

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
Gordan Thomas	Augustinus Bergman	Joseph Kong

Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity

On Saturday, Feb. 25, 2023, at 5:45 pm, right after the Saturday evening Mass, we conducted our first **Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity** in St. Peter's Church. We had three members taking their



degrees for our council. Bros. **Dominic Petraroria** & **Steven Maughen**, were new members who took out their on-line membership a few months ago, while Bro. **Garnet Gauthier** continued his journey to Knighthood taking his 2nd & 3rd degrees. We thank the members of the Degree Team from Holy Trinity Council #9990 for putting on the Exemplification with such great dignity and inspiration. Thank you also to **Fr. Harrison**, all our brothers Knights, their families and friends for coming out and showing their support! We are now happy to welcome our new Brothers and wish them many years of happy and fruitful service to and for our council. Welcome Bros. Steven, Dominic, and Garnet!

On the Lighter Side

What do most people do on a date?

Dates are for having fun, and people should use them to get to know each other. Even boys have something to say if you listen long enough. -- Lynnette, age 8

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Mid Knight News

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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 7:30 pm, St. Peter's Church foyer

Church pancake breakfasts:

4th Sunday in Jan., Mother's & Father's Day (May-June) and every 3rd Sunday (Sept.-Dec.; Feb-Apr.) after 10:30 Mass in St. Peter's Parish hall

Officers for 2022/2023

Grand Knight	Dan Bossert	250-754-5219
Past Grand Knight	Gregory Large	250-753-6091
Chaplain	Fr. Harrison Ayre	250-753-3570
Deputy Grand Knight	Louis Curti	250-758-5255
Chancellor	Barry Webb	250-585-4812
Recorder	Chris Barber	250-741-1525
Financial Secretary	Hans Fadum	250-754-1694
Treasurer	Guy Doiron	250-619-2072
Lecturer	Ed Campbell	250-754-7661
Advocate	Dan DePape	250-740-2521
Warden	Randy Wilkes	250-754-2308
Inside Guard	Jim Cassino	250-754-8472
Outside Guard	Chris Jeffs	250-619-0848
Trustee 1 Year	Tony Bucar	250-754-3146
Trustee 2 Years	Ralph Van Wallegghem	250-802-8292
Trustee 3 Years	Dan Ober	250-755-7818

*Sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold
and a heart to understand*



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Baby Shower

We hosted our **14th Annual Baby Shower** during January 2023. 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**, chairman of this year's drive, present the many donations to the staff of the **Nanaimo Crossroads Pregnancy Centre**. The staff sorted the items and provided an estimated value of an incredible **\$2,500** for them. In addition, **\$1,800** 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 Bro. **Brian** for organizing and managing the project so well. The Pregnancy Centre, on its part, was extremely grateful for our contribution and continued support.



REMINDER

1. All members who pay membership dues have received their 2023 notices in early December. If you have not yet made your payment, please, make it now: **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 in St. Peter's hall, we will hold our monthly general meetings in the foyer of the Church during this time. We hope that this solution will work out for all concerned.
3. Please pray for all who are sick or in need, especially: the people of Ukraine; Bros. **Bob Nielsen, Joe Wyse, Ben Denommé, Oscar Clemotte, Louis De Pagie; Daisy Mah**, our Bulletin proof-reader; **Diana**, wife of Bro. **Joe Walker; Angela Noronha**, MIL of Bro. **Carlos Soares**; and **Michael Ducey**, son of Bro. **Bill Ducey**. Also, keep in your prayers all who have passed away, especially **Robert McNeil**, son of **Laura**, wife of Bro. **Greg Large; Penny Ferris**, wife of Br. **Brian**; and Bros. **Donald Loehr, Paul Coulombe**, and **David Lorette**.

In Memoriam



It is with great sadness that we acknowledge the passing of two of our Brothers. We have just learned that on April 13, 2022, Bro. **Paul E. Coulombe**, age 94, passed away after joining the Order only 7 years earlier. Due to his advanced age he was not able to be active in council affairs, but in spite of only those few years, he was always a proud Knight.

On Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2023, at the age of 81, Brother **David J. Lorette** died in Nanaimo, BC. Bro. David joined our Order in Nov. 2007, received the honours of the 2nd, 3rd Degrees, and a year later the 4th Degree. He was an active, dedicated member of our Council, served as Deputy Grand Knight, and was very committed to, and involved with, his mission church on Gabriola Island.

It is with heavy hearts that we now take leave from both of our Brothers. We pray for them and offer our deepest sympathy to David's wife, **Kenji**, and the entire Coulombe and Lorette families.

May They Rest in Peace

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.

News bytes.....

- We also sadly acknowledge the passing of **Penny Ferris**, wife of Bro. **Brian Ferris**. We extend our sincere sympathy and prayers to our brother **Brian** and his family.
- Please see connections to the latest **State Newsletter**, our **State Debuty's** monthly **YouTube** messages, and his weekly **Advisory**, on our web site at: <https://www.kofc3842.com/news>