

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

Aurele LaRochele
Ed Stumborg
Angelo Petrarola
Louis Duhamel

Bill Smith
Duc Pham
James Court

Rev. J. Sheppard
Jack Kelly
Gerard LeChasseur
Ferdinand Gonzales

Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity

On January 14, 2005, the **Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities** was submitted to the State and District deputies. This report consists of a list of all the activities our Council was involved in, the number of hours volunteered throughout the past year, total council activity expenses, and total charitable (church, community/need, youth) disbursements.

Here is a brief summary of those disbursements: a) Church: \$2,691; b) community/need: \$10,072; c) youth: \$7,200; for a total charitable disbursement of \$19,963. In addition, we also spent a total of \$8,844 on council activities. The number of hours dedicated to volunteer and fraternal service increased by 12% over 2003, recording 200 hours of fraternal activities, and an estimated 6577 hours of volunteer charitable service.

Congratulations to all the brothers who participated throughout the past year in any and all our activities. Yours is an example of what the Knights are all about; a living proof that by volunteering we can make a difference both in the parish and the larger community. To all the Knights who volunteered, a sincere thank you; to our Worthy Financial Secretary Bro. **Parker Okano** for supplying all the financial information, and to our Worthy Deputy G.K., Bro. **Brian King** for collecting the volunteer statistics – thank you; your work is greatly appreciated.

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2) Drug Abuse Poster Program. In Dec. our first school, Mount Benson Elem., completed its posters. Our G.K. & Chancellor were invited to meet the class and present each student the Certificates of Participation, as well as the special certificates to the final winners. The remaining schools are scheduled to be complete in the next few weeks.

3) Effective January 2005, we are supporting a breakfast program for needy students in Park Avenue Elementary School, to a maximum of \$200 per month. This is in addition to our ongoing monthly support to Bayview Elementary School.

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

On the Lighter Side

There is the story of a pastor who got up one Sunday and announced to his congregation: "I have some good news and some bad news. The good news is, we have enough money to pay for our new building program. The bad news is, it's still out there in your pockets."



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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, Sr.	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

People want the front of the bus, the back of the church, and the center of attention.



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Grand Knight's Report

Dear fellow Knights,

Having welcomed 2005, we must now put our strength and our will behind our efforts to keep our Knights of Columbus New Year's resolutions. In our own council, I am certain that our goals are to make this calendar year, and the remaining six months of the 2004-05 fraternal year, the best it can be. We are already on track in welcoming new members to our ranks with our recent successful first degree exemplification. As the year continues, we will continue with the many good works and activities that we started last year, and indeed, will no doubt even start up a few new ones. Some of those great activities are outlined in our Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity. Please, take a look at the summary of that report on page 4 of this bulletin. I sincerely hope that all the good work of the past year will indeed inspire us to work even harder in the future.

There are two more items I would like to draw your attention to: 1) We are asked by our **Holy Father** to help make 2005 the Year of the Eucharist. As I already outlined in last October's bulletin, the Holy Father has urged us as Knights to celebrate this year with increased Mass attendance, and to participate in more programs such as Holy Hours and Perpetual Adoration. Let this be just a gentle reminder, not to let the year go by without some action on our part in this area.

2) There is an important area which I believe does not get the recognition it deserves, namely, our KofC website. I firmly believe that we should take more advantage of this very important instrument to help us advertise who we are and what we do in the greater Nanaimo community. Over the last years we have raised our community profile considerably, and our website should become an instrument to foster that profile. Please, submit news and activity items, such as the "Knights in Action" activities, to our webmaster for inclusion in our bulletin and website. Send all items to the Webmaster, at: kc3842@shaw.ca. I look forward to your support and the continued support of our webmaster, Br. **Hans Fadum** to whom we extend a sincere thank you. God bless.

Vince Cooke, Grand Knight.

REMINDER

1) Our Alcohol & Drug Abuse Awareness Poster Contest is progressing on schedule. See the section "Knights in Action" in this bulletin for the first school to have completed the contest; then, watch for future issues of this bulletin and our website for this program's progress.

2) Trinity Council #9990 will be holding its annual **Mardi Gras** on Saturday, Feb. 5, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. at Trinity Centre. All Brothers are invited to join in the fun. For tickets, call **Al Schickerowsky** at 753-7813

2) 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

3) 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>

Charity Appeal Drive

Our Charity Appeal ticket sale has now been completed! We were able to sell **929** out of a total allotment of **986** books this year! What an incredible effort by our council! Even though last year we sold 1600 books at \$1 each ticket, for a total earning of \$1600 to our council, this year, at \$2 each ticket, we were able to earn **\$1858**, an actual increase of \$258.

WE DID IT!

It was a long, hard sell! Tickets sold very slowly; partly due to the economic times and possibly due to the ticket price increase. However, we were very fortunate to have had the use of, and a great location within, the busiest mall in our city. For the last three months twenty-six members of our Council spent countless hours selling tickets in our two locations, from early in the morning until late at night, seven days a week! Our two top sellers this year were **Curly Greene**, 127 books, and **Dan DePape**, 115 books. What a fantastic accomplishment, especially considering that most of those tickets were sold in our 'slow' mall! Our most hearty 'thank you' to you and all the Brothers who stepped forward, volunteered and gave so generously of their time. Above all else, we especially acknowledge and thank Bro. **Curly Greene** for so efficiently organizing and managing the whole project; for getting the Brothers out to sell when discouragement set in; and, for putting in more hours, by far, than any one else. Thank you!

Finally, we gratefully acknowledge and thank the management of **Port Place** and **Country Club** malls for providing us with space in their malls. Further more, we also extend our appreciation to **Tom Harris Chevrolet** and **Nanaimo Chrysler** for making their vehicles available to us. Without their generous support we could never have accomplished what we did! Thank you one and all!

Knights 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:

- \$500 — **St.Peter's Youth Group**

Community:

- \$300 — **Canadian Cancer Society.**
- \$300 — **Arts Alive School of Art**
- \$300 — **Nanaimo Marine Rescue Society**
- \$500 — **Birthright** to help young unwed mothers.
- \$500 — **Bethlehem Retreat Centre**
- \$500 — **St. John Ambulance** - for it's building fund
- \$1000 — **Nanaimo District Hospital Foundation**

Poor:

- \$500 — **Loaves and Fishes** to help feed the hungry.
- \$500 — **7 to 10 Club**, also to help feed the hungry.

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