

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

Ivan Plavetic
Michael Goglin

Attilio Lindia
Tony Bucar

Barry Webb
Simon Groot



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.

Congratulations Brother Knights!

On Sunday, November 9, 2014, two members of our council received the honours of the 3rd Degrees in an exemplification ceremony held at Queen of Angels School, Duncan. Pictured from left to right are: Bros. **Bob Nielsen** and **Ben Denommé**.



In addition we also wish to welcome two new brothers to our Order and Council. On Nov. 5, 2014 we held a 1st Degree Exemplification at St. Peter's Church hall and initiated Bros. **Chris Barber** and **Andrew Suresh Kumar**. Welcome! Congratulations to all four brother Knights.

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back upon Christ's coming in celebration, while at the same time, looking forward in eager anticipation, to the coming of Christ's kingdom when he returns for his people. In this light, the Advent hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" perfectly represents the church's cry during the Advent season:

O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appears.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

While Israel would have sung the song in expectation of Christ's first coming, the church now sings the song in commemoration of that first coming and in expectation of the second coming in the future. A blessed Christmas! **Fr. Chris.**

On the Lighter Side

Great definitions: — Marriage: It's an agreement wherein a man loses his bachelor's degree and a woman gains her master's. — Tears: The hydraulic force by which masculine willpower is defeated by feminine water-power. — Ecstasy: A feeling when you feel you are going to feel a feeling you have never felt before. — Conference: The confusion of one man multiplied by the number present.



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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 Mothers & Fathers Day (May-June) after both Masses in St. Peter's Parish hall

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Merry & blessed Christmas!



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From the desk of our Chaplain

Advent is a season that seems to get lost in our culture. Because we so often think of the month of December as “the Christmas season” and use this time to busily prepare our homes for the holidays, we often neglect to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. My hope is that this reflection will provide a way of making your Advent journey more meaningful.

The word “Advent” is derived from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning “coming,” which is a translation of the Greek word *parousia*. Scholars believe that during the 4th and 5th centuries in Spain and Gaul, Advent was a season of preparation for the baptism of new Christians at the January feast of Epiphany. During this season of preparation, Christians would spend 40 days in penance, prayer, and fasting to prepare for this celebration; originally, there was little connection between Advent and Christmas. By the 6th century, however, Roman Christians had tied Advent to the coming of Christ. But the “coming” they had in mind was not Christ’s first coming in the manger in Bethlehem, but his second coming in the clouds as the judge of the world. It was not until the Middle Ages that the Advent season was explicitly linked to Christ’s first coming at Christmas.

Today, the Advent season lasts for four Sundays leading up to Christmas. At that time, the new Christian year begins with the twelve-day celebration of Christmastide, which lasts from Christmas Eve until Epiphany on January 6.

Advent symbolizes the present situation of the church in these “last days”, as God’s people wait for the return of Christ in glory to consummate his eternal kingdom. The church is in a similar situation to Israel at the end of the Old Testament: in exile, waiting and hoping in prayerful expectation for the coming of the Messiah. Israel looked back to God’s past gracious actions on their behalf in leading them out of Egypt in the Exodus, and on this basis they called for God once again to act for them. In the same way, the church, during Advent, looks

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REMINDER

1. The annual Christmas dinner for **4th Degree Members** & spouses will be held on Saturday, Dec.13, 2014, at the Lantzville Legion. Please, contact F.N. **Al Schickrowsky** (753-7813) or see our online calendar at [http://members.shaw.ca/kc3842 \(Activities\)](http://members.shaw.ca/kc3842 (Activities)) for more information.
- 2 As in past years, our council and the **C.W.L.** will hold our joint **Annual Christmas Party on Saturday Dec. 6, 2014** in St.Peter’s Church hall. The event will begin with happy-hour at about 6:00 p.m., followed by a pot-luck supper, a sing-song, and some games. All members and their spouses are cordially invited and encouraged to attend.
3. We encourage all members to join the **Father McGivney Guild** for the advancement of our founder’s canonization. It’s easy, it’s free, and it’s a great way to keep in touch with its progress. Please, go to: <http://www.fathermcgivney.org/en/index.html> to register and join.
4. Remember in your prayers all those who are sick: Bros. **Gerard Le-Chasseur**; **Ted Kelly** and wife **Olga**; **Parker Okano**; **Warren Randle**; **Bob Poulin** and wife **Audry**; as well as **Penny**, wife of Bro. **Brian Ferris**; and, **Maria**, wife of Bro. **Alex Kotai**. Also, keep in your prayers all those who have passed away, especially Bro. **Vince Cooke**.
5. Membership dues for 2015 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**



In Memoriam

It is with great sadness that we acknowledge the passing of our Brother Knight, **James Vincent Cooke**. On Tuesday, November 18, 2014, at the age of 84, our Brother passed away in Nanaimo, B.C. Bro. Vincent joined our Order in 1967, the Fourth Degree in 2004, and had been a proud and faithful member of our Council since 1997. For four years, from 2002 to 2006, he served as our Grand Knight and was responsible for some great council initiatives, including: Casey’s Home; winning the Supreme Council International Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest of 2004/05; and, presiding over the council’s 50th Anniversary celebrations.

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, **Gerrie**, and to the entire **Cooke** family.

May he Rest in Peace

Breakfast with Santa

On Sunday, Nov. 30, 2014, nine Brothers of our council helped **Country Club Mall** with its annual fundraiser “**Breakfast with Santa**” for the **Nanaimo Child Development Centre**. Bros. (l to r) **Chris Dafoe** with son **Byron**, **Greg Large**, **Angelo Petraroia**, **Dan DePape**, **Bill Ducey**, **Claude Francoeur**, **Jim Cassino**, **Doret Landry**, and **Hans Fadum** served pancakes along with bacon, croissants, juices, and oranges. They were busy serving about 450 children along with moms and dads.

Mall management was very thankful for our help, and we in turn, were pleased to be able to be involved in this great charitable effort as well as to show our appreciation to management for allowing us to sell our Charity Appeal tickets in its mall. Thank you very much Byron and Brother Knights!



News bytes.....

- The **Saint Vincent DePaul Society** is asking us once again to assist it with its Christmas hamper deliveries. The schedule is as follows: 1) Friday, Dec. 19—contact Bro. **Claude Francoeur** to help setup tables in the church hall; 2) Dec. 19—packing the boxes, starting 5 pm; and 3) Saturday, Dec. 20—delivery starting at 8:30 am. Please come out and help for an hour or two, especially on Saturday. Thank you.