

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

Aurele LaRochelle
Ed Stumborg

Dan Ober
Dominic Petraroia

Rev. James Sheppard
Vincy Macwan

2023 Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities

On Jan. 12, 2024, the **2023 Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities** was submitted to the Supreme, State and District deputies. This report consists of a list of all activities our Council was involved in, the number of hours volunteered during the year, total council activity expenses, and total charitable (faith, family, community/needful/youth, and life) disbursements. Here is a brief summary of those disbursements: Faith, \$300; Family, \$2500; Community, \$8,316; Life, \$5,200; for a total of **\$16,316**. In addition, we also spent a total of \$2,837 on council activities. The number of hours dedicated to volunteer charitable and fraternal services were as follows: Faith, 411 hours; Family, 482 hours; Community, 1147 hours; and an estimated 49 hours of Life services, for a total of **2,489 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. Also a very special thanks to those members who faithfully submitted their activities via the quarterly survey. You are all 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.

Interac E-Transfer Membership Payment

You can now very easily, safely, and quickly pay your dues electronically via **Interac e-Transfer**. Simply log into your bank account, find the transfer option and fill in the name **KofC 3842** and the email address kc3842epay@gmail.com. Our account has been registered for **auto-deposit** and therefore you will not need to enter a security question to deposit funds. I will receive confirmation of your transmission and will send out your new membership card forthwith. We hope members will make this their **preferred method** of payment and thereby save every one a lot of time and very easily keep their membership in good standing. H-JF, F.S.

On the Lighter Side

A few puns!

- Studies show cows produce more milk when the farmer talks to them. It's a case of in one ear and out the udder.
- I told my carpenter I didn't want carpeted steps. He gave me a blank stair.
- I took my new girlfriend out on our first date to the ice rink, and entry was half price. She called me a cheap skate.
- I've always wondered if chickens communicated using foul language. Maybe only when they're egg cited.
- I didn't think the chiropractor would improve my posture. But I stand corrected.

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Executive meetings:

Last Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm, virtual over Zoom

Regular meetings:

1st Wednesday of the month at 12:00 pm, St.Peter's Church hall

Church pancake breakfasts:

Mother's & Father's Day (May-June) and every 3rd Sunday (Sept.-Apr.) after the 10:30 Mass in St.Peter's Parish hall

Officers for 2023/2024

Grand Knight	Louis Curti	250-758-5255
Past Grand Knight	Dan Bossert	250-754-5219
Chaplain	Fr. Harrison Ayre	250-753-3570
Deputy Grand Knight	Brian King	250-591-4223
Chancellor	Barry Webb	250-585-4812
Recorder	Chris Barber	250-741-1525
Financial Secretary	Hans Fadum	250-754-1694
Treasurer	Randy Wilkes	250-754-2308
Lecturer	Ed Campbell	250-754-7661
Advocate	Dan DePape	250-740-2521
Warden	Steven Maughan	250-739-1086
Inside Guard	Jim Cassino	250-754-8472
Outside Guard	Chris Jeffs	250-619-0848
Trustee 1 Year	Garnet Gauthier	250-585-3883
Trustee 2 Years	Dan Ober	250-755-7818
Trustee 3 Years	Joe Walker	250-758-7850

*All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It
pays no attention to criticism.*



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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 **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. For us, on a practical level, therefore, it is fitting that we take a moment this February to pray to our Lady of Lourdes and ask her to intercede for us, for all our sick family members, friends, and relatives.

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us

REMINDER

1. All members who are paying membership dues, will have received their 2024 invoice in early December and a **Second Notice** in mid-January. If not already having done so, please, make your payment immediately: **a)** by mail to Bro. Hans Fadum at P.O. Box 426, Nanaimo, B.C. V9R 5L3, with cheques payable to KofC Council 3842; or, **preferably b)** autodeposit via **Interac E-Transfer** directly from your bank account into our bank account at kc3842epay@gmail.com.
2. Since the parish now hosts the **Homeless Shelter** for the winter months, we will hold our monthly general meetings for this time period in the Church hall at **12:00 pm** on the 1st Wednesday of the month. We hope that this solution will work out for all concerned.
3. **Father Michael McGivney Guild**. All members and their families are urged to join the Guild to advance the beatification process of our founder. It's free and its easy! For full details and application form
4. Please pray for the sick or in need, especially: the people of Ukraine and the Gaza Strip; Bros. **Bob Nielsen, Joe Wyse, Oscar Clemotte, Louis De Pagie; Daisy Mah**, our Bulletin proof-reader; **Angela Noronha**, MIL of Bro. **Carlos Soares**; and PSD **Dan O'Hara**. Also, keep in your prayers all who have passed away, especially; **Sandra and Michael**, wife and son of Bro. **Bill Ducey**; and Bros. **Donald Loehr, Paul Coulombe, David Lorette, and Ben Denommé**.

Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity

On Saturday, Jan. 27, 2024, at 6:45 pm, right after the Saturday evening Mass at Holy Trinity Church, we conducted another Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity for our district. We had two members taking their degrees for our council, (in picture, l to r with our G.K. **Lou Curti** in the middle) Bros. **Bernard Vilad** and **Casey Bartlett**. Both had



taken out their on-line memberships a few months ago. Bro. **Neil Fernandes** was initiated for Holy Trinity Council #9990, while Bro. **Corbett Rushton** continued his journey to Knighthood taking his 2nd & 3rd degrees. We are especially pleased that the Degree Team was a joint effort, made up of members from both of our councils. We thank the members of the Team for putting on the Exemplifications with

such great dignity and inspiration. A very special 'thank you' also to Father **Jozef Kobos**, all our brothers Knights, their families and friends for coming out and showing their support.

We are now happy to welcome our new Brothers to our ranks and wish them many years of happy and fruitful service to and for our councils. Welcome Bros. **Bernard, Casey, Neil, and Corbett!**

News bytes.....

- Please see connections to the latest **State Newsletter**, our **State Debuty's** monthly **YouTube** messages, and his weekly **Advisory**, on our web site at: <https://www.kofc3842.com/news>