

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

Leo Poirier
Michael Bechtel

Michael Goglin

Ivan Plavetic
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.

Children Development Centre Fundraiser

On Sunday, Dec. 1, 2013, seven Brothers of our council helped **Country Club Mall** with its annual fundraiser for the **Nanaimo Children Development Centre**. Bros. (l to r) **Angelo Petraroia, Zeno Jeon, Chris Dafoe, Jim Cassino, Jimmy Sirsois, Claude Francoeur,** and **Dan DePape** (not in picture), were serving pancakes along with bacon, lots of syrup, juices, and fruits. They were busy non-stop for over two hours, serving well over 500 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

No nativity this Christmas in Ottawa: the Senate has ruled that there cannot be a Nativity Scene in Canada's Capital this Christmas season. This isn't for any religious reason. It simply has not been able to find Three Wise Men in the Nation's Capital. There was no problem, however, finding enough asses to fill the stable.



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Executive meetings:

Last Thursday of the month (Aug.-May) 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:

Every 3rd Sunday (Sept.-April) and on Mothers & Fathers Day (May-June) after both Masses in St.Peter's Parish hall

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Merry & blessed Christmas!!



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From the desk of our Chaplain

December is upon us and the season of Christmas is coming soon. All of us feel excited about this special time of year. For some of us it will be a wonderful time of getting together with members of our families who are separated by studies, work or just living in a distant place. For some of us it will be our first Christmas without those we have lost and who have died. But the joy of our Incarnated God comes to all of us, no matter where we are or how we are doing.

It was nine months between the time Mary received the message from the Archangel Gabriel that she was going to be the Mother of the Most High, and her time of childbirth. That's obvious, but does this fact change our reality? I would say that it is the same with everything that is obvious – we don't spend much time reflecting upon it!

I would like to invite you to take some time during this Advent season to reflect upon the subject of "expectation" or "waiting" in relation to Christmas. Try to be like Mary, who was carrying Christ in her womb and pondering "who will this Child be?" We wish to be like Mary, but probably all of us are more like St. Joseph, who didn't understand what was happening, but with faith was trying to trust and be guided by God.

May this time of 'joyful waiting' for Christ bring us hope, and may we allow God to surprise us one more time with the timeless truth that Christ is living among us.

A very merry and blessed Christmas to you and all your loved ones.

Fr. Peter Lapinski, SDS

Thank you, Knights!

Please extend our sincere thanks to Council 3842 for your very generous donation of \$500 to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. It will help many poor and needy families in Nanaimo enjoy a much happier Christmas. God bless you and the work that you do.

Patrick Maguire, President, SVDP Society

REMINDER

1.State has releases the 2013/2014 schedule of the travelling icon for the **Family Hour of Prayer**.

This year the icon will be **Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception**, and will be in our parish from Jan.1-7, 2014. Details will be announced as soon as they are available.

2.In preparation for Christmas, a **penitential rite** has been scheduled at St. Peter's Church on Thursday, December 19, at 7pm.

3.**Membership fees for 2014** are now due and payable. Payments may be made at the 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**. Dues for regular members are **\$30** and for Honorary members only **\$8.50**.

4. Remember in your prayers all those who are sick: Bros. **Gerard Le-Chasseur; Vince Cooke; Ted Kelly; Parker Okano; Warren Randle;** and **Maria**, wife of Bro. **Alex Kotai**; as well as all our Brother Knights who have died.

1st Degree Exemplification

On Wednesday, November 6, 2013, at 7:30 pm in St.Peter's Church hall, we conducted another First Degree exemplification for our district. We had three candidates taking their 1st Degree, namely, Bros. **Robert Nielsen**, and **Duncan Ker** (left and right in picture) for our Council, and **Richard Zoet** (centre) for Council #3435, Port Alberni. We wish to thank the members of the First Degree Team for putting on the Degree with such great dignity and inspiration, and especially our Worthy P.D.D., Bro. **Bob Powell** for stepping in and serving as our Grand Knight, as well as our Worthy Field Agent, **Marcel Casavant** for his presence and support. We are now happy to welcome our new Brothers to our ranks and wish them many years of happy and fruitful service to and for their councils.



Christmas Party at Park Avenue School

On Saturday, November 30, 2013, seven of our brother Knights participated in the **Park Avenue School** Christmas party. For about 2 hours, Bros. **Claude Francoeur, Jim Cassino, Tony Bucar, Leo Poirier, Brian King, Rick Jones,** and **Angelo Petraroia** worked to provide a pancake breakfast for the children, their parents and the teachers of the school. The hot, delicious pancakes and sausages were thoroughly enjoyed by all as was evident by the many happy and smiling faces. Even Santa Clause was there and joined in the festivities! We were very pleased to have been able to provide well over 300 servings and to make the Christmas party just a little bit special. Well done brothers, thank you!

News bytes.....

- Our congratulations go out to Bro. **Jimmy Sirois** and his wife, **Kim**, on the birth of their daughter, **Peyton**, on Oct. 31. What a fantastic and beautiful 'treat'! Mom and baby are doing well. Congratulations!
- As in past years, our council and the **C.W.L.** will hold our joint **Annual Christmas Party** on **Saturday Dec. 7, 2013** in St.Peter's Church hall. The event will begin with a happy-hour at about 6:00 p.m., and followed by a pot-luck supper, some entertainment, a sing-along, games—and a lot of fun! All members and their spouses are cordially invited to attend.
- The **Saint Vincent DePaul Society** is asking us once again to assist it with its Christmas hamper deliveries. The schedule is as follows: 1) Friday, Dec. 20—contact Bro. **Claude Francoeur** to help setup tables in the church hall; 2) Dec. 20—packing the boxes, starting 5 pm; and 3) Saturday, Dec. 21—delivery starting at 9:00 am. Please come out and help for an hour or two especially on Saturday. Thank you.