

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

Rev. Darek Zarebski
Herman Doucet
Yves Landry

Randy Cormier
Ed Campbell

Joseph MacLellan
Chris Bradley
Christopher Wilson

Bingo

We have completed our responsibilities as bingo paymasters for the current year. Thank you to Bros. **Vince Cooke** and **Dan DePape** for helping out. A special thanks however, goes out to Bro. **Claude Francoeur** for doing the bulk of the work as well as taking care of all the administrative responsibilities. Thank you for your great dedication, Bro. **Claude**.

Half a Century of Service to Church and Community

As you are already aware, on May 16, 2004 we will be celebrating our 50th Anniversary. Here are some of the highlights of our planned festivities:

- #1. Our celebration will take place on Saturday May 15, 2004. Mass will be at St. Peter's Church at 5:00 p.m., followed by 'happy hour' at 6:30 pm, and a banquet at 7:30 p.m., both at the Cavallotti Hall.
- #2. State Secretary, Bro. **Dave Jones**, has been invited and will represent State. Archbishop Raymond Roussin had earlier also accepted our invitation, but will now have to re-confirm his availability. We hope to find out within the next few weeks.
- #3. We have invited all councils on Vancouver Island to join us. In addition, special invitations will soon go out to our Charter members that are still with us, past G.K.s, and all widows of our deceased Brothers.
- #4. Tickets for the banquet are now available. They are \$22 each and will include wine for the toasts, door prices, etc. **PLEASE**, reserve/buy your banquet tickets as soon as possible. We must know by mid-April!
- #5. We still need help!! Contact the G.K. or any member of the Committee if you are willing to help. Thank you!

Charity Appeal winners!

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

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| 1st | Chevrolet Silverado Truck | Megan Pepper | Fort St. John |
| 2nd | Chrysler Minivan | Helen Dieser | Westbank |
| 3rd | Ford Mustang | Bev Cave | Kelowna |
| 4th | Honda Civic | Ed Gaines | Burnaby |
| 5th | Toyota Echo | Martin Peacock | Richmond |

On the Lighter Side

- Street Evangelist to Murphy: "How would you like to be a Jehovah's Witness?" Murphy replied, "I didn't even see the accident."
- Murphy admits that his wife controls the children, the money, the cat, and Fido, the dog, but he can say anything he likes to the goldfish.



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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 2003/2004

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| 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 | Dave Haworth | 741-8253 |
| Financial Secretary | Parker Okano | 753-5115 |
| Treasurer | Jake Gillespie | 754-5091 |
| Lecturer | Jack Kelly | 753-2658 |
| Advocate | Eduardo Espedido | 754-2464 |
| Warden | Eugene Greene | 390-2562 |
| Inside Guard | Daniel DePape | 740-2521 |
| 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 |

Our 50th Anniversary celebrations, May 15, 2004 - come and join us! For more details see elsewhere in this bulletin!

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Grand Knight's Report

Dear Brothers,

Last Wednesday, Feb.25th, the Church celebrated the start of the holy season of Lent, during which we are encouraged to make changes to our lives. It is "a softening up" period which helps us to understand that God, not we, is our "Light and Salvation." It is a time to once again renew our efforts to forgive, to ask for forgiveness, and to seek reconciliation with one other. To forgive and ask forgiveness may be radical to our society, but is central to our faith! The grace of Lent will be precisely God's gift of courage and fortitude to carry this through.

May 16, 2004, is the 50th anniversary of the founding of our Council. We have planned a day of celebration for Saturday, May 15, 2004, which will include Mass at St.Peter's and a banquet thereafter at Cavallotti Hall here in Nanaimo. We have already contacted all Councils on Vancouver Island, extending an invitation to them to join us. Even though then Bishop **Roussin** had earlier accepted to be with us, his elevation to Archbishop of Vancouver since then may make his visitation now difficult or impossible. We have been promised a definite answer within the next week. As we have also previously reported, our State Deputy, Bro. **Terry Kidwell**, due to prior commitments, is unable to attend but will be sending State Secretary Bro. **Dave Jones** and his wife to represent State.

As your Grand Knight, I am appealing to all our members to support this 'once in a life time' event. This is an opportunity for all of us to show our solidarity with those Knights who founded our Council, and who have gone before us sharing our Founder's ideal of giving service to Church and community. In the next few days you will receive a letter asking if you and your spouse plan to attend, and to please let us know your decision by April 15th. The price of tickets for the banquet is \$22.00 per person, which will include wine for the toasts, door prizes, etc.

There is still a lot of work to be done, but with your support, I am convinced we can make this very important day in the life of our Council a successful and memorable one.

Thank you all and God bless.

Vince Cooke, Grand Knight.

REMINDER

1) A Fourth Degree Exemplification will be held in Nanaimo on March 6, 2004. All 4th Degree Knights are urged to attend. Call Bros. **Claude Francoeur** (754-2425) or **Dave Sawatzky** (740-0081) for information and details.

2) On Friday, March 12, our Council will be leading St.Peter's parish in the **Stations of the Cross**. They will begin immediately after the 7:00 o'clock evening Mass. Please, make every effort to attend.

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



In Memoriam

On Feb. 8, 2004, our Bro. **Martin Godley** went to his eternal rest. Bro. Martin joined our Order almost 50 years ago on May 10, 1954 and took his Major Degrees only six days later. In the early 1970s he joined our Council and served as Grand Knight from 1977-1979. For all these years he always remained a faithful, loyal and committed Knight. It is with heavy hearts and great sadness that we now take leave from our Brother. We pray for him and offer our deepest sympathy to his wife Joan and the entire Godley family.

May he Rest in Peace.

Annual District Curling Bonspiel

Our Annual District Curling Bonspiel was held on Sunday Feb. 15, 2004. Due to the great support from our council, our bother Council #9990, and from the parish, this year's bonspiel was another great success. We had 59 registered curlers using all available eight sheets as well as another 15-20 spectators cheering them on. As in the past, following the curling all 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 Bro. **Claude Francoeur** for organizing it all, and to the Knight's ladies **Dolores Francoeur**, **Peggy Greene** and **Agnes Geiger** for making the chili and organizing 'the feast'. Everyone present had a great time, and we're already looking forward to next year!

Second Pancake Breakfast at Bayview School

As planned, a second pancake breakfast at Bayview School was held on Feb.12, 2004. Seven Bro. Knights (**Claude Francoeur**, **Brian King**, **Joe Walker**, **Leo Poirier**, **Vince Cooke**, **Dan DePape** and **Hans Fadum**) arrived early on a chilly morning to set up and get the griddles all ready. By 7:45 am the first students and parents 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 frosty day outside, and **WE DID IT!** 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 220 servings to the children, parents and teachers. It was a very gratifying and fun-filled experience for all the Brothers involved, especially the realization that, even though for only one short Thursday morning, they had made a real difference in the life of these families. Well done Brothers and our thanks!

We are planning a third and final breakfast in April on the occasion of Bayview School welcoming some 60 new students from Princess Royal School into its midst. Stay tuned!