



St. Michael's Council 9246 NEWSLETTER



Mar 2018

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Pot Luck Dinner:** The next Pot-Luck dinner will be on *Saturday, Mar. 3*, with social at *6:00 pm* and dinner at *7:00 pm* in the Parish Centre. Bring your favourite dish to share and BYOB. Setup will be on *Saturday, Mar. 3 at 10:00 am*.
- **Pancake Breakfast:** Our next Pancake Breakfast will be held on *Sunday, Mar. 4*, after *8:30 and 10:00 Masses*. Setup will start on *Sunday at 7:00 am*. Please come and help out at our monthly fundraiser.
- **Membership Drive:** After all Masses, *Mar. 3 & 4* and at the Pancake Breakfast. Lots of help needed, so volunteer to hand out an information pamphlet to any candidate.
- **Regular Monthly Meeting:** Our next monthly meeting will be held on *Tuesday, Mar. 13th*, at *8:00 pm*, after Rosary for the Sick (*7:10*) and Mass (*7:30*).
- **Lenten Retreat:** Our Council, along with the Ladies Auxiliary, will be sponsoring the annual Lenten Retreat on *Saturday, Mar. 10* beginning with the *9 am* Mass.
- **Traveling Icon:** Knight's sponsored Prayer Service *Sat. Mar. 24*, after the *9 am Mass* and *Tues. Mar. 27* after the *7:30 pm* Mass.
- **Special Olympics Walk-a-Thon:** Join us on the walk or sponsor one of the walkers. Tentative date is *Sunday, April 22nd*.

CATCHING UP:

Grand Knight's Report:

Congratulations to Brother Sandie Madriaga who took his Knighthood (3rd) Degree on Monday, Feb. 19, accompanied by Brothers Enrico Garrone and Alan Wardle. I encourage all Knights to complete their degrees when possible.

We had a great turnout of customers and helpers at the February Pancake Breakfast. Thanks to all who came out. Please help with the next breakfast, March 4.

On March 3 & 4, 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. Enrico Garrone, 604-540-8760, 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 2017, 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 10th, starting with Mass at 9 am and ending around 3 pm. It will be open to all parishioners; please sign up at the back of the church – lunch will be provided. Guest presenter will be Sr. Gabriella Yi. Details in the parish Bulletin. Please mark this date in your calendars.

The Traveling Icon of the Holy Family will be at our parish at the end of March. The Knights will hold a prayer service on Saturday, March 24, after the 9 am Mass and on Tuesday, March 27, after the 7:30 pm Mass. All parishioners are invited to this special prayer service, especially during Lent.

Again, thanks to Brother Gary, Brother Alain, Brother Michael de Faria Neves, and others for working on the Charity Appeal this year. Brother Gary reported that we sold all 350 books of tickets (322 last year), thanks to school parents and Knights working at Lougheed and Royal City malls. The early bird draw was on Jan. 20 and the main draw Feb. 3. Winners are as follows:

Grand Prize Winners

	Prize	Name	City	Ticket #	Selling Council #
1 st Prize	\$50,000 cash	Nicholeen Christison	Pitt Meadows	2413320	5566
2 nd Prize	2018 GMC Sierra 1500 Crew 4 X 4	Matt Clayton	Tsawwassen	2322589	8520
3 rd Prize	2018 Ford Mustang Ecoboost Fastback	Holger Goerlitz	Merritt	2156906	5302
4 th Prize	2018 Toyota Prius C	M Savard	Chilliwack	2251045	3478
5 th Prize	2018 Harley Davidson XG 750	Freida Antrobus	Duncan	2439813	4253

Early Bird Prize Winners

	Prize	Name	City	Ticket #	Selling Council #
1 st Prize	\$5000	S. Koffler	Kelowna	2272125	6233
2 nd Prize	\$2000	Kim Tjoe	Delta	2145300	7916
3 rd Prize	\$1500	Danielle Taylor	Maple Ridge	2335574	6767

4 th Prize	\$1000	Maritza Perdomo	Surrey	2329073	8629
5 th Prize	\$1000	Jim Slater	North Vancouver	2137001	4615
6 th Prize	\$1000	Greg Meier	Westbank	2318836	8520
7 th Prize	\$1000	Linda Evans	Williams Lake	2214961	4785
8 th Prize	\$1000	Karl Josefson	Port Coquitlam	2143411	11359
9 th Prize	\$1000	Andrew Zielinski	Prince George	2279710	5246
10 th Prize	\$1000	Len Nabe	Powell River	2354834	5417
11 th Prize	\$1000	Tom & Kathryn Gaudet	Prince George	2282490	5246
12 th Prize	\$1000	Pat Huang	Kelowna	2201570	7359

The annual State Convention will be held on May 4, 5 & 6. This year I will attend with my wife Bernice. Also Rafael Sevilla, our Deputy Grand Knight will attend as the second delegate; unfortunately his wife is working and unable to attend. Last meeting we voted to pay for 2 council members to attend this annual function with their wives that are able to come.

