

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

Aurele LaRoche
Helmut Koch
Jack Kelly

Daniel Ober
Rev. Jim Sheppard
Angelo Petrarola

Alex Kotai
Ed Stumborg
Gerard LeChasseur

Membership Drive

In keeping with Supreme and State membership objectives, we held a **membership blitz** in January. For two successive weekends, Bro. **Brian King**, Membership chairman, spoke at all Masses inviting all eligible men of the parish and their families to attend an Open House on Jan. 20, 2013. We were very happy to welcome eight interested men and some of their wives to our Open House. Under the leadership of Bro. **King**, the session proved very informative and interesting. Our Worthy Field Agent, Bro. **Marcel Casavant** spoke and presented a short film on 'who are the Knights', and our Worthy Chaplain, Fr. **Waldemar Podlasz**, SDS, gave a very moving and inspiring testimony of his journey to knighthood and his present role as spiritual advisor and guide to our council. We are now preparing a 1st Degree Exemplification for Feb. 6, and hope to welcome some of these men to our Order. A big thank you to all prospective candidates, their wives, and all brother Knights who came out to the Open House and made this year's membership blitz such a success.

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else, in fact, about **86 hours** in total! Thank you, Bro. Dan! In addition, we gratefully acknowledge and thank the management of **Country Club** for providing us with space in its mall, and to **Nanaimo Chrysler** for making its vehicle available to us. Without their generous support we could not have accomplished what we did! Thank you one and all!

On the Lighter Side

Male or Female???

-FREEZER BAGS: Male...because they hold everything in...but you can see right through them.

-PHOTOCOPIERS: Female...because once turned off..it takes a while to warm them up again. They are an effective reproductive device if the right buttons are pushed...but can also wreak havoc if you push the wrong ones.

-TIRES: Male...because they go bald easily and are often over inflated.

-WEB PAGES: Female...because they're constantly being looked at and frequently getting hit on.

-TRAINS: Definitely male...because they always use the same old lines for picking up people.

-REMOTE CONTROL: Female...it easily gives a man pleasure; he'd be lost without it...and while he doesn't always know which buttons to push...he just keeps trying.



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Executive meetings:

Last Thursday of the month (Aug.-May) in St.Peter's Church, Resource Room, at 7:30 pm

Regular meetings:

1st Wednesday of the month (Sept.-June) in St.Peter's Parish hall, at 7:30 pm

Pancake breakfast:

Every 3rd Sunday (Sept.-April) and on Mothers & Fathers Day (May-June) after both Masses in St.Peter's Parish hall

Officers for 2012/2013

Grand Knight	Rick Jones	250-756-3038
Past Grand Knight	Bill Ducey	250-755-1181
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Trustee 1 Year	Bob Poulin	250-668-6695

Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you won't have a leg to stand on.



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From the desk of our Chaplain

We enter into this month of February with Jesus giving us His beatitudes. They always challenge us to strive for perfection in our life and in the practice of faith. Every day is an opportunity to seek that spiritual and personal growth. During this month we have some special celebrations: **World Day for Consecrated Life**, when we pray for new and holy vocation to religious life; **World Day of the Sick** and the feast of **Our Lady of Lourdes**, on which we have our own Mass for the sick, and for which celebration, we as Knights, can always make our special mark by helping those who are sick or homebound to get to the church; and, the memorial of **St. Blase** when we ask God to protect us from all illness and we have a special blessing of the throat bestowed upon us. May we always remember what it means and what it takes to truly be blessed by God. May this challenge to live out the values of Christ's beatitudes be always inspiring us towards growing strong in faith and assisting others, especially those less fortunate, with their needs.

Vivat Jesus,

Fr. Waldemar Podlasz, SDS

Charity Appeal winners 2013!

Congratulations to all this year's winners! Two \$1,000 **Early Bird** winning tickets were sold by **OUR COUNCIL!!** Bro. **Dan DePape** sold one to **Dan Fischer** of Nanaimo, and Bro. **Leo Poirier** to **Matilda McCreath** of Tofino!!!!

