

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

Leo Poirier

Michael Goglin

Ivan Plavetic

Michael Bechtel



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.

Pennies for Heaven—a Gift of Love Given all Year!

I am pleased to be able to include the following article from the Most Reverend **Gerald Wiesner, OMI**, Bishop of the Diocese of Prince George, outlying for us the importance of the Knights' contributions to the "**Pennies for Heaven**" program in his Diocese. It is fitting that at Christmas time we reflect on how our annual Charity Appeal ticket sale efforts, and our loony contributions at our meetings, do indeed make a real difference in life of the Church. ***Our council's contribution to this State initiative is between \$1,200-\$1,300 annually.*** H-JF, editor.

Dear Brother Knights,

This is a message to indicate to you how beneficial the Pennies From Heaven collection is to the Diocese of Prince George. There are three main areas of ministry supported by the collection.

Returning to Spirit is a workshop organized to bring about reconciliation and healing between First Nations persons and Church persons. It is extremely effective and is an initiative that the Church needs to undertake to restore relationships with the First Nations people, both as a group and as individuals. This is almost a must in the Church today.

Adult Faith Formation is one of the greatest and most universal needs in the Church today. Most people have not grown in their faith formation much beyond their childhood catechesis. The obvious need for adult faith formation speaks for itself.

Education and Formation of Seminarians is a constant need for any Diocese. To form a seminarian, the present day costs are about \$30,000 per year. We are presently blessed with seminarians and the gift from the collection helps us very much.

As you can see, Pennies From Heaven is very helpful to us in our Diocese and your generosity is greatly appreciated. Keep up your good work!

Fraternally in Christ,
Gerald Wiesner, O.M.I.
Bishop

On the Lighter Side

What is the difference between Bird Flu and Swine Flu? For bird flu you need tweetment, and for swine flu you need oinkment.

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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 in St. Peter's Parish hall, 7:30 pm

Pancake breakfast:

Every 3rd Sunday after both Masses

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Merry & blessed Christmas!!



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From the desk of our Chaplain

Dear Brother Knights,

On Sunday, Nov. 27, 2011 we've begun a new liturgical year and a new liturgical season of Advent. As usual this is a great time given to all of us to ponder on the mystery of Christ's double coming, on the day of His Incarnation and at the end of time to judge living and the dead.

Every year, this special season, the season of Advent, provides us with a few special occasions. Our parish will be visited by the icon of **Our Lady of Guadalupe**. We will gather together on Monday, Dec. 12 at 7pm to celebrate her feast and pray for her intercession. Another important event is our Advent penitential service; this year it will be on Wednesday, Dec. 14. These are great occasions 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 each other for those three: joy, love and hope to enter our hearts, families and communities during this special season of Christmas strengthening our faith and making us always firm witnesses to God and his law of love.

Vivat Jesus!

Fr. **Waldemar Podlasz S.D.S.**

Christmas Dinner

Our council and the C.W.L. held their joint **Christmas Dinner** on Saturday Dec.3 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 Bro. **Dan DePape** for preparing the turkey; to Bro. **Claude Francoeur** for running the bar; 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!

REMINDER

1. This year the **Family Hour of Prayer** icon will be **Our Lady of Guadalupe**, and will be in our parish during the week of **Dec. 7-13**. The '**Hour of Prayer**' will be held on Monday, **Dec. 12, at 7:00 p.m.** with mass and special prayers. All members & families are urged to attend.
2. Remember in your prayers all those who are sick: Bros. **David Hawthorn; Gerard LeChasseur; Vince Cooke; Ted Kelly; Bill Smith, Sr.; Parker Okano;** as well as **Bernadette**, wife of Bro. **David Kenny; Maria**, wife of Bro. **Alex Kotai;** and **Marilyn**, wife of Bro. **Eduardo Dagsaan**. Also keep in your prayers those who have died, especially Bro. **Louis Duhamel;** and all our departed brother Knights.
3. **Membership dues for 2012** 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**.

1st Degree Exemplification

On Wednesday, November 2, 2011, at 7:30 pm in St.Peter's Church hall, we conducted another First Degree exemplification for our district. We had six candidates taking their 1st Degree for our Council, namely, (in picture, left to right) Bros. **David Webber, Carlos Soares, Jim Cassino, Warren Randle, Joseph Wyse,** and **Zino Jeon**. We wish to thank the



members of the First Degree Team for putting on the Degree with such great dignity and inspiration, and our Worthy Field Agent, Bro. **Marcel Casavant** for his presence and support. We were also extremely happy with the good number of Knights who turned out for our new candidates. Thank you Brothers for your great support! We are now happy to welcome our new Brothers to our ranks and wish them many years of happy and fruitful service to and for their council. In addition, we also extend our warmest welcome to Bros. **Michael Bechtel**, coming to us from Red Deer, and **Clayton Okeley** transferring-in from Prince George. To one and all, welcome Brothers!

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. 15th—contact Bro. **Claude Francoeur** to help setup tables in the church hall; 2) Dec. 16th—packing the boxes, starting 5 pm; 3) Dec. 17th—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 14, at 7pm.
- Bros. **Claude Francoeur, Angelo Petraroia, Jimmy Sirsois, Bill Ducey, Warren Randle** and **Dan DePape** were serving pancakes on Santa Claus Day at **Country Club Mall** on Sunday, Nov. 27. Thank you very much Brothers for your great work!