



St. Michael's Council 9246 NEWSLETTER



Dec 2017

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Pot Luck Dinner:** The next Pot-Luck dinner will be on *Saturday, Dec. 9*, with social at **6:00 pm** and dinner at **7:00 pm** in the Parish Centre. Bring your favourite dish to share and a wrapped gift (\$10 - \$15) for a gift exchange and BYOB. Setup will be on *Saturday at 10:00 am* along with the Pancake Breakfast setup.
- **Pancake Breakfast:** Our next Pancake Breakfast (with St. Nick) will be held on *Sunday, Dec. 10*, after **8:30 and 10:00 Masses**. *Setup* will start on *Saturday at 10:00 am*. Please come and help out at our annual Christmas setup with trees and decorations & breakfast Sunday.
- **Regular Monthly Meeting:** Our next monthly meeting will be held on *Tuesday, Dec 12th*, at **8:00 pm**, after Rosary for the Sick (**7:10**) and Mass (**7:30**).
- **Charity Appeal:** Our annual Charity Appeal fundraiser started *Sept. 30*. Please try to sell a couple of books or raffle tickets. We may need to help out staffing the following Mall times if there are not enough school parents: Royal City Centre, *TBA*. Lougheed Town Centre, *Jan. 8-14*. Please lend a hand if you are asked and available to help.

CATCHING UP:

Grand Knight's Report:

I would like to welcome our 2 new members, Ian Williams and Daryl Hosein, who were initiated on Nov. 21 at St. Joseph's in Port Moody. Brothers Enrico, Alan, and I accompanied them (picture below). Please continue to encourage fellow parishioners to join the Knights.

On the same night as the First Degree, there was a parish council meeting. Thank you to Brother Bruce for attending on behalf of the Knights. Also thanks to Brother Rafael for attending the parish Fund Raising committee meeting. We need to work together with other groups for the good of the parish.

Congratulations to Brothers Alan Wardle and Rafael Sevilla on their Fourth Degree. The ceremony was on November 18 at Holy Cross Parish in Burnaby. Thanks to Brother Alain Custeau for accompanying them. It is encouraging to see some of our members complete this Patriotic Degree.

We have a new Field Agent (insurance, RRSP's, TFSA's, etc.), Brother Andrew Godbout. Brother Andrew is looking forward to an enjoyable working relationship with our council. He plans to attend our council meetings. His contact information is at the end of this newsletter. Best Wishes to our past Field Agent, Brother Michael Garisto, as he moves to a position with Columbus Charities and Kearney Funeral Services.

Our November Pancake Breakfast had a tremendous turnout of customers, especially after the 8:30 am Mass. We barely had enough time to set up and cook for the next Mass at 10:00. Thanks to all who came out to help. I would also like to thank Brother Moreno Rossi, as this was his first time coordinating the pancake breakfast. He will need lots of help for the December 10 breakfast since he will be taking the pictures with St. Nick.

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.

Thanks to Brother Alain Custeau for working on the Charity Appeal while Brother Gary was on vacation. He has been able to distribute many tickets to our members to sell. There was an error printing the tickets this year, so we are having a late start. Also thanks to Brother Bruce and others who have been selling tickets after Mass. Since we have limited Mall times, I encourage everyone to take a couple of books and sell them to your family and friends. This is a great fund raiser for our council, and great prizes:

56th ANNUAL CHARITY APPEAL RAFFLE

The kick off date for this year's charity appeal raffle is Sept. 30, with the early bird draw on Jan. 20, 2018 and the main draw, on Feb. 3, 2018.

Ticket price again this year will be \$2 per ticket.

This year the prizes include \$50,000 as well as 4 vehicles and early bird cash prizes.

1st Prize: \$50,000.00

2nd Prize: GMC 4X4 Supercab

3rd Prize: Ford Mustang

4th Prize: Toyota Prius C

5th Prize: Harley 750

Looking forward to the next council meeting Dec. 12, 2017. If possible, join in the Rosary at 7:10 pm and the Mass at 7:30 pm before the council meeting at 8 pm.

