



St. Michael's Council 9246 **NEWSLETTER**



May 2016

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Pancake Breakfast:** Our next Pancake Breakfast will be held on *Sunday, May 8*, after *8:30 and 10:00 Masses*. *Setup* will start on *Sunday, at 7:00 am*. Bring your mother, wife, and family to celebrate Mother's Day with a great breakfast served by us, the Knights.
- **Regular Monthly Meeting:** Our next monthly meeting will be held on *Tuesday, May 10th*, at *8:00 pm*, after Rosary for the Sick and Mass.
- **Catered Dinner:** The next dinner will be catered and is planned for *Saturday, May 14th* in the parish centre; starting at *6:00 pm (social), 7:00pm (dinner)*. *Set-up* will be at *5:00 pm*. Tickets are \$25 per person and are available until May 8, from Brother Bruce McLean or your phoning committee representative.
- **Membership Drive:** Our spring membership drive will be held on *Sunday, May 15th*, after all the Masses. Please contact Brother Gary Jeannotte at 778-994-9171 if you can help out.

CATCHING UP:

Grand Knight's Report:

The annual State Convention was held on April 29, 30, and May 1 in Richmond. Brother Bruce McLean and I attended with our lovely wives. It was an experience for me, since it was the first State Convention that I have attended. As well as State Officers, District Deputies and Knights, there were 5 bishops attending, many priest, and representatives from Washington and Idaho. Bishop Monroe gave an inspiring sermon on Sunday morning while concelebrating the Mass with Bishop Ken Nowakowski, State Chaplain and Eparch of New Westminster Ukrainian Catholic Church. I was amazed to see how much the Knights have accomplished this year through numerous charitable works and donations. There were many presentations for recognition of outstanding achievements. Archie Lim was elected as State Deputy for another term. Also, thanks to Brother Gilles for organizing the bar at the Parish Auction, while Brother Bruce and myself attended this convention.

Our April pancake breakfast was held on April 3 with a better turnout of helpers – but we could always use more help. Come out for some fun on May 8 as we host a Mother's Day pancake breakfast.

Don't forget to get your tickets for our 30th Anniversary catered dinner on Saturday, May 14, 2016. Please read our Program Director's report for more details of upcoming events and fund raisers.

We will have our spring membership drive on May 14/15 weekend after all the Masses. Please contact Brother Gary Jeannotte at 778-994-9171 if you can help. We are always looking for new members to help in any way and lessen the load for others.

Since we are getting close to our June year-end, we need to consider our executive positions for next year. I have attached the descriptions of each position and have asked Brother Bob Murphy to run the election of officers at our June monthly meeting. If you would like to run for any of these positions or nominate someone for a particular position, phone Bob at 604-323-3611. It is a great opportunity to learn some new skills and serve others in these unique roles. I can say for myself that I have learned a lot about Council activities during my first year as Grand Knight.

Grand Knight

The grand knight is responsible for the welfare of the council. He presides over council meetings, acts as an ex-officio member of all committees, appoints a membership and programming director, convenes officers for a monthly meeting, and ensures all necessary reports are submitted to the state and Supreme Council. He should also be aware of the council's financial status and ensure that his signature appears on all checks drawn.

Deputy Grand Knight

The deputy grand knight is second in command. He assists the grand knight with council affairs and fulfills all duties assigned to him by the grand knight. Should the grand knight be absent from a council meeting, the deputy grand knight will preside. He is chairman of the council's retention committee

Chancellor

The chancellor has a variety of responsibilities. Primarily, he assists the grand knight and the deputy grand knight in the execution of their duties and oversees the council in both their absences. He is charged with strengthening the members' interests in council activities. The chancellor is chairman of the admission committee

Recorder

The recorder is similar to a court reporter or a secretary. He is responsible for maintaining a true record of all actions of the council and its correspondence. A Recorder's Minute Book (#1403) is available from the Knights of Columbus Supply Department for keeping a record of council meetings.

Treasurer

The treasurer is responsible for the safekeeping and maintaining records of all council funds and accounts. He is responsible for depositing money into the council's accounts and provides a certificate of such monies to the grand knight. He is also responsible for payment of all expenses.

Lecturer

The lecturer is appointed by the grand knight to provide both educational and entertaining programs to the council. He is responsible for the 'Good of the Order' portion of council meetings. In order to provide members with informative and educational programs, he must be knowledgeable and aware of all council programming.

Advocate

The advocate is the legal representative of the council and serves as the council's attorney at trials and investigations of any interest to the council. While he does not need to be a member of the legal profession, he should be familiar with the council by-laws, the Order's Charter, Constitution and Laws (#30), Methods of Conducting a Council Meeting (#1937), and Robert's Rules of Order.

Warden

The warden is the 'watchdog' for council property and degree paraphernalia, except the property of the financial secretary, treasurer and recorder. He is also responsible for setting up the council chambers for meetings and ceremonial work. During ceremonial exemplifications, he will appoint and supervise guards.

