

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

Aurele LaRochele
Rev. T. J. Sheppard
Angelo Petraroia

Daniel Ober
Ed Stumborg
Gerard LeChasseur
Alex Kotai

Helmut Koch
Jack Kelly
Christopher Brown

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tion within, one of the busiest malls in town. For three months, twenty-eight members of our Council spent many long hours selling tickets from early in the morning until late at night, seven days a week! In fact, we estimate that a total of about 930 man-hours were spent selling tickets and organizing the whole project. Our most hearty 'thank you' to all the Brothers who stepped forward and gave so generously of their time. Our top sellers this year were Bros. **Helmut Koch** with 52 books, **Louis De Pagie** with 51 books, and **Angelo Petraroia** with 50 books. What a fantastic accomplishment! 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 hours than any one else! Thank you, Bro. Dan! In addition, we gratefully acknowledge and thank the management of **Country Club** for providing us with space in its mall. As well, we extend our very sincere appreciation to **Laird Wheaton** for making its vehicle 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 in 2011 through last year's (2010/11) Charity Appeal Drive:

Church:

\$ 300 — Catholic Information Resource Centre
\$1,024 — Pennies for Heaven (Seminar fund)

Community:

\$ 400 — Nanaimo Blind Bowlers
\$ 500 — Nanaimo Seniors Visiting Society
\$ 500 — NRGH Foundation, Silent Guardian Fund (Lifeline)

Poor:

\$ 500 — St. Vincent de Paul Society (Nanaimo).
\$1,000 — Covenant House

Total disbursements = \$4,224

On the Lighter Side

- Ms. Flynn couldn't find her luggage at the airport baggage area and went to the lost luggage office and reported the loss. The man there, Murphy, smiled and told her not to worry because he was a trained professional. 'Now,' Murphy asked her, 'Has your plane arrived yet?'.....
- Murphy entered a pizza parlour and ordered a small pizza to go. The cook asked him if he would like it cut into 4 or 6 pieces. Murphy thought about it for some time then said 'Just cut it into 4 pieces; I don't think I'm hungry enough to eat 6.'



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Executive meetings:

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

Regular meetings:

1st Wednesday of the month in St. Peter's Parish hall, 7:30 pm

Pancake breakfast:

Every 3rd Sunday after both Masses

Officers for 2011/2012

Grand Knight	Rick Jones	250-756-3038
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Chaplain	Fr. Waldemar Podlasz, SDS	250-753-3570
Deputy Grand Knight	David Lorette	250-247-8981
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Recorder	Louis De Pagie	250-740-1174
Financial Secretary	Hans Fadum	250-754-1694
Treasurer	Ted Steven	250-390-1675
Lecturer	Claude Francoeur	250-754-2425
Advocate	Dan DePape	250-740-2521
Warden	Brian King	250-591-4223
Inside Guard	Mike Loos	250-716-5893
Outside Guard	Helmut Koch	250-591-0838
Trustee 3 Years	Lance Ryan	250-327-2558
Trustee 2 Years	Bob Poulin	250-668-6695
Trustee 1 Year	Ted Kelly	250-758-5095

A smile from you can bring happiness to anyone, even if they don't like you.



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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. Blaise** 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 Drive

On Friday, Jan. 6, 2012 we completed our Charity Appeal Drive for 2011/12! Even though we only had the use of one mall, we again were able to sell our total allotment of **500 books!** What an incredible effort by, and terrific success for our council! As always, it was a long, hard sell! However, we were very fortunate to have had the use of, and a good loca-

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REMINDER

1. On Saturday, February 11th, the Feast Day of **Our Lady of Lourdes** we will be celebrating **Mass for the Sick** in St. Peter's Church at 11am. followed by the **Anointing of the Sick** with holy oils. The ladies of the **CWL** will be serving a light lunch of soup and buns in the parish hall following the celebration. We encourage all to attend.
2. Mark Saturday February 18, 2012 on your calendar. St. Peter's annual fundraiser "**Eat Your Way Around the World**" will be taking place in the church hall at 6:15pm. Come out support your parish & have some great food at the same time!
3. Please continue to support our ongoing "**Baby Shower**" project. Drop off any baby clothes or supplies in the foyer of the Church for needy new mothers and the **Pregnancy Crisis Centre of Nanaimo**.
4. Remember in your prayers all those who are sick: Bros. **David Hawthorn**; **Gerard LeChasseur**; **Vince Cooke**; **Ted Kelly**; **Parker Okano**; **Mike James** (Trinity Council #9990); as well as **Bernadette**, wife of Bro. **David Kenny**; and **Maria**, wife of Bro. **Alex Kotai**. Also keep in your prayers those who have died: Bros. **Angus Mlazgar**, and **Bill Smith, Sr.**; and, all our other departed Brothers.
5. **Membership dues for 2012** are now payable. 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**.



In Memoriam

It is with great sadness that we acknowledge the passing of our Brother Knight, **William B. Smith, Sr.** On Friday, Jan. 6, 2012, at the age of 77, surrounded by his loving family, our Brother passed away in Nanaimo after a brief illness. Bro. Bill joined our Order in 1982 and the 4th Degree in 2004. For all these years he had been a proud and faithful member of our Council and Assembly. He served on our executive as Chancellor for two terms; was a cheerful member of the pancake breakfast and cemetery clean-up crews; and, was the right-hand man to our past Grand Knight in helping and fostering the anti-drug/alcohol program in our local schools.

It is with heavy hearts that we now take leave from our Brother. We pray for him and offer our deepest sympathy to his wife **Teresa**, his sons and our Bro. Knights, **Bill J., Jr.** and **Bob**, as well as to the entire **Smith** family.

May he Rest in Peace.

Message from Bro. Bill Smith, Jr.

On behalf of the Smith family, we would like to express our sincere heartfelt thank you to the brothers and honour guard who came and participated in my father's funeral service. He was proud to be a Knight of Columbus and I am sure he smiled down on all of us with pride and happiness. He devoted his life to family and God. The service was simply wonderful and we had so many comments from friends as to how beautiful and significant it was. We all will dearly miss him, but our memories of his service are blazoned in our hearts and in our memories. Thanks you again my brothers. With much love.

Bro. William Smith Jr. and Family

Vivat Jesus

News bytes.....

- As part of our monthly KofC Meditation Program, some may not be aware that the **Catechism Of The Catholic Church** is available online at: <http://www.vatican.va/archive/ccc/index.htm> In addition, the **Compendium of the CCC** is also available on line at: http://www.vatican.va/archive/compendium_ccc/documents/archive_2005_compendium-ccc_en.html
- A major **Degree Exemplification** is planned for the afternoon of Feb. 18, 2012 at **Christ the King Church** in **Courtenay**. The Mass will be at 5:00 p.m. followed by a banquet. Please, contact our Worthy D.D. Aurel Muego (aurel@dwellingplace.ca) as soon possible of your attendance, and encourage all First Degree members to take their major degrees.