

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

Aurele LaRochele	Helmut Koch	Rev. Jim Sheppard
Ed Stumborg	Duc Pham	Jack Kelly
Angelo Petraroia	James Court	Gerard LeChasseur
Louis Duhamel	Ferdinand Gonzales	Alex Kotai

Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities

On January 20, 2008, the **Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities** was submitted to the Supreme, State and District deputies. This report consists of a list of all the activities our Council was involved in, the number of hours volunteered throughout the past year, total council activity expenses, and total charitable (church, community/need, youth) disbursements.

Here is a brief summary of those disbursements: Church, \$1,117; community/need, \$16,129; youth, \$6,358; for a total charitable disbursement of **\$23,604**. In addition, we also spent a total of \$1,028 on council activities. The number of hours dedicated to volunteer charitable and fraternal service were as follows: Church, 2526 hours; community, 1295 hours; youth, 60 hours; and an estimated 1412 hours of other volunteer services, for a total of **5383 hours**.

WE DID IT!

Congratulations and a sincere thank you to all the Brothers who participated and volunteered throughout the past year in any and all of our activities. You are an example of what the Knights are all about; a living proof that by volunteering we can make a difference both in the parish and the larger community. Our thanks also goes out to Bros. **Hans Fadum**, and **Claude Francoeur** for supplying all the financial information, and to Bro. **Rawley Morales** for collecting the volunteer statistics—thank you!

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- \$200 — **B.C. Blind Sports**
- \$200 — **Nanaimo Blind Bowlers**
- \$200 — **Western Institute for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.**
- \$300 — **Nanaimo Family Life**
- \$500 — **WOOMB BC**

Poor:

- \$1500 — **St. Vincent de Paul Society.**
- \$500 — **7 to 10 Club**

Total disbursements = **\$7138**

On the Lighter Side

I pulled into the crowded parking lot at the Wal-Mart Shopping Center and rolled down the car windows to make sure my Labrador Retriever pup had fresh air. She was stretched full-out on the back seat and I wanted to impress upon her that she must remain there! I walked to the curb backward, pointing my finger at the car and saying emphatically, "Now you stay. Do you hear me? Stay! Stay!" The driver of a nearby car, a pretty blonde young lady, gave me a strange look and said, "Why don't you just put it in park?"



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Executive meetings:

Last Thursday of the month (Aug.-June) 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 2007/2008

Grand Knight	Brian King	751-7851
Past Grand Knight	Vince Cooke	756-9473
Chaplain	Fr. Waldemar Podlasz	753-3570
Deputy Grand Knight	George Martin	754-0826
Chancellor	Rawley Morales	754-4809
Recorder	Mike Walker	756-0727
Financial Secretary	Hans Fadum	754-1694
Treasurer	Rick Jones	756-3038
Lecturer	Claude Francoeur	754-2425
Advocate	Daniel DePape	740-2521
Warden	Leo Poirier	390-3272
Inside Guard	Fred Statham	754-2244
Outside Guard	Mike Loos	716-5893
Trustee 3 Years	Rene Marchand	753-1657
Trustee 2 Years	Joe Walker	758-7850
Trustee 1 Year	Bob Poulin	668-6695

*Lord, Keep your arm around my shoulder and your hand
over my mouth!*

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Our Lady of Lourdes and the World Day of the Sick

The first of the eighteen apparitions of the **Blessed Virgin Mary** to the humble **Bernadette Soubirous** took place at Lourdes on February 11, 1858. On March 25th, when Bernadette asked the *beautiful Lady* her name, she replied: "*I am the Immaculate Conception.*" The Church for long centuries had believed in her Immaculate Conception, her exemption from every trace of the original sin which through Adam, our first and common father, separated man from his God. It was never proclaimed a dogma, however, until 1854. Our Lady by her apparitions at Lourdes in 1858 seems to convey her appreciation for the formal proclamation of her great privilege, by **Pius IX**, in 1854. Through the Lourdes apparitions, the devotion of persons in all parts of the world to the Immaculate Mother of God has been wonderfully spread, and countless, magnificent miracles of healing have been wrought everywhere through her intercession.

Hence, it is fitting that in 1992 **Pope John Paul II**, instituted the **World Day of the Sick** to be celebrated each year on **11 February**. Its objectives are: to help sensitize Catholics about the quality of care being provided for the sick; to encourage Christian communities to be involved in pastoral health care; to recall the need to provide spiritual and moral formation for those working with the sick; to encourage the involvement of volunteers; to promote reflection on the meaning of suffering; and to invite all those involved in medical care to appreciate the importance of their healing mission.

