

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

Duart Rapton	Brian King	Pat O'Keefe
Rick Saby	George Ives	George Martin
Luu Vu	Joe Dumas	Mark Gauthier
Louis De Pagie	Daniel Cain	Yvan Gosselin
Jim Cassino		Chris Dafoe

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Church educates 2.6 million students everyday at the cost to that Church of 10 billion dollars, and a savings on the other hand to the American taxpayer of 18 billion dollars. The graduates go on to graduate studies at the rate of 92%. The Church has 230 colleges and universities in the U.S. with an enrolment of 700,000 students. The Catholic Church has a non-profit hospital system of 637 hospitals, which account for hospital treatment of 1 out of every 5 people - not just Catholics - in the United States today. But the press is vindictive and trying to totally denigrate in every way the Catholic Church in this country. They have blamed the disease of pedophilia on the Catholic Church, which is as irresponsible as blaming adultery on the institution of marriage. Let me give you some figures that Catholics should know and remember. For example, 12% of the 300 Protestant clergy surveyed admitted to sexual intercourse with a parishioner; 38% acknowledged other inappropriate sexual contact in a study by the United Methodist Church; 41.8% of clergy women reported unwanted sexual behavior; 17% of laywomen have been sexually harassed. Meanwhile, 1.7% of the Catholic clergy has been found guilty of pedophilia. 10% of the Protestant ministers have been found guilty of pedophilia. This is not a Catholic problem. A study of American priests showed that most are happy in the priesthood and find it even better than they had expected, and that most, if given the choice, would choose to be priests again in the face of all this obnoxious PR the church has been receiving. The Catholic Church is bleeding from self-inflicted wounds. The agony that Catholics have felt and suffered is not necessarily the fault of the Church. You have been hurt by a small number of wayward priests that have probably been totally weeded out by now. Walk with your shoulders high and your head higher. Be a proud member of the most important non-governmental agency in the United StatesThen remember what Jeremiah said: 'Stand by the roads, and look and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is, walk in it, and find rest for your souls'. Be proud to speak up for your faith with pride and reverence and learn what your Church does for all other religions. Be proud that you're a Catholic."

On the Lighter Side

No English dictionary has been able to adequately explain the difference between the two words COMPLETE and FINISHED, in a way that is easy to understand. Some people say there is no difference. However, there is a difference. When you marry the right woman, you are COMPLETE. And when you marry the wrong woman, you are FINISHED. And when the right one catches you with the wrong one, you are --- COMPLETELY FINISHED!



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Executive meetings:

Last Thursday of the month (Aug.-June) in St.Peter's Church, Resource 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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Happy & healthy New Year!



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From the desk of our Chaplain

Dear Brother Knights,

The beginning of each year always finds us, the people of God, looking back with gratitude but also looking forward with hope. It brings questions about the meaning of life and the meaning of our passing time. At the opening of this New Year I'd like to share these profound words of Pope Benedict XVI taken from his homily given at the First Vespers of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on Saturday, Dec. 31, 2011:

"So we often find ourselves asking: what meaning can we give to our days? What meaning, in particular, can we give to the days of toil and grief? This is a question that permeates history, indeed it runs through the heart of every generation and every individual. But there is an answer: it is written on the face of a Child who was born in Bethlehem two thousand years ago, and is today the Living One, risen for ever from the dead. From within the fabric of humanity, rent asunder by so much injustice, wickedness and violence, there bursts forth in an unforeseen way the joyful and liberating novelty of Christ our Saviour, who leads us to contemplate the goodness and tenderness of God through the mystery of his Incarnation and Birth. The everlasting God has entered our history and he remains present in a unique way in the person of Jesus, his incarnate Son, our Saviour, who came down to earth to renew humanity radically and to free us from sin and death, to raise us to the dignity of God's children. Christmas not only recalls the historical fulfilment of this truth that concerns us directly, but in a mysterious and real way, gives it to us afresh."

Have a happy and blessed New Year!

