



KNIGHTLIFE

YOUTH BOOTH WINS BEST DECORATED AT CHRISTMAS MARKET



A big thank you goes out to Pat Walker for his organizing the Christmas Craft Market again this year. There were a few drop outs but otherwise it went off OK. Once again the crowds did not show up and we don't know if it is due to the economy or if it is just to far out of the way.

If we are to make money with this project we will have to raise our entry fee and come up with some way of making it a profitable fund raiser.

If the fenders still want to participate next year we may have to look at doing it at St. Mary's as it is more accessible.

If we have any Knights who can make things throughout the year and then we could have our own table set up, we might make this into a success.

Any ideas would be greatly appreciated, so put on your thinking caps and let's come up with some inspirational ideas. I know that Gedeon does beautiful glass work and I'm sure we have other talented individuals who could do some things during the year and then we could sell them at the Christmas Craft Market next year.

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REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONIES

The weather co-operated for one of the few days in November that didn't produce rain. There was a good crowd and the usual number of wreaths were laid in honour of our vets and all service people who have had to protect our country over the years, including our troops around the world in ongoing conflicts now.

John Myerscough & I laid the wreath for the Knights of Columbus in Sechelt and Keith Brind laid a wreath at the Legion services in Gibsons. the CWL in both parishes also laid wreaths along with the many other organizations and service groups on the Coast.

There was a nice luncheon provided at the Legion in Sechelt and it was standing room only on the lounge side. The cadets and other younger youth groups were on the hall side and it too was full.

It was good to see such a large turnout of our youth as it is through them that our country will have to depend on as we move forward in this ever turbulent world.

Remembrance Day not only fell on a Wednesday but it was also a meeting night and I was surprised that we still had a good turnout, even Dick made it. I didn't think he would give up the table he got when he arrived at the Legion. It just goes to show the dedication

our Enough of Dick. Our donation each they store for us. It time to getting wreath, this one through couple

to one of our upcoming meetings.



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MARION HOUR OF PRAYER WILL BE IN FEBRUARY



The Icon of Our Lady of Charity will once again be traveling throughout our district this year.

We will receive the Icon from Powell River on February 10th and will have it for a week. We will then send it on to Squamish on February 17th.

We will have to co-ordinate with Father Matthew for a couple of dates, so that we

can have the Icon at both parishes.

We might be able to do this after one of the masses so as to have bigger numbers.

Our turnouts have not been very good in past years, so in this way we may boost our attendance.

I have included a history of the Icon on the next page.

Discover a World of Good Things in the Knights of Columbus

INVITE A FRIEND OR A PARISHIONER TO JOIN OUR RANKS AND BECOME A KNIGHT, IT IS JUST A MATTER OF ASKING SOMEONE.

History

The town of **El Cobre** was founded in 1550 as a Spanish copper mine, worked by slaves and Indians. One day in **1608**, two Indians and a slave boy were gathering salt on the coast near El Cobre when they saw something floating in the water. It was a small statue of the Virgin Mary, carrying the Christ child and a gold cross. She floated on a board bearing the inscription, *Yo soy la Virgen de la Caridad*, "I am the **Virgin of Charity**."

At the time, the church in El Cobre was dedicated to Santiago, St. James, the powerful patron of the Spanish conquest. So the statue of the Virgin was placed in a **thatched hut** instead of in the church. But on three successive nights, the statue disappeared from the hut and was found on top of the hill above El Cobre.



The miraculous statue of the Virgin of Charity.
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The Virgin of Charity resided in several small shrines until **1630**, when the copper mine was closed and the slaves were freed. She then

took St. James' place above the high altar in the church, a symbol of the triumph of the people over the Spanish conquerers.

Since then, the Virgin has continued to **assist her people** and has been credited with countless miracles. In 1731, when an attempt was made to reintroduce slavery, she became a symbol of emancipation for one of Cuba's largest slave insurrections. In the end, the slaves were declared free. This spread devotion to Our Lady of Charity even further.

In 1916, the **pope** visited the shrine of the Virgin of Charity and declared her the patron saint of Cuba. El Cobre Basilica was built to house her in 1927. In 1998, Pope John Paul II crowned her statue during his historic visit to communist Cuba.

The Virgin has collected many votive offerings from her grateful worshippers over the years. In the 1950s, **Ernest Hemingway** gave the Virgin the Nobel Prize for Literature he won after writing *The Old Man and the Sea* in Havana. The mother of Fidel and Raul **Castro** left a small golden guerrilla fighter at the feet of the Virgin as her sons battled the government of dictator Fulgencio Batista ahead of the Cuban Revolution (and they have lived into old age).

