

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

John Little
Patrick Hanney
Rene Marchand

Brian Ferris
Parker Okano
Eddy Brouard

SEPTEMBER
OCTOBER
NOVEMBER
IS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (BC) CHARITY FOUNDATION
MONTH

Yes, that's right, my brother knights. For the second year in a row, the Board of Directors has declared the month of **NOVEMBER** to be ...

" **Knights of Columbus (BC) Charity Foundation Month** "

and it requests all councils in the BC/Yukon jurisdiction to plan and implement a program to raise both funds and awareness among their respective memberships and within their councils.

Our foundation is one of the best-kept secrets that we have – not because it's hidden but because hardly anyone talks about it. Why is that? We have a history to be proud of and we have a future that we **MUST** plan for.

During November, each council is encouraged to make an extra effort to raise both the profile and the 'corpus' of the Foundation with a special fundraising event and to appeal to each member to make a personal, tax-deductible donation. **For far too long, we have been relying on the generosity of a few when WHAT WE NEED IS ... THE SUPPORT OF ALL!**

As individuals and as councils we champion and support a multitude of worthwhile causes. **Why don't we promote and support our own?** If we don't ... if we won't ... then why would anyone else? Let's make a team effort and remember the lesson of our First Degree – 'Charity begins at home and should come from a lean purse as well as a full on.'

Can we rely on you, your members and your council to be part of this team effort? Will you promote the Foundation? Can you find it in your heart and within your means to lead by example? We sincerely hope so because without your help, without your example, it will be a formidable challenge.

Vivat Jesus.

Paul Redchurch, PSD



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Mid Knight News

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Executive meetings:

Last Thursday of the month (Sept.-July) 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 2002/2003

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	Jake Gillespie	753-8980
Financial Secretary	Parker Okano	753-5115
Treasurer	Ted Kelly	758-5095
Lecturer	Claude Francoeur	754-2425
Advocate	Eugene Greene	754-2487
Warden	Joseph Dumas	754-4658
Inside Guard	Gerald LeChasseur	714-1995
Outside Guard	Rick Elliott	714-7132
Trustee 3rd Year	Jim Mudge	754-4110
Trustee 2nd Year	Rene Marchand	753-1657
Trustee 1st Year	Patrick Hanney	758-4795

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Our Email address: kc3842@shaw.ca

Grand Knight's report.

Brothers: I am honoured to be your Grand Knight, and thank you all for your support and encouragement during my initial few months on the job. I am impressed by the dedication and the work ethic that you show toward our various programs. Unfortunately, we have far too few members performing the many programmes to which we are committed. This situation is not acceptable if we want to succeed as a Council. The mandate from Supreme to all councils in 2002/03 is to increase membership. There are two ways to do this: a) find new members; b) initiate programmes to invite back lapsed members. Thanks to your dedication and hard work, Council #3842 has already made an excellent start in this regard.

We started in August by promoting 'Focus on the Family Week' by sponsoring our KofC/Parish family picnic (see some pictures on our website at: <http://members.shaw.ca/kc3842/gallery1.htm>) We advertised, and received good support from our Pastor, Fr. Darek. Then, we formed an Admissions Committee and launched a very successful membership drive in Sept. This yielded 8 new members, 5 of who were initiated on Oct. 28th. Our new Brother Knights are as follows: **Dan Depape, Glen Gordon, John Fitzpatrick, Marian Soja and Yves Landry.** We thank them and extend our most heartfelt welcome.

In addition, we also had 2 transfers in early August. Welcome to our council, Brothers **Hans Wuth** and **David Haworth**. This makes it a total of 10 new members for our Council since July 1st. 2002.

In the coming weeks we will discuss with you the possible ways to handle other programmes. With your cooperation and participation, I know we will be successful.

Thank you again,

Sincerely, Vince Cooke. G.K.

WE DID IT !

Charity Appeal report

Charity Appeal results as of Oct. 29, 2002: 825 books out; 340 sold books returned; we are about 20% ahead of last year's sales. A big 'thank you' to all Brothers who are helping sell tickets.

Charity Appeal Chairman,

Rene B. Marchand

REMINDER

- 1.) Complete details of the **2003 Bursary Program**, including general information and terms of reference, can be found on our website on the "Information" page, item #6.
- 2.) Installation of Officers for the 4th Degree, Malaspina Assembly, will be held on Saturday, Nov. 16, after 6 o'clock Mass at Trinity.
- 3.) All 4th Degree members, please set aside Sunday Dec. 8, for our annual Christmas Dinner at 6:30 pm at the Bold Knight Restaurant.

2nd Annual Bottle Raffle

We send out a call to all our member Knights to contribute to our **2nd Annual Bottle Raffle** to be held at the CWL's bazaar on Nov. 23, 2002. This is our major annual fund raiser for our General Account. We ask that you donate any bottled item (e.g., bottle of wine, ketchup, pop, vinegar, syrup, pickles, shampoo, etc. - anything that comes in a bottle or jar) or, if you prefer, make a cash donation of \$10 (or any amount). Your donation can be given to any member of the executive, Brother **Claude Francoeur** (754-2425), or dropped off at St.Peter's Church office. Any donation that you can make will be greatly appreciated. Please remember, this drive will only work if we all do our part! Thank you in advance for your participation.

Knights of Columbus (BC) Charity Foundation

The following is the text of **Paul J. Redchurch**, PSD, Foundation Administrator, to all Knights of the BC/Yukon jurisdiction exhorting them to support the Foundation. For any further questions or information, contact Bro. Redchurch at: redchurch@shaw.ca Please see our website at <http://members.shaw.ca/kc3842/information.htm> for donation/support form.

My Brother Knights:

For the better part of three years, I have been administering the affairs of the Knights of Columbus (BC) Charity Foundation. It has been a challenging, rewarding and arduous task.

While the bulk of my efforts and energies have focused on matters concerning our Annual Charity Appeal and the distribution of related revenue, I have also spent a considerable amount of time promoting the Foundation and soliciting contributions to build its Corpus - i.e. the non-gaming account. The account that allows us freedom to accumulate funds and donate to any legitimate and legal charity of our choice; the account that will guarantee that we are able to help in the future, should other sources of revenue be denied to us.

Today, I haven't been as successful as I had hoped. Maybe I set my goals too high or perhaps I was too optimistic regarding the level of support that would be forthcoming from my brother knights and their councils. So now, as we approach **November, Foundation Month**, I'm giving it another shot and I'm asking for your help. PLEASE READ THE ATTACHMENTS and then ... do what your heart tells you to.

Please share the attachments with your councils, assemblies and your brother knights, either by e-mail or preferably through your council newsletter.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Fraternally,

Paul J. Redchurch PSD

Foundation Administrator