



St. Michael's Council 9246 NEWSLETTER



May 2013

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Potluck Dinner:** Our Pot-luck dinner will be held on **Sat. May 11th**, in the Parish Centre with **set-up at 1:00 pm**. The theme will be “spring is sprung”. We are inviting everyone attending to bring a plant or gardening tool as a gift for door prizes and wear something “springie” or for gardening.
- **Pancake Breakfast:** Our May pancake breakfast will be held on **Sunday, May 5th**, after the **8:30 & 10:00 Masses**. Setup at 7:00 am.
- **Our Regular Monthly Meeting:** Will be on **Tuesday, May 14th** at **8:00 pm**, after Rosary for the Sick and Mass.

CATCHING UP:

UPCOMING EVENTS/GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT:

First of all, our newest and youngest member Bro. Ian Walston completed his 2nd and 3rd Degrees at a combined ceremony on April 13 at St. Paul's in Richmond. Please mentor him as he grows in the work of the order. He was knighted by Worthy State deputy Wil Wilmot. Both DD Peter Siglos and I attended the ceremony.





Bro. Alain and I just attended the 102 BC and Yukon State Convention in Richmond this weekend. I will share some of the highlights in his report.

-The theme in this Year of Faith was The Door of Faith and our State Chaplain Bishop Gagnon of Victoria elaborated on this in his homilies and talks

-A new State Council was elected by acclamation with the new State Deputy position taken by Bro. Ed Shawchuk

-Emphasis was placed on recruiting 211 more new members in the remaining 2 months of the Fraternal year which roughly works out to 1 new member per month per Council

-The 2nd and 3rd Degree exemplifications will be separated from now on with each District encouraged to form their own 2nd Degree teams. State will be organizing the 3rd Degree Teams.

-There will be a Charity Appeal campaign this year headed by GK Henry Li of St. Francis Xavier Council 10500 in Vancouver. A tentative selection of prizes is as follows:\$50,000 1st Prize, Ford F150 2nd Prize, Chrysler 200 3rd Prize, Chev. Malibu 4th Prize.

Our Council's share of the net proceeds of the last Charity Appeal campaign is \$3468.63 which can now be allocated to charities that meet the strict guidelines of the BC Gaming Commission. Once again all Councils are encouraged to place more emphasis on individual donations to the Corpus Fund which was instituted in 2002 with the goal of \$2million. To this end all members will receive a donation form with addressed envelope to mail in their donation. The proceeds of the Corpus Fund are not governed by the restrictive rules of the BC Gaming Commission and allow us to allocate funds to causes of our own preference. This will eventually replace the Charity Appeal Campaign. Last year \$64,670.22 was raised in the Corpus Fund from donations by councils and individuals with the largest single donations of \$52,280 from State Council and \$1000 from an individual.

There will be another Man Alive Conference on Oct. 5 this year as the last one proved to be very successful bringing many lapsed Catholic men back into the practice of the faith and setting an example in their families I will pass on the official Convention Report when I receive it from State.

There will be a Parish Appreciation dinner on June 23 and we need to provide a list of names to Victoria Boire by May 23 latest. Please email me at mvadfn@gmail.com or phone me 604 526 0178 with your names ASAP.

Last of all, the Fraternal year will end at the end of June and there will be an election of officers at our June meeting. Please send in your nominations or your expression of interest to our worthy Advocate Bro. Murphie (bmurphie@telus.net 604 468 8405) ASAP for inclusion at our May meeting where he will announce the slate of candidates for voting at our June meeting. All incumbents will be contacted as well to determine their willingness to stand for another term.

Program Directors Report:

- This May Pot Luck Dinner theme will be Enjoy Spring. Please come out and enjoy everyone's stories of all the spring events. We ask that attendees have some fun and bring a gift i.e. some sort of plant or garden item for a donation for our door prizes and dress with spring in mind. It is unfortunate that our Parish center will be occupied but the School Gym is where it all started, come and enjoy each other's company.

Our Pancake Breakfasts have been very successful the past two months. We have had great response from the membership helping out which always makes the chores done more easily and usually with fun. Thanks again to all those that were there. We must also thank Monsignor Rossi for his encouragement to the parish for their attendance. Also I give thanks to Enrico Garrone for his commitment as Breakfast chairman.

Our Pennies for Heaven Campaign was participated by a few more Knights than last year and hence we collected a bit more money. This year's collection came to \$292.00 with the motion at our last general meeting to top up to \$300.00 if the collection was short. Thanks to those that contributed. A cheque will be presented at Convention by our worthy Grand Knight Michael.

Walk for Special Olympics was a huge success surpassing last year's donation by over \$600.00. This year our Knights (and wives) raised \$2224.00 which again will be presented to Jasmine Allen, representing Special Olympics B.C. She also will be attending the Knights of Columbus Convention on Saturday April 27th, where a presentation of monies will be given by State and all other councils that participated in some sort of fund raiser. Again G.K. Michael gets to stand proud in front of our fellow brothers and make our presentation to Jasmine.

Our fund raiser if you didn't know was a canvassing program to collect pledges for walk that took place around Coquitlam's Como Lake area. The walk originated as a tribute to our founding Father Michael J. McGivney as part of founders day March 29th. Because the walk took place during our Lenten devotions it was decided to also make an act of faith by giving to the community by picking up garbage along the course of the walk. This also was successful as we picked up 4 1/2 bags of garbage. Special thanks to the walkers, and canvassers, Alain and Jacque Custeau, John and Bernice Cabana, Maria Garrone and her mother and my wife Benita, and most definitely Our Lord for giving us the strength and a day's break in the two weeks of rain. Thanks to all donators
Bruce McLean

+++++++ VOLUNTEERING – IF NOT ME THEN WHO? ++++++



Birthdays in May:

Dave Alexander, John Cabana, Pat Cassidy, Robert Costa, Coral Kopchia, Vince Maddalozzo, Chi Nguyen, Craig Nichols & Walter Whittey (D).

Family of the Month:

Pat & Eileen Cassidy. Brother Pat is 91 this year and looking younger every day. What's your secret Brother Pat?

Calendar of Events:

- May 5th: Sunday Pancake Breakfast
- May 11th: Saturday Pot Luck Dinner (Parish Centre)
- May 12th: Sunday Mother's Day
- May 26th: Sunday First Communion
- May 27th: May Procession
- June 1st: Saturday Pot Luck Dinner (Parish Center)
- June 2nd: Sunday Pancake Breakfast
- June 8th: Saturday Alter boy's Appreciation Day (tentative date)
- June 16th: Sunday Father's Day
- June 30th: Sunday Knights Break for Summer

+++++Pray for PRIESTS, BROTHERS, and SISTERS ...They need us – we need them++++

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REMEMBER TO KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Kay Blair; Al Boire; Dr. Walter & Jean Kazun; Terry Duggan; Simone Fraser, Mary Glavin; Leo Gaucher; Herman Haffner; Bill Kathrein; John La Berge; Stan & Carol March; Wayne Marshall; Tom, Pat, Jamie & Paul McCloskey; Mary Klikach; Kenneth Klikach; Lucy Luterbach; Peggy MacDonald; Linda Viani;

Pat Welsh; Anne Whittey; Gordon Zelko; Father Swinkels; Fathers Basil Foote, Stan Frytek, David Hughes, Joseph Thoai Le, and Bill Somerville & Br. Tom Maddix.

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