

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

Tim Somerville
Ed Campbell
Yves Landry
Alfred Crilly

Randy Cormier
Giuseppe Lindia
John Mulligan

Joseph MacLellan
Eric Coyne
John Critchley
Christopher Wilson

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, Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

On the Lighter Side

- I was out walking with my little grandson. He picked up something off the ground and started to put it in his mouth. I took the item away from him and I asked him not to do that. "Why?" my grandson asked. "Because it's been on the ground; you don't know where it's been, it's dirty, and probably has germs," I replied. At this point, my 4 year old grandson looked at me with total admiration and asked, "Grandma, how do you know all this stuff?? You are so smart." I was thinking quickly and said to him. "All grandmas know this stuff. It's on the Grandma Test. You have to know it, or they don't let you be a grandma." We walked along in silence for 2 or 3 minutes, but he was evidently pondering this new information. "Oh.....I get it!" he beamed, "So if you don't pass the test you have to be the grandpa". "Exactly," I replied with a big smile on my face.
- The children had all been photographed, and the teacher was trying to persuade them each to buy a copy of the group picture. "Just think how nice it will be to look at it when you are all grown up and say, 'There's Jennifer, she's a lawyer,' or 'That's Michael, He's a doctor.' " A small voice at the back of the room rang out, "And there's the teacher, she's dead."



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Executive meetings:

Last Thursday of the month (Aug.-June) in St.Peter's Church, Upper 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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From the desk of our Chaplain

Lent - Fast From and Feast On

Lent is an important season of the Church's Liturgical Year. During these forty days, we prepare our hearts for our most important celebration of the year—Easter. Our Lenten observances are designed to open us to a world of grace, to God's action in our lives, and God's gift of himself to us. Observing Lent with an open heart helps us to know ourselves in the mystery of Jesus' dying and rising. Lent helps us to know who we are, what God has done, and what we must do.

One of the pieties of Lent is fasting. This year when you think of fasting, consider what good you can do while you are fasting. For example, if you **fast from** taking others for granted, consider **feasting on** appreciating others more. Some ideas are provided below, or use your own similar ideas:

- Fast from put-downs or teasing. Feast on affirming and encouraging one another.*
- Fast from television and feast on talking together as a family.*
- Fast from video games or the computer. Feast on playing board games with the family.*
- Fast from a busy schedule. Feast on spending one night a week at home together.*
- Fast from spending money on candy, video games, or in coffee shops. Feast on giving the money saved to a special cause.*

Vivat Jesus! Fr. **Waldemar Podlasz**, SDS

REMINDER

- 1). A major Degree Exemplification is planned for March 20, 2010. Trinity Council and ourselves will be hosting the event here in Nanaimo. The actual exemplification will be held in St.Peter's church hall, commencing at about 1:00 p.m., while the Mass, at 6:00 p.m. and the banquet, at about 7:30 p.m. will be held at Trinity Centre. Please, encourage any First Degree member to take his major degrees.
- 2). 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. We invite everyone to attend. Come and join us in this devotion that reminds us of Jesus' love for us through His passion.
- 3). Please continue to support our ongoing "**Baby Shower**" project. Drop off any baby clothes or supplies in the foyer of the Church for needy new mothers and the Pregnancy Crisis Centre of Nanaimo.
- 4). Remember in your prayers all those who are sick: Bros. **Jack Kelly**, **Joseph MacLellan**, **Gerard LeChasseur**; **Monica** and Bro. **David Haworth**; **Marie**, wife of Bro. **Leo Poirier**; **Debra**, wife of Bro. **Jake Gillespie**; and **Maria**, wife of Bro. **Alex Kotai**. Also keep in your prayers those who have passed away, especially, Bros. **Christian Doszecki**, and **Anselmo Cordeiro** (Council 9990), as well as **Rose**, wife of Bro. **Nick Tysowski** (Council 9990)



In Memoriam

On Thursday February 11, 2010, our Bro. **Christian Doszecki** passed away at the age of 74. Even though Bro. Christian had been a member of our Order for only a short time, he was a proud member of our Council, and a faithful and long time parishioner of St.Peter's Parish. It is with heavy hearts and great sadness that we now take leave from our Brother. We pray for him and offer our deepest sympathy to his wife, **Sandra** and the entire **Doszecki** family.

May he Rest in Peace.

1st Degree Exemplification

On Wednesday, February 3, 2010, at 7:30 pm in St.Peter's Church Hall, Nanaimo, we conducted another **First Degree exemplification** for our district. We had one candidate taking his 1st Degree and joining our Order, namely, Bro. **Louis De Pagie** for our very own council. We wish to thank the members of the First Degree Team for putting on the Degree with such great dignity and inspiration. Our special thanks goes out to Bro. **Dan Ober** for stepping in at the last minute for an absent team member and serving as our D.G.K. We are extremely happy with the tremendous number of Knights who turned out in support of our new candidate. Thank you Brothers for your great support! And finally, our thanks to D.D. **George Martin** for his presence and dedication. We are happy to welcome our new Brother to our ranks and wish him many years of happy and fruitful service to and for our council. Welcome Brother Louis!

Charity Appeal winners 2009/10!

Congratulations to all this year's winners! Even though we did not sell any of the winning tickets this year, we are very happy never the less that we had such a successful Drive!

1st	2010 Chev Silverado 1500	Kendal Locke	Calgary
2nd	2010 Dodge Grand Caravan	James Weinkam	Coquitlam
3rd	2010 Ford Mustang Convert.	Alvin Jiang	New Westmister
4th	2010 Mazda 6	James McCansh	Vancouver
5th	2010 Honda Insight Hybrid	Kimberly Wright	Vancouver
6th	2009 Honda Jazz Scooters (2)	Sonia Martins	Vancouver

News bytes.....

- The date for St. Peter's/KofC **12th Annual Golf Tournament** is now set for Saturday, **June 12, 2010**, at Arrowsmith Golf and Country Club. Please mark your calendar and watch for more specifics in future bulletins.