

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

Leo Poirier

Larry Lorenzo
Kristian Dagsaan

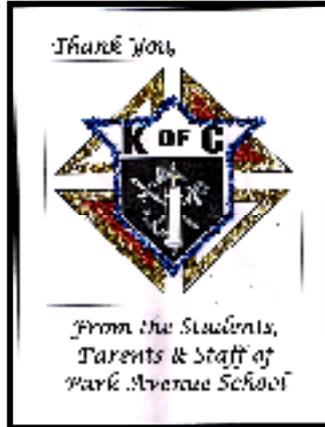
Ivan Plavetic



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.

Pancake Breakfasts at Park Avenue School

As planned, we once again held a pancake breakfast at one of our needy schools. On Nov. 19, 2009, we were at **Park Avenue School**. Seven of our brother Knights worked at this event: **Claude Francoeur, Brian King, Leo Poirier, Dan DePape, Angelo Petrarola, Hans Fadum and Rick Jones**. As always, they arrived at 6:00 in the morning to set up and get everything ready. By 7:45 a.m. the first students arrived, and they continued to come until 9:00 o'clock. The hot, delicious pancakes and sausages were thoroughly enjoyed by all, as was evident by the many happy and smiling faces. We were very pleased to have been able to serve about 300 children, parents and teachers. Again, it was a gratifying experience 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.



The image above is the cover of a beautiful booklet some of the students of Park Avenue created for the pancake crew. See more of the booklet on our website at: <http://members.shaw.ca/kc3842>

On the Lighter Side

Adam was walking outside of the Garden of Eden with Cane and Abel when the boys were young. Cane and Abel looked into the garden and viewed waterfalls, lovely birds, lush forests and fruit trees bending over because of the large amounts of fruit on them. Then they took a long look at where they lived. It was dry, dusty with weeds and sickly looking trees. "Daddy, why don't we live in there instead of out here?" they innocently asked. Adam said, "Well, sons, your mother and I used to live in there at one time until she ate us out of house and home."



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Mid Knight News

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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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Merry & blessed Christmas!!



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From the desk of our Chaplain

Dear Brother Knights,
Advent, (Latin ad-venio, to come to), is the Lord himself who is coming to his own people. We use this time to prepare ourselves to celebrate the anniversary of the Lord's coming into the world as the incarnate God of love; to make our souls fitting abodes for the Redeemer coming in Holy Communion and through grace; and thereby, to make ourselves ready for His final coming as judge, at death and at the end of the world. Prayer and the sacraments are at all times the best tools to use. For that, Advent provides us with many opportunities: Adoration, Eucharist, penitential services and especially for us Knights, the visitation of the icon of Mary, Mother of Charity. We will have a special devotion on Tuesday Dec. 8th after the 7pm Mass; all are welcome. Let me also use this occasion to wish all of you a merry and blessed Christmas. May this great mystery of our faith when the "Word becomes Flesh", be an inspiration for all of us to spread God's word and make it a living reality for others, our brothers and sisters. May Jesus Himself, through the mystery of His Incarnation, grant you and your families, many graces and blessings in the New Year.
Vivat Jesus,
Fr. **Waldemar Podlasz**, SDS

Charity Appeal Drive

Our Annual Charity Appeal Drive is now well under way. We urge all members to step forward and commit themselves to do their part to make this drive a success. *Please*, if you have not yet done so, sign up to help. Give your name to Bro. **Dan DePape** at the December meeting, or call him at **740-2521**. **Bro. Dan can not do it without your help!** Thank you!

REMINDER

- 1) The annual **4th Degree Christmas Banquet** will be held at ABC Restaurant on Nicol St., on Sunday, Dec. 13, 2009, beginning with Happy Hour at 6-7 p.m., followed by dinner. Contact our F.N. **Parker Okano** (250-753-7813) for details. You will need to let him know if you wish to attend.
- 2) State has announced the 2008/09 schedule of the travelling icon for the **Family Hour of Prayer**. This year the icon will be **Our Lady of Charity El Cobre**. We will be holding our Hour of Prayer on the feast of the Immaculate Conception, **Tuesday, December 8**, in conjunction with the 7:00 p.m. mass. We urge all members and their families to attend.
- 3) Remember in your prayers all those who are sick: Bros. **Jack Kelly, Curly Greene, Joseph MacLellan; Monica** and Bro. **David Haworth; Rose** and Bro. **Nick Tysowski** (Council 9990); **Marie**, wife of Bro. **Leo Poirier; Maria**, wife of Bro. **Alex Kotai**, and
- 4) Remember that **membership dues for 2010** can now be paid. Payments may be made at the meeting or by mail to F.S. Bro. **Hans Fadum**
- 5) Please contact Bro. **Hans Fadum** at **kc3842@shaw.ca** if you have an email address and wish to, but presently do not, receive this bulletin via email

District Deputy's Greetings

My Brother Knights,
'Winter break' has come again, with all the decorations and merchandising for the profits of the 'Happy Holiday'. The true gift of Christmas is being exchanged and discarded. Let us do all in our power as followers of Christ, to choose our words carefully, join together and wish EVERYONE we meet during the holidays a MERRY CHRISTMAS. Don't forget and display proudly your **Keep Christ In Christmas** car magnet!
May the joy of Christmas for you and your families be blessed and holy.
Vivat Jesus! **George Martin**, DD 21

Grand Knight's Greetings

Dear Brother Knights,
It's that time of year again when we are all gearing up for the busy season of Christmas. Our daily lives are sometimes consumed with the necessities of the upcoming celebrations. It is also that time when we look to experience the true meaning and joy of Christmas.
My wish for all Knights of Council 3482 and their families is for a healthy and happy holiday and that we remember to Keep Christ in Christmas.
Vivat Jesus! **Bill Ducey**, Grand Knight

Annual Christmas Party

As in past years, our council and the **C.W.L.** will hold our joint annual Christmas Party on **Saturday Dec. 5, 2009** in St. Peter's Church hall. The event will begin with Mass at 5:00 pm, then followed in the hall by a happy-hour, a pot-luck supper, some entertainment, a sing-along, games—and a lot of fun! All members and their spouses are cordially invited to attend.

News bytes.....

- The **Saint Vincent DePaul Society** is asking the Knights of Columbus to assist it once again this year with its Christmas hamper deliveries. The schedule is as follows: 1) Dec. 17th—contact Bro. **Claude Francoeur** to help setup tables in the church hall. 2) Dec. 17th—packing the boxes in the church hall, start 5 pm. 3) Dec. 18th—delivery starting at 8:30 am at the church hall.
- **St. Peter's C.W.L.** is pleased to report that its annual Parish Bazaar on Saturday Nov. 28 was a great success. The ladies extend a big "Thank you" to all brother Knights who came out to help in any way. A special thanks to those who stayed and helped with the that huge clean-up.
- We extend a very **special thank** you to Bros. **Brian King, Claude Franceur, David Kenny** and **Leo Poirier** for helping to move a St. Peter's parishioner into her new home. Thank you Brothers for your time and commitment.
- In preparation for Christmas, a **penitential rite** has been scheduled at St. Peter's Church on Thursday, December 17 at 7pm.
- A **Major Degree Exemplification** is planned for March 20, 2010. Trinity Council and ourselves will be hosting the event here in Nanaimo. Further details will be announced later.