "Thank you" goes out to all our Brothers who came out to help, especially considering it was such a rainy and miserable day! A very special thanks goes to Bro. **Claude Francoeur** for organizing setting up all the tables in the church hall, and to our Worthy D.D. **Jim Loftus** (Trinity) for organizing the entire project so effectively and with so much dedication. Thank you all, especially from the St.Vincent de Paul Society; a job well done, brothers!

### On the Lighter Side ....

Four Catholic men and a Catholic woman were having coffee. The first Catholic man tells his friends, "My son is a priest, when he walks into a room, everyone calls him 'Father'." The second Catholic man chirps, "My son is a Bishop. When he walks into a room people call him 'Your Grace'." The third Catholic gent says, "My son is a Cardinal. When he enters a room everyone says 'Your Eminence'." The fourth Catholic man then says, "My son is the Pope. When he walks into a room people call him 'Your Holiness'." Since the lone Catholic woman was sipping her coffee in silence, the four men give her a subtle, "Well....?" She proudly replies, "I have a daughter, slim, tall, with a gorgeous figure of 38D, 24" and 34". When she walks into a room, people say, "Oh, My God."



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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:

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

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*Happy & healthy New Year!*

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## From the desk of our Chaplain

I sometimes think about how much better this world would be if we truly took advantage of all our opportunities. Technology has advanced and life could be so much more comfortable if we would let it. But instead, we have witnessed hatred turn these advances into weapons as the innocent are threatened every day. I know this weighs heavily on the minds of many, and it is upsetting that people can become so depraved as to behave that way. It seems as if honour, compassion, and kindness are sometimes such foreign concepts to many. As we enter a new year, many will make this a time of reflecting, resolving and meditating. We do not, and cannot, know what this year holds for the world, the nation and our own selves. But we can be no better prepared for whatever may come than to walk in faith with God.

*"There is an appointed time for everything. And there is a time for every event under heaven - a time to give birth, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to uproot what is planted. A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to tear down, and a time to build up. A time to weep, and a time to laugh..."* (Ecclesiastes 3:1-4; cf. vss. 5-8).

Life is made up of various times and events. It is no success to laugh when one ought to be weeping, or to continue to build when we ought to tear down and start over. One key to success is to know and respond to an event with appropriate action. In our own nation, blessed so abundantly by God, there is a crying need to be able to tell the difference between what is good and evil. Moral confusion has weakened the nation from within, and destroyed the lives of so many. Some people think it is hard being a Catholic. In some ways, they are right. It calls for more strength, courage and sacrifice. Dedication and discipleship go hand in hand. But in other ways, it is easier. There are benefits that make us confident and give us peace and joy. Our lives are lifted up and given meaning and purpose in Jesus and the keeping of His commandments. The emotional and spiritual benefits of faith are real. The Bible often portrays life as a journey. While on this journey, we must not lose sight of God. We are not at home in this world, but we have no hope beyond it except by faith. The best thing we can do for ourselves and our loved ones in this new year, is to fix "our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith." He has already completed the journey. He knows how to get home. He is showing us the way. We had best listen to Him! Have a happy and blessed new year... but more than that, let it be faithfully lived in Christ Jesus so it may take us homeward. **Fr. Chris.**

## REMINDER

1. Our **fourth quarterly fraternal report** is now due. A reminder to all brother Knights to please submit your fraternal activities for the last three months (October-December). Contact Bro. **Jerry Brown** at 250-323-3321 or [joanbrown1@hotmail.com](mailto:joanbrown1@hotmail.com) within the week, and no later than **Saturday, January 10**. Thank you.
2. Remember in your prayers all those who are sick: Bros. **Gerard Le-Chasseur**; **Ted Kelly** and wife **Olga**; **Warren Randle**; **Bob Poulin** and wife **Audry**; as well as **Josephine**, wife of Bro. **Guy Doiron**; and, **Maria**, wife of Bro. **Alex Kotai**. Also, pray for all those who have passed away, especially Bros. **Vince Cooke & Parker Okano**.
3. Membership dues for 2015 are now payable. Payment 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**



## In Memoriam

It is with great sadness that we once again have to acknowledge the passing of one of our Brother Knights. On Sunday, December 7, 2014, at the age of 72, Brother **Parker A. Okano** passed away in Nanaimo Hospital. Bro. Parker joined our Order and Council in 1990, the Fourth Degree in 2000, and had been a proud and faithful member of our Council ever since. For six years, from 2001 to 2007, he served as our Financial Secretary and from 2009 to 2011 as Faithful Navigator of the 4th Degree. Due to his failing health during the last several years, he was unable to be actively involved in council affairs, but was never the less always an example to his brother Knights as a man of deep faith and commitment to the less fortunate.

It is with heavy hearts that we now take leave from our Brother. We pray for him and offer our deepest sympathy to his wife, **Erlinda**, and to the entire **Okano** family.

**May he Rest in Peace**

## Pancake Breakfasts at Gorgia Ave. & Park Ave. schools

As planned, we held pancake breakfasts at two of our needy schools. On Dec. 6, 2014, we were at **Park Avenue**, and Dec. 19, at **Georgia Avenue** schools. For about 3 hours at each event Bros. **Claude Francoeur, Brian King, Jim Cassino, Dan DePape, Joe Walker, Angelo Petraroia, Hans Fadum, Doret Landry** and **Rick Jones** worked to provide a pancake breakfast for the children, their parents and the teachers. The hot, delicious pancakes and sausages were thoroughly enjoyed by all as was evident by the many happy and smiling faces. Even Santa Clause was there and joined in the festivities! We were very pleased to have been able to serve well over 300 portions at each event. As always, these were very gratifying experiences for all the Brothers involved, especially 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.....

- During the month of January, we will conduct our annual **Pro-Life Baby Shower** campaign to collect baby supplies and clothes for our local pregnancy crisis centre. A baby crib as been set up in the foyer of the church to collect these items. Please, encourage your families and friends to support and contribute to this very worthwhile project!
  - We thank all Brothers and parishioners who came out and worked so very hard to clean and decorate our church for the Christmas holidays.
  - The latest **State Newsletter** is now available at the following link: <http://kofcbc.org/files/2013/08/BC-YUKON-State-NewsLetter-2014-November-December.pdf>
- As you will see, there is a lot of coverage of what is happening in our own District and in Councils from all around BC & Yukon.