

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

Francois Jacob
Jasper Sharanowski
Joe Bailey

Leo Poirier
Xavier Venentius
Norbert LaBonte

Norman Carriere
Larry Lorenzo
Kristian Dagsaan



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.

First Degree Exemplification

On Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2004, at 7:00 pm at St.Peter's Church hall, Nanaimo, we conducted another **First Degree exemplification** for our district. We are very pleased to have had ten candidates taking their 1st Degree. The following seven members had signed up at our Open House and were now initiated for our own council: Bros. **Chris Bragg, Tim Bilyk, Rick Jones, George Martin, Joe Milne, Lee Robinson, and Mike Walker**. Three others were initiated for the following councils: Bro. **Howard Clark** and **Darryl Bajaro** for Duncan Council #4253; and Bro. **Angelo Baptista** for Fr. Bill Mudge Council #8874, Shawnigan Lake/Mill Bay. We wish to thank all the members of the First Degree Team for putting on the Degree with great dignity and respect and all the members who attended in support of our new candidates. We are happy to welcome the new Brothers to our ranks and wish them many years of happy and fruitful service to and for their respective councils. In addition to the newly initiated members we would also like to welcome three new members who have recently transferred into our council: Bros. **Tirsol (Tino) Morales, John A. Conway, and Brian Heffernan**. Welcome Brothers!

Annual Christmas Party

Our council and the C.W.L.. will hold their joint annual Christmas Party on Saturday Dec. 11 in St.Peter's Church hall. The event will begin with Mass at 5:00 pm, then followed in the hall by a happy-hour, 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.

On the Lighter Side

A wife invited some people to Christmas dinner. At the table, she turned to their six-year-old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?" "I wouldn't know what to say" the girl replied. "Just say what you hear Mommy say", the wife answered. The daughter bowed her head and said, "Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"



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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

Officers for 2004/2005

Grand Knight	Vince Cooke	756-9473
Past Grand Knight	Jim Mudge	754-4110
Chaplain	Fr. Darek Zarebski	753-3570
Deputy Grand Knight	Brian King	751-7851
Chancellor	Bill Smith	756-6141
Recorder	David Haworth	741-8253
Financial Secretary	Parker Okano	753-5115
Treasurer	Jake Gillespie	754-5091
Lecturer	Claude Francoeur	754-2425
Advocate	Daniel DePape	740-2521
Warden	Eugene Greene	390-2562
Inside Guard	Jack Kelly	753-2658
Outside Guard	Mike Loos	716-5893
Trustee 3rd Year	Leo Poirier	390-3272
Trustee 2nd Year	Jim Mudge	754-4110
Trustee 1st Year	Rene Marchand	753-1657

Merry & blessed Christmas!!



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Grand Knight's Report

Dear fellow Knights,

One of the major tasks facing our Council in November was the planning and implementation of a Membership Drive in the parish. The membership quota allocation for our Council for 2004-05 is 5 Associate members, and 3 Insurance members. After much planning, it was agreed that our campaign plan would be launched with an appeal by the Grand Knight at both Masses on Sunday, Nov 7, inviting the men of the parish to accept an invitation card to come to an "Open House" in the parish hall on Sunday Nov. 21. Thanks to the help of Bros. **Brian King, Dan De Pape, Joe Walker** and **Michael Loos** who distributed invitations at both masses on Sunday Nov 7 and 14, ten prospective members accepted our invitation. In addition, we also had a transfer candidate from Prince Rupert, who was not able to attend the Open House. This brought our total to 11 new members. Consequently, we held a very successful Open House on Nov. 21, with approximately 18 of our regular members and all prospective members being present. All prospective members signed the application for membership forms. We celebrated a wonderful evening in a well decorated hall, with a beautiful display of our major trophies, and in the company of great new friends. One of our guest speakers was our D.D. Bro. **Bob Powell** who explained what it meant to him to be a Knight. The other speaker was Bro. **Claude Francoeur**, who explained how our financial resources are generated and used. A special 'thank you' goes out to Father **Oscar** who opened and closed the proceedings with some very inspiring words. In addition, we were all treated to some delicious refreshments, prepared by my wife **Gerrie, Dolores Francoeur** and the ladies of the **C.W.L.** In conclusion, I believe that our success was mainly due to a well organized plan, extensive advertising, staying with the plan, and most importantly, keeping in touch with our prospective candidates. To all the members who helped in any way, to **Gerrie, Dolores**, the other ladies of the **C.W.L.** and our new candidates, our heartfelt 'thank you'.

