



St. Michael's Council 9246 *NEWSLETTER*



March 2017

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Yard Cleanup:** Weather permitting, we need helpers to clean old bushes and brambles behind St. Michael's Church, on **Saturday, March 4**, after the 9 am Mass. Please see our Program Directors report for more details.
- **Pancake Breakfast:** Our next Pancake Breakfast will be held on **Sunday, March 5th**, after **8:30 and 10:00 Masses**. **Setup** will start on **Sunday, at 7:30 am**.
- **Membership Drive:** **Sunday, March 5th**, after all Masses and at the Pancake Breakfast. Lots of help needed, so volunteer to hand out an information pamphlet to any candidates.
- **Regular Monthly Meeting:** Our next monthly meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 14th**, at 8:00 pm, after Rosary for the Sick and Mass.
- **Lenten Day of Recollection:** **Saturday March 25**, sponsored by our council and the Ladies Auxiliary, beginning with Mass at 9:00 am.
- **Pot-luck Dinner:** No Pot-luck dinner for March. The next Pot-luck is on **Saturday, April 1st** in the parish centre, starting at **6:00 pm**. **Set-up** will be at **10:00 am**.
- **Special Olympics Walk-a-Thon:** **Sunday April 2nd**, join us on the walk or sponsor one of the walkers.

CATCHING UP:

Grand Knight's Report:

Welcome to Elver Pippo who transferred into our council as a third degree knight from Ontario. He has already volunteered to help at the pancake breakfast in March. Please welcome him when you meet him.

Due to the poor weather, the February pancake breakfast was cancelled. Hopefully we'll get a good turnout for the March 5 breakfast. Come out and help if you are able – we can always use more hands.

We will be holding a Knights of Columbus membership drive on Saturday after the 7 pm Mass, and after all the Sunday Masses. We need volunteers to hand out an information pamphlet to any potential candidate, answer any questions, or to get their name and contact information for follow-up. Since this is also Pancake Breakfast, we need many helpers to assist at the Mass they attend. Gary Jeannotte, 778-994-9171, is the coordinator, and Msgr Rossi will mention the membership drive during the announcements at the end of each Mass.

The semi-annual audit, ending December 2016, has been completed thanks to Bro. Terry Duggan, with input from Bro. Tarcisio Rossi and Bro. Alan Wardle.

We will be sponsoring together with the Ladies Auxiliary a day of recollection during Lent. It has been scheduled on Saturday March 25th, starting after the 9 am Mass. It will be open to all parishioners. Details will follow in the parish Bulletin. Please mark this date in your calendars.

The Special Olympics Walkathon will be on April 2 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.

Another Upcoming fund-raiser is Pennies for Heaven campaign to raise funds for vocations (please save your loose change).

The annual State Convention will be held on April 28, 29, and 30. This year our Financial Secretary, Alan Wardle and his wife Debbie will attend. Also John Todd and his wife Cathleen will attend as the second delegate. Last meeting we voted to pay for 2 council members with their wives to attend this annual function.

The annual Clergy Appreciation dinner is coming up.

Date: April 24 (Monday) 2017

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

Here is an opportunity to recognize our Clergy and Religious for all the work they do for us.

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

If you have forgotten, please send your annual dues of \$40 to our financial secretary Alan Wardle, etransfer, paypal, cheque, or bring it to our March 14th meeting. We have to pay Supreme for every member of our council, so we rely on the membership dues to cover this cost. Thanks.

Don't forget the next pancake breakfast on Sunday March 5 and our next council meeting at 8:00 pm on Tuesday, March 14, after rosary (7:10 pm) and Mass (7:30 pm).

Vivat Jesus

John Cabana, GK

Program Director's Report:

Hello my Brothers.

Can you believe it, here I sit last day of February and there is another blast of snow coming down and sticking. Will the snow ever stop? I was in the back yard this morning and it was fabulous to see some our typical spring flowers blooming. Ironically one was a flower called snow drops and the other were Hellebores. They are now covered with that white fluffy stuff. While I was back there I got some ambition to do some raking to clean up the left over leaves on the ground, so the

snow did help me avoid that bit of work around the yard. See while we complain about the weather there was still a benefit to post pone something I didn't want to really do.

I hope that everyone is ready to put on our Knights Pancake Breakfast this coming Sunday March 5th. Just keeping my fingers crossed that the snow does not cancel us again. The day will start as usual with Brother Enrico cooking and a crew setting up tables at 7:30 AM. As I do every month I ask that members take the time to come and help with this event as it can be quite a job if we don't have enough help. Please note we will be having a membership drive to recruit new members in conjunction with our Pancake Breakfast.

There will NOT be a Pot Luck Dinner in March but will resume again April 1st. Saturday. I am hoping that many will show and perhaps maybe some will bring an April fool's joke.

For the month of March our big drive will be our councils Knights walk for Special Olympics. This is a campaign that we have done for a number of years. So long I can't remember the number of years. Just last year alone we raised \$2224 which I presented directly to the Special Olympics Representative. Everyone is welcome to participate. I have pledge forms that each person involved can use to approach friends, family and acquaintances and have them fill in the amount that each would pledge. The people collecting these pledges collect the money raised ahead of the walk and turn it in to me. The walk is going to take place On April 2nd at about 2:30 PM, we will start our walk at All Saints Parish parking lot. It is a casual walk that takes about 1 hour and is a distance of about 6 km's. This is our one and only event that we dedicate funds to a very worthwhile community organization. Please come see me at pancake breakfast this Sunday.

At our last meeting we set a date for our Knights Day of Recollection. It will be March 25th in St. Michael's Parish Centre. It was very enjoyable and well attended last year and should be again this year, so mark your calendar

Way back last October, Monsignor requested that perhaps the Knights might do a bit of a clean-up along the fence behind the church. A very small bit of that work was done but the dreaded weather was against it continuing. I hope to make a request for Knights to take a Saturday and form a crew to do some more of that work. The work requires people with leather gloves as there is a large amount of black berry bramble that has to be removed. Typically picking and piling is required. If you have a pitch fork bring it, works good to loosen the ground to pull the bramble up. If you have shears to cut branches and twigs bring it. My plan is to try again this Saturday starting at 9:30 AM after Mass, **weather permitting**, meaning no snow or rain. Please come show your dedication to our Parish and Monsignor.

Bruce McLean

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



Birthdays in March:

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

Calendar of Events (March):

March 5th: Pancake Breakfast / set up at 7:30 am.
 March 14th: Knights regular monthly meeting.
 March 25th: Lenten Day of Recollection after 9:00 am Mass.
 March – Pennies for Heaven (save loose change)

Future Events:

April 1st - Pot-Luck dinner 6 pm social, 7 pm dinner / set up at 10:00 am.
 April 2nd - Pancake Breakfast / set up at 7:30 am.
 April 2nd - Walk for Special Olympics (afternoon)
 April 11th - Knights regular monthly meeting
 April 13th – Holy Thursday
 April 14th – Good Friday
 April 15th – Holy Saturday
 April 16th – Eater Sunday
 April 24th - Clergy Appreciation Dinner – St. Peter's
 April 28th, 29th, 30th – State Convention
 April 29th - Parish Auction/Knights bartending
 May 7th - Pancake Breakfast
 May 9th - Knights regular monthly meeting
 May 29th - May Procession/Fourth Degree Color guard

June dates are tentative:

June 3rd - Knights Awards Dinner (catered) tentative
 June 4th - Pancake Breakfast / Ford Test Drive
 June 10th - Knights Altar Boy Appreciation Day
 June 15th – Confirmation
 June 25th - Parish Appreciation Dinner

+++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