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

Ivan Plavetic Michael Goglin Attlio Lindia **Tony Bucar**



Our very best wishes to all Brother Knights and their families for a very merry and blessed Christmas & a most prosperous and healthy New Year.

Barrv Webb

Simon Groot

Charity Appeal Drive

On Friday, Oct. 27, we were finally able to launch our Annual Charity Appeal Drive. We are very happy and thankful that Bro. Tony Bucar has once again graciously accepted to be the chairman for this year. Even though the start of this year's Drive is a few weeks late, our aim is to repeat last year's success by selling 600 books again. If you have not already done so, we urge you to step forward and help your council sell tickets. Please, be prepared to give your name to Bro. Tony at the December meeting, or contact him at 250-754-3146 or tjbucar@gmail.com Remember, your council is only as good as you and I make it, and its success depends on each one of us! Thank you.

Breakfast with Santa

On Sunday, Nov. 26, 2017, ten Brothers of our council helped Country Club Mall with its annual fundraiser "Breakfast with Santa" for the Nanaimo Child Development Centre. Bros. Greg Large, Dan De-Pape, Claude Francoeur, Jim Cassino, Brian King, Barry Webb, Andrew DeGroot, Marcel Casavant, Tony Bucar and Bill Ducey served pancakes along with bacon, croissants, juices, and oranges. They were busy serving about 400 children along with moms and dads. Mall management was very thankful for our help, and we in turn, were pleased to be able to be involved in this great charitable effort as well as to show our appreciation to management for allowing us to sell our Charity Appeal tickets in its mall. Thank you very much Brothers!

On the Lighter Side

A thoughtful Scottish husband was putting his coat and hat on to make his way down to the local pub. He turned to his wee wife before leaving and said, 'Maggie - put your hat and coat on, lassie.' She replied, 'Awe Jock that's nice - are you taking me tae the pub with you? ' 'Nay,' Jock replied, 'I'm turning the heat off while I'm out.



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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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A merry and blessed Christmas !



Coats for Kids

(Italic narrative taken from: Knights of Columbus, Charities, Coats for Kids web page, at www.kofc.org)

"When families struggle to clothe their children with warm coats in the winter, Knights of Columbus councils help meet this basic need with the Coats for Kids program. As part of the Neighbors Helping Neighbors,



Coats for Kids allows councils across North America to purchase new winter coats for children at a discount and to distribute them to children in need in their local communities.

Since the program's launching in 2009, more than 310,000 coats have been distributed in 49 states and all 10 Canadian provinces. In winter 2016 alone, the Knights of Columbus distributed 78,576 coats in 1,600 communities throughout the U.S. and Canada, including events at military bases, in Native American communities, at inner-city neighborhoods and through partnerships with local police and fire departments... [As for example,] in Connecticut 4,680 coats were distributed during the 2015-16 fraternal year in 35 communities. At another Coats for Kids event, this time on the Monday prior to Super Bowl L, more than 270 (Continued on page 3)

REMINDER

1. State has released the 2017/2018 schedule of the travelling icon for the **Family Hour of Prayer**. This year the icon will again be that of the **Holy**

Family and will be at St.Peter's Church on **Dec. 29, 2017—Jan. 9, 2018.** The specific time of the 'Hour of Prayer' has yet to be set. Further details will be announced as soon as they become available!

2. Please pray for all who are sick especially: Bros. Rich Pistone, Peter Gibb, Dwain Ingram, Ben Denommé, Pat O'Keefe, George Ives, Ted Kelly, James Wolfgang, and Penny, wife of Bro.. Philip Fratpietro. Also, keep in your prayers all who have passed away, especially our brother Knights, Rene Marchand, Angelo Petraroia and Curly Greene.

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students at Our Lady of the Visitation School in San Francisco received new coats. California Knights of Columbus and representatives from the Supreme Council headquarters joined Football Hall of Famers Anthony Muñoz (Cincinnati Bengals) and Dave Casper (Oakland Raiders), Raiders Head Coach Jack Del Rio and his wife Linda, and several current

NFL plavers and coaches to distribute the coats to the students at the Catholic grammar school... These are iust some of thouthe sands of acthat tivities the Knights of Columbus members regularly conduct in



their communities to help those in need..."

We are proud to add our council to that list! Through a very generous anonymous donation to our Council, we were able to purchase 12 boys and 12 girls coats for both **Bayview** and **Park Avenue** schools. In the picture on the left, our Worthy G.K. **Greg Large** presents the coats to **Kevin Brand**, principal, & **Michelle Swecera**, Community School Coordinator, of **Bayview School**; and in the picture above, to **R. Dhillon**, principal of **Park Avenue School**.

News bytes.....

- As in past years, our council and the **C.W.L.** will hold our joint **Annual Christmas Party** on **Saturday Dec. 9, 2017** in St. Peter's Church hall. The event will begin with a happy-hour at about 6:00 p.m., followed by a pot-luck supper, a sing-song, and some games. All members and their spouses are cordially invited and urged to attend.
- The annual Christmas dinner for 4th Degree Members & spouses will be on Saturday, Dec, 16, 2017 at 7:00 pm at Trinity Centre. Contact F.N. Al Schickerowsky (250-753-7813—<u>schickerowskyj@shaw.ca</u>) for any questions and more information, or see our online calendar at <u>https://www.kofc3842.com/activities</u> Tentatively, tickets will be \$25 per person, all taxes and gratuities included, to be paid in cash or by cheque at the banquet or, preferably, in advance. Your attendance must be confirmed to Bro. Al no later than Friday, Dec. 8, 2017.