Inside & Outside Guards

The guards have similar responsibilities, but distinct differences. The outside guard tends to the

outer door admitting visitors and members to the inner door. Once at the inner door, the inside guard checks to make sure that their membership cards are current.

Board of Trustees

The board of trustees consists of three members elected by the council and the grand knight, who serves as chairman of the board. They oversee the work of the financial secretary and treasurer, and with the deputy grand knight serve on the council's retention committee. During council elections, only the three-year trustee is voted on, with the others moving on to become two and one-year trustees, respectively.

Vivat Jesus,
John Cabana, GK

Program Director's Report:

Worthy Brothers

I would like to thank the membership for having the privilege to go with our Grand Knight Brother John Cabana to our State Convention, April 29th, 30th and May 1st. I have not been for probably 5 years and my wife and I had a great time. This year's convention went by very quickly as not all the speeches were extra-long. It was nice to see some of my old brothers from Prince George and again meet others from different parts of BC. One thing that was mentioned and that I agree on was, it is very noticeable that Knights of Columbus members are very friendly and compassionate. It didn't matter what was going on there was always a direction and someone to help get things done and with a smile.

I would especially like to thank Gilles Deschenes for taking on the responsibility of the Parish Auction Bar, which took place while we were at convention. Gilles was supposed to attend the convention but because he was our person with a serve-it-right ticket to acquire the liquor license; he had to be there, which after discussion, we swapped jobs. He looked after the bar and I attended the convention. From what I have been told he did a great job and thanks also go to his helpers John Todd, Zvonko Basic and Stan March. Most of the liquor was drank, which spells success to me.

To update everyone, our ticket sales for the 30th Anniversary Awards Dinner started April 23rd, with our phoning committee calling everyone. To date we still have to make contact with more people but things are looking promising for a decent number of attendees. If for any reason you have not been contacted and would like to go please call me at 604-939-5793 by May 8th and I will make sure that you get your tickets. It is necessary that I know how many people are coming and the tickets are paid for because we pay for the number that I give the caterer. I will make every effort to make sure we get tickets to those that wish to attend by May 8th. This because we must deposit ticket money to the council on our meeting night May 10th so a cheque can be made for the caterer. Again next weekend, May 8th I will have tickets available at our Pancake breakfast and after the 12:00 PM and 5:00 PM Masses.

Pancake Breakfast is on May 8th with set up starting at 7:00 AM. It was great that we had a good turnout of help last month. I hope that this happens again for this breakfast. Please make note that this is Mother's Day and we should have a good turnout.

Because of our 30th Anniversary Dinner in the middle of May it was decided that we would not have a Pot Luck Dinner at either the beginning of May or June. Our next tentative date may be September. That call will probably be made in August.

To report on last month's campaigns, i.e. **Pennies for Heaven** and **Walk for Special Olympics**. For Pennies for Heaven, the membership together raised \$319.80 and with the council contribution, a cheque for \$419.80 was presented at convention to our Worthy State Deputy Arcie Lim.

Our walk for Special Olympics was a success thanks mainly to Alain Custeau, Margaret Basic and her son's girlfriend, Sydney, John Cabana, my wife Benita and myself for doing the walk and collecting the pledges. Altogether we raised \$2071, which will be given directly to Special Olympics with the pledge forms. Special Olympics people will send tax receipts to donors of \$20 and more. Congratulations to our membership for much of the pledges. Our initial intent was to give the money to our State council for presentation at convention but our delivery was not in time with the official presentation. State made a presentation of \$8000, \$1000 from State and \$7000 from only one other council. Our portion will make 20% of funds presented to Special Olympics. Good job everyone.

Brothers I have scheduled the Knights Altar Boy Appreciation Day for Saturday, June 18th. I ask if there is any brother that would step forward to assist with this day please contact me as soon as possible so we can get into the planning stage for this event. Those that have helped in the past, would know that it is always fun for both the boys and us; please help.

In closing, thank you all for making our council the success we are.

Bruce McLean

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



Birthdays in May:

David Alexander, John Cabana, Pat Cassidy, Robert Costa,
Coral Kopchia, John LaBerge, Craig Nichols & Walter Whittey (D)

Calendar of Events (May):

- May 8th: Pancake Breakfast / set up at 7:00 am.
- May 10th: Knights regular monthly meeting
- May 12th: March for Life – Victoria
- May 14th: Knights Awards Dinner (catered / set up at 5:00 pm).
- May 15th: Membership Drive after all the Masses
- May 29th: St. Michael's First Communion / Fourth Degree colour guard
- May 30th: May Procession / Fourth Degree colour guard

Future Events:

June 5th - Knights Pancake Breakfast
June 14th – Knights regular monthly meeting; election of officers
June 18th - Knights Altar boy Appreciation Day
June 26th - Parish Appreciation Dinner

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; 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

MARY, HEALTH OF THE SICK; PRAY FOR US