



St. Michael's Council 9246 NEWSLETTER



March 2016

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Pancake Breakfast:** Our next Pancake Breakfast will be held on *Sunday, Mar. 6th*, after 8:30 and 10:00 Masses. *Setup* will start on *Sunday, at 7:00 am*.
- **Regular Monthly Meeting:** Our next monthly meeting will be held on *Tuesday, Mar. 8th*, at 8:00 pm, after Rosary for the Sick and Mass.
- **Pot-luck Dinner:** There is no Pot-luck dinner for March. The next Pot-luck is planned for *Saturday, Apr. 2nd* in the parish centre; starting at 6:00 pm. *Set-up* will be at 5:00 pm.
- **Lenten Day of Recollection:** *Saturday March 12*, sponsored by our council and the Ladies Auxiliary, beginning with Mass at 9:00 am.

CATCHING UP:

Grand Knight's Report:

The semi-annual audit, ending December 2015, has been completed thanks to Bro. Terry Duggan, with input from Bro. Tarcisio Rossi and Bro. Dave Fremantle.

Thanks to those who helped with the pancake breakfast on Feb. 7. Turnout was not so good due to the Family Day long weekend and the Super Bowl. However those that came had a good time. Thanks to Bro. Stan and Bro. Gilles for hosting the Pot Luck dinner on Feb. 6 since Bro. Bruce was away; again, not a great turnout, but good food and fellowship. There will be no Pot Luck for March, but mark your calendars for the April 2nd Pot Luck.

We will be sponsoring together with the Ladies Auxiliary a full day of recollection during Lent. It has been scheduled on Saturday March 12th. It will be open to all parishioners. Details will follow in the parish Bulletin. Please mark this date in your calendars.

The annual Clergy Appreciation dinner is coming up.

Date: April 4 (Monday) 2016

Place: St. Peter's Church Hall

330 Royal Ave, New Westminster

Time: Cocktails 6:00 p.m. Dinner 7:00 p.m.

Cost: \$30 per person

Please let me know, 604-294-4222 or email jcabana@telus.net, so I can contact Rod Giddens 604-525-3030, rgiddens@shaw.ca, before March 21 with the number attending. A minimum of six persons are required to cover the cost of Msgr. Rossi, Fr. Rodney, and Fr. Swinkels.

The Special Olympics Walkathon will be on April 10 this year. Please consider coming out for this walk and getting some pledges. Or, if you are not walking, help by sponsoring one of the walkers. We will have some forms available for the next council meeting and at pancake breakfast. The annual State Convention will be held on April 29, 30, and May 1. I am planning to attend with PGK Bruce. We have nominated 2 alternatives, namely Bro. Coral and Bro. Darryl.

Don't forget the next pancake breakfast on Sunday, March 6, and our next council meeting at 8:00 pm on Tuesday, March 8, after rosary (7:10 pm) and Mass (7:30 pm).

If you have forgotten, please send your annual dues of \$40 to our financial secretary David Freemantle at 808 GROVER AVE COQUITLAM BC V3J 3C8 or bring it to our March 8th meeting. We have to pay Supreme for every member of our council, so we rely on the membership dues to cover this cost. Thanks.

Another Upcoming fund-raiser is Pennies for Heaven campaign to raise funds for vocations (please save your loose change), and our annual Special Olympics Walk-a-thon in March.

On behalf of my wife Bernice and myself, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families and happy and blessed Easter.

Vivat Jesus,
John Cabana, GK

Program Director's Report:

Worthy Brothers and your families, Benita and I wish everyone a very special and holy Easter season.

This is the time for us to sacrifice a little with days of fast and abstinence, or we may substitute with special acts of charity or piety. With that said please consider our endeavors to feed St. Michael's parishioners pancakes, raise funds for Special Olympics, support the clergy with pennies from Heaven, ushering at Mass, participating as a choir member, or just doing what we can around our parish are small ways that we show our gratitude to Christ for his sacrifice to us but we should always consider more.

