

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

Timothy Somerville	Art Powell	Randy Cormier
John Cummins	Fr. Harrison Ayre	Ed Campbell
Giuseppe Lindia	Yves Landry	John Critchley
Gordon Thomas	Augustinus Bergman	Joseph Kong

Some thoughts for Holy Week and Easter

God won't ask the square footage of your house, but He'll ask how many people you welcomed into your home.

God won't ask about the clothes you had in your closet, but He'll ask how many you helped to clothe.

God won't ask how many material possessions you had, but He'll ask if they dictated your life.

God won't ask how many promotions you received, but He'll ask how you promoted others.

God won't ask what your job title was, but He'll ask if you performed your job to the best of your ability.

God won't ask what you did to help yourself, but He'll ask what you did to help others.

God won't ask how many friends you had, but He'll ask how many people to whom you were a friend.

God won't ask what you did to protect your rights, but He'll ask what you did to protect the rights of others.

God won't ask in what neighbourhood you lived, but He'll ask how you treated your neighbours.

God won't ask why it took you so long to seek Salvation, but He'll lovingly take you to your mansion in heaven, and not to the gates of Hell

On the Lighter Side

Father O'Malley rose from his bed one morning. It was a fine spring day in his new west Texas mission parish. He walked to the window of his bedroom to get a deep breath of the beautiful day outside. He then noticed there was a jackass lying dead in the middle of his front lawn. He promptly called the local police station. The conversation went like this:

"Good morning. This is Sergeant Jones. How might I help you?"

"And the best of the day to yourself. This is Father O'Malley at St. Ann's Catholic Church. There's a jackass lying dead in my front lawn and would you be so kind as to send a couple o'yer lads to take care of the matter?"

Sergeant Jones, considering himself to be quite a wit and recognizing the foreign accent, thought he would have a little fun with the good father, replied, "Well now Father, it was always my impression that you people took care of the last rites!"

There was dead silence on the line for a long moment.....

Father O'Malley then replied: "Aye, 'tis certainly true; but we are also obliged to notify the next of kin first, which is the reason for my call."

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Executive meetings:

Last Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm, virtual over Zoom

Regular meetings:

1st Wednesday of the month at 12:00 pm, St. Peter's Church hall

Church pancake breakfasts:

Mother's & Father's Day (May-June) and every 3rd Sunday (Sept.-Apr.) after the 10:30 Mass in St. Peter's Parish hall

Officers for 2023/2024

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Outside Guard	Chris Jeffs	250-619-0848
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Trustee 3 Years	Joe Walker	250-758-7850

A blessed Lent and Easter!



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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.

REMINDER

1. All members who are paying membership dues, will have received their 2024 invoice in early December and a **Second Notice** in mid-January. If not already having done so, please, make your payment immediately: **a)** by mail to Bro. Hans Fadum at P.O. Box 426, Nanaimo, B.C. V9R 5L3, with cheques payable to KofC Council 3842; or, **preferably b)** autodeposit via **Interac E-Transfer** directly from your bank account into our bank account at kc3842epay@gmail.com.
2. Since the parish now hosts the **Homeless Shelter** for the winter months, we will hold our monthly general meetings for this time period in the Church hall at **12:00 pm** on the 1st Wednesday of the month. We hope that this solution will work out for all concerned.
3. **Father Michael McGivney Guild**. All members and their families are urged to join the Guild to advance the beatification process of our founder. It's free and its easy! For full details and application form see our website at: <https://www.kofc3842.com/guild>
4. Please pray for the sick or in need, especially: the people of Ukraine and the Gaza Strip; Bros. **Louis Curti**, **Bob Nielsen**, **Joe Wyse**, **Louis De Pagie**; and, **Daisy Mah**, our Bulletin proof-reader; **Sammy**, son of Bro. **Oscar Clemotte**, **Angela Noronha**, MIL of Bro. **Carlos Soares**; and **Don McNeil**, son of **Laura**, wife of Bro. **Greg Large**. Also, keep in your prayers all who have passed away, especially; **Sandra and Michael**, wife and son of Bro. **Bill Ducey**; the mother of Bro. **Roni Romero**; and Bros. **Donald Loehr**, **Paul Coulombe**, **David Lorette**, and **Ben Denommé**.

Baby Shower

We hosted our **15th Annual Baby Shower** during January 2024. The program aims to raise funds, and collect donations of various baby supplies and clothes for the local pregnancy crisis centres for distribution. A baby crib was set up in St. Peter's Church foyer and used to collect the donations. In addition, envelopes were made available for monetary donations. Parishioners responded with great generosity! In the picture, Bros. **Randy Wilkes** and **Brian King**, chairmen of this year's drive, present the many donations to **Noreen Macleod**, Director of the **Nanaimo Crossroads Pregnancy Centre**. The many items included formula, brand new items, used items (8 bins full), a blender, high chair, and dia-



pers. The staff sorted the items and provided an estimated value of an incredible **\$4,161** for them. In addition, **\$1,300** was also collected and presented on behalf of our Council from our very generous parishioners. We extend our very sincere thanks to all parishioners who contributed so generously and to Bros. **Brian** and **Randy** for organizing and managing the project so well. The Pregnancy Centre, on its part, was extremely grateful for our contribution and continued support.

News bytes.....

- Please see connections to the latest **State Newsletter**, our **State Deputy's** monthly **YouTube** messages, and his weekly **Advisory**, on our web site at: <https://www.kofc3842.com/news>