

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

Yvan Gosslin
Rick Saby
David Johner
Stan Michniak

Brian King
George Ives
Luu Vu
George Martin

Pat O'Keefe
Ernani Serrano
Joe Dumas
Hugh Bathgate

Christmas Party

Our council and the C.W.L. held their joint **Christmas Party** on Saturday Dec.11 at Peter's Church hall. Approximately 70 people attended, and by all the happy faces, everybody had a wonderful time. The pot-luck dinner was fabulous! We were entertained by the 'great and famous' C.W.L. choir, as well as the 'Knight Boys' chorus who both sang two most enjoyable Christmas jingles! Our thanks goes to **Dodie Gogo** for directing both choirs and to Bro. **Doret Landry** for 'tickling the ivory', as only he can, and leading us in a spirited Christmas sing-along. In addition, another special 'thank you' goes out to Bro. **Donn Sherry** for organizing and arranging the casino events; they were a great hit with every one that participated. Our congratulations to all the winners. Finally, thanks to Bro. **Claude Francoeur** for running the bar; to the ladies of the C.W.L for all the good food; all brother Knights who helped with set up and clean up; and above all, to all the Knights and ladies of the C.W.L. who came out! Thank you to one and all!

2004 Council Highlights

Here are some of the outstanding council events of the past year:

1. **50th Anniversary.** On May 15-16, our council celebrated its half century of service to Church and community. Over 210 Knights, their spouses and friends came together to commemorate the occasion with a Mass, a banquet, and an evening of fun. The highlight of the weekend was the awarding of the "Knight of our First Half Century" award to Br. **Claude Francoeur** for his 35 years of continued service to our council.
2. **Membership Drive and Open House.** During November we again sponsored a membership drive. It was followed by a very successful Open House on Nov. 21, at which approximately 18 of our regular members, their spouses and all ten prospective members were present. We celebrated a wonderful evening in the company of great new friends.
3. **First Degree Exemplifications.** During the year we hosted 4 First Degree Exemplifications. We initiated 20 new members, 9 for our own council, including 7 members that had signed up at the Open House.

On the Lighter Side

After the christening of his baby brother in church, Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied, "That preacher said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, and I wanted to stay with you guys."



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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

A happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!

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Grand Knight's Report

Dear fellow Knights,

At this time of the year it is customary to reflect on the accomplishments of our Council over the past year. Sadly, it will take a great deal of soul-searching to examine what has happened globally and force one's head to nod with anything but real horror. I am of course referring to the terrible loss of life caused by the earthquake and tsunami in the Indian Ocean on Dec. 26th 2004. The unbelievable damage to properties, and the thousands of people unaccounted for. It is almost impossible to comprehend. We ask ourselves --what can we do, how can we help? I do believe that as Knights of Columbus here in Nanaimo now, we do have choices which will help both the dead and the living. We can remember all those thousands who have died in our prayers especially when we attend Mass and Holy Communion; and we can help those who are alive and who have lost their homes and belongings, in a practical way, by making a personal financial donation to the charity of your choice. I believe that we need to show our solidarity in a practical way to all those poor people who have lost everything. The addresses of the organizations who are collecting donations are listed in the local papers. You may especially consider the Canadian Catholic Organization for **Development and Peace**. See the "News Bytes" section of this bulletin for information on how to make contributions to this organization. Please, be as generous as you can, and remember that all donations made by Jan 11, 2005 will be matched by the Federal Government.

Briefly, 2004 was a good year for our Council. We give thanks to all those Knights who have given generously of their time and talents in support of our Church, our community, our youth and our poor. We finished the year 2004 with a very successful Membership Drive, which added 11 new members to our Order. We extend a sincere welcome to each of our new Brothers and invite them to get involved in some of the many council activities as soon as possible.

Brothers, as we start this New Year, we have many projects to be completed. Please make it your New Year resolution to say "Yes" to volunteering. This is the only way we can hope to fulfill the promises we all made when we became Knights of Columbus.

Wishing you and your loved ones a very Happy New Year. God bless,
Vince Cooke, Grand Knight.

REMINDER

1) Our Alcohol & Drug Abuse Awareness Poster Contest is progressing on schedule. So far we have received great support from schools and principals. We will keep you posted on its progress.

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>

Christmas Hampers Delivered

The **St. Vincent de Paul Society of Nanaimo**, once again held its annual Christmas hamper project last month. Dozen of Knights, and in many cases their families, helped package the hampers, labeled them, setting up deliveries, and then actually made deliveries throughout our community. A big "Thank you" goes out to all our Brothers who came out to help and worked on this project in any way. A very special thanks, however, goes to Bro. **Parker Okano** for being the KofC liaison, for calling and getting our members out, and for organizing the deliveries with such efficiency. Thank you all; a job well done!

WE DID IT !

Pancake Breakfast at Georgia Avenue School

As planned, our first pancake breakfast at Georgia Avenue School was held on Dec. 8, 2004. What a great event it was! Seven Bro. Knights (**Claude Francoeur, Brian King, Joe Walker, Leo Poirier, Vince Cooke, Dan DePape** and **Hans Fadum**) arrived at 6:00 a.m. on a cold, rainy morning to set up and get everything ready. By 8:00 am the first students arrived, and before long the entire hall was filled with excited chattering children. The hot, delicious pancakes and sausages were just the right antidote to the miserable day outside, and helped to transform the inside of the school to a place of laughter, warmth and happiness. We were very pleased to have been able to serve well over 400 children, parents and teachers - the largest number by far for any of our breakfasts. Even Santa came and had breakfast with us! It was an extremely gratifying experience for all the Brothers involved, especially the realization that, even though for only one short Wednesday morning, they had made a real difference in the lives of these children. Well done Brothers and our thanks.

News bytes.....

- Contributions to **Development and Peace** can be made in the following manners:
 1. via the Internet at: www.devp.org
 2. by calling 1-888-664-3387
 3. by mailing a cheque to: Development and Peace, 5633 Sherbrooke St. East, Montreal, Quebec, H1N 1A3
 4. or making a donation directly through your parish.**Note:** in all the above cases, clearly mark your cheque or identify your donation to go to the "**Tidal Wave Disaster**".
- Our Charity Appeal Drive is heading down the final stretch. Thursday, Jan. 6, 2005 will be the cut-off date for selling tickets for the Early Bird draw. Please make sure that all tickets sold up to that date get to Bro. **Curly Greene** no later than that Thursday night. We hope to have approximately 780 books sold by that time. We will continue to sell tickets until Sat. Jan. 29 — or until they're all sold, which ever comes first!!! Thanks to all Brothers for their continued support!