

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

Francois X. Jacob
Leopold J. Poirier
Norbert M. LaBonte

Jasper Sharanowski
George J. Bailey
Xavier A. Venentius

Kristian D. Dagsaan
Norman J. Carriere
Larry Lorenzo



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.

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3). On Nov. 13th, we started our "Substance Abuse Awareness Contest" in our local schools. Calling 29 schools, we succeeded in setting up appointments to visit 13 school principals. Bros. **Vince Cooke** and **Bill Smith** made all the contacts. They were made to feel very welcome by all the principals and the KofC were congratulated for such a timely and very important initiative. All schools agreed the contest should be completed and judged before the Christmas vacation. We promised to donate to each school an appropriate banner, with our logo and name, and a place for the school's name. Thanks to the hard and creative work of **Bill Smith Jr.**, son of Bro. **Bill Smith**, we were able to present these banners to all the schools on Nov. 25th and thereby successfully launch this project.

We now wait for the schools to encourage their students to participate in the contest. Our best estimate at this time is that approximately 1600 students might participate. We are very happy to be involved in creating awareness among our young people of this very serious problem.

On the Lighter Side

Teacher Ms. Jones was very curious about how each of her students celebrated Christmas. She called on young Patrick Murphy. "Tell me Patrick what do you do at Christmas time?" she asked. Patrick addressed the class, "Well, me and my twelve brothers and sisters go to the midnight Mass and we sing hymns, then we go home and we put mince pies by the back door and hang up our stockings. Then all excited we go to bed and wait for Father Christmas to come with all our toys." "Very nice Patrick," she said.

"Now Jimmy Brown what do you do at Christmas?" "Well, me and my sister also go to church with Mum and Dad and we sing carols and get home very late. We put cookies and milk by the chimney and hang up our stockings. We hardly sleep, waiting for Santa to bring our presents" Jimmy replied. "That's also very nice Jimmy," she said.

Realizing there was a Jewish boy in the class and not wanting to leave him out, she asked Isaac Cohen the same question. Isaac said, "Well we also sing carols!" Surprised, Mrs. Jones questioned further. "Tell us what you sing." "Well, it's the same thing every year. Dad comes home from the office. We all pile into the Rolls Royce, then we drive to his toy factory. When we get inside, we look at all the empty shelves and begin to sing, 'What a friend we have in Jesus.' Then we all go to the Bahamas."



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Executive meetings:

Last Thursday of the month (Aug.-May) at Columbian Centre at 7:30 pm

Regular meetings:

1st Wednesday of the month in St.Peter's Parish hall at 7:30 pm

Pancake breakfast:

Every 3rd Sunday after both Masses

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A Merry and Blessed Christmas!



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Grand Knight's Report

Dear Brothers,

As we look back on the month of November, I am pleased to tell you that we have had great success in launching our Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest throughout several elementary schools in the Nanaimo area. Please, see #3 of "Our Council in Action" on p.4 of this bulletin for details on this, another one of our very worthwhile projects.

As you read this message we have already started to celebrate the holy season of Advent. As our Supreme Knight suggests, the message of peace is not only for the world around us, but for each of us individually. We are called by God to bring peace into our hearts and into our families. Ironically, this can be most difficult during the Christmas season, when shopping, rushing and the glare of lights can keep us from enjoying the true meaning of the season. The Holy Father said in his Christmas message, "May the birth of the Prince remind the world where its true happiness lies." We as Knights can witness to the true meaning of Christmas in many ways; we witness through our "Keep Christ in Christmas" display in front of our Church, in helping to pack and distribute Christmas hampers for our St. Vincent de Paul Society, to mention just two.

Over the past year, with your support and dedication, we have improved our Council in many ways, and I look forward to the new year with hope and resolve, that together we can make a difference -- again -- one Knight at a time, for the good of the Order, our Church, and our community.

On behalf of my wife Gerrie and myself, I wish all of you and your families a holy and blessed Christmas, and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Vince Cooke, Grand Knight.

Charity Appeal report

Our Charity Appeal ticket sales are in full swing. Currently we have 1125 books out and 459 sold books have been returned. **We still need some more volunteers for the Harbour Mall location!** Please note that Bro. **Dan DePape** will take over Bro. **Curley Greene's** management responsibilities for the month of December. Please, call Bro. **Dan** (740-2521) or **Jim Mudge** (754-4110) if you can help or have any questions. Thank you.

REMINDER

- 1.) Fourth Degree Annual Christmas banquet will be held on Dec. 14, 2003, 6:30 pm at the ABC Country Restaurant at Woodgrove Centre.
- 2) Our annual Christmas party with the **CWL** will be on Dec. 20, starting after 5:00 o'clock Mass with a pot luck supper. Ask our G.K. for details.
- 3) A Major Degree Exemplification is planned for Nanaimo on Jan. 17, 2004. Ask our G.K. for details—we will need lots of help!
- 4) Please remember the Knights of Columbus (B.C.) Charity Foundation's continued efforts to raise awareness & funds. For any questions or info., contact Bro. **Marcel Fillion** at: mhfillion@telus.net or see our website at <http://members.shaw.ca/kc3842/information.htm>
- 5) A reminder that membership dues for 2004 are now due. Payments may be made at the meeting or by mail to the F.S. Bro. **Parker Okano**.

Our Council in Action

1) Our Council provides countless examples of strong commitments to our Church, our Community, and those less fortunate. We would like to bring some examples of this commitment to your attention. The following presentations were made during the past few months by our Council Church:

- presented to **Fr. Darek** — \$500.00 for the Church Roof Fund; \$300.00 for computer software and filing cabinet for the 8:30 am Mass; \$210.00 for equipment for the Youth Group.
- \$500.00 — to **St. Michael's Ukrainian** Church to help defray cost of repainting the icons of the church.

WE DID IT !

Community:

- \$500.00 — to **Birthright** to help young unwed mothers.
- \$1000.00 — to the **ND Hospital Foundation** for new equipment.
- \$1000.00 — to the **Heart & Stroke Foundation** of Nanaimo.

Poor:

- \$500.00 — to the **St. Vincent de Paul** Society for the poor.
- \$500 — to the **7 to 10 Club**, a volunteer service society feeding the poor of the Nanaimo area 5 days a week.
- \$1000.00 — to **Loaves & Fishes** to help feed the poor

(See pictures of the above presentations on our website on the "News" page at: <http://members.shaw.ca/kc3842/news.htm>)

2) The principal of Bayview Elementary School inquired if the service clubs in Nanaimo ever helped any of the local schools with feeding the poor children of the neighbourhood. At her invitation, Bros. **Claude Francoeur** and **Vince Cooke** met with her and discussed at length the great need of the children in the school. After visiting the school's excellent kitchen facilities, we offered to put on a pancake breakfast for the children. The school has chosen Dec. 16th, from 8 to 9 a.m. as our pancake breakfast day. There will be approx. 200 children attending. Santa will be on hand and Christmas carols will be sung by the children and staff. The principal and teachers at the school are absolutely thrilled with what we are doing for them. This is another instance where we, the Knights, are showing our concern for the less fortunate not just by our words, but by our actions!

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News bytes.....

- The **CWL** bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 29 was a great success. The ladies extend their thanks to all brother Knights who helped.
- Our Worthy D.D. **Bob Powell**, has send us a Christmas message and greetings; a link to the compete text can be found on our website's home page at: <http://members.shaw.ca/kc3842>
- We ask your prayers for the sick, especially **Faye Ives**, wife of Bro. **George Ives**, Bros. **Joe Bailey** and **Norman Carriere**.