

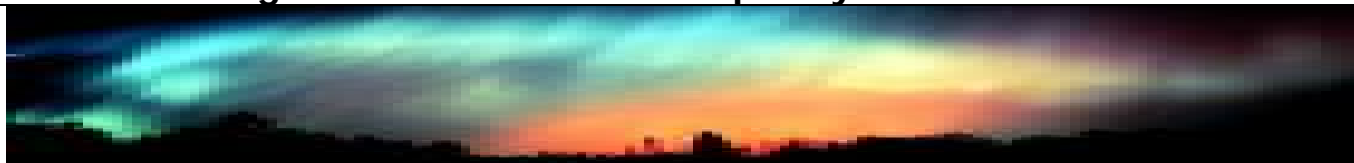


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### Word from the Editor

The light of Christ has come into the world to illuminate all corners of our darkness, that of the world, that of our humanity, and more intimately, our own. This is the light, advent had called us to wait for, silently, a light already here and yet, still to come. It is this light that transforms us.

Now is the time to rejoice!

Going through the various parts of the newsletter, it seems our nourishment does not only come from the food we share (we do a lot of that!), but also the fellowship we develop around the table, whether it would be our communion, the community Christmas dinner, or our Parish breakfast.

May this year begin anew for all of us, filled with a deep sense of hope for what is to come, hope that only Christ can offer.

Vivat Jesus!  
Christophe

### Please keep in your prayers :

- *Grand Knight Doug Hill, and his family, as they grieve the passing of Doug's father.*
- *Brother Kevin Thornton and his family, as they grieve the passing of Kevin's father.*
- *Brother Normand Lacoursière and his family*
- *Brother Jim Upton as he continues to convalesce from his surgery.*

### General Meetings

January 19, 8:00 pm, St Paul's.  
February 16, 8:00 pm, St Paul's

### Community Christmas Day Dinner : Amazing Success !

About 400 people attended the Community Christmas Day Dinner (CCDD). The event brought together volunteers and guests from all walks of life for a great experience in fellowship. Often, volunteers who came to help leave the event feeling they had received more than they had given. The CCDD is like faith and chocolate ice-cream : until you have tasted it, you don't really know how good it is!

Next Christmas bring your family to volunteer and have dinner with us!

Also a number of back-packs, filled with clothes to keep warm were distributed to people who needed them.



Time to eat...!



### Community Christmas Day



Time to prepare...



Time to give thanks...



Time to serve...

### Useful Links !

Have you heard of the Fathers For Good website? <http://www.fathersforgood.org/>

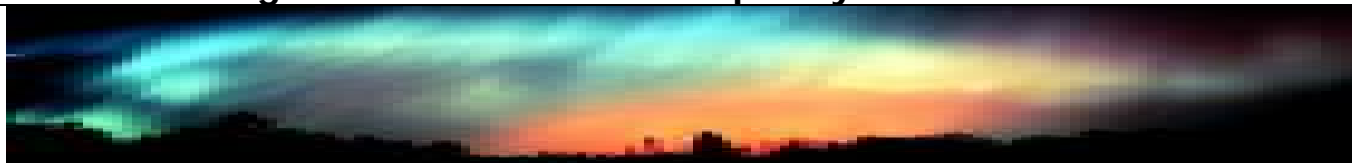


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**Looking for directions?.... Come discover the beauty, experience fellowship !**



### 3rd Annual Fort Chipewyan Winter Road

The trip is scheduled for February 27th. It could be a great experience for the children and family too! A truck is not a must on this road, as typically it's in pretty good condition with cars not having a problem. There will be a convoy of vehicles, so if someone did get stuck it's no big deal.

The last two years, the road was as good as, or better than Highway 63. Father Paul will be in the community that day, and he looks forward to doing activities with the Knights and family members at that time. If you have an interest in joining in, please drop brother Mike a line ([dalmik@shaw.ca](mailto:dalmik@shaw.ca)) so we can start getting an idea of how many are going, and what vehicles are going.

