

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

Aurele LaRochele	Daniel Ober	Helmut Koch
Rev. Jim Sheppard	Rev. Krystian Golisz	Ed Stumborg
	Alex Kotai	

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 **Saint Pope John Paul II**, instituted the **World Day of the Sick** to be celebrated each year on **February 11**. 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.

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.

On the Lighter Side

Obama, Hillary and Trump are standing at the throne of heaven. God looks at them and says, "Before granting you a place at my side, I must ask you what you have learned, what you believe in." God asks Obama first: "What do you believe?" He thinks long and hard, looks God in the eye, and says, "I believe in hard work, and in staying true to family and friends. I believe in giving. I was lucky, but I always tried to do right by my countrymen". God can't help but see the essential goodness of Obama, and offers him a seat to his left. Then God turns to Hillary and says, "What do you believe?" Hillary says, "I believe passion, discipline, courage and honour are the fundamentals of life. Like Obama I believe in hard work. I, too, have been lucky, but win or lose, I've always tried to be a true patriot and a loyal American." God is greatly moved by Hillary's high-pitched eloquence, and he offers her a seat to his right. Finally, God turns to Trump and says, "And you, Donald, what do you believe?" Trump replies, "I believe you're in my seat."



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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 2017/2018

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Happy 60th Birthday, Father Krystian!

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Charity Appeal Drive

Finally, on Saturday, Jan. 13, 2018 we completed our Charity Appeal Drive for 2017/18! Because we were very fortunate to have had the use of **Country Club Mall**, two weeks in **Port Place**, and for two weeks four hours a day at the Beaufort/Bowen Road **Country Grocer**, we were able to sell a total of **494.5 books** out of the 600 books ordered. Unfortunately, we were not quite able to sell our entire allotment, primarily because we were only able to start selling at the end of October. Thus, for about 2 1/2 months, twenty six 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 over **1000 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, Joe Walker, Chris Barber, Louis Curti, Brian Heffernan, Joe Wyse, George Martin, Tony Bucar, Louis De Pagie, Norbert Soares, Helmut Koch, Bill Ducey, Bob Nielsen, Greg Large, Chris Jeffs, Barry Webb, Ed Campbell, Alex Kotai, Jose De Borba, Marcel Casavant, Art Powell, Andrew DeGroot, and David Kenny**. Our top sellers this year were Bros. **Bob Nielsen** with 57.9 books; **Gregory Large** with 55.0 books, and **George Martin** with 43.0 books. Our very special 'thank you' goes out to Bro. **Tony Bucar** who so very efficiently organized and managed the whole project; got us out to sell when discouragement set in; and, put in, by far, more hours than any one else! Thank you very much, Bro. Tony! In addition, we gratefully acknowledge and thank the management of **Country Grocer** for providing us with space at their store exit, and **Country Club** and **Port Place** for space in their malls. Furthermore, we extend our very sincere appreciation to **Nanaimo Toyota** for making its vehicle available to us. Without their generous support we could never have accomplished what we did! Thank you one and all!!!

REMINDER

1. Membership fees for 2018 are now overdue and **payable no later than Feb. 24, 2018**. If you are a "Regular" or "Honorary" member and have not yet renewed your membership, a **2nd and final Notice** has been sent out to you. Please make your payment at the February 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**.
2. Please pray for all who are sick especially: Bros. **Rick Jones, Rich Pistone, Peter Gibb, Dwain Ingram, Ben Denommé, George Ives, Ted Kelly, James Wolfgang, and Penny**, wife of Bro.. **Philip Fratpietro**. Also, keep in your prayers all who have passed away, especially our brother Knights, **Rene Marchand, Angelo Petraroia, Curly Greene, and Patrick O'Keefe**.



In Memoriam

It is with great sadness that we once again have to acknowledge the passing of one of our Brothers. On Sunday, Jan. 14, 2018, at the age of 83, our Brother **Patrick D. O'Keefe** passed away in Nanaimo, BC. Bro. Patrick joined our Order and our Council in Feb. 1996, and received the honours of the 2nd & 3rd

Degrees in May 1996, and the 4th Degree in May 1997. Due to his illness over the last several years he was unable to be actively involved in council affairs, but nevertheless, always felt honoured and very proud to be a Knight.

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 **Elizabeth**, and the entire **O'Keefe** family.

May he Rest in Peace.

Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities

On January 14, 2018, 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/need, youth) disbursements. Here is a brief summary of those disbursements: Church, **\$2,535**; community/need, **\$6,895**; youth, **\$4,447**; Life issues, **\$1,424**, for a total of **\$15,301**. In addition, we also spent a total of **\$3,008** on council activities. The hours dedicated to volunteer service were as follows: Church, **2,920**; community, **781**; youth, **196**; life issues, **109**; and an estimated **835** hours of other volunteer services, for a total of **4,841 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. **Joe Walker** for collecting the volunteer statistics—thank you!

News bytes.....

- A very big "thank you" and congratulations to all the people involved in putting on the "**Spaghetti Western Sing-Along**". It was a fantastic evening of good food, great sing-along, and great company. Special thanks to Bro. **Paul Gogo**, host and organizer; G.K. **Greg Large**, chief chef; and Bro. **Chris Jeffs**, guitarist and member of the band!