For us, on a practical level, therefore, it is fitting that we take a moment, to pray to our Lady of Lourdes and ask her to intercede for us, for all our sick family members, friends, and relatives. It is in this spirit that we will celebrate a special **Mass for the Sick** on Saturday, **Feb. 9, 2008** at 10:30 am in St. Peter's Church, followed by soup and coffee in the Church hall courtesy of the CWL. Everyone is cordially invited to join in prayer and fellowship.

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.

REMINDER

1) On Saturday, May 24, 2008, there will be a **Fourth Degree Exemplification** held at St. Edward's Parish in Duncan hosted by Father Leonard Assembly. It will start at 1:30 pm, Mass at 5:00 pm and cocktails and banquet at 7:00 pm. We urge all our third degree members to consider becoming Fourth Degree Knights. Please contact F.N. **Al Schickerowsky** (753-7813) for more information and details.

2) Please take note that for the duration of Lent, beginning on Feb. 8, 2008, the **Friday evening devotions** at St. Peter's Parish will start with Reconciliation at 6:00, followed by Benediction at appr. 6:50, Mass at appr. 7:00, and finally the Way of the Cross right after Mass.

3) Remember in your prayers our sick Brothers, especially Bros. **Helmut Koch, Vince Cooke, Joseph MacLellan, and John Mulligan**

4) Please remember the 'Corpus Fund', the K. of C. (B.C.) Charity Foundation's continued efforts to raise awareness & funds. For any questions or information, contact Bro. **Neil Jangula** at: nbjangula@shaw.ca or see our website at <http://members.shaw.ca/kc3842> (Information)

Charity Appeal Drive

The Charity Appeal Drive for 2007/08 has now been completed! We were able to sell **877** out of a total allotment of 925 books this year! What an incredible effort by our council! Even though we sold a few more books last year, this year's sales were still very impressive and have been a terrific success. We have great expectations to once again number in the top 3 selling councils in our State! Next Saturday, Feb. 2, 2008 will tell!!

Again, much like in the past few years, it was a long, hard sell! Tickets sold very slowly; partly due to the economic times and possibly due to some 'charity-giving fatigue'. However, we were very fortunate to have had the use of, and a great location within, one of the busiest mall in town. For the last three months over twenty members of our Council spent countless hours selling tickets in our two locations, from early in the morning until late at night, seven days a week! Our top sellers this year were Bros. **Curly Greene** with 92 books; **Hans Fadum**, 78; **Dan DePape**, 71, **Angelo Petraroia**, 67; and **Helmut Koch**, with 55 books. What a fantastic accomplishment, especially considering that we were not able to sell for about 4 weeks in one of our malls. Our most hearty 'thank you' to all the Brothers who stepped forward, volunteered and gave so generously of their time. Above all else, we especially acknowledge and thank Bro. **Dan DePape** for so efficiently organizing and managing the whole project; for getting us out to sell when discouragement set in; and, for probably putting in more hours than any one else. Thank you!

Finally, we gratefully acknowledge and thank the management of **Port Place** and **Country Club** malls for providing us with space in their malls. Further more, we also extend our very sincere appreciation to **Tom Harris Chevrolet** and **Steve Marshall Ford** for making their vehicles available to us. Without their generous support we could never have accomplished what we did! Thank you one and all!

To put all these efforts into perspective, the following charities were supported by us through last year's (2006/07) Charity Appeal Drive:

Church:

- \$500 — **St. Peter's Youth Group**
- \$300 — **Catholic Information Resource Centre**
- \$1738 — **Pennies for Heaven (Seminar fund)**

Community:

- \$300 — **Canadian Cancer Society.**
- \$500 — **Canadian Kidney Foundation**
- \$500 — **Arts Alive School of Art (Nanaimo)** *(Continued on page 4)*

News bytes.....

- We have received good news that Bro. **Helmut Koch** is back in his home here in Nanaimo since Tuesday, January 15th. He is recovering well but is still very weak. He was, however, already able to go back to Mass last weekend. We continue to keep you, and Bro. **John Mulligan**, in our prayers and wish you both very speedy recovery.
- A big 'Thank you' to all Brothers who helped in any way with the recent very successful parish fund raiser, 'Eat Your Way Around the World'. We especially thank Bros. **Claude Francoeur, Rick Jones, Bob Poulin** and **Dan De Pape** for putting in well over 100 man/hours on this project.