On behalf of my wife Bernice and myself, I would like to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and look forward to a successful 2018.

Vivat Jesus,
John Cabana, GK



Program Director's Report:

Hello my Brothers,

Well Advent is upon us, I pray that God guides us through our preparations in celebrations of the birth of Jesus.

Brother Michael Charron and I were able to put the lights up in the Grotto and the Parish centre on Saturday Dec 2nd. The plan is put up the Christmas sign on the school sometime this week before our big day, which is Pancake Breakfast with St. Nick, December 10th, and December 9th our Knights Christmas Pot Luck Dinner. There will be a huge amount of preparation for these events and we are starting at 10:00 AM Saturday morning; many hands will be needed. We will start with set up of the school gym for the breakfast. This may have the stage to put together if it has not been done by the school teachers for the students. We have trees to decorate, along with St. Nick's chair and surroundings, plus the usual tables and chairs. Also because the Pot Luck the night before we will also have to set up the Parish Centre Hall as well.

December Pot Luck I ask that everyone bring a gift to exchange with others.

Well for those that have been around for a while I am happy to advise that our always steadfast, go to guy, Sir Tom McCloskey will again, one more time, fill in the shoes of St Nick. Brother Brian Ennis' wife Edie, along with Past Brother Ernie Crocock's wife Kay Crocock, will assist Brother Moreno Rossi and his crew with the picture taking with St. Nick. They as well have helped for many years of which I am so very grateful.

St. Michael's Auxiliary will be hosting a bake sale alongside our breakfast. The gym will be buzzing with all the children and parents. This is a time that many hands are necessary to make the day a success.

The Pancake Breakfast will be our final sales for the Knights' Gift Baskets raffle. We have been selling after each Mass on Saturdays and Sundays since November 17th. For those that have not seen me or know

nothing of this, it is a fund raiser for St. Michael's Food Bank. We had two baskets donated by the Save-On Stores in Sapperton and on Austin and Mariner Way, one donated by Brother Elver Pippo, and one donated by the Knights Council. And also by surprise 5 gift certificates were donated by fellow parishioner Joan Fortune. The sales have been going well and I'm hoping to better last year's sales of \$800. The draw will be at the end of our breakfast, hopefully giving me enough time to deliver all the prizes.

Our other Food Bank Fund Raiser has been our Grey cup Pool. It has been completed and the winners were; Jeff Scott - \$25 for score at end of first quarter, Carole Murphie, Brother Bob's wife, won \$50 for score at end of the second quarter. Elver Pippo won \$25 for score at end of third quarter; he has graciously donated that win to our cause. And the big winner was a fellow curler, Tracy Gomes, taking \$100. Congratulations to all the winners and many thanks to everyone that supported. With Elver's donation that raised \$325 for our donation to the food bank.

To flash back, last month's Pot Luck was good but small. Our 50/50 was won by Brother Stan March's wife, Carol. She was happy taking home \$60 and \$60 going to council.

Hope to see you on the weekend.

To Everyone,
Benita' Parents, Robert and Linda Scholl, along with Benita and myself,

We wish you a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
God Bless

Bruce McLean

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



Birthdays in December:

Joseph De Vaz, Stan March, Vincent Maddalozzo

Calendar of Events:

Dec. 9th: Set-up Christmas Trees, breakfast, and pot-luck - 10 am

Dec. 9th: Pot-Luck Dinner – 6 pm social, 7 pm dinner

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

Dec. 12th: Knights regular monthly meeting

December: Charity Appeal Raffle Ticket Sales. Try to sell a couple of books.

+++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; Tom, Pat, Jamie & Paul McCloskey; Kathy McLean; Edmond Kim; Kenneth Klikach; Peggy MacDonald; Tony & Cathy Patrick; John Todd; Linda Viani; Pat Welsh; Anne Whittey; Gordon Zelko; Father John Swinkels; Fathers Basil Foote, 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