

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

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| Marcel Cloutier | Gabriel Pangindian | Tirso Morales |
| Gregory Large | Benjamin Orantes | Christopher Bragg |
| Eduardo Dagsaan | Hans Fadum | Bob Poulin |
| Warren Randle | Mel Azcarraga | Chad Mereski |

March for Life, May 14, 2015, Victoria, B.C.

Under the sponsorship of our State Council, Pro Life BC, and Campaign Life Coalition BC, the **8th Annual March for Life, Victoria**, is planned for **May 14, 2015** in Victoria. This year's theme will be **Every Life's Worth Living**. Currently, plans for the event will be much like last year: it will begin with Mass at St. Andrew's Cathedral and St. Patrick's Church at 12:00 pm. The march from Centennial Square to the Legislature begins at 2:00 pm and a rally at the Legislature at 2:30 pm with various entertainment and the following speakers: our bishop, Most Rev. **Gary Gordon; P.J. & Pamela Lewis; Mark Pickup**, Human Life Matters; **Courtney DeGeest; Emily Ryznar**, student, Simon Fraser University; and MC, **Pavel Reid**, Director, Office of Life Marriage and Family, Archdiocese of Vancouver. Both our State Council and Bishop **Gordon** have very strongly endorsed this event and invite all Brother Knights, along with their family and friends, to come out and join the march. It is very important that we as Knights, don't just talk the talk, but now, also walk the walk! We urge you all to take this opportunity and stand up and be counted!

Scholarship Applications

As of the beginning of June, applications for the annual **KofC Councils #3842/9990 Scholarships** for students continuing their post-secondary education will be available from: St. Peter's and Trinity Parish offices, Bros. **Claude Francoeur** (250-754-2425), **Donn Sherry** (250-758-5639), and our website. Deadline for submissions will be **June 30, 2015**. For full rules and requirements, as well as an online application form see our website at: <http://members.shaw.ca/kc3842>

On the Lighter Side

These are entries to a newspaper competition asking for a two-line rhyme with the most romantic first, and the least romantic second line:

- I see your face when I am dreaming - that's why I always wake up screaming.
- Roses are red, violets are blue, sugar is sweet, and so are you - but the roses are wilting, the violets are dead, the sugar bowl's empty, and so is your head.
- I want to feel your sweet embrace - but don't take that paper bag off your face.
- My darling, my lover, my beautiful wife - marrying you has screwed up my life.
- What inspired this amorous rhyme? - two parts vodka, one part lime.



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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 (Sept.-June) in St. Peter's Parish hall, at 7:30 pm

Pancake breakfast:

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

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Happy Mothers Day to all mothers & grandmothers!



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From the desk of our Chaplain

Spring and Easter is time of joy. Today, it seems that a lot of people aren't experiencing the kind of joy that they believe they should. Why is that? We live in one of the wealthiest countries on earth. So...what's wrong?

If you are to looking for God's joy as an escape from the problems of life, you are going to be disappointed. God's solution to our problems goes a little deeper than just saying, "Don't worry—be happy!" The path to true happiness often winds through the desert, where we experience times of testing. There is pain. There is grief. There is sadness. There is no getting around, or trying to avoid it! But... there is the "good news". God can even make the desert bloom!

Jesus was "a man of sorrow and familiar with suffering." He grieved over a Jerusalem that would put him to death, and he wept at the death of his friend, Lazarus. But he also could laugh, smile, and enjoy the presence of little children. He wanted his disciples to have joy: When he gave them the commandment to love one another, he said, "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete." He told stories about joy, and three of his most famous parables—the Lost Sheep, the Lost Coin, and the Lost Son—are all about the joy and celebration of heaven for even one sinner who repents!

