



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



*May 2017*

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- **Pot-luck Dinner:** There is no Pot-luck scheduled for May. The next dinner will be the catered awards dinner on *Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>* in the parish centre, starting at **6:00 pm**. *Set-up* will be at **10:00 am**.
- **Pancake Breakfast:** Our next Pancake Breakfast will be held on *Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>*, 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, May 9<sup>th</sup>*, at **8:00 pm**, after Rosary for the Sick and Mass.
- **March for Life:** *Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup>*: March for Life – Victoria
- **May Procession:** *Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>*: May Procession/Fourth Degree Color guard

### **CATCHING UP:**

#### **Grand Knight's Report:**

April has been a very busy month with Easter celebrations and Knights' activities. First was the Special Olympics Walkathon on April 2. We only had 5 walkers but with the generosity of the Knights and many parishioners and friends, we raised \$2024.00. For the Pennies for Heaven campaign, we raised \$445 for vocations, including \$100 top-up from our council. At the last council meeting we voted to donate \$215 to the Canadian Wheelchair Foundation. These cheques were presented at the State Convention, April 28-30, attended by Brothers Alan Wardle and John Todd and their wives. I would like to thank everyone for their involvement in these initiatives.

Also a special thanks to Brother Bruce McLean for coordinating the bar for the Parish Auction on April 29. There was a lot of work to do, organizing the licence, planning and picking up the drinks as well as getting volunteers to help serve during the event.

Pancake breakfast was held on April 2 (before the walkathon). We had a great turnout of customers after the 8:30 Mass but not as many after the 10. Next breakfast is May 7. Come out and help if you are able – we can always use more hands.

After our beautiful Triduum celebrations of Easter, we recognized our Clergy and Religious at the annual Appreciation dinner, held on Monday April 24 at St. Peter's Church Hall. Monsignor Rossi and Fr. Swinkels attended. Fr. Dass was away on vacation. Several Knights from our council along with their wives attended this event; our 4<sup>th</sup> degree Knights served the dinner.

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 through my position 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.

Don't forget the next pancake breakfast on Sunday May 7th and our next council meeting at 8:00 pm on Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, after rosary (7:10 pm) and Mass (7:30 pm).

Vivat Jesus  
John Cabana, GK

### **Program Director's Report:**

Brothers

I would like to take and give recognition to two of our members that represented our council at this year's State Convention. Our Financial Secretary, Alan Wardle and longtime member John Todd. They enjoyed two nights with their wives in one of Richmond's finer convention centres, along with the great dinners and a dance to partake in this year's Knights of Columbus State Convention. They were there to present checks to Special Olympics, State's Pennies for Heaven Campaign, and the Wheel Chair Foundation in front of all their fellow members of the Knights of B.C./Yukon on our behalf. They also were there to bring back to us the message of the Convention at our next meeting, May 9<sup>th</sup>; hope to see many of you there.

While the Convention was on Sandie Madriaga, Zvonco Basic and I took charge of the Parish Auction Bar. The night was fun and I hope successful for our Parish School. Thank you gentlemen for your help.

The week before, April 24<sup>th</sup>, St. Peter's Knights hosted their 25th annual Clergy and Religious Dinner. Our Council covered the cost for our beloved Monsignor Rossi and Father Swinkels by having our G.K. John with his wife Bernice, my wife Benita, Jackie Custeau, Lloyd and Bernice Gerson and Emanuela Rossi attending. Also with St. Michael's fourth Degree Alain Custeau, Tar Rossi and myself assisting by serving the meals, as part of the 8 member Fourth Degree team.

At our April meeting the total funds raised for Pennies for Heaven by the members was \$345 with our Council adding \$100 to make \$445 which was presented at Convention; thanks to the members that contributed. Also a vote was taken and passed to donate \$215 to the Wheelchair Foundation. Check was presented at Convention.

Many thanks to our G.K. John, Margret Basic, and myself for collecting pledges for our Walk For Special Olympics. Also thanks to our wives for doing the walk with us. But most of all thanks to all the members and friends that pledged to raise \$2024. Again the check was presented to Special Olympics Rep. at the Convention.

Coming this weekend, May 6<sup>th</sup>, there will **not** be a Pot Luck Dinner.

May 7th Knights Pancake Breakfast with set up at 7:00 AM. Many hands are needed.

May 11th Knights' Meeting, at 8:00 P.M., after 7:10 P.M. rosary and Mass at 7:30 P.M.

**June 3rd** starting at 6:00 P.M. **St. Michael's Knights of Columbus Annual Awards Dinner.** This is a full plate roast beef and potatoes with all the fixings, wine and refreshments included. Tickets will be only \$25 per plate. I will start calling members and friends next week to sell these tickets. The May meeting I will make a motion that our council pay the tax and gratuity on \$25, so come to the meeting to make your vote yea or nay. In the past our 50/50 has covered a major portion of the expense to the council.

**June 10th**, Saturday St Michael's Altar Server Appreciation Day. Because of the proximity of our Awards Dinner, I need a Knight to step forward and organized this event. I am available to advise and help on that day but too busy to do both dinner and this. Please don't think it too much and leave it to someone else. I need to have a volunteer soon, sign up sheet is put in the sacristy 3-4 weeks before to give the boys time to talk to their parents.

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, James Roy, & Walter Whittey  
(D)

**Calendar of Events (May):**

May 7<sup>th</sup> - Pancake Breakfast  
May 9<sup>th</sup> - Knights regular monthly meeting  
May 11<sup>th</sup> – March for Life - Victoria  
May 29<sup>th</sup> - May Procession/Fourth Degree Color guard

**Future Events:**

June 3<sup>rd</sup> - Knights Awards Dinner (catered)  
June 4<sup>th</sup> - Pancake Breakfast  
June 10<sup>th</sup> - Knights Altar Boy Appreciation Day  
June 13<sup>th</sup> – Knights regular monthly meeting – election of officers  
June 15<sup>th</sup> – Confirmation  
June 25<sup>th</sup> - 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; Jackie Jeannotte, 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**