



St. Michael's Council 9246 NEWSLETTER



December 2016

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Christmas Setup:** The Christmas tree and decorations setup for the Pancake breakfast with St. Nick will be on *Saturday, Dec 3 at 10:00 am*. Also we'll be setting up the Parish Centre for the Pot Luck that evening. Please come and lend a hand as many helpers are needed.
- **Pot Luck Dinner:** The Christmas Pot Luck dinner will be on *Saturday, Dec. 3* with *social at 6:00pm* and *dinner at 7:00pm* in the Parish Centre. Bring your favourite dish to share and BYOB. Bring a wrapped gift (\$10 - \$15) for a gift exchange.
- **Pancake Breakfast:** Our big Pancake Breakfast with St. Nick will be held on *Sunday, Dec. 4*, after *8:30 and 10:00 Masses*. *Setup* with Christmas Trees will start on *Saturday, at 10:00 am* as noted above. Please come and help out for this annual Knight's event and meet some new parishioners.
- **Regular Monthly Meeting:** Our next monthly meeting will be held on *Tuesday, Dec. 13th*, at *8:00 pm*, after Rosary for the Sick (*7:10*) and Mass (*7:30*).
- **Charity Appeal:** Our annual Charity Appeal fundraiser started *Oct. 1st*. Please try to sell a couple of books of raffle tickets. We may need to help out staffing the following Mall times if there are not enough school parents: Lougheed Mall, *Jan. 9-15*, Royal City Centre, *Jan. 16-22* and Brentwood Town Centre, *Jan. 23-29*. Please lend a hand if you are asked and available to help.

CATCHING UP:

Grand Knight's Report:

Our November pancake breakfast was well attended by our customers and there were a lot of Knights helping out which was great to see. We will need lots of helpers for the December St. Nick pancake breakfast, so check the times above and come out to lend a hand and have some fun.

Please see Brother Enrico or Brother Bruce for Charity Appeal tickets since Brother Gary Jeannotte is away on vacation. Please lend a hand in selling the raffle tickets, as this is a great fund raiser for our parish.

Thanks to Brother Bruce for organizing the raffle of Christmas Gift Baskets again this year for a fund raiser for our parish food bank. Also thanks for setting up the Grey Cup pool.

As mentioned last month, our District Deputy, Brother Robin Smith, would like to form a Second Degree team for our district; if anyone is interested in becoming a member of this Second Degree team, please let me or Robin know.

Also, the Family Icon that travels between councils will be here at St. Michael's, Jan 14 – 22. We will conduct prayer services with the rosary sometime during this period.

St. Michael's Council 9246 was presented with the Star Council award at the November meeting. As well as meeting our new member and insurance quotas for the last year, we also excelled in the following categories of activities: Church, Community, Council, Family, Culture of Life, and Youth. The plaque includes the Father McGivney Award, the Columbian Award, and the Founders' Award. Pictured below are Brother Gary Jeannotte, Membership Director, Brother John Cabana, Grand Knight, Brother Robin Smith, District Deputy, and Brother Bruce McLean, Program Director. Thanks to everyone who contributed to our successful year!

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 I would like to report first on the Knights Grey Cup Pool that I organized as a fund raiser for St. Michael's food bank. At this time the game has just finished and I can give everyone the names of the winners of the prizes, which were \$25 for the 1st. quarter end score, \$50 for 2nd quarter end score, \$25 for 3rd quarter end score and \$100 for the final score of the game. I must admit the game was much more exciting than I had anticipated. The West Champions (Calgary) were favored over the East Champion (Ottawa) but the play of the game was totally different. Now the winners were, the 1st. quarter was Brother Gary Jeannotte with a score of Calgary 7 to Ottawa 10, 2nd quarter was Gary again with a score of Calgary 7 to Ottawa 20, 3rd quarter score was Brother Coral Kopchia with a score of Calgary 17 to Ottawa 27, and the final score was won by good friend and fellow season ticket holder of the BC Lions, Renee Bernard, with the score of Calgary 33 to Ottawa 39. Congratulation to all, and many thanks to all that bought squares in the Knight's Pool. The Pool raised \$500 with \$200 going to prizes and \$300 for the food bank.



