

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

Yvan Gosslin	Brian King	Martin Godley
Pat O'Keefe	Rick Saby	George Ives
Ernani Serrano	David Johner	Luu Vu
Joe Dumas	Stan Michniak	Hugh Bathgate

Annual District Curling Bonspiel

Calling all curlers — and non-curlers alike!!! On Sunday Feb. 15, 2004, our council will once again hold its **Annual District Curling Bonspiel**. All curlers must be at the Nanaimo Curling rink **no later than 12:30 pm** for registration. The fee will only be \$7 per curler to cover rink costs. Everyone is welcome to participate, young & old, curler & non-curler — this is strictly a fun activity fit for the whole family! As in the past, following the curling all curlers and those cheering them on are invited back to St.Peter's Church hall for chili and buns, compliments of our Council. Please, come and join us; bring a friend or your family; you may even bring your own team! For further information, please call Bro. **Claude Francoeur** (754-2425).

Christmas Party

Our council and the C.W.L. held their joint **Christmas Party** on Saturday Dec.20th 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! Our thanks goes to Bro. **Doret Landry** for 'tickling the ivory', as only he can, and leading us in a spirited and most enjoyable 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 our winners: 1st prize went to **Pat Geiger & Lilly Brown**; 2nd prize, to Br. **Ed Campbell & Joan King**, and the booby prize to Br. **Claude Francoeur & Marie Poirier**. Finally, thanks to Bro. **Claude Francoeur** for running the bar, to the ladies of the C.W.L for all the good food, and all brother Knights who helped with set up and clean up.

Thank You to the C.W.L.

A big 'Thank you' to the C.W.L. of St.Peter's Parish for its very generous donation of \$500.00 to our council for our support to its annual bazaar.

On the Lighter Side

- Muldoon is half Irish and half Scottish. Half of him wants to drink, while the other half doesn't want to pay for it.
- An American tourist stopped an old man in the village in Donegal, and said to him, "Excuse me, but can you tell me where this road goes to?" He said, "It don't go nowhere, it stays right where it is."
- Casey and Flanagan were trying to get a mule into the barn, but its ears were too long. Flanagan said, "It's no good, we'll have to raise the barn". Casey said, "No, I think we should dig a trench." Flanagan said, "No, you dummy, it's its ears that are too long, not its legs."



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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

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

A happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!

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Grand Knight's Report

Dear Brothers,

It is customary to reflect on the accomplishments of the past year before we look forward to the New Year. As members of Council #3842, we give thanks to all the volunteers who have given generously of their time and talents over the past year in support of the principles of our Order and our Founder, namely, to support our Church, community, youth and the poor. In all these areas, you are to be congratulated for a job very well done. Our year end reports are not yet finalized, but all indications point to new records of increased numbers of volunteers, hours worked, additional major projects, and more financial help to those in need. It is only with your continued support that we can help to fulfill the promises we all made when we became Knights of Columbus.

As we start this New Year, we have many projects yet to be completed, among them our Substance Abuse Awareness Contest. One other very important event is scheduled for Saturday January 17, 2004, the day our council co-hosts a Major Degrees Exemplification in our parish hall. As your Grand Knight, I cannot stress enough how important it is that all 1st degree members take advantage of this opportunity to become full members. I am also appealing to all 3rd degree members of our council to show support for their Brothers who will be receiving their major degrees by attending this ceremony. Please say "Yes" when you are invited by our phoning committee. (For further details see p.3 of this bulletin).

We should all look forward to the New Year with hope and resolve, that together we can make a difference, one Knight at a time. To you and your families, happy New Year!

Vince Cooke, Grand Knight.

Charity Appeal report

Our Charity Appeal ticket sale has almost reached its target — almost! As of Jan. 4th, out of a total of 1600 books, we have: 175 books not yet assigned, about 215 out but not yet sold, and about 1210 books actually sold. **Please make sure you turn all sold ticket stubs back in to Bro. Curley Greene before Jan. 10!** Our hearty thanks to Bro. **Dan DePape** for so efficiently taking over Bro. **Curley Greene's** management responsibilities for the month of December. Thank you!

REMINDER

- 1) Major Degrees Exemplification in Nanaimo on Jan. 17, 2004. See next page for more details—and don't forget, we still need lots of help!
- 2) Look for the result of our Substance Abuse contest in the next bulletin!
- 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>
- 4) A reminder that membership dues for 2004 are now due. Payments may be made at the meeting or by mail to the F.S. Bro. **Parker Okano**.

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 Bayview School

As planned, the pancake breakfast at Bayview School was held on Dec. 16. 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 early on a cold, stormy, rainy morning to set up and get the griddles all ready. By 7:45 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. Even Santa came and had breakfast with us! After breakfast, all the children and teachers assembled and finished the morning festivities with a great carol sing-along. It was an extremely gratifying experience for all the Brothers involved, especially the realization that, even though for only one short Tuesday morning, they had made a real difference in the lives of these children. Well done Brothers and our thanks.

Major Degrees Exemplification in Nanaimo

A Major Degrees Exemplification will be held in Nanaimo on Jan. 17, 2004. As in past years, it will be jointly hosted by Trinity and our own councils. The actual exemplification will take place at St. Peter's Parish hall, with registration being between 11:15-11:45 am. All candidates must have registered by 11:45 am; the exemplification will begin at 12:00 pm precisely. Mass will then be celebrated at Trinity Centre at 6:00 pm followed by cocktails and the banquet at 7:00 & 7:30 pm respectively. Tickets for the banquet are \$20.00 per person. There will be no tickets sold at the door. Last date to order tickets is Monday, Jan. 12, 2004. Tickets can be ordered by phone at 250-748-6915, fax at 250-748-7839 or e-mail at jrp101@shaw.ca Please, call our G.K. **Vince Cooke** (756-9473) for any questions. We urge all members to attend to give support to the new candidates. Thank you.

News bytes.....

- The **Catholic Women's League** Sunday will be held on Jan. 25th at both masses at St. Peter's. The ladies will participate in all aspects of the liturgy, including the collections.