

Happy birthday to our Bro. Knights celebratina their birthdavs in March:

Rev. Darek Zarebski
Joseph MacLellan

Tim Somerville
Ed Campbell
Chris Wilson

Randy Cormier
Yves Landry

Thoughts for Holy Week and Easter

- God won't ask the square footage of your house, but He'll ask how many people you welcomed into your home.
- God won't ask about the clothes you had in your closet, but He'll ask how many you helped to clothe.
- God won't ask how many material possessions you had, but He'll ask if they dictated your life.
- God won't ask how many promotions you received, but He'll ask how you promoted others.
- God won't ask what your job title was, but He'll ask if you performed your job to the best of your ability.
- God won't ask what you did to help yourself, but He'll ask what you did to help others.
- God won't ask how many friends you had, but He'll ask how many people to whom you were a friend.
- God won't ask what you did to protect your rights, but He'll ask what you did to protect the rights of others.
- God won't ask in what neighborhood you lived, but He'll ask how you treated your neighbors.
- God won't ask why it took you so long to seek Salvation, but He'll lovingly take you to your mansion in heaven, and not to the gates of Hell.

Charity Appeal winners!

Congratulations to all the winners of this year's Charity Appeal Drive:

1st	Chevrolet Silverado Truck	G. Ranneris	Victoria
2nd	Dodge Mini Van	C. Cowley	Burnaby
3rd	Ford Mustang	M. Bobak	Elkford
4th	Chevrolet Equinox	D. Madill	Hefley Creek
5th	Acura RSX	P. Cellaius	Saanichton

On the Lighter Side

The minister was worried how he was going to ask the congregation to come up with more money for the church roof. Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was sick and a substitute had been brought in. The substitute wanted to know what to play. "Here's a copy of the service," he said impatiently. "But, you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances." During the service, the minister paused and said, "Brothers and Sisters, we are in great need; the roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up." At that very moment, the substitute organist started to play "O Canada." And that is how the substitute became the regular organist!



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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
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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
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Trustee 2nd Year	Jim Mudge	754-4110
Trustee 1st Year	Rene Marchand	753-1657

Happy and blessed Holy Week and Easter.



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Grand Knight's Report

Dear fellow Knights,

As we enter the mid point of the holy season of Lent, during which we are encouraged to make changes in our lives. It is time once again to remind ourselves as Knights of Columbus, that as we prepare for our Founder's Day on March 29th, that **Father McGivney's** principles will be our guide. He chose charity as his first principle for the Order, and so must we. We must ask ourselves -- what does this mean for us as members of the Order? It means giving of one's self -- it is rolling up one's sleeves and working in food banks and homeless shelters, working with people with handicaps, and a thousand other projects we brother Knights do every day. Charity must be our first and greatest principle. We must do more, because there is much more that needs to be done. You may ask how can I help? what can I do? I believe that a situation has arisen recently which fits perfectly into what we do very well, namely helping our community.

The **Canadian Cancer Society** here in Nanaimo has requested our support for their April 2005 Door to Door Campaign. Its slogans say it all: "It only takes 3 hours; Do it for a friend; Do it because you care; Do it because you can." I highly recommend this project to all of us. It only takes 3 hours, spread over four weeks, and we can even involve members of our families. I will have complete and detailed information as well as campaign kits available at our meeting; for those not able to attend the meeting, please call me at 756-9473 (or **Lee-Ann** of the Society at 741-8180) and we'll arrange to get a kit to you. All the Cancer Society needs from us is a list of the volunteers with names, addresses and phone numbers. The Society will then allocate streets close to where the volunteers live, and phone them with complete information. That commitment is up to you! Don't forget, what a wonderful opportunity for all of us to do one thing to spread **Father McGivney's** vision of Catholic men united in charity and fraternity! And just in case we need a little more motivation, please read very carefully the piece "Thoughts for Holy Week and Easter" on the last page of this bulletin. The Lord is speaking to us indeed! I urge you all to take up this cause; if possible get your families involved as well; what a great family project! Thank you all and God bless,
Vince Cooke, Grand Knight.

REMINDER

- 1) There will be a Fourth Degree Exemplification on Saturday March 5, 2005 at St. Edward's Parish, Duncan. Please contact F.N. **Rene Marchand** (753-1657) for full details and banquet tickets.
- 2) Our Alcohol & Drug Abuse Awareness Poster Contest is progressing well.. Watch for details in future issues of this bulletin and on our website.
- 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>

Dr. Clement Persaud to speak on Stem Cell research

Our Council is very pleased to sponsor **Dr. Clement Persaud** to speak on stem cell research on **Tuesday March 15, 2005, in St. Peters Church at 8.00 p.m.** Following the talk, light refreshments will be served in the parish hall. We invite and urge all members, their spouses and older children to attend. Indeed, invite your neighbours and friends to come along with you!

Currently, there are two major sources of stem cells: embryonic and adult stem cells. Embryonic stem cells are still largely in the animal trial stages and, since they require destruction of the embryo, are ethically controversial. By contrast, adult stem cells (umbilical cord and adult-derived) are an ethical alternative. They have been used successfully in patients with neurological, leukemic, cancer, cardiac and genetic disorders. Dr. Persaud will speak to the science and ethics of stem cells.

Dr. Clem Persaud was born in Guyana, South America. He holds a B.Sc. (Hons), University of Ottawa, a M.Sc., McGill University and a Ph.D., University of the West Indies. He was a Professor of Medical Microbiology and Biotechnology at Canadore College in Northern Ontario for 23 years. He has lectured, worked and researched in microbiology nationally and internationally. In early retirement since 1999, he has devoted much of his time to sanctity of life issues, and has spoken often on the ethics and science of stem cells. In December 2002, he gave expert testimony to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Health in relation to Bill C13; in February 2004, he was a member of a Senate-appointed panel on embryo research in relation to Bill C-6.

Currently he is raising awareness of umbilical cord stem cells as a powerful, ethical alternative to embryonic stem cells. He is married, with two children and lives with his wife in Victoria, BC.

News nuggets.....

- Thank you to the Knights of Columbus and especially to **Claude Francoeur** for organizing the pancake breakfast after the 8:30 Mass on CWL Sunday, Jan. 30th. Your kindness and generosity is greatly appreciated. **Daisy Mah, CWL**
- There will be a Major Degrees Exemplification on Saturday April, 9, 2005, in Victoria. Please call our G.K. **Vince Cooke** (756-9473) or see our **website** (Home page/What's new) for full details.
- In response to a request from the R.C.M.P., the executive has approved a motion to put on another pancake breakfast for their "**Cops for Cancer**" fund raiser on Saturday May 7, 2005, which, as last year, will be at the same place and time.
- Two other items were also approved at our executive meeting on Feb. 24, 2005 and will be voted on at the March meeting:
 - to increase the cost of our pancake breakfast by 50 cents to \$2.50 per person, and by \$1.00 to \$6.00 per family.
 - the Pot of Gold at our regular meeting will be \$5.00 to the winner and the balance will go to our Pennies for Heaven campaign.