My other fund raiser for the Food Bank is the Gift Basket Raffle. Sales have been going for two weeks and things look promising. I have been selling tickets after each Mass and especially thank Kurnia Carson the only other Knight that has volunteered to help with sales. He has sold at both the late Masses Saturday and Sunday. Excuse me, Alain Custeau has assisted with the 8:30 Mass the past Sundays. The sales will end with our Pancake Breakfast with St. Nick and draw for the three baskets at about noon, at which time I will call the winners and arrange delivery of the baskets. Last year the two fund raisers raised \$1100 for St. Michael's Christmas food hampers. I thank everyone for the very least supporting this cause by buying tickets. As I said sales will continue during Pancake Breakfast and after the 8:30 and 10:00 Masses. I will be working the sales for breakfast, baskets, and charity appeal and need someone to sell raffle ticket in the church before and after each Mass. Someone unable to physically work our breakfast would make a good volunteer; please let me know if that is you and call me 604-939-5793.

Our last Pot-Luck in Nov was poorly attended, perhaps due to the fact that Remembrance Day made it a long weekend. Still those that were there had fun and a great meal. Our 50/50 was \$50 won by our Grand Knight's wife Bernice. Congratulations to her.

Our next is this coming weekend December 3rd, in the Parish Centre. This will be our Christmas Pot-Luck and hope that many turn out. I ask that everyone **bring a gift** with a value of \$10 to \$15 for a gift exchange. Those that do will receive a ticket which in turn will be drawn for a gift. The whole purpose for these Pot-Lucks is to be a meet and greet social for us Knights. I am

hoping that we have 40 to 50 people attend. It is very important to remember the season we are celebrating, and friends and family make up our church, so come and be social.

This is a very busy weekend with the Saturday Pot-Luck and our very esteemed Sunday Breakfast with St. Nick. The set up for **both** will be **Saturday Dec. 3rd, at 10:00AM**. We will set up the trees, decorate them and St. Nick's chair, set up the tables for breakfast and Pot-Luck, so many hands are needed. I thank Brother Tom McCloskey for his ever gracious St. Nick, Moreno Rossi and his family for the photo shoot with St. Nick, Sisters Kay Crocock and Edie Ennis for working the paper work for the photos, Brother Enrico Garrone for his dedication as chairman of our Pancake Breakfast and also St. Michael's Ladies Auxiliary organizer Norina Kathrein doing the bake sale. All these things come together and make our Breakfast a huge success and fun for everyone attending. Please come out to support, **serve** alongside your brothers, and have fun. Don't forget your picture with St. Nick.

Sunday Dec 4th at 1:30 PM will be the installation of officers for the Fourth Degree in Our Lady of Fatima hall with dinner to follow. Degree tux with Baldry is required; please notify Alain Custeau if you plan to attend by Nov 29th. The Christmas Dinner will be Sunday Dec. 11th at 6:00 PM at the Coquitlam Grill. Cost is \$18 per person. Again please contact Alain so they know the number of people attending. If you cannot, please advise Alain as well at aecustesu@gmail.com by Dec 4th

On behalf of Benita and myself we wish you all a very merry and blessed Christmas.

VIVAT JESUS

Bruce McLean

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



Birthdays in December:

Joseph De Vaz, Stan March, Vincent Maddalozzo

Calendar of Events - December:

Dec. 3rd: Christmas tree setup 10:00 am

Dec. 3rd: Pot-luck dinner 6:00 pm – Parish Centre

Dec. 4th: Pancake Breakfast with St. Nick after 8:30 and 10:00 Masses

Dec. 13th: Knight's regular monthly meeting

Dec. 25th: Christmas Day

Dec.: Charity Appeal ticket sales on-going

+++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:

Bill & Kay Blair; Al Boire; Eileen Cassidy; Andrew Garisto; 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