1st	\$50,000	Rana Singh Bhatia	Surrey
2nd	Chevrolet Silverado 1500	Ray & Joan Biddlecombe	Halfmoon Bay
3rd	Ford Mustang convertible	Denise Loewen	Kamloops
4th	Dodge Journey	Eileen Lafabve	Prince George

REMINDER

1. A **4th Degree Exemplification** will be held in Victoria, on Saturday, February 23, 2013 and hosted by Bishop Demers Assembly #3364. For further information, contact F.N. **George Martin** (250-754-0826)
2. St. Edward Council #4546, Duncan, will be hosting a **Major Degree Exemplification** on Saturday March 9, 2013. We urge all 1st Degree members to consider taking their major degrees. For more details, please contact our G.K. **Rick Jones** (250-756-3038).
3. Remember in your prayers all those who are sick: Bros. **Louis De Pagie**, **Gerard LeChasseur**; **Vince Cooke**; **Ted Kelly**; **Parker Okano**; **Warren Randle**; **James Wolfgang**; **Alfred Drexler**; **Mark Gauthier**; **Father Jack Sproule**, and **Angelo Petraroia** and wife **Maria**; as well as **Bernadette**, wife of Bro. **David Kenny**; Bro. **Oscar Clemotte** and family; and **Maria**, wife of Bro. **Alex Kotai**. Also, please pray for our Former State Warden, Bro. **Barrie Stickland**, and **Rita Messier**, former wife of F.M. **Nick Luiken**, who both passed away.
4. **Membership fees for 2013** are now due. Payments may be made at the meeting or by mail to F.S. Bro. **Hans Fadum** at **P.O. Box 426, Nanaimo, B.C. V9R 5L3** with cheques payable to **KofC Council 3842**.

Junk ahoy!!!

On Saturday, Jan. 12, 2013, eight Brother Knights undertook the daunting task of cleaning up various nooks and crannies in St. Peter's church building of old, broken junk items of every size and description. A whole large commercial-size dumpster was filled with junk and hauled away, along with a truck load of old metal for the recycling depot. Bros. **Rick Jones**, **Brian King**, **Claude Francoeur**, **Bill Ducey**, **Bob Poulin**, **Helmut Koch**, **Joe Walker**, under the direction of **Fr. Waldemar**, worked very hard the better part of half the day on this early, but very necessary, 'spring cleaning'. Thank you, Brothers, for another big job well done!

Charity Appeal Drive

On Saturday, Jan. 12, 2013 we completed our Charity Appeal Drive for 2012/13! This year, unfortunately, we were not able to sell our total allotment of **500 books** as we had last year! Due to scheduling issues and the use of only one mall, we were only able to sell 381 books. As is obvious from the number of tickets sold, it was a long, hard sell! We were very fortunate to have had the use of, and a great location within, one of the busiest malls in town, **Country Club Mall**. For two months, seventeen members of our Council spent some **612 hours** selling tickets from early morning until late at night, seven days a week! As a consequence, our efforts were well rewarded, since we were able to sell two of the \$1,000 Early Bird tickets (see box on facing page). Our most hearty 'thank you' to the following Brothers who stepped forward and gave so generously of their time: **Bill Ducey**, **Eduardo Dagsaan**, **Dan DePape**, **Claude Francoeur**, **Hans Fadum**, **Helmut Koch**, **Alex Kotai**, **Gerard LeChasseur**, **Rene Marchand**, **Pat O'Keefe**, **Leo Poirier**, **Lance Ryan**, **Brian Heffernan**, **Phillip Fratpietro**, **Joe Wyse**, **Warren Randle**, and **Jim Kitney**. Our top sellers this year were Bros. **Dan DePape** with 45 books; **Helmut Koch**, 36; and **Gerard LeChasseur**, with 31 books. Our very special 'thank you' goes out to Bro. **Dan DePape** for so efficiently organizing and managing the whole project; for getting us out to sell when discouragement set in; and, for putting in more time than any one

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News bytes.....

- We are very happy to welcome Bro. **Marcel Casavant** to our Council. Bro. Marcel has transferred-in from Trinity Council #9990, and is already active in our council as a member of the recruitment team, and continues to serve our district as the KofC Income Replacement (Insurance) Agent. For any of your insurance or investment needs, don't hesitate to contact Bro. Marcel at marcel.casavant@kofc.org or call **250-729-9621**. Welcome Bro. Marcel!
- During the month of February, we are continuing our annual **Pro-Life Baby Shower** campaign to collect baby supplies and clothes for our local pregnancy crisis centre. A baby crib has been set up in the foyer of the church to collect these items. Please, encourage your families and friends to support and contribute to this very worthwhile project.