In Christ we have the joy of someone who is thirsty finding a spring in the desert. In Christ we have the joy of someone blind being able to see, someone deaf being able to hear, someone lame being able to jump, and someone mute being able to shout. In Christ, we have the joy of a prisoner being set free, a captive on his way back home. In Christ, even when life is at its worst, we still have the joy of God's wonderful, amazing grace, his unconditional acceptance of sinners like you and me for the sake of his own beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Finding joy in the desert, the Joy of Christ, will be like seeing all the dry and dead places of your life suddenly bursting forth with new life and vitality: streams in the desert; greenery springing up where once there was only hot sand.

Fr. Chris.

REMINDER

1. For those few members who have not yet paid their current **membership dues for 2015**, this is one more reminder that these are now four months overdue. Please, make your payment at the May meeting or by mail to Bro. **Hans Fadum** at **P.O. Box 426, Nanaimo, B.C. V9R 5L3** with cheques payable to **KofC Council 3842**. Thank you.
2. **Father Michael McGivney Guild**. All members and their families are urged to join the Guild to advance the beatification process of our founder. It's free and its easy! See our website at <http://members.shaw.ca/kc3842> (**Information page**) for application form.
3. Remember in your prayers all those who are sick: Bros. **Louis Curti, Peter Gibb, Mark Gauthier, Bob Poulin** and wife **Audry**. Also, pray for all those who have passed away, especially our Brother Knights, and **Archbishop Emeritus Raymond Roussin SM**, our former bishop of Victoria who passed away on April 24, 2015.

Open House at Bethlehem Retreat Centre

On Sunday, April 26, 2015, four members of our Council were honoured to be involved in helping Bethlehem Retreat Centre with its Open House fundraiser. Bros. **Claude Francoeur, Jim Cassino, Greg Large, and Hans Fadum** manned the barbeque and cooked up delicious hot dogs, hamburgers, and vegieburgers for two hours over the lunch period. By all accounts, everyone enjoyed their lunch! We served close to 100 guests, and thus made a significant contribution to the over all fundraising weekend. Thank you Brothers for your time and dedication.

Membership Drive

In keeping with Supreme and State membership objectives, we held a **membership blitz** in April. For three successive weekends, Bro. **Brian King**, Grand Knight, spoke at all masses inviting all eligible men of the parish and their families to attend an Open House on Apr. 19, 2015. Our last blitz a few years ago was very successful, and hence we were determined to repeat that success this year! We were very happy to welcome some interested men to our Open House. Under the leadership of Bro. **King**, the session proved very informative and interesting. Our Worthy Field Agent, Bro. **Marcel Casavant** spoke and presented a short film on 'Who are the Knights', and our Worthy D.D., Bro. **Jim Loftus**, spoke very eloquently and convincingly on his role and function as district deputy. The session concluded with some very good and thoughtful questions from the prospective candidates. We are now preparing a 1st Degree Exemplification and hope to welcome some of them to our Order. A big thank you to all prospective candidates and all brother Knights who came out.

News bytes.....

- On Friday, May 8, 2015, St. Peter's Parish will once again need our help to deliver **flower baskets** as part of the parish's annual special fundraiser. Some 180 flower baskets will need to be delivered to some 40 plus addresses. If you have a few hours of time and are willing to help, please call Bro. **Dan DePape** at (250-740-2521). Deliveries will commence at **8:30 a.m.** from the church lower parking lot. Thanks.
- On May 9, we will again serve a pancake breakfast at the RCMP. cancer fundraiser held in conjunction with the **Nanaimo Minor Baseball** celebrations. Call Bro. **Claude Francoeur** (250-754-2425) to help.
- A Fourth Degree Exemplification will be held in Victoria on May 9, 2015. All 3rd Degree Knights are urged to consider joining the 4th Degree. Please call F.N. **Al Schickerowsky** (250-753-7813) for more information and details.
- It has been brought to our attention that many members do not understand the purpose of the "Pennies for Heaven" offerings at our regular meetings. They are meant to be a 'mini', ongoing, fundraiser for the education of seminarians. The yearly amount raised is given to our convention delegate to be presented to our bishops at convention. For the last several years we were able to present about \$200 annually in addition to our \$1000-plus Charity Appeal contributions. H-JF, editor.