

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

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| Marcel Cloutier | Gabriel Pangindian | David Rochefort |
| Gregory Large | Benjamin Orantes | Christopher Bragg |
| Eduardo Dagsaan | Hans Fadum | Bob Poulin |
| Matias Bueno | Mel Azcarraga | Maciej Krok |
| | Guy Lepage | |

We Have a New Web Site!

After more than six weeks of work, we have finally been able to publish our new web site! A domain name, **kofc3842.com**, has been acquired, and the services of **wix.com** have been subscribed to for hosting the site. Our new site address is: <https://www.kofc3842.com> . We hope all members will go to the site and check it out! We very much encourage your comments, suggestions, corrections, etc. Just go to the "Contact" page, or click <https://www.kofc3842.com/contact> , fill out the form and send it off. The site has been build to be both computer (desk top, tablet) and smart phone friendly. Both contain basically the same information but obviously, in slightly different format. This month I would like to draw attention to the **Calendar of Activities** built into the site. It displays as a regular calendar and can be changed by the user to display not only by any month, but also by week, and 'Agenda'. The user can click on any entry on a specific date and more detailed information, including time, location, Google map link, possible contact person, phone number, etc. may display. I hope that members will use the calendar extensively to keep up to date with all our council activities. You will find the calendar on the 'Activities' page of our website, or at: <https://www.kofc3842.com/activities>

On the Lighter Side

- Presently, I am trying to make friends outside of Facebook while applying the same principles. So every day, I go along the street and tell passersby what I have eaten, how I feel, what I have done the night before and what I will do afterwards. I give them pictures of my family, my dog and me gardening and spending time in my pool. I also listen to their conversations and I tell them I love them.. AND IT WORKS! I already have 3 people following me: 2 police officers and a psychiatrist.
- It was raining hard and a big puddle had formed in front of an Irish pub. An old man stood beside the puddle holding a stick with a string on the end and jiggled it up and down in the water. A curious gentleman asked what he was doing. 'Fishing,' replied the old man. 'Poor old fool' thought the gentleman, so he invited the old man to have a drink in the pub. Feeling he should start some conversation while they were sipping their whisky, the gentleman asked, "And how many have you caught so far?" 'You're the eighth'.



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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

Officers for 2016/2017

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| Grand Knight | Gregory Large | 250-753-6091 |
| Past Grand Knight | Brian King | 250-591-4223 |
| Chaplain | Fr. Krystian Golisz, SDS | 250-753-3570 |
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| Trustee 3 Years | Vacant | |

Happy Mothers Day to all mothers & grandmothers!



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This bulletin is also available on our website at:

<https://www.kofc3842.com/2015-2017>

Our Email address: kc3842@shaw.ca

K of C Donates Nearly \$2 Million to Genocide Survivors

(Excerpts from: Knightline, April 2017, Vol. 34, no.4; p.1 and 7)

The Knights of Columbus recently contributed almost \$2 million to various aid programs in the Middle East that have received little to no funding from the U.S. government or international community since ISIS began its genocidal campaign against the region's religious minorities in 2014.....Spearheading the campaign that led to last year's March 17 genocide declaration by the State Department, the Knights prepared a nearly 300-page report on the extensive crimes being carried out by ISIS and other extremist groups. It was only the second instance in which the U.S. government described an ongoing situation as genocide. "....[but] words are not enough," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, in announcing the organization's \$1.9 million in new assistance. The Knights' contributions included: —\$650,000 to medical clinics in Iraq; —\$750,000 to the Catholic Archdiocese of Erbil, Iraq, for Easter food baskets and other resources; —\$300,000 to the Catholic Archdiocese of Aleppo, Syria, for general relief; —\$200,000 to the Catholic community in Syria; —\$75,000 to the Coptic Orthodox Church in Egypt to aid the families of victims of December's church bombing in Cairo.....Calling for aid from the U.S. government and the international community, the supreme knight said 2017 may be "the decisive year in determining whether many Christian communities throughout the Middle East will continue to exist." He added: "Those targeted for genocide continue to need our assistance, especially since many have received no funding from the U.S. government or from the U.N....." He also encouraged prayers for those who are being persecuted and killed for their faith, particularly recommending the Novena of Grace and Solidarity that can be prayed throughout the year. The novena prayer can be found at kofc.org/novena. For details on how you can contribute to the Order's efforts to help genocide survivors, visit christiansatrisk.com

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, 2017**. For full rules and requirements, as well as an online application form see our website at: <https://www.kofc3842.com/scholarship>

REMINDER

1. Please pray for all who are sick especially: Bros. **Rene Marchand, Rich Pistone, Peter Gibb, Dwain Ingram, Ben Denommé, Curly Greene, Pat O'Keefe, George Ives, Ted Kelly, James Wolfgang, Bob Poulin** and wife **Audry; Lois**, wife of Bro. **Art Powell; Laura**, wife of our G.K. **Greg Large**; and **Claudette**, wife of Bro. **Louis Curti**. Also, keep in your prayers all who have passed away, especially our brother Knights, and **Mila**, wife of Bro. **Helmut Koch**.

March for Life, May 11, 2017, Victoria, B.C.

Under the sponsorship of our State Council, Columbus Charities Association, United for Life BC and other organizations, the **10th Annual March for Life, Victoria**, is planned for **May 11, 2017** in Victoria. This year's national theme will be **Life—We Stand on Guard for Thee**. 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 **1:45 pm** and a rally at the Legislature at **2:15 pm** with various entertainment and the following speakers: Most Rev. **Michael Miller**, Archbishop of Vancouver; **Irene De Souza**, Canadian Centre for Bioethical Reform; **Stan Leyenhorst**, spinal injury victim; **Dr. Paul Chamberlain**, professor of ethics and philosophy of religion at Trinity Western 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. If you are interested but have concerns about Victoria, please come to our May meeting where this issue will be discussed. Otherwise, give our G.K. **Greg Large** a call at 250-753-6091. It is very important that we as Knights, don't just talk the talk, but now, also walk the walk! *(Please note, the march begins 15 minutes earlier than in past years!)*

News bytes.....

- A **Knighthood (3rd) Degree** hosted by our Council will be held on May 7, in St.Peter's Church hall. Registration starts at 2:00 p.m; the Degree will commence at 2:30; there will be no banquet afterwards, but each participating Council will be free to host its candidates and their spouses to a meal, at a restaurant of its choice, if it so chooses. Contact our G.K. Greg Large (250-753-6091) for further information. Please make every effort to come out to this degree; we are in need of some help, and more importantly, to show our candidates our support.
- Also on May 7, 2017, we will serve a pancake breakfast at the RCMP. Cancer fundraiser held in conjunction with the **Nanaimo Minor Baseball Assoc.** annual **Cal Ripken Day** celebrations. Call Bro. **Claude Francoeur** (250-754-2425) if you are able and willing to help.
- On Friday, May 12, 2017 St. Peter's Parish will once again need our help to deliver **flower baskets** as part of the parish's annual special fundraiser. 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.
- As in past years, we will once again participate in **Park Avenue School's "Fun Day"** fund raiser on Saturday, May 27, 2017. Our council will be in charge of barbecuing all the hot dogs and hamburgers, and therefore, we are looking for six to seven volunteers to help with this project. We will be starting at about 6 o'clock in the morning and work until about 11-12. If you are interested and wish to help, give Bro. **Claude Francoeur** (250-754-2425) a call.