

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

Valintine Morah	Michael Griffin	Aurele LaRochelle
Daniel Ober	Helmur Koch	Fr. James Sheppard
Ed Stumborg	Angelo Petrarora	Alex Kotai

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in their malls. Furthermore, we extend our very sincere appreciation to **Laird Wheaton** for making their vehicle available to us and to Bro. **Ross Barnard** for acting as our liaison at Laird Wheaton. Without their generous support we could never have accomplished what we did! Thank you one and all!

Charity Appeal winners 2014/15!

Congratulations to all this year's winners!

1st	\$50,000 cash	Elliot Dillon	Chilliwack
2nd	2015 Ford Fusion Hybrid SE	Brett Armstrong	N.Vancouver
3rd	2015 Chev. Camaro Coupe	A. or D. Longhurst	Coquitlam
4th	2015 Dodge Ram 1500 SXT	Jaskaran Kandola	Kelowna

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. However, it was never proclaimed a dogma, until 1854. Through the Lourdes apparitions, the devotion 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 their healing mission.

On the Lighter Side

Murphy just could not pass his exam!!!

- Q. In which battle did Napoleon die? -- his last battle
- Q. What is the main reason for divorce? -- marriage
- Q. How can a man go eight days without sleeping? -- he sleeps at night.
- Q. What is the main reason for failure? -- exams



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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 (Sept.-June) in St.Peter's Parish hall, at 7:30 pm

Pancake breakfast:

4th Sunday in Jan., Mother's & Father's Day (May-June) and every 3rd Sunday (Sept.-Dec.; Feb-Apr.) after both Masses in St.Peter's Parish hall

Officers for 2014/2015

Grand Knight	Brian King	250-591-4223
Past Grand Knight	Rick Jones	250-756-3038
Chaplain	Fr. Chris Pastuszka, SDS	250-753-3570
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Chancellor	Gregory Large	250-753-6091
Recorder	Louis De Pagie	250-740-1174
Financial Secretary	Hans Fadum	250-754-1694
Treasurer	Guy Doiron	250-753-0307
Lecturer	Claude Francoeur	250-754-2425
Advocate	Dan DePape	250-740-2521
Warden	Bill Ducey	250-755-1181
Inside Guard	Mike Loos	250-716-5893
Outside Guard	Chris Dafoe	250-585-8833
Trustee 1 Year	Helmur Koch	250-591-0838
Trustee 2 Years	Rene Marchand	250-753-1657
Trustee 3 Years	Louis Curti	250-758-5255

Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about!



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From the desk of our Chaplain

People often don't look forward to Lent. Childhood memories of giving up candy or sitting through weekly Stations of the Cross come immediately to mind. Words like "sacrifice," "discipline," and "self denial" are often used in ways that suggest that Lent is something to be endured rather than a time of grace and spiritual growth. Have you ever thought of Lent as a yearly second chance? Each year the Church gives us six weeks to take a long, loving look at our lives to see if our values and priorities are in line with God's desires for us. Since most of us find that we've wandered from God's path, Lent becomes that second chance, or do-over, to "return to God with our whole heart." Lent might be a meaningful time of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving for yourself, your loved ones, and our community. Maybe it is a time when you could invite family members to share their thoughts, hopes, and desires for Lent. Decide to support one another in whatever you choose to do. As you journey through this annual second chance, remember that each step brings you closer to the welcoming arms of our loving God. **Fr. Chris.**

Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities

On January 14, 2015, the **Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities** was submitted to the Supreme, State and District deputies. This report consists 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/needy, youth) disbursements. Here is a brief summary of those disbursements: Church, **\$3,032**; community/needy, **\$7,955**; youth, **\$4,667**; Life issues, **\$200**, for a total of **\$15,844**. In addition, we also spent a total of **\$2,820** on council activities. The hours dedicated to volunteer charitable and fraternal service were as follows: Church, **2,852** hours; community, **911** hours; and an estimated **1,096** hours of other volunteer services, for a total of **5,024** hours. 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 our D.G.K. Bro. **Jerry Brown** for collecting the volunteer statistics—thank you!

REMINDER

1. Remember in your prayers all those who are sick: Bros. **Ted Kelly** and wife **Olga**; **Warren Randle**; **Bob Poulin** and wife **Audry**; as well as **Josephine**, wife of Bro. **Guy Doiron**; and, **Maria**, wife of Bro. **Alex Kotai**. Also, pray for all those who have passed away, especially Bros. **Vince Cooke**, **Parker Okano** and **Gerard LeChasseur**;
3. Membership dues for 2015 are now payable. Payment 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 once again have to acknowledge the passing of one of our Brothers. On Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2015, at the age of 85, Bro. **Gerard J. LeChasseur** suddenly passed away at his home here in Nanaimo. Bro. Gerard had joined our Order in April 1989, the Fourth Degree in 1997, and had been a proud and faithful member of our Council since June 2001 when he came to us from Kenora, Ont. During the fraternal year of 2002 he served as our Inside Guard. 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, **Therese**, and to the entire **LeChasseur** family.

May he Rest in Peace

Charity Appeal Drive

On Thursday, Dec. 20, 2014 we completed our Charity Appeal Drive for 2014/15! As always, it was a long, hard sell! However, because we were very fortunate to have had the use of **Country Club Mall** and two weeks in **Port Place**, we were able to sell our total allotment of **500 books!** What an incredible effort by, and terrific success for our council! For exactly 104 days, twenty members of our Council spent hours selling tickets from early in the morning until late at night, seven days a week! In fact, a total of **565 man-hours** were spent selling tickets and organizing the whole project. Our most hearty 'thank you' to the following Brothers who stepped forward and gave so generously of their time: **Eduardo Dagsaan, Dan DePape, Claude Francoeur, Hans Fadum, Helmut Koch, Rene Marchand, Brian Heffernan, Joe Wyse, George Martin, Tony Bucar, Louis De Pagie, Angelo Petrarola, Philip Fratpietro, Rick Jones, James Wolfgang, Guy Doiron, Bob Nielsen, Greg Large, Chris Jeffs, and David Kenny**. Our top sellers this year were Bros. **Angelo Petrarola** and **Louis De Pagie** with 42.8 books; **Greg Large** with 41.6 books, and **David Kenny** with 40 books. What a fantastic accomplishment! Our very special 'thank you' goes out to Bro. **Tony Bucar** who, assisted by **Bro. Dan DePape**, so very efficiently organized and managed the whole project; got us out to sell when discouragement set in; and, put in more hours than any one else! Thank you, Bro. Tony! In addition, we gratefully acknowledge and thank the managements of **Country Club** and **Port Place** for providing us with space

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News bytes.....

- On Wednesday, 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..