

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

Gilles Brouard
Curley Greene

Bill Smith
Jake Gillespie
Glen Gordon

Val Pelletier
Eduardo Espedido

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We hope that this year's success may encourage more of our members to take an active part in next year's event. In addition, we are also looking forward to working with the Youth Group again. It is a fine group of young people and we are all proud to have them in our parish.

Vince Cooke. Grand Knight.

P.S. Please check the KofC Bulletin board in the church's foyer for pictures taken at the picnic. You might see someone you recognize!

**Membership Blitz!
October**

Every Council is being asked to take part in our Order-wide recruitment BLITZ during October. This type of event is meant to be a concentrated effort that targets a local parish during a specific weekend, and helps a council to collect names of prospects interested in The Knights of Columbus. Councils should consider conducting the Blitz during the last 2 week ends of October, where either information booths or tables are set up outside each weekend Mass. A well organized Blitz will allow a council to add to its list of prospective members in a short time. Identifying prospects is the FIRST MOST IMPORTANT STEP TOWARDS SIGNING THEM UP.

The above notice was received from Supreme as the 1st of three installments in its recruitment program for the current fraternal year. Ask our G.K. for further information and how the Blitz will be implemented in our parish/council.

On the Lighter Side

Jacob, age 92, and Rebecca, age 89, are all excited about their decision to get married. They go for a stroll to discuss the wedding, and on the way they pass a drug-store. Jacob suggests they go in. Jacob addresses the man behind the counter, "Are you the owner?" The pharmacist answers "Yes".

Jacob: "We're about to get married. Do you sell heart medication?" Pharmacist: "Of course we do."

Jacob: "How about medicine for circulation?" Pharmacist: "All kinds."

Jacob: "How about Viagra?" Pharmacist: "Of course."

Jacob: "Medicine for rheumatism?" Pharmacist: "Definitely."

Jacob: "Medicine for memory problems, arthritis, jaundice?" Pharmacist: "Yes, a large variety. The works."

Jacob: "What about vitamins, sleeping pills, Geritol?" Pharmacist: "Absolutely."

Jacob: "You sell wheelchairs and walkers?" Pharmacist: "All speeds and sizes."

Jacob says to the pharmacist: "Oh good, we'd like to use your store as our Bridal Registry."



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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
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Trustee 1st Year	Rene Marchand	753-1657

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Grand Knight's Report

Dear Brothers,

As we start another year of service to our Church, community, youth and the poor, we are all reminded that this was the promise we made when we joined the Knights of Columbus. Each of us must look inward and ask ourselves, "How faithful have we been to this promise?" and, "Do we intend to live up to this promise in the coming year?"

In the August issue of the Columbia magazine, there is an article about Mother Teresa, who will be beatified on October 19, 2003 by Pope John Paul. The Holy Father remarked that he will be giving the Church a contemporary example of love and compassion. She was honored often by the Knights, and she in turn honored the Order with her inspiring words and gracious guidance on many occasions. She challenged the Knights to continue grass roots charitable efforts on behalf of the developmentally disabled and the poor, and to remain leaders in promoting Pope John Paul's vision of the culture of life. In 1992 she received the first KofC Gaudium et Spes Award in recognition of her selfless work with the poorest of the poor. The award included a \$100,000 stipend and a gold medal. In her acceptance speech she focused on the spiritual aspects that the award represented. She said "The privilege of serving poor people is the most beautiful gift of God". She refused a monthly stipend of \$10,000 per month from the Knights. When asked for an alternative, she challenged us to serve the poor directly. "Send us your Knights" she said, "let them work with the poorest of the poor." In 1998 while addressing the employees at the Supreme headquarters, Mother Teresa said, "I am grateful for the Knights of Columbus, for what they have offered to do for us, in sharing their love for Jesus.....we invite you to come and share the joy of loving. Come and see; do not be afraid to share that joy of loving."

As your Grand Knight I encourage you to volunteer your services to our Church, our community, the youth and poor. Do not be afraid!!

Thank you and God bless you.

Vince Cooke, Grand Knight.

KofC/Parish Annual Picnic

The Annual Parish Picnic, sponsored by our Council, was held on Sunday Aug. 24, 2003 at Bowen Park. According to the 135+ parishioners and Knights who attended, it was a great success. Besides the great food and camaraderie, we were especially pleased by how well all the different groups, ie. the kids, the youth group volunteers, the parents and the parishioners, were all able to mix and thoroughly enjoy themselves. Under the leadership of the Youth Group Coordinator, Miss **Karina Lethinen** and over 30 of her youth group volunteers, numerous games and activities were organized for the kids and adults alike. Bro. **Ed Stumborg** organized a bocce tournament which included 8 teams of 4 players each – they played and played, until one team finally won the coveted first prize at about 5 o'clock!! All the kids were presented with prizes and they, as well as all the adults, thoroughly enjoyed themselves all afternoon.

The success of our picnic was due in large part to the excellent promotion by the Knights; the positive advertising in the Church with the beautiful banners made by our resident "artiste" **Nina Passarello**—thank you Nina; by the use of an insert in the bulletin and the announcements made at both Masses for the past two Sundays; and the involvement of Miss **Karina Lethinen** and her youth volunteers.

Our sincere thanks to all who helped in any way to make this event such a success. A special 'thank you' to: Bro. **Jim Mudge** for organizing and purchasing all the food, and for delivering the cooked burgers and Hot dogs to the park; Bros. **Rene Marchand** and **Jack Kelly** for barbecuing all the food at the parish hall (due to the fire restrictions at Bowen Park); Bro. **Michael Loos** for preparing the buns and salads, and ensuring that the "fixings" were available; Bro. **Brian King** for taking pictures; Bro. **Bill Smith** for helping out on various other jobs; **Bro. Ed Stumborg** for the bocce game; and, **Karina Lethinen** and her youth group volunteers for their wonderful job with the kids. I especially want to thank Bro. **Jim** for putting me in charge of slicing 2 bags of large onions for the burgers and hot dogs. I really felt like crying!!!

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REMINDER

1.) Installation of 4th Degree Officers (Alexander Malaspina Assembly) and Charter Night for the new Father Leonard Assembly (Duncan) will be held on Sept. 20, 2003, at St. Edwards Parish, Duncan. Mass at 5:00 pm, followed by the installation; no-host-bar 6:45-7:30; dinner at 7:30.

2) The State Seminar is scheduled for Sept. 21 at Trinity Centre. It will begin at 11 am and last until about mid-afternoon.

3) A Major Degree Exemplification is planned for Nanaimo on Jan. 17, 2004. Further details will be announced as they become available.

4) Please contact Bro. **Hans Fadum** at kc3842@shaw.ca if you have an email address and wish to receive this bulletin via email.

5) 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>

News bytes.....

- Our sincere condolences to Bro. **Gabriel Pangindian** on the loss of his wife, **Lourdes**. Our prayers & thoughts are with you & your family.
- The Marian Hour of Prayer traveling icon will be with us Nov.2-8, 2003.
- Correction to last month's bulletin: Bros. **Curley Greene** and **Jim Mudge** have graciously accepted to be our Charity Appeal co-chairmen for this year. Bro. **Rene Marchand** will continue to help, especially in regards to vehicle arrangements. Thank you, Brothers.
- In May 2004, our council will celebrate its 50th Anniversary! Over the next few weeks, we will strike a committee and start planning for the big event. If you have any ideas, suggestions or wish to volunteer your services in any way, please contact our G.K. **Vince Cooke** (756-9473)