

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

William O'Keefe	Timothy Somerville	Art Powell
Randy Cormier	John Cummins	Ed Campbell
Giuseppe Lindia	Eric Coyne	Yves Landry
John Critchley	Gordon Thomas	Gus Bergman
	Joseph Kong	

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.

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were also presented on behalf of the parish from money raised by parishioners throughout the year through the Grocery Sales Receipts Program hosted by one of our local grocery stores, **Country Grocer**. We extend our very sincere thanks to all parishioners who contributed so generously and to Bro. **Brian King** for organizing and managing the project so well. The Pregnancy Centre, on its part, was extremely grateful for our contribution and continued support.

On the Lighter Side

To all of you approaching 60 or have reached 60 and are older, this information is especially for you. Senior citizens are the nation's leading carriers of aids! — Hearing aids — Band aids — Roll aids — Walking aids — Medical aids — Government aids — Most of all, monetary aid to their children! Oh, and don't forget, HIV (Hair is Vanishing).

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Executive meetings:

Last Wednesday of the month (Aug.-June) in St.Peter's Church, Resource Room, at 7:30 pm

Regular meetings: (temporarily)

1st Wednesday of Nov.-Mar. at Quality Foods Harewood, 2nd floor, main conference room, 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 10:30 Mass in St.Peter's Parish hall

Officers for 2019/2020

Grand Knight	Dan Bossert	250-754-5219
Past Grand Knight	Gregory Large	250-753-6091
Chaplain		
Deputy Grand Knight	Louis Curti	250-758-5255
Chancellor	Barry Webb	250-585-4812
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Treasurer	Guy Doiron	250-619-2072
Lecturer	Claude Francoeur	250-754-2425
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Warden	Ed Campbell	250-754-7661
Inside Guard	Joseph Kong	778-886-1167
Outside Guard	Chris Jeffs	250-619-0848
Trustee 1 Year	Al Schickerowsky	250-753-7813
Trustee 2 Years	Bill Ducey	250-755-1181
Trustee 3 Years	Tony Bucar	250-754-3146

*Everything can change in the blink of an eye.
But don't worry; God never blinks*



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Baby Shower

We hosted our **12th Annual Baby Shower** during January 2020. The program aims to collect donations of various baby supplies and clothes which are then offered to local Birthright or pregnancy crisis centres for distribution.



A baby crib was set up in St. Peter's Church foyer and used to collect the donations. Parishioners responded with great generosity! In the picture on the left, Bro. **Bob Nielsen** looks on as donations are being dropped off. All items were presented to the **Nanaimo Crossroads Crisis Pregnancy Centre**, who sorted and evaluated

them. The Centre provided an estimate of \$1,000.00 for the value of the donations. In addition, approximately \$1000 worth of grocery gift cards

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REMINDER

1. For all members who have not yet paid their membership dues for 2020, this is a reminder that these are now overdue. Please, make your payment: a) at the March meeting; b) by mail to Bro. Hans Fadum at P.O. Box 426, Nanaimo, B.C. V9R 5L3, with cheques payable to KofC Council 3842; or, c) via **Interac E-Transfer** directly from your bank account into our bank account at **kc3842epay@gmail.com**.
2. **PLEASE NOTE:** Due to the unavailability of the church hall, our regular March monthly meetings will be held not in the Church hall, but at **Quality Foods in Harewood**, on Bruce Ave. between 7th St. & 8th St. As you go down Bruce Ave, the store is on the right side, on the old Co-Op site. Go into the store, take the elevator on the right of the door up to the 2nd floor, and our meeting room is straight ahead. We hope to see you there!
3. Please pray for all who are sick or in need, especially: Bros. **Bob Nielsen, Joe Wyse, Peter Gibb, Ben Denommé, Oscar Clemotte, Louis De Pagie, William O'Keefe, James Wolfgang, Ed Stumborg; Margaret**, mother of Bro. **Greg Large; Diana**, wife of Bro. **Joe Walker; Claudette**, wife of Bro. **Louis Curti**; brother-in-law of Bro. **Carlos Soares**, and brother **Gino** & mother **Rina** of Bro. **Jim Cassino**. Also, keep in your prayers all who have passed away, especially Bro. **Simon Groot; Harry Barber**, father of Bro. **Chris Barber**; and **Lily**, granddaughter of Bro. **Louis De Pagie**.

Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities

In January of this year, the **Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities** was submitted to the Supreme, State and District deputies. This report consists of all the activities our Council was involved in, the number of hours volunteered throughout the past year, total council activity expenses, and total charitable disbursements for church, family, community/needly/youth, and life issues. Here is a brief summary of those disbursements: Church, **\$2,804**; family, **\$2,900**; community, **\$7,752**; and life issues, **\$1,300** for a total of **\$14,756**. In addition, we also spent a total of **\$3,580** on council activities. The hours dedicated to volunteer charitable and fraternal service were as follows: Church, **2,352** hours; family, **285** hours; community, **1,151** hours; life issues, **37** hours; and an estimated **237** hours of other volunteer services, for a total of **4,062** hours.

Congratulations and a sincere thank you to all the Brothers who participated and volunteered throughout the past year in any and all of our activities. You are an example of what the Knights are all about; living proof that by volunteering, we can make a difference, both in the parish and the larger community. Our thanks also goes out to Bros. **Hans Fadum**, for collecting the volunteer statistics and collating all the financial information — thank you one and all!

WE DID IT!

News bytes.....

- We are happy to welcome two new brothers to our Council. Bro. **Gregory D. Horsburgh** transferred into our Council from Saskatoon, SK, Council #8905, and **Joemarie Limbo** came to us from Council #8111 in the Philippines. We wish both of them many years of happy and fruitful service to our council! Welcome Bros. Gregory and Joe!
- Please see the following links to the **State YouTube Messages** by Worthy State Deputy, **Dale Hofer**:
 - February YouTube Message and Charity Appeal Draw <https://youtu.be/jCfJRhrvS0>
 - December https://youtu.be/4UcRGwNPj_s
 - November <https://youtu.be/zxECoAmMaCw>
 - October <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZsljPVTGxC4&feature=youtu.be>
 - September <https://youtu.be/xpPIAZva10>
 - August https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ydN_hCybH6w&t=2s
 - July <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3IRMtDUJrr4&feature=youtu.be>
- On Nov.23, Supreme approved a new combined ceremonial to be used by Knights of Columbus Councils. This new ceremonial — **Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity**, allows all 3 degrees to be conferred in a single ceremony. Consult January's **Columbia Magazine** for a full introduction. Listen to the introduction, watch an actual exemplification, and see FAQ about the new degree using these links:
 - [Video message from the Supreme Knight and Exemplification presentation](#)
 - [Script for the Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity](#)
 - [Frequently Asked Questions](#)