### Coming up :

#### Parish Valentines Dinner, Dance & Silent Auction

Brother Knights and their families are encouraged to support the Parish Valentines Dinner / Dance and Silent Auction. This event is a much needed fundraiser and community building event. Last year's was such a great time! Come, enjoy the food and the company ! This is a fun way to support our Parish!

Tickets on sale after weekend Masses!

#### First Degree Ceremony

There will be a First Degree ceremony on March 2, 2010. Please confirm your availability ASAP with Degree Team Captain Brother Lloyd Goethals [dragonwyck@telus.net](mailto:dragonwyck@telus.net).

### Editor 's corner....

#### Questions? Suggestions ?

Please e-mail Christophe with your questions, suggestions or comments at : [christophe\\_durieu@hotmail.com](mailto:christophe_durieu@hotmail.com).

**I need your help** to call brother knights for whom we don't have an e-mail address, to ask them to supply one, so that our communications may reach them. The requirement is light : only 5 knights to call. I need 18 volunteers to help get the job done. Please drop me a line at the above e-mail address to volunteer.

**Thank you.**

#### Introducing fellow Knights :

I'd like to introduce some of the more prominent knights on a regular basis. This month is **Deacon Raymond!**

**Please turn over !**

### How about fixing breakfast for the family on Saint Valentines' day?

The **Parish Breakfast** will be held again, Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at St. John's Hall. Come with your family to and share in great food and fellowship! Free, no cooking except for the volunteers, and no dishes!

Volunteers for breakfast needed at St. Johns Hall Sunday morning as well, for 0900. It's okay to come later and it's most definitely okay to bring family members.

So many youth are looking for an opportunity to get involved and make a difference! Bring them along!

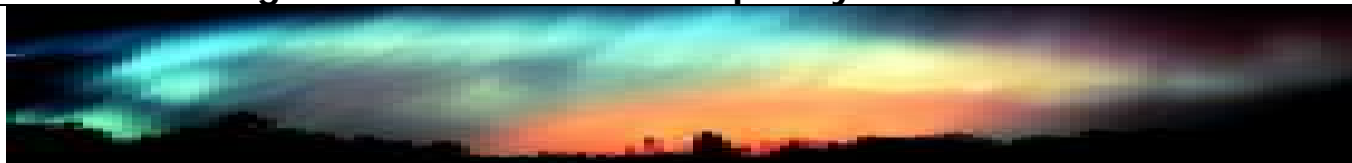


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### Meet Deacon Raymond, Philomena and their family

Dear Brother Knights and families,

I went to the K of C brotherhood Christmas Dinner in December and came home with a surprised recognition which I did not expect – Family of the month, November 2009.

Beginning of January, Christophe asked me whether I can write something for the January newsletter on my family. I told him I was busy and may not have time. He said he will wait.

Being part of the sandwich family with family members scatter all

over the map, Philomena and I try to visit, at least once a year, my aging parents in Toronto, her mom with mild Alzheimer disease in Hong Kong, our son and his family with young kids in Dallas. At the same time, we also try to help our daughter out with her two young children in Fort McMurray.



Philomena went back to Hong Kong to take care of her mom for ten weeks last October. Now we are in Dallas, helping our son and daughter-in-law with our fifth grandchild, Chloe, born January 9. Before we left for Dallas, our daughter asked whether we could baby sit her two children so she can take a short break to Mexico immediately after we return home early February. As grandparents, “no” is not in our vocabulary. So ....

Philomena and I sometimes wondered if being retired should be more relaxing without any stress. Instead, we find ourselves busier than working full time, not to mention the pastoral work as a deacon. Have we “gone out of our mind?”

In today's gospel reading, St Mark told us about the work of Jesus and his disciples (January 23, Mark 3:20-21):

*Jesus and the disciples went home; and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.”*

The family of the month recognition from the Knights helps me step back and think about the meaning of family. Maybe all the travelling and caring for the family members young and old are God's way to unite our family together. Today's gospel reading also reminds me to spend time with my wife of 37 years

before I “have gone out of my mind.”

God bless to you and your families,

Raymond

