

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

Rev. Darek Zarebski
Herman Doucet
Yves Landry

Randy Cormier
Ed Campbell

Joe MacLellan
Chris Bradley
Chris Wilson

Annual District Curling Bonspiel

Our **Annual District Curling Bonspiel** was held on Sunday Feb. 16, 2003. Due to the great support from our council, our brother Council 9990, and from the parish, this year's bonspiel was the greatest and best ever!

To a large extent, we can attribute this success to the very vigorous campaign we conducted after the Sunday masses during the previous three weeks. During those periods, we were able to sign up over 47 curlers, mainly due to the efforts of Bros. **Brian King** and **Bill Smith**. Thanks Brothers! To help the campaign, our resident 'artiste', **Nina Passerello** created some fabulous banners which attracted great attention. Once again, Nina, thank you very much! To further help the cause, the bonspiel was advertised in the weekly Church bulletin and announced before the Masses on Feb. 16.

We had a record number of 67 registered curlers using all available eight sheets as well as another 15-20 spectators cheering them on. As in the past, following the curling many gathered at St. Peter's Church hall for chili and buns. Our thanks goes out to all who came out and participated and to those that helped putting it together. Our special thanks to Bros. **Claude Francoeur** and **Vic Uniat** for organizing it all, and to the Knights' ladies, **Dolores Francoeur**, **Kathie Campbell**, **Kathy Fadum**, and **Peggy Greene** for making the chili and organizing 'the feast'. Everyone present had a great time, and we're already looking forward to next year!

1st Degree Exemplification

On Thursday, Feb. 27, 2003, at 7:30 pm in St. Edward's Parish hall, Duncan, we conducted a **First Degree exemplification** for candidates of the Duncan area. We are very pleased to have had two candidates taking their 1st Degree and are now happy to welcome Bros. **Bob Dubinsky** and **Jim Masson** to our ranks. A very special "thank you" to Bros. **Al Weber** and **Nazi Bachmeier** who came all the way from Port Alberni to be part of our degree team.

On the Lighter Side

A man suffered a serious heart attack and had open heart bypass surgery. He awakened from the surgery to find himself in the care of nuns at a Catholic hospital. As he was recovering, a nun asked him questions regarding how he was going to pay for his medical services. He was asked if he had health insurance. He replied in a raspy voice, "No health insurance." The nun asked if he had money in the bank. He replied, "No money in the bank." The nun asked, "Do you have a relative who could help you?" He said, "I only have a spinster sister who is a nun." The nun got a little perturbed and announced loudly, "Nuns are not spinsters! Nuns are married to God". The patient replied, "Send the bill to my brother-in-law."



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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	754-5091
Financial Secretary	Parker Okano	753-5115
Treasurer	Ted Kelly	758-5095
Lecturer	Claude Francoeur	754-2425
Advocate	Ed Campbell	754-7661
Warden	Eugene Greene	754-2487
Inside Guard	Gerard 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

Major Degrees in Langford, March 15, 2003

CWL rummage sale, March 7-8, 2003 *** Help needed!

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This bulletin is also available on our website at:

<http://members.shaw.ca/kc3842/bulletin>

Our Email address: kc3842@shaw.ca

Grand Knight's Special report — Casey's Home.

On Nov 13th, 2002, while selling Charity Appeal Tickets in one of our local malls, I was approached by a lady who seemed to be under a lot of stress and who asked if the Knights could help her. The lady was **Jeanette**, a single-parent mom. She told me the story of the tragic accident that occurred in Nanaimo on April 2, 2002, leaving her 15 year old daughter, **Casey**, brain damaged and unable to walk or talk. **Casey** spent seven months in a Rehabilitation Centre in Vancouver, four of which were spent in a coma. Respiratory distress, pneumonia, and a



collapsed lung nearly claimed Casey's life on three separate occasions during her recovery. Her girl friend faces life as a paraplegic.

Casey came home from the Centre on Nov. 28, 2002. **Jeanette** is quoted as saying "having **Casey** return home is a new start for the family, but it is also an occasion with more than its share of problems." One of the problems is that her daughter needs 24 hours a day care by qualified care givers. I advised her to send us an e-mail describing what she had told me, outlining some of her needs, and I assured her that we would try to help in what ever way we could.

I received her email on Nov. 14th, and immediately consulted with some of the executive members of our Council. A decision was made to immediately help the family financially. In the following weeks the Knights of Columbus decided to get more involved in a project that Casey's Mom was convinced was an absolute necessity, namely, the building of an extension to their home in order to provide space for the therapist to work, and an area where **Casey** could have normal family gatherings. Bro. **Claude Francoeur** and I attended a meeting with other concerned members of the community who were planning and marshaling volunteers and materials needed to build the extension.

At a special Executive meeting of the Knights Mid-Island Charitable Society held on Dec.10. 2002, Bro. **Claude** gave a summary of what the

REMINDER

1.) A major degree will be held in Langford on Mar.15. For a link to the complete details see our website at: <http://members.shaw.ca/kc3842>

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

Knights had accomplished to date, and what was being planned in the future. He stated that the Society, and the full membership of our Council would be kept informed of any progress made, as well as our possible continued involvement in this project.

At our executive meeting of Jan. 30, 2003, we agreed that the Knights of Columbus would commit to helping **Casey**, and make this our major project for the year. Bro. **Claude** reported that the family, through the help of its volunteers, had received commitments from several of our city merchants to supply all the materials necessary. He further reported that with the help of his old friend, **Ted Chappell**, the two would act as joint project managers. In addition, our Brother Knights committed themselves to be available to help on "an as required basis".

Needless to say, Casey's Mum was thrilled! Work started on Feb 6th, when Bro. **Claude**, his friends **Ted Chappell**, **Hector Desjardin** and Bro. **Curly Greene** began building the forms for the foundation.

Through the generous donation of concrete by Ocean Construction the foundations were poured on Feb. 10th and by Mar. 1st, work had progressed to the pouring of the floor slab.

Those of us who have met **Jeanette** are in total agreement that one can't but admire her tenacity and drive, and her total love & commitment to Casey's recovery.

We will keep you updated as the project progresses.

Vince Cooke Grand Knight, Council #3842.



To **learn more about Casey, her mom Jeanette, their needs, their challenge, and their many friends**, and; to find out: **how our Council got involved; Jeanette's email to our Council requesting help; article from the local paper, the Nanaimo News Bulletin; and, photos of the progress being made on the construction**; follow the various links on our website at: <http://members.shaw.ca/kc3842/news.htm#2>

(Picture on opposite page: **Casey** and Mom, **Jeanette**; above: Bro. **Claude Francoeur** and friend **Hector Desjardin** taking a break installing the insulation panels to the foundation).

News nuggets.....

- Our congratulations to our Worthy District Deputy **Ed Landry** and his wife, **Doris**, on the occasion of their 46th wedding anniversary!
- The **CWL** rummage sale is on Saturday March 8th. The ladies will need some help to set up on Fri. March 7th, as well as for taking down and cleaning up on the 8th. Thanks for volunteering!
- We presented another cheque of \$1000 to a needy family in our community to help defray costs for a hospital bed and special scales.