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

Be proud that you're a Catholic

Excerpts of an article written by non-Catholic Sam Miller - a prominent Cleveland Jewish businessman: "Why would newspapers carry on a vendetta on one of the most important institutions that we have today in the United States, namely the Catholic Church? Do you know - the Catholic

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REMINDER

1. Our **fourth quarterly fraternal report** is now due. A reminder to all brother Knights to please submit your fraternal activities for the last three months to Bro. **David Lorette** (250-247-8981; djlorette@shaw.ca), within the week. Thank you.
2. Remember in your prayers all those who are sick: Bros. **David Hawthorn**; **Gerard LeChasseur**; **Vince Cooke**; **Ted Kelly**; **Bill Smith, Sr.**; **Parker Okano**; as well as **Bernadette**, wife of Bro. **David Kenny**; **Maria**, wife of Bro. **Alex Kotai**; and **Marilyn**, wife of Bro. **Eduardo Dagsaan**. Also keep in your prayers those who have died: Mrs. **Laverne Scott** of Ladysmith, mother of the wife of State Charity Appeal Chairman, Bro. **Ken Rehman**; Bro. **Louis Duhamel**; and, all our departed Brothers.
3. **Membership dues for 2012** are now payable. Payments may be made at the meeting or by mail to F.S. Bro. **Hans Fadum** at **P.O. Box 426, Nanaimo, B.C. V9R 5L3** with cheques payable to **KofC Council 3842**.

Christmas Hampers Delivered

The **St. Vincent de Paul Society of Nanaimo**, once again held its annual Christmas hamper project last month. Dozen of Knights, and in many cases their families, helped package the hampers, labeled them, set up deliveries, and then actually made deliveries throughout our community. A big "Thank you" goes out to all our Brothers who came out to help and worked on this project in any way. A very special thanks, however, goes to Bro. **Claude Francoeur** for organizing setting up all the tables in the church hall. Thank you all; a job well done!

Pancake Breakfast at Georgia Avenue School

As planned, a pancake breakfast was held at another one of our needy schools. On December 14, 2011 we were once again at **Georgia Avenue School** to serve a Christmas breakfast for the whole school. Georgia Avenue School is one of three schools at which we provide a nutritious breakfast up to twice a year. Seven Bro. Knights worked at the event: **Claude Francoeur, Leo Poirier, Angelo Petraroia, Dan DePape, Brian King, George Martin** and **Hans Fadum**. They arrived at 6:00 a.m. on a very stormy, rainy morning to set up and get everything ready. By 7:30 a.m. the first students, parents, teachers, and indeed, whole families arrived. 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 provide well over 250 servings. As always, this was a very 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.

News bytes.....

- The ladies of the **C.W.L.** will be holding their annual **C.W.L. Sunday**, on Jan. 29, 2012. The ladies will serve as various ministers, including ushers, at both Masses. We, the Knights, will in turn help them celebrate the day by moving our regular monthly pancake breakfast to that weekend. We wish the ladies a great and successful day!
- We thank all Brothers and parishioners who came out and worked so very hard to clean and decorate our church for the Christmas season.
- On Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2011, in St. Peter's Church we celebrated our **Family Hour of Prayer** with the KofC travelling icon of Our Lady of Guadalupe prominently enshrined in the sanctuary. The hour of prayer consisted of Mass, specially prescribed prayers and the rosary. In all, about 35 people attended. It was a very inspiring and prayerful event.
- A major **Degree Exemplification** is planned for Feb. 18, 2012. Trinity Council will be hosting the event here in Nanaimo. The actual exemplification will be held at Trinity Centre, commencing at about 1:00 p.m., and the Mass, at 6:00 p.m. The banquet will be held at the **Howard Johnson Hotel** starting at about 7:30 p.m. Please, encourage all First Degree members to take their major degrees.
- The most recent issue of our State Newsletter is now available at this email address: [Fall Issue 2011 - BC & YUKON Knight Newsletter.pdf](#)