

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

Francois Jacob
Jasper Sharanowski

Leo Poirier
John Conway
Kristian Dagsaan

Norman Carriere
Joe Bailey



Our very best wishes to all Brother Knights and their families for a very merry and blessed Christmas & a most prosperous and healthy New Year.

Charity Appeal Drive

We are now half way through our **Charity Appeal Drive!** We have a total of over 900 books to sell. Of these, about 750 are currently out, and to date, we have sold and shipped 472 books off for the Early Bird draw. Bro. **Dan DePape** extends his very sincere gratitude to all Brothers who have helped him make this possible. Please, call Bro. **Dan** (740-2521) if you can and have not yet offered to help. Thank you Brothers!

Christmas Dinner

Our council and the C.W.L. held their joint **Christmas Dinner** on Saturday Dec.3 at Peter's Church hall. Approximately 75 people attended, and by all the happy faces, everybody had a wonderful time. The pot-luck dinner was fabulous and the sing-along, led by Bro. **Doret Landry** on the piano, lifted everyone's spirits. Our thanks to Bro. **Claude Francoeur** for running the bar; to the ladies of the C.W.L., especially **Dolores Francoeur, Marie Poirier, and Agnes Geiger**; all brother Knights who helped with set up and clean up, especially **Curly Greene, Leo Poirier and Angelo Petrar- oia**; and finally to all the Knights (especially those from **Council #9990**) and ladies of the C.W.L. who came out! Thank you to one and all!

Invitation to Trinity's Annual Christmas Party

Council #9990 extends a special invitation to all members of #3842, and their families, to attend its annual Christmas Party, in Trinity Hall, Saturday Dec. 17. Doors will open after the 6:00 pm Mass. There will be a catered diner, music and good fellowship. Tickets are only \$15 and a non-perishable item from each is requested. Tickets can be obtained from G.K. **Jim Loftus** (756-3934) or **Stephen Burchert** (751-8717) before Dec. 12.

On the Lighter Side

A Sunday school teacher asked her class, "What was Jesus' mother's name?" One child answered, "Mary." The teacher then asked, "Who knows what Jesus' father's name was?" A little boy said, "Verge." Confused, the teacher asked, "Where did you get that?" The boy said, "Well, you know they are always talking about Verge N' Mary.



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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 2005/2006

Grand Knight	Vince Cooke	756-9473
Past Grand Knight	Rene Marchand	753-1657
Chaplain	Fr. Darek Zarebski	753-3570
Deputy Grand Knight	Brian King	751-7851
Chancellor	Bill Smith, Sr.	756-6141
Recorder	David Haworth	741-8253
Financial Secretary	Parker Okano	753-5115
Treasurer	Rick Jones	756-3038
Lecturer	Claude Francoeur	754-2425
Advocate	Daniel DePape	740-2521
Warden	Rawley Morales	754-4809
Inside Guard	Brian Heffernan	753-0701
Outside Guard	Mike Loos	716-5893
Trustee 3rd Year	Bob Poulin	756-6695
Trustee 2nd Year	Leo Poirier	390-3272
Trustee 1st Year		

Merry & blessed Christmas!!



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Grand Knight's Greetings

Dear fellow Knights,

As we approach the beautiful season of Christmas, I wish to say 'Thank You' to all our members for your support and help in the many projects that we have been working on during the past year. We look forward to the New Year and hope that you will continue to help make our community a better place for all. To all our Brothers and their families, may I and my wife **Gerrie** wish you a very holy and happy Christmas.

Sincerely,

Vince Cooke, Grand Knight.

District Deputy's Report

My Brother Knights,

We are now beginning the new Liturgical Year. Advent is a time of preparation, a time for self examination, a time for reparation. The Gospel warns us to be ready, for we know not when our Lord Jesus will return. This is the time of year when those who are less fortunate than ourselves find it most difficult. They feel left out of the celebration because their families are far away or have disowned them and they have no friends and no money with which to take part in the festivities. In the Gospel for the Feast of Christ the King, Jesus clearly tells us that it is our responsibility to feed the hungry, not just with food, but with the bread of a smile, encouragement, and appreciation; to give drink to those who thirst, not just for water, but the drink of recognition, friendship and companionship; to clothe the naked who are stripped of self-worth, self-confidence and their good name by gossip; to visit those who are sick, and bring hope, not just to those who are physically ill, but those who are sick with doubt and worry, wounded by failure and disappointment and those sunk in depression; to visit the prisoner, not just those who are behind steel bars, but those who are prisoners of nerves, loneliness, and guilt and free them with forgiveness; to assist the homeless find the shelter of tenderness and affection, of sympathy and understanding, and of love and acceptance.

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REMINDER

- 1) Please note that the December executive meeting has been cancelled.
- 2) The annual Christmas dinner for **4th Degree Members** & spouses will be held on Dec. 11, 2005, at the Dorchester Hotel. Tickets will be \$25.00 per person. Please contact S.K. **Al Schickrowsky** (753-7813) for full details and tickets.
- 3) Remember in your prayers our departed Bro. **Norbert LaBonte**; all those who are sick, especially our G.K. **Vince Cooke**, Bros. **Joe Bailey** and **Norm Carriere**, and **Kathie Campbell**, wife of Bro. **Ed Campbell**.
- 4) 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
- 5) 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>



In Memoriam

On November 25, 2005, our Bro. **Norbert LaBonte** went to his eternal rest. Bro. Norbert joined our Order some 41 years ago on March 8, 1964 and took his Major Degrees 8 months later. 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 the entire LaBonte family.

May he Rest in Peace.

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These goals set for us by Christ are the goals that we as Knights must strive to achieve. Remember that the first principle of the Order is "**Charity**" and we as Knights must keep this principle foremost in our thoughts, not just at Christmas but all through the year. The birth of our Lord is a blessed event for us, but Christ is not just ours, He belongs to the whole world.

Just a few reminders: Sadly the Major degree scheduled for November 19, 2005, in Victoria had to be cancelled. It may be rescheduled early next year. I will let you all know when and where if it is rescheduled. The next scheduled Major Degree will be held in Comox on Saturday April 8, 2006. I would like to ask all first degree members to try to keep this date free and consider becoming Third Degree Knights. This is the final step into full Knighthood.

I am planning a first degree in Port Alberni in January the date will be Thursday January 19, 2006. My goal for this fraternal year is a star council award for each council in District #21. Remember that recruiting a new member may be as simple as offering them membership.

Aline and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very Holy and Blessed Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year. God Bless you all.

Vivat Jesus. **Bob Powell**, D.D. #21

News bytes.....

- Congratulations to Bro. **Giuseppe Multari** on being honoured by the **B.C. Psychological Association** for his outstanding community services. See the write-up from the Nanaimo Daily News on our website at: <http://members.shaw.ca/kc3842>
- St.Peter's **CWL** is pleased to report that its annual Parish Bazaar on Saturday Nov. 26 was a great success. The ladies extend a big "thank you" to all brother Knights who came out to help in any way.
- We will be serving a pancake breakfast to another needy school in our community. On Dec. 8, 2005, a breakfast is planned at **Georgia Avenue Elementary School** for some 400 students, parents and teachers. We are told that even Santa might join us! If you are willing to help, please call Bro. **Claude Francoeur** (754-2425).