

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

Aurele LaRochele
Duc Pham
James Court

Rev. T.J. Sheppard
Jack Kelly
Gerard LeChasseur
Ferdinand Gonzales

Ed Stumborg
Angelo Petrarola
Louis Duhamel

Major Degrees Exemplification in Nanaimo

On Saturday, January 17, 2004, our brother Council 9990 and ourselves, were pleased to host a Major Degrees. The actual exemplification took place at St. Peter's Church hall at noon with Mass and the banquet being held at Trinity Centre in the evening.

We are very pleased to have had 30 candidates from all parts of Vancouver Island take their major degrees. We now welcome them all to full Knighthood and salute especially all those brothers who came from considerable distances, in some cases, as far away as Victoria and Campbell River. Our congratulations go out to them all, but especially to the brothers of our own council, namely: Bros. **Brian Barnes, Ben Orantes, Angelo Petrarola, Ernani Serrano, and Marian Soja.**

We were honoured by the presence of our worthy State Deputy Bro. **Terry Kidwell**, and D.D. Bro. **Robert Powell**. Thank you Brothers for your encouragement and support. We also wish to thank: **Judy Schickerowsky**, wife of Bro. **Al Schickerowsky**, G.K. of Trinity Council, for arranging and hosting a terrific Lady's Program; all Brothers who helped in any way, especially, Bros. **Leo Poirier, Brian King, Joe Walker, Rene Marchand, Bill Smith, Parker Okano, Ted Kelly, Dan DePape, Jim Mudge and Hans Fadum**; a special 'thank you' to our G.K. **Vince Cooke** and Bro. **Claude Francoeur** for organizing everything at St. Peter's; and lastly, the caterer for a fabulous banquet. Thank you one & all!

News bytes.....

- See our Worthy District Deputy's monthly report for January on our website at: <http://members.shaw.ca/kc3842/ddmessage.htm>
- Watch for the latest developments on our 50th anniversary celebrations in next month's News.

On the Lighter Side

- A Scotsman, an Englishman and an Irishman were up before the firing squad. Noticing how nervous the squad was, they hit upon the idea of giving it a shock to put it off its aim. "Flood" yelled the Scotsman, and the soldiers dropped their rifles and ran away. "Earthquake!" shouted the Englishman, and again the soldiers fled. Then it was Murphy's turn. "FIRE!" he yelled.
- Flannigan asked Hennessy, "Did you post that important letter I gave you?" "I did indeed," said Hennessy. "Then how come you brought back the money I gave you for the stamp?" Hennessy said, "I didn't have to use it. I slipped the letter into the box when nobody was looking."



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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

Curling Bonspiel on Feb. 15 at 12:30 p.m. - come and join us!

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Grand Knight's Report

Dear Brothers,

Due to the bad weather we were unable to hold our January meeting. January however, was nevertheless a very important and busy month for our Council. Several major projects were successfully completed, i.e.: the Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest; the Charity Appeal Drive, on the 27th; and our Major Degrees were held on the 17th. For more details on these projects, see elsewhere in this bulletin. As we start this month, we have a pancake breakfast scheduled for Thursday Feb. 12th at Bayview Elementary School, and on Sunday Feb. 16th, all members of this council and their families have the opportunity to support our fun filled Annual District Curling Bonspiel.

For those brothers who have not read our January issue, I would like to repeat some of my remarks. It is customary to reflect on the accomplishments of the past year before we look forward to the coming one. As members of this Council, we give thanks to all the volunteers who have given generously of their time and talents over the past year. We have in fact volunteered over 6000 hours in 2003, for which we are all very proud and grateful. These hours were given because you support the principles of our Order and our Founder, namely, to support our Church, community, youth and the poor. It is only with your continued support that we can fulfill the promises we all made when we become Knights of Columbus.

In conclusion, let us all look forward to this New Year, with hope and resolve, because together, we can and will make a difference -- one member at a time!

Thank you all and God bless you and your families

Vince Cooke, Grand Knight.

Charity Appeal Report

Our Charity Appeal ticket sale has now been completed! We were able to sell all our 1600 allotted books this year even though it was a long, hard sell with tickets selling very slowly. Our hearty thanks to all the Brothers who helped. We especially thank Bro. **Dan DePape** for so efficiently taking over the management responsibilities for the month of December, and of course, above all, Bro. **Curley Greene** for putting in countless hours in organizing and managing the whole project. Thank you!

WE DID IT!

REMINDER

- 1) A Fourth Degree Exemplification will be held in Nanaimo on March 6, 2004. Call Bros. **Claude Francoeur** (754-2425) or **Dave Sawatzky** (740-0081) for information.
- 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. **Marcel Fillion** at: mhfillion@telus.net or see our website at <http://members.shaw.ca/kc3842/information.htm>
- 3) 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**.



Our congratulations and prayers to our Bishop, Most Rev. Raymond Roussin, S.M., who has been appointed Archbishop of Vancouver

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).

Substance Abuse Awareness Contest

We are pleased to report that our contest was successfully completed on Monday Feb 2, 2004 with the judging of 22 posters submitted by 7 elementary schools in Nanaimo. A total of 301 students between the age of 8-10, and 11-12 participated and created posters on one of two topics, Alcohol Awareness and Abuse, or Drug Awareness and Abuse. Each poster had to include a slogan reflecting either of the topics and an original visual image. Judging at the school level was done by the staff and students and the winners from the two categories within each of the age groups were submitted to our judges for the difficult task of choosing four winners for the District of Nanaimo. And the winners are:

- 8-10 year old:** Drug Abuse: **Heather Dubois** - Fairview Elementary.
Alcohol Abuse: **Joel DeSchiffart** - Nanaimo Christian
- 11-12 year old:** Drug Abuse: **Alyssa Zado** - Mountain View Elementary
Alcohol Abuse: **Justine Curley** - Princess Royal Elem.

Our congratulations go out to the winners, to all the children who participated, and to the principals and staff of all the participating schools. We also extend a very 'special thank' you to our judges Bros. **Vince Cooke**, **Brian King**, **Bill Smith**, and **Gerrie Cooke** and **Johanne Watson** from the CWL. During the final judging, we all enjoyed a special supper that was provided by my wife **Gerrie**. Thank you for it, **Gerrie**, and especially for being such a great help to me throughout the past months on this very worthwhile and hopefully ongoing project.

WE DID IT!

Vince Cooke, Grand Knight.