This Sunday we have a pancake breakfast that will require much support from our members, so please come out to make this day a good time for everyone.

Other coming events that need Knights support are first the Clergy Dinner sponsored by St. Peters council 1283. The dinner is a small recognition to the clergy for all they do for our parishes. All priests, Bishops, Deacons and sisters in our area are invited free of charge as a sign of the Knights support to them. To help defray the cost to St. Peters knights, all councils are required to send two council members per priest. In the past, members that have attended have taken their wives. The Fourth Degree from each council in our district also show their support by serving of the meal. This is an opportunity to get to know our clergy a bit better, so think about it and call our Grand Knight John Cabana to advise your interest.

Our Pennies for Heaven campaign is another way the Knights support our clergy. The funds raised are presented to the clergy at our State Convention at end of April. Each individual council makes a

presentation and a total is made from all councils in B.C./Yukon for distribution by the clergy for all their needs. Our council asks that each member save their change and turn it in at our April meeting for counting. If you cannot attend the meeting I ask to pass your contribution on to a fellow Knight that can turn it in or give me a call at 604-939-5793 and I will make arrangements to receive it.

In April as well we have scheduled the 10th as the day for our walk for Special Olympics. This is a fund raiser that our council has done for the past 4-5 years. Most our efforts are for our school and parish. This is one way we can commit to our community. It is a very easy walk with little grade changes to deal with. We walk approximately 6 kms, in Coquitlam around the Como Lake area. The big challenge is to actually collect pledges for the walk. The Special Olympics are in this case for the mentally challenged and is something that a lot of people don't know much about as they are not as well advertised as are the Paralympics. Again all the funds will be collected and turned in at our April meeting so a cheque can be issued by our council and presented to a director of Special Olympics at the Knights Convention by our Grand Knight. Special Olympics will issue a tax receipt for donations \$20 and over. Now the important thing is that those that participate come to our meeting March 8th and get a pledge form, we will only have one month to get pledges and collect the money. The more people we have the more we should raise.

The last thing I would like to discuss is the Parish Auction April 30th. Our council participates by looking after the bar needs. I thank Gilles Deschenes for taking on duties of organizing our part to make this event a success. If anyone is interested in helping please let me or Gilles know and we can assign a job to you as a bartender. We typically only need a few for serving but the cleanup will work better with a few more.

Last in closing please note there will not be a Pot Luck Dinner this March but it will return on April 2nd.

Happy Easter
Bruce McLean

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



Birthdays in March:

Gary Jeannotte, Hyunsuk Kim and Dennis Webster, Walter Matiash (D).

Calendar of Events (March):

Mar. 6th: Pancake Breakfast / set up at 7:00 am.
 Mar. 8th: Knights regular monthly meeting.
 Mar. 12th: Lenten Day of Recollection
 Mar. 25th: Good Friday
 Mar. 26th: Holy Saturday
 Mar. 27th: Easter Sunday
 Mar.: Save change for Pennies for Heaven.

Future Events:

April 2nd - Knights Pot Luck Dinner
 April 3rd - Knights Pancake Breakfast
 April 4th - Clergy Appreciation Dinner – St. Peter's
 April 10th - Walk for Special Olympics
 April 12th - Knights meeting
 April 29,30th, May 1st - Knights Convention
 April 30th - Parish Auction/Knights bartending
 May 8th - Knights Pancake Breakfast/ Mothers' Day
 May 10th - Knight meeting
 May 14th - Knights Awards Dinner (catered) tentative
 May 29th - St Michael's children's Communion/Fourth Degree Color guard
 May 30th May Procession/Fourth Degree Color guard
 June dates are tentative
 June 5th - Knights Pancake Breakfast
 June 11th - Parish Appreciation Dinner
 June 18th - Knights Altar boy Appreciation Day

 July/August summer time of rest

+++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; Matteo Ciavarro; Eileen Cassidy; 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 Whitley; 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

MARY, HEALTH OF THE SICK; PRAY FOR US