

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

Tim Somerville	Randy Cormier	Ed Campbell
Giuseppe Lindia	Gus Bergman	Eric Coyne
Yves Landry	John Critchley	Gordon Thomas
Art Powell		Darryl Ballegeer

Charity Appeal winners 2016/17!

Congratulations to all this year's winners!

We are especially happy that Bro. **Rick Jones** sold the **7th prize Early Bird** winning ticket to **Alex McConnell** of Nanaimo! In the picture below, Alex is presented with his \$1000 cheque by our G.K. **Greg Large**.

1st	\$50,000	Harminder Aujla	Abbotsford
2nd	2017 Ford F150 4X4 XLT	Wayne Keiver	Cranbrook
3rd	2017 Chevy Camaro 1LT V6	David M. Brand	Port Coquitlam
4th	2017 Toyota RAV 4 AWD LE	Irma Cooper	Williams Lake
5th	2017 Harley Davidson Street750	Rick Mackie	Powell River



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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

I took my son out for his first pint. Off we went to our local pub which is only two blocks from the house. I got him a Fosters. He didn't like it – so I had it. Then I got him a Carling Black Label, he didn't like it, so I had it. It was the same with the 1664 Lager and Premium Dry Cider. By the time we got down to the whisky I could hardly push the stroller back home.



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Mid Knight News

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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

Grand Knight	Gregory Large	250-753-6091
Past Grand Knight	Brian King	250-591-4223
Chaplain	Fr. Krystian Golisz, SDS	250-753-3570
Deputy Grand Knight	Joe Walker	250-758-7850
Chancellor	Barry Webb	250-585-4812
Recorder	Bob Nielsen	250-754-6298
Financial Secretary	Hans Fadum	250-754-1694
Treasurer	Guy Doiron	250-753-0307
Lecturer	Claude Francoeur	250-754-2425
Advocate	Dan DePape	250-740-2521
Warden	Jerry Brown	250-323-3321
Inside Guard	Mike Loos	250-716-5893
Outside Guard	Chris Jeffs	250-619-0848
Trustee 1 Year	Louis Curti	250-758-5255
Trustee 2 Years	Tony Bucar	250-754-3146
Trustee 3 Years	David Rochefort	250-619-1479

Please note: our regular March 1, 2017 meeting will start at about 8:00 p.m., right after the 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday mass.

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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.

Baby Shower

We hosted our **9th Annual Baby Shower** during January 2017. 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! All items were presented to the **Nanaimo Crossroads Crisis Pregnancy Centre**, who sorted and stored them. The Centre provided an estimate of **\$1,124** for the value of the items donated. In addition there were cash donations in the amount of **\$270**. We extend our very sincere

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REMINDER

1. Please note: our regular March 1, 2017 meeting will start at about 8:00 p.m., right after the 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Mass.

2. Please pray for all who are sick: 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; and Lois, wife of Bro. Art Powell. Also, keep in your prayers all who have passed away, especially our brother Knights, and Mila, wife of Bro. Helmut Koch.

3. Membership fees for 2017 are now overdue and payable no later than Mar. 10, 2017. If you are a "Regular" or "Honorary" member and have not yet renewed your membership, a **2nd and final Notice** has been sent out to you. Please make your payment at the March 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**.

Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities

On January 12, 2017, 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 (church, community/needy, youth) disbursements. Here is a brief summary of those disbursements: Church, **\$5,403** community/needy, **\$2,800**; youth, **\$500**; Life issues, **\$1,362** for a total of **\$10,065**. In addition, we also spent a total of **\$3,847** on council activities. The hours dedicated to volunteer charitable and fraternal service were as follows: Church, **3,158** hours; community, **1,135** hours; youth, **52** hours, life issues, **91** hours, and an estimated **535** hours of other volunteer services, for a total of **4,971 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; a 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**, and **Claude Francoeur** for supplying all the financial information, and to our D.G.K. Bro. **Joe Walker** for collecting the volunteer statistics—thank you!

Pancake Breakfast at Bayview School

As planned, a pancake breakfast was held at another one of our needy schools. On February 16, 2017, we were at **Bayview School** to serve breakfast for the whole school. Bayview 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: **Greg Large, Brian King, Jim Cassino, Claude Francoeur, Angelo Petrarola, Dan DePape** and **Hans Fadum**. They arrived at 6:00 a.m. on a mild, wintery morning to set up and get everything ready. By 8:00 a.m. the first students, parents, teachers, and whole families arrived. The hot, delicious pancakes and sausages were thoroughly enjoyed by all as was evident by the many happy and smiling faces, as well as the numerous repeat servings. We were very pleased to have been able to provide about 200 servings. Well done Brothers and our thanks!

News bytes.....

- On Sunday, March 19, 2017, a **Formation (2nd) Degree** is planned in Trinity Centre at 2:00 p.m. and hosted by Holy Trinity Council #9990. In addition, a **Knighthood (3rd) Degree** is scheduled in Nanaimo for May 7; its precise location is still to be determined. If you are a 1st or 2nd degree member, please consider taking the next higher degree. Contact our G.K. **Greg Large** (intrepid.1@shaw.ca ; 250-753-6091) for full details.
- We extend our very hearty 'welcome back' to Bro. **Alex Kotai** who has rejoined our council after being away for a year. Welcome back, Bro. Alex!