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

Thank you and God bless.

Vince Cooke, Grand Knight.

REMINDER

1) Our **Family Hour of Prayer** will be held at St. Peter's Church on Dec. 8, at 7:00 p.m. Please come and join us for an hour of prayers.

2) The annual Christmas dinner for **4th Degree Members** & spouses will be held on Dec. 5, 2004, at the Dorchester Hotel. Tickets will be \$20.00 per person. Please contact S.K. **Rene Marchand** for full details.

3) Please contact Br. **Hans Fadum** at kc3842@shaw.ca if you have an email address & wish to, but presently don't, receive this bulletin via email

4) Please remember the Knights of Columbus (B.C.) Charity Foundation's (Corpus Fund) continued efforts to raise awareness & funds. For any questions or info., contact Bro. **Marcel Fillion** at: mpfillion@shaw.ca or see our website at <http://members.shaw.ca/kc3842/information.htm>

District Deputy's Report

My Brother Knights,

Advent season is upon us, the decorations have already started to appear in the malls and stores in the area. For us Catholics it is the season of anticipation and renewal. With all the distractions of the merchandising and gift buying, the lights and decorations, it is easy to lose sight of the real meaning of Christmas. That God sent his son to overcome death for our salvation has been missed by those who only see the gain and profits of the season. But the Child born in Bethlehem over 2000 years ago is still the main focus of the season for us as Knights and Catholics. May the joy of Christmas for you and your families be blessed and holy.

I just received the good news that the Major Degrees to be held in Duncan on November 27, 2004 is a go. I hope that as many of you as possible will come and support the candidates. Thanks to Grand Knights **Frank Enns** of Council 4253 and Grand Knight **Pierre Bertrand** of Council 8874 and the members of their Councils for all the hard work in putting on this exemplification. I would also like to thank all the Grand Knights from the three districts here on the island for the timely way which they passed on the information on their candidates.

Don't forget the First Degree that is going to be held on Wednesday December 1, 2004. If you have any candidates for a first degree get in touch with me for more information. Remember the B.C. Yukon Knights of Columbus is closing in on the elusive 10,000 member goal. Don't forget to offer membership to all eligible Catholic gentlemen, often all it takes is an invitation to join.

Aline and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very holy and blessed Christmas, and a happy and prosperous New Year. Happy Christmas and God bless you all.

Vivat Jesus, Fraternally in Christ,

Bob Powell, D.D. #21

News bytes.....

- Congratulations to Bros. **James Wolfgang** and **Bill Smith, Jr.** on taking their 2nd & 3rd Degrees on Nov. 27 in Duncan.
- St. Peter's **CWL** is pleased to report that its annual Parish Bazaar on Saturday Nov. 27 was a great success. The ladies extend a big "thank you" to all brother Knights who came out to help in any way.
- We will be serving a pancake breakfast to another needy school in our community. On Dec. 8, 2004, a breakfast is planned at **Georgia Avenue Elementary School** for some 400 students, parents and teachers. We are told that even Santa might join us! If you are willing to help, please call Bro. **Claude Francoeur** (754-2425).
- Our **Charity Appeal Drive** is well under way. We have a total of over 900 books to sell. Of these, about half are currently out, and to date, we have sold approximately 300. Even though sales are a bit slow, we still hope to meet our targets. **We can still use a few more volunteers!** Please, call Bro. **Curly Greene** (390-2562) if you can help.