

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

Aurele LaRochele	Daniel Ober	Louis Duhamel
Helmut Koch	Rev. Jim Sheppard	Ed Stumborg
Jack Kelly	Angelo Petrarola	Gerard LeChasseur
	Alex Kotai	

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- \$300 — **Special Woodstock Society**
- \$300 — **Arts Alive School of Art (Nanaimo)**
- \$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.**
- \$1000 — **Covenant House**

Total disbursements = \$7,770

Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities

On January 10, 2009, 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, \$5,951; community/need, \$13,965; youth, \$5,616; for a total of **\$25,532**. In addition, we also spent a total of \$8,610 on council activities. The number of hours dedicated to volunteer charitable and fraternal service were as follows: Church, 3,509 hours; community, 1,152 hours; youth, 10 hours; and an estimated 1483 hours of other volunteer services, for a total of **6,154 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. **Bill Ducey** for collecting the volunteer statistics—thank you!

On the Lighter Side

A man said to his wife one day, "I don't know how you can be so stupid and so beautiful all at the same time."

The wife responded, "Allow me to explain.

God made me beautiful so you would be attracted to me;

God made me stupid so I would be attracted to you!"



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Executive meetings:

Last Thursday of the month (Aug.-June) in St.Peter's Parish hall 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 2008/2009

Grand Knight	George Martin	250-754-0826
Past Grand Knight	Brian King	250-591-4223
Chaplain	Fr. Waldemar Podlasz, SDS	250-753-3570
Deputy Grand Knight	Bill Ducey	250-755-1181
Chancellor	David Lorette	250-247-8981
Recorder	Mike Walker	250-756-0727
Financial Secretary	Hans Fadum	250-754-1694
Treasurer	Rick Jones	250-756-3038
Lecturer	Claude Francoeur	250-754-2425
Advocate	Dan DePape	250-740-2521
Warden	Leo Poirier	250-390-3272
Inside Guard	Mike Loos	250-716-5893
Outside Guard	Helmut Koch	250-591-0838
Trustee 3 Years	Brian King	250-591-4223
Trustee 2 Years	Rene Marchand	250-753-1657
Trustee 1 Year	Joe Walker	250-758-7850

*Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly.
Leave the rest to God.*



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<http://members.shaw.ca/kc3842> (Bulletin)

Our Email address: kc3842@shaw.ca

Message from our Member Benefit Agent

Dear Brother Knights,

The Federal Government launched a new savings program effective Jan 1, 2009. It is called the "**Tax Free Savings Account (TFSA)**". I am very pleased to announce that the Knights of Columbus, as part of their portfolio of products, have a TFSA available for members and their spouse. In my opinion this is the best and simplest savings vehicle that the government has ever launched. The basics of the program are as follows:

Every Canadian over the age of 18 yrs will be able to contribute up to \$5,000 per year into a TFSA; there will be no tax receipt issued as this program does not qualify as an RRSP; the interest earned on the money grows tax free (not tax deferred as in a RRSP); and, when you take the money out, the full amount (investment & growth) comes to you tax free.

I believe that this Tax Free Saving Account will be a valuable addition to your financial portfolio. As in the past, The Knights of Columbus have demonstrated time and time again that there is no safer place to have money on deposit than with the order.

If you have any questions about the TFSA Saving Program or if you are interested in depositing to it, please let me know and I would be happy to open an account for you.

Fraternally in Christ,

Marcel Casavant, KofC Member Benefit Agent.

250-729-9621 casavant@telus.net

Editor's note: The KofC TSFA rate is currently set at 4.1%

Since 1992, every Feb. 11 has been designated as the **World Day of the Sick**. It is intended as a special day of prayer to our **Lady of Lourdes**, asking her intercession for all our sick family members, friends, and relatives. It is in this spirit that we will celebrate both a special **Mass for the Sick** and the **Sacrament of the Sick** on Saturday, **Feb. 7, 2009** at 10:00 am in St. Peter's Church. This will be followed by soup and coffee in the Church hall courtesy of the **CWL**. Everyone is cordially invited to join in prayer and fellowship.

REMINDER

- 1) Victoria Council #1256 will be hosting a **Major Degree Exemplification** on Saturday April 4, 2009. We urge all 1st Degree members to consider taking their major degrees. For more details, please contact our G.K. **George Martin** (250-754-0826)
- 2) Remember in your prayers all those who have gone before us in the sleep of Christ, especially, **Loreen Gaudet**, wife of our late Bro. **Roger Gaudet** (Trinity Council, #9990), and **Dodie Gogo**, long-time member of St. Peter's Parish. Also pray for the sick, especially Bros. **Gerard LeChasseur**, and **Joe MacLellan**, **Marie-Clair Poirier**, wife of Bro. **Leo Poirier**, and **Kathie Campbell**, wife of Bro. **Ed Campbell**.
- 3) 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. **Raymond Williams** at: rnw7@telus.net or see our website at <http://members.shaw.ca/kc3842> (Information)

Charity Appeal Drive

On Monday, Jan. 19, 2009 we completed our Charity Appeal Drive for 2008/09! This year we were able to sell our total allotment of **900 books** which was even more than what we sold last year! What an incredible effort by, and terrific success for our council! And so we have great expectations to once again number in the top 3 selling councils in our State!

Again, much like in the past few years, it was a long, hard sell! However, we were very fortunate to have had the use of, and great locations within, two of the busiest malls 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 90 books; **Hans Fadum**, 73; and **Rene Marchand**, with 56 books. What a fantastic accomplishment, especially considering that we were not able to sell for about 4 weeks in one of the 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 putting in more hours than any one else! Thank you, Bro. Dan!

Finally, we gratefully acknowledge and thank the management of **Port Place** and **Country Club** for providing us with space in their malls. Furthermore, we extend our very sincere appreciation to **Tom Harris Chevrolet** for making its 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 (2007/08) Charity Appeal Drive:

Church:

- \$500 — **St. Peter's Youth Group**
- \$300 — **Catholic Information Resource Centre**
- \$1470 — **Pennies for Heaven (Seminar fund)**

Community:

- \$400 — **Canadian Cancer Society** (Human services only).
- \$300 — **Canadian Kidney Foundation** (Human services only).
- \$300 — **B.C. Centre for Ability**

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News bytes.....

- The Vatican now has a **YOUTUBE** channel and will feature the Holy Father by adding an item or two daily. It is hoped that this will be a first major step in the New Evangelization. The Holy Father has also called on the world's Catholic and, by extension, Christian youth to evangelize the internet. The web link is: <http://www.youtube.com/vatican>
- We have added a **RSS feed** to our webpage. It includes the latest news releases and items of interest from the **Supreme Council**. Just scroll down to the various items; then when you see one of particular interest, just click on it and the entire article will open up in a new web page. You will find this feed on our home page at <http://members.shaw.ca/kc3842>