The annual Clergy Appreciation dinner is coming up.

Date: April 9 (Monday) 2018

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. Rey, 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 13th meeting. We have to pay Supreme for every member of our council, so we rely on the membership dues to cover this cost. Thanks.

Upcoming fund-raisers include Pennies for Heaven campaign to raise funds for vocations (please save your loose change), and our annual Special Olympics Walk-a-thon at the end of April.

Don't forget the next pancake breakfast on Sunday March 4 and our next council meeting at 8:00 pm on Tuesday, March 13, after rosary (7:10 pm) and Mass (7:30 pm).

Vivat Jesus,
John Cabana, GK

Program Director's Report:

Well here I am, Feb. 22/18, sitting in the house making my report and it is minus 8 degrees outside. Everyone thought that we might get away with a somewhat of a normal winter in the

Lower Mainland, well that was a good thought. Benita and I have a ski trip planned and hoping that the temperature warms up at the hill.

FYI for those that missed last month's meeting, Monsignor Rossi made a request of the Knights. It was to have a look at the stairs facing north off the old rectory front entrance deck as they are reportedly unsafe and ready to collapse. I took it upon myself to survey this situation and found that they were in very poor condition, but also found the deck was in need of repair as well. I decided that the weather conditions would not support a full on repair for everything. With Alain Custeau's help we did a temporary repair to the stairs with the understanding that down the road we will do a full repair. The stairs are safe to use now and Monsignor is happy. Later when weather is good for painting, we will have to tear up the deck, replace the plywood and recover with vinyl covering. The stairs will need new stringers and a complete set of runners. If anyone knows of someone capable of doing the covering of the deck, please advise me as I believe that will be the most difficult part of this repair.

Our Pot Luck Dinner in Feb was nice to see everyone who attended. We all had a good time and a great meal. We look forward to March 3rd for our next one. In February our 50/50 raised \$150 thanks to Brother Stan March, who donated his winnings of \$75 back to our council. As I browse the calendar I notice that March will be our final Pot Luck until perhaps September. April will have Easter at the beginning of the month. May we will have our Knights Awards Dinner, which will be catered, and June our beloved Monsignor Rossi will be hosting a dinner for all his active volunteers in the parish. So with that thought, March will be a good time to come to a Pot Luck, you cannot beat the menu and it is always fun.

Our pancake breakfast was good with turnout of parishioners and workers. This coming March 4th will be our next and as usual it is nice to have lots of help, so come out. The report for February's breakfast funds---

Sales were ----- \$595.00
 Expenses were -- \$179.08
 Profit was -----\$415.92

March is usually the time we do a fund raiser for Special Olympics. I am currently looking at a new course that will take us around the neighborhood of St. Michael's. This will be a big change from our previous walks in Coquitlam around the Como Lake area. That course was initiated by All Saints Council who invited us to walk with them many years ago. I invite everyone to make this a challenge to yourself to get some exercise and help a great cause. These Special Olympians are not the well-known handy-capped Olympians that follow the World Olympics, but the mentally challenged Olympians that we do not hear so much about. So join us and take a pledge sheet, get cash commitments from people and walk. The date planned for our walk is April 22nd, Sunday, around 1 o'clock. For more info send me a line.

Vivat Jesus

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:

Mar. 3rd: Pot-Luck Dinner – 6 pm social, 7 pm dinner, set-up Sat. 10 am

Mar. 3rd & 4th: Membership Drive after all Masses and at Pancake Breakfast

Mar. 4th: Pancake Breakfast after 8:30 and 10 am Masses, set-up 7:00 am

Mar. 10th: Lenten Retreat beginning with the 9 am Mass

Mar. 13th: Knights regular monthly meeting

Mar. 24th: Holy Family Icon – Prayer Service after 9 am Mass

Mar. 27th: Holy Family Icon – Prayer Service after 7:30 pm Mass

March: Pennies for Heaven (for vocations); save your loose change

March 29th: Holy Thursday

March 30th: Good Friday

March 31st: Holy Saturday

Future Events:

April 1st – Easter Sunday

April 4th – Confirmation

April 8th - Pancake Breakfast / set up at 7:30 am.

April 9th - Clergy Appreciation Dinner – St. Peter's

April 10th - Knights regular monthly meeting

April 22nd - Walk for Special Olympics (afternoon)

April 28th - Parish Auction/Knights bartending

May 4th, 5th, 6th – State Convention

May 6th - Pancake Breakfast / set up at 7:30 am.

May 27th – First Communion

+++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; Edmond Kim; Kenneth Klikach; Peggy MacDonald; Marina Neves; Tony & Cathy Patrick; John & Cathleen 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