



St. Michael's Council 9246 NEWSLETTER



December 2019

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Pot Luck Dinner:** Next Pot-Luck dinner is the Christmas Pot-Luck, **Saturday, December 7, 6pm social, 7pm** dinner. Bring your favourite dish to share and BYOB. If you wish to take part in the gift exchange, please bring a small gift, value of \$10 - \$15. Setup will be on **Saturday, Dec. 7 at 10am**, along with the St. Nick setup in the school gym.
- **Pancake Breakfast:** Our next Pancake Breakfast will be held on **Sunday, Dec. 8**, after **8:30 and 10:00 Masses**. Setup will be on **Saturday, Dec. 7, at 10am** along with setting up Christmas Trees for the St. Nick breakfast. Please come and help out as many hands are needed.
- **Regular Monthly Meeting:** Our next monthly meeting will be held on **Tuesday, Dec. 10th**, at **8:00 pm**, after Rosary for the Sick (**7:10**) and Mass (**7:30**).
- **Food Bank Christmas hampers:** Delivery of St. Michael's food bank hampers will be on **Saturday, Dec. 21**. Help out if you are able.
- **Charity Appeal:** Our annual Charity Appeal fundraiser continues. Please try to sell some books of raffle tickets (see Alain Custeau). We may need to help out staffing Mall times if there are not enough school parents. Please lend a hand if you are asked and available to help.

CATCHING UP:

Grand Knight's Report:

Brothers, our membership drive on Nov. 16/17 was very successful. Contributing factors were Monsignor's excellent plea for more young men to join and help where they can, our State Advocate, Brother Herb Yang and District Deputy, Brother Robert Tan, helping at the back of the church and recruiting candidates. 16 men have indicated interest and requested more information. With an Admission (First) Degree available soon after, Nov. 22, at Holy Eucharist Cathedral, New Westminster, we were able to welcome 4 candidates to our order; congratulations to the following Brothers: Peter Au, Phillip Salvador, Carl Anthony, Luisito (Luis) Tud. Brothers Alan Wardle, Enrico Garrone, John Cabana, and I attended from our council, along with our DD Robert Tan. Thanks to all. (Picture below)

I encourage all members to complete their Second and Third degree for full knighthood in our organization.

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

Thanks to all brother Knights who came out to help at the Pancake breakfast on November 3rd. It was well attended and quite a few knights came out to help. Keep up the good work for our monthly fundraiser. Next breakfast is our St. Nick breakfast, Sunday, Dec. 8th, setup Saturday Dec. 7, 10 am. Many hands are needed, so come out to help if you can. Also remember Pot-Luck on Saturday as well.

Wishing all of you and your families a Blessed Christmas and successful New Year.

Vivat Jesus,
Rafael Sevilla, GK



Membership Update:

As a result of the successful membership drive, we will need to follow up with each prospect who have indicated interest in joining our council. If there are quite a few ready to take the First Degree, we could consider holding an Admission Degree by video in our meeting room. Alternatively, we could see which councils are holding a “live” Admission Degree and join them.

Also, we still have candidates that need their 2nd and 3rd degrees, so we should try to complete these soon, keeping in mind everyone’s busy schedule.

Enrico Garrone

Fourth Degree:

The old Regalia was retired as of the end of June 2019. Are any 4th Degree interested in purchasing new regalia with me to save on the shipping costs? Please let me know.

Alain Custeau

Charity Appeal Update:

This year's Charity Appeal is up and running. Brother Alain Custeau will be contacting council members to take books of tickets to buy or sell; if you need tickets, please contact Alain. This is a great fundraiser so please help out by selling (or buying) some tickets. Who knows, you just might win.

Cheers

Gary Jeannotte

Program Director's Report:

The current food bank fund raiser is the gift basket raffle. Last year with the Grey Cup Pool and receiving 2 separate Gift Baskets from our local Save-On Foods in New Westminster, Sapperton and Coquitlam on Austin, plus a basket donated by me, we were able to raise over \$1100. The funds we raise will be donated to Monsignor Rossi at our December meeting for St Michael's Christmas Food Bank Donations. The sales of these Gift Baskets will be after the Masses at St Michael's starting November 24th, with sales also the weekends of Dec. 1st and finishing with the draw after our Christmas Pancake Breakfast Dec. 8th. Just want to thank all those that helped with the ticket sales at the back of the church after all the Masses; your presence makes a big difference with the sales.

The winners of the Grey Cup Pool were: 1st quarter score west – Winnipeg Blue Bombers - 8 east – Hamilton Tiger Cats - 3 , winner Alain Custeau with \$25, second quarter score west – 21, east - 6, winner Lu Fraser with \$50, the third quarter score west – 27, east – 12, winner Benita McLean, (who has graciously donated her \$25 prize money back to the cause), and the final score was west - 33, against east – 12 for \$100 to Greg Lightbody. Congratulations to all the winners and many thanks to those of us that didn't win, maybe next year.

Please don't forget our Christmas Potluck Dinner December 7th, starting at 6:00 PM, note small gift exchange per person. On the following day Sunday, December 8th, 2019 our annual Pancake breakfast with St. Nick in the school gym. In association this day St. Michael's Ladies Auxiliary is having a bake sale. At the end of our Christmas breakfast I will make the draw for the winners of the Christmas Gift Baskets to complete our fund raiser for St. Michael's Christmas Food Bank. NOTE: SET UP will be Saturday, at 10:00 AM for both dinner and breakfast; many hands are needed.

My wife Benita and I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year this joyous season. God Bless You All

Thank you Brothers,
Brother Bruce McLean

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



Birthdays in December:

Joseph De Vaz, Stan March, Vincent Maddalozzo

Calendar of Events:

Dec. 1st: Start of Advent

Dec. 7th: Set-up Christmas Trees, breakfast, and pot-luck - 10 am

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

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

Dec. 10th: Knights regular monthly meeting

Dec. 21st: Delivery of food bank Christmas Hampers

Dec. 22nd: St. Michael's Penitential Service, 7 pm

Dec. 25th: Birth of Jesus

December: Charity Appeal Raffle Ticket Sales. Try to sell some books.

+++**Pray for PRIESTS, BROTHERS, and SISTERS ...They need us – we need them**+++

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REMEMBER TO KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Maddix; Paula Whire

Please pray for the sick in our Parish:

Bill & Kay Blair; Al Boire; Eileen Cassidy; Robert Costa; Andrew Garisto; Bonny Gerson; Lloyd Gerson; Mary Glavin; Leo Gaucher; Herman Haffner; Stan & Carol March; Tom, Pat, Jamie & Paul McCloskey; Bruce McLean; Edmond Kim; Kenneth Klikach; Peggy MacDonald; Marina Neves; Tony & Cathy Patrick; John Todd; Linda Viani; Pat Welsh; Anne Whittey; Gordon Zelko; Father John Swinkels; Fathers David Hughes, Joseph Thoai Le, and Bill Somerville & Br. Tom

MARY, HEALTH OF THE SICK; PRAY FOR US