



St. Michael's Council 9246 NEWSLETTER



December 2015

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Pot-luck Dinner:** The next Pot-luck is planned for *Saturday, Dec. 5th* in the parish centre, starting at *6:00 pm*. *Set-up* will be at *10:00 am*, along with the gym set-up for St. Nick.
- **Pancake Breakfast:** Our next Pancake Breakfast will be held on *Sunday, Dec. 6st*, after *8:30 and 10:00 Masses*. *Setup* will start on *Saturday, at 10:00 am*. We need extra helpers for Christmas Tree decorating, table setting, and cooking and serving on Sunday.
- **Regular Monthly Meeting:** Our next monthly meeting will be held on *Tuesday, Dec. 8th*, at *8:00 pm*, after Rosary for the Sick and Mass. It is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.
- **Charity Appeal:** Ticket sales started on *Oct. 3rd*. As we only have a couple of weeks selling at malls this year we are looking to our worthy members to help out with ticket sales. This a big fundraiser for us with our portion of sales going to our food bank. Please contact Brother Gary at 778-994-9171 or g.jeannotte@shaw.ca and he will get tickets to you.

CATCHING UP:

Grand Knight's Report:

First, I would like to thank Brother Gilles for filling in for me at our November meeting since we were out of town, visiting our daughter in Manitoba. The Knights held another successful pancake breakfast on November 1st, as well as conducting a membership drive. November was also busy with the continuing Charity Appeal raffle ticket sales, Remembrance Day ceremony, Grey Cup pool, Christmas Gift Basket raffle. Thanks to all who helped out with these events and fund raisers.

Can you believe it is December already? And it is a very busy month for the Knights. We will have our annual Breakfast with St. Nick on December 6 where we need as many people as possible to help with the setup, cooking, serving, and clean-up. As well, we will have the Christmas pot-luck on Saturday, December 5. See the report from our Program Director, Brother Bruce, for more details.

Our next meeting will be at 8:00 pm on December 8, Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Please try to attend the Mass at 7:30 pm and preceding rosary at 7:10 pm for this great feast day.

Lastly, my wife, Bernice, and I would like to wish everyone a joyful and blessed Christmas as we celebrate the birth of Our Lord.

Merry Christmas,
John Cabana, GK

Program Director's Report:

Worthy Brothers

My wife Benita and myself would like to take this time to wish everyone a happy and holy Christmas Season. It is this time of year that we should be showing our love of Jesus Christ and our Lord and pass on love to our brothers.

As we have a very important week end coming I ask that all available members to take part in our coming events. The Canadian Football league finalized the CFL Champions on Sunday, November 29th, as I am preparing my report. The food bank fund raiser Grey Cup Pool which I formed will raise \$250 for the food bank and \$250 as payout to the winners. Through the magic of time laps I am announcing the winners.

The score for the end of the first quarter was, West - 10, East - 13, making Joan Fortuin, one of our parishioners, the winner of \$50. The score at the end of the 2nd quarter was, West - 17, East - 16, making Sandy Badger, a co-member of Royal City curling club, the winner of \$50. The score at the end of the 3rd quarter was West - 18, East - 19 making Linda Scholl, my mother-in-law, the winner of \$50. The final score was West - 26, East - 20 making Gerald Palidor, a family friend from Winnipeg, the grand prize winner of \$100 of which he has graciously donated back to our council to make a total of \$350 raised. Congratulations to the winners and thanks again to all that supported this fund raiser.

We have for the past two weeks been selling tickets for two gift baskets and a gift certificate along with our Charity Appeal tickets at the back of the church. The gift baskets are also fund raisers for our Food Bank Christmas Hampers that are given out at Christmas to the needy. Our sales have been not too bad, the windup will be next weekend **December 6th** at our Pancake Breakfast with St. Nick. Again I am hoping that we will be able to sell at the back of the church and also at the breakfast with the draw for winners after.

The **big one event wise**, is our Breakfast with St. Nick. This will start with the set up at **10:00 AM Saturday, December 5th** in the school gym. There will be much to do. We have to set up a stage for St. Nick, decorate it with trees and decorations. Along with the normal table set up for the breakfast, but having as many as we can fit in the gym with the stage. This alone will take about 2 hours, we also will light up the grotto, and hang the Christmas Sign on the school.

Not to forget, we are having our Knights of Columbus Christmas Pot Luck Dinner **December 5th**, as well for which we will set up the Parish Centre. This will also be set up starting at **10:00 AM**. For this dinner I ask that each person attending please bring a small gift for a gift exchange or door prize. It is fun to actually be a winner of a gift. The usual 50/50 will take place and with a good crowd will make a nice pot of money for the winner for Christmas. I encourage everyone to come to this dinner as it is our night for getting together before Christmas with each other before everyone is busy with family and other functions.

We need many volunteers for both days Saturday set-up and Sunday breakfast. Saturday set-up starts at 10:00 a.m. Sunday set-up at 7:30am for the cooking crew

I will report on our successes of the Gift Basket sales, Pot Luck Dinner and Breakfast with St. Nick at our next meeting on **December 8th**.

God Bless you and look forward to seeing all of you.

Bruce McLean

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



Birthdays in December:

Stan March, Vincent Maddalozzo

Calendar of Events:

Dec. 5th: 10 am - set up gym for St. Nick; set up Parish Centre for Christmas pot-luck.

Dec. 5th: 6 pm start, 7 pm dinner - Pot Luck Dinner / bring a small Christmas gift for a gift exchange or door prize, along with your favourite dish to share.

Dec. 6th: Pancake Breakfast / Pictures with St. Nick / Christmas Gift Basket sales & draw

Dec. 8th: Knights regular monthly meeting / Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Dec.: Charity Appeal tickets sales after Masses. Please sell some books on your own.

No Potluck Dinner in January. January breakfast to be confirmed 3rd or 10th.

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

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REMEMBER TO KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Please pray for the sick in our Parish:

Tony Arruda; Kay Blair; Al Boire; Barbara Carlile; Matteo Ciavarro; Eileen Cassidy; Joe Dorval; Simone Fraser; Bonny Gerson; Lloyd Gerson; Mary Glavin; Leo Gaucher; Herman Haffner; John La Berge; Stan & Carol March; Wayne Marshall; Tom, Pat, Jamie & Paul McCloskey; Kathy McLean; Edmond Kim; Mary Klikach; Kenneth Klikach; Anibal Ibarra; Peggy MacDonald; John Todd; Linda Viani; Pat Welsh; Anne Whittey; Gordon Zelko; Father John Swinkels; Fathers Basil Foote, Stan Frytek, David Hughes, Joseph Thoai Le, and Bill Somerville & Br. Tom Maddix; Paula Whire and GK Robert Tan of St. Francis de Sales Council 8853

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