

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

Leo Poirier

Larry Lorenzo
Kristian Dagsaan

John Conway



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.

Annual Christmas Party

As in past years, our council and the **C.W.L.** will hold our joint annual Christmas Party on Saturday Dec. 6, 2008 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.

Pancake Breakfasts at Bayview & Park Avenue schools

As planned, we once again held pancake breakfasts at two of our needy schools. On Nov. 5, 2008 we were at **Bayview**, and Nov. 19 at **Park Avenue** schools. Eight of our brother Knights worked at these events: **Claude Francoeur, Brian King, Leo Poirier, Dan DePape, Joe Walker, Angelo Petroia, Hans Fadum** and **Rick Jones**. On both occasions 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 well after 8:45 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 and teachers at each event. As always, these were very gratifying experiences 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.

Another big Thank you!

Another big 'Thank you' goes out to all the Bother Knights who helped put on the special fundraiser for the **Randle family** on Saturday, Nov. 29, 2008. By all accounts, the event was a terrific success and the money raised was well beyond all expectations! We salute and thank Bros. **Bill Ducey, George Martin** and **Rene Marchand** for cooking all those delicious burgers, and **Claude Francoeur** and other helpers for the clean-up on Sunday afternoon.

On the Lighter Side

A pastor asked a little boy if he said his prayers every night. 'Yes, sir,' the boy replied. 'And, do you always say them in the morning, too?' the pastor asked. 'No sir,' the boy replied, 'I ain't scared in the daytime.'



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Executive meetings:

Last Thursday of the month (Aug.-June) in St.Peter's Parish hall 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

Officers for 2008/2009

Grand Knight	George Martin	250-754-0826
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Chaplain	Fr. Waldemar Podlasz, SDS	250-753-3570
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Lecturer	Claude Francoeur	250-754-2425
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Inside Guard	Mike Loos	250-716-5893
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Trustee 2 Years	Rene Marchand	250-753-1657
Trustee 1 Year	Joe Walker	250-758-7850

Merry & blessed Christmas!!

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From the desk of our Chaplain

Brother Knights,

On Sunday, Nov. 30, 2008 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 the mystery of Christ's Incarnation and to prepare ourselves properly, not only to celebrate it, but also to make our faith grow stronger. For that to happen this special season, the season of Advent, always provides us with a few special occasions. First, I'd like to invite you to journey through this time of Advent with **St. Paul** as this year is especially dedicated to this great saint. Every day except for Sundays, feasts and solemnities there will be during Mass after the gospel a special reflection offered based on St. Paul's letters. This is a wonderful occasion to deepen our faith and pray through the intercession of this great Apostle. Secondly, as you remember, our parish will be visited by the Icon of **Our Lady of the Families** during the week of Dec. 10-16. We will gather together to pray for all the families especially those of our parish. Another important event we should not forget is our Advent penitential service, this year to be held on Thursday, Dec. 18. This again is another great occasion 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. 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 celebrate with joy, love and hope. Let us wish each other for these to enter our hearts, our families and our communities during this special season. May they strengthen our faith and make us always firm witnesses to God and his law of love.

Vivat Jesus! Fr. **Waldemar Podlasz**, S.D.S.

REMINDER

1)The annual **4th Degree Christmas Banquet** will be held at Alice's Restaurant, on Sunday, Dec. 7, 2008, beginning with Happy Hour at 6-7 p.m., followed by dinner. Contact our F.N. **Al Schickerowsky** (250-753-7813) for full 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**. The icon will be in our parish during the week of **Dec. 10-16, 2008**. Details will be announced later.

3)Remember in your prayers all those who have gone before us in the sleep of Christ, especially, Bros. **Jasper Sharanowski**, **Felix Durack Mulligan** (Council #9990, Trinity), **Adam Christiaanse** (Surrey), **Don Gillett** (Ladysmith), **Desmond Daly** (Landysmith) and **Dodie Gogo**, long-time member of St. Peter's Parish. Also pray for the sick, especially Bros. **Gerard LeChasseur**, **Joe MacLellan**, **Marie-Clair Poirier**, wife of Bro. **Leo Poirier**, and **Kathie Campbell**, wife of Bro. **Ed Campbell**.

4) Remember that **membership dues for 2009** can now be paid. Payments may be made at the meeting or by mail to F.S. Bro. **Hans Fadum**

5) Please remember the 'Corpus Fund', the K. of C. (B.C.) Charity Foundation's continued efforts to raise awareness & funds. For any questions or information, contact Bro. **Raymond Williams** at: rnw7@telus.net or see our website at <http://members.shaw.ca/kc3842> (Information)

District Deputy's Greetings

My Brother Knights,

As we prepare to enter into the season of Advent, this is the perfect time to look into our hearts and minds so we might better represent Christ. Are we truly Christian, or do we just talk the talk? **Gandhi** said "If Christians were truly Christian, there would be no other faith." Let us do all in our power to be followers of Christ. **Carol** and I wish all Knights and their families a truly blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Vivat Jesus! **Frank Enns**, DD 21

First and Major Degrees Exemplifications

On Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2008, at 8:00 pm at St. Peter's Church hall, Nanaimo, we conducted another **First Degree exemplification** for our district. We are pleased to have had three candidates taking their 1st Degree: **Rick Degroot** (Trinity Council), **Kensley D'Aquar** and **Peter Vandun** (Duncan). We wish to thank all the members of the 1st Degree Team for a job well done and all who attended in support of our new brothers. Our special thanks goes out to Br. **Bob Powell** for stepping in and serving as the G.K. We are happy to welcome the new Brothers to our ranks and wish them many years of happy and fruitful service to and for their respective councils. In addition, on Saturday, Nov. 8, 2008, two of our Brothers, **Daniel Ober** and **Jacques Aubin**, received the honours of the **2nd and 3rd Degrees** of our Order. The exemplification was hosted by Council #5468 and took place in Campbell River, at 1:00 p.m. with Mass and the banquet following in the evening. We congratulate and welcome our two Brothers to full Knighthood and wish them success in their future council involvements.

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!

News bytes.....

- We extend our congratulations to Bro. **John Mulligan** and **Rebecca** on the occasion of their **marriage** on Oct. 23, 2008. We wish the happy couple all the best, God's blessings and a long, happy life together!
- The **St. Vincent DePaul Society** will again need our assistance with its annual Christmas hamper delivery project. Packing the boxes is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 19, 2008, in the church hall at 4:30 p.m. The following day, Saturday, Dec. 20, starting at 8:30 am, also in the church hall, the hampers will be delivered. We ask all members to set aside an hour to help out in this very worthwhile project. Thank you Brothers.
- **St. Peter's C.W.L.** is pleased to report that its annual Parish Bazaar on Saturday Nov. 8 was a great success. The ladies extend a big "Thank you" to all brother Knights who came out to help in any way.
- Our Worthy D.D. **Frank Enns** has called a District Meeting for Sunday, Dec. 14, at 1-3 p.m. at Trinity Centre. All executive officers are urged to attend. Please notify our G.K. of your attendance.