

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

Aurele LaRochele
Rev. T. J. Sheppard
Angelo Petraroia
Ferdinand Gonzles

Daniel Ober
Ed Stumborg
Gerard LeChasseur

Helmut Koch
Jack Kelly
Louis Duhamel
Alex Kotai

Pancake Breakfast at North Oyster School

For the first time ever, a pancake breakfast was held at another one of our elementary schools in the outskirts of Nanaimo. On January 27, 2010 we were at **North Oyster School** to serve a breakfast for the whole school. North Oyster School is now the **fourth school** at which we provide a nutritious breakfast up to twice a year. Seven Bro. Knights worked at the event: **Claude Francoeur, Brian King, Angelo Petraroia, Leo Poirier, Dan DePape, Rick Jones** and **Hans Fadum**. They met to car-pool at 5:30 a.m. to get to the school just before 6:00 on a balmy winter morning. By 7:45 a.m. the first students, parents, teachers, and indeed, whole families arrived. The hot, delicious pancakes and sausages were thoroughly enjoyed by all as was evident by the many happy and smiling faces. We were very pleased to have been able to serve well over 150 helpings. As always, this was a very gratifying experience for all the Brothers involved, especially with the realization that on this one day at least, they had made a real difference in the lives of these children. Well done Brothers and our sincere thanks.



Charity Appeal — continued from page 3:

Church:

- \$500 — St. Peter's Youth Group
- \$300 — Catholic Information Resource Centre
- \$1208 — Pennies for Heaven (Seminarian fund)

Community:

- \$400 — Canadian Cancer Society
- \$300 — Canadian Kidney Foundation
- \$300 — Nanaimo Blind Bowlers
- \$300 — Nanaimo Family Life
- \$500 — Nanaimo Telephone Visiting Society
- \$500 — Nanaimo Lifeline
- \$500 — WOOMB BC

Poor:

- \$1500 — St. Vincent de Paul Society.
- \$1000 — Covenant House

Total disbursements = \$7,308



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Executive meetings:

Last Thursday of the month (Aug.-June) in St. Peter's Church, Upper 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 2009/2010

Grand Knight	Bill Ducey	250-755-1181
Past Grand Knight	George Martin	250-754-0826
Chaplain	Fr. Waldemar Podlasz, SDS	250-753-3570
Deputy Grand Knight	David Lorette	250-247-8981
Chancellor	Rawley Morales	250-754-4809
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	Ted Kelly	250-758-5095
Trustee 2 Years	Brian King	250-591-4223
Trustee 1 Year	Rene Marchand	250-753-1657

Forgive your enemies. It messes up their heads



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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 **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 the importance of their healing mission.

For us, on a practical level, therefore, it is fitting that we take a moment, to pray to our Lady of Lourdes and ask her to intercede for us, for all our sick family members, friends, and relatives. It is in this spirit that we will celebrate a special **Mass for the Sick** on Thursday, **Feb. 11, 2010** at 11:00 am in St. Peter's Church, followed by soup and coffee in the Church hall courtesy of the **CWL**. Everyone is cordially invited to join in prayer and fellowship.

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.

REMINDER

- 1). Mark Saturday February 13, 2010 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!
- 2). 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.
- 3). Remember in your prayers all those who are sick: Bros. **Christian Doszecki, Jack Kelly, Joseph MacLellan, Gerard LeChasseur, Anselmo Cordeiro** (Council 9990); **Monica** and Bro. **David Haworth; Rose** and Bro. **Nick Tysowski** (Council 9990); **Marie**, wife of Bro. **Leo Poirier; Debra**, wife of Bro. **Jake Gillespie**; and **Maria**, wife of Bro. **Alex Kotai**. Also keep in your prayers those who have passed away, especially, **Patte**, wife of Bro. **Peter Horsfield**, State Charity Appeal Chairman.

Charity Appeal Drive

On Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2009 we completed our Charity Appeal Drive for 2009/10! This year again we were able to sell our total allotment of **900 books** as we had last year! What an incredible effort by, and a terrific success for our council! Consequently, we have great expectations to once again number in the top 3 selling councils in our State!

As always, 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 three months, twenty six 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 most hearty 'thank you' to these Brothers who stepped forward and gave so generously of their time: **Jacques Aubin, Vince Cooke, Bill Ducey, Joe Dumas, Eduardo Dagsaan, Dan DePape, Claude Francoeur, Hans Fadum, Curly Greene, George Ives, Rick Jones, Ted Kelly, Helmut Koch, David Kenny, Alex Kotai, Gerard LeChasseur, George Martin, Rene Marchand, Parker Okano, Pat O'Keefe, Angelo Petrarola, Leo Poirier, Bob Poulin, Bill Smith Sr., Joe Walker, and James Wolfgang**. Our top sellers this year were Bros. **Angelo Petrarola** with 94 books; **Hans Fadum**, 88; and **Helmut Koch**, with 70 books. What a fantastic accomplishment, especially considering that we were not able to sell for about 3 weeks in one of the malls. 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 **Port Place** and **Country Club** for providing us with space in their malls. Furthermore, we extend our very sincere appreciation to **Laird Wheaton** and **Steve Marshall Ford** for making their 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 (2008/09) Charity Appeal Drive:

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- A major Degree Exemplification is planned for March 20, 2010. Trinity Council and ourselves will be hosting the event here in Nanaimo. The actual exemplification will be held in St. Peter's church hall, commencing at about 1:00 p.m., while the Mass, at 6:00 p.m. and the banquet, at about 7:30 p.m. will be held at Trinity Centre. Please, encourage any First Degree member to take his major degrees.
- All Knights and their spouses are invited to attend the **Charity Appeal final draw** on Saturday evening, Feb. 6, 2010 at Ascension Church, Parksville. It will include a pizza and beverages informal get-together (\$8 per person). Please contact our Worthy D.D. **George Martin** (250-754-0826) if you wish to attend.