



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



March 2020

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Pancake Breakfast:** Our next Pancake Breakfast will be held on *Sunday, Mar. 1st*, after 8:30 and 10:00 Masses. Setup will be on *Sunday, Mar. 1st*, at 7am. Please come and help out if you can.
- **Pot Luck Dinner:** Next Pot-Luck dinner is on *Saturday, March 7th*, 6pm social, 7pm dinner. Bring your favourite dish to share and BYOB. Setup will be on *Saturday, Mar. 7 at 10am*. Note this is the weekend **after** pancake breakfast for this month.
- **Regular Monthly Meeting:** Our next monthly meeting will be held on *Tuesday, Mar. 10*, at 8:00 pm, after Rosary for the Sick (7:10) and Mass (7:30).
- **Icon:** Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians. Prayer service scheduled for *Sat. Feb. 29* after the 9 am Mass and *Tues., Mar. 3* after the 7:30 pm Mass.
- **Lenten Retreat:** Our Council, along with the Ladies Auxiliary, will be sponsoring the annual Lenten Retreat on *Saturday, Mar. 14* beginning with the 9 am Mass.
- **Special Olympics Walk-a-thon:** Planned for *Sunday, Mar. 29*. Please consider getting some pledges and walking or sponsor one of the walkers.

CATCHING UP:

Grand Knight's Report:

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 1st.

The semi-annual audit, ending December 2019, has been completed thanks to Bro. Terry Duggan, with help from Brothers Tarcisio Rossi and John Cabana.

We will be sponsoring, together with the Ladies Auxiliary, a day of recollection during Lent. It has been scheduled on Saturday March 14th, 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. Details in the parish Bulletin. Please mark this date in your calendars.

The Traveling Icon will be at our parish at the end of February. This year the Icon is “Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians”. The Knights will hold a prayer service on Saturday, Feb. 29, after the 9 am Mass and on Tuesday, March 3, after the 7:30 pm Mass. All parishioners are invited to this special prayer service. Details are in the bulletin.

The annual State Convention will be held on April 24, 25 & 26. This year our Deputy Grand Knight, Brother Michael Charron, and Trustee Brother Sandie Madriaga, will 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 after Easter.

Date: April 20 (Monday) 2020

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, 604-939-6333 or email rgsevilla@shaw.ca, 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. DePaul, and Fr. Swinkels (if he is able to attend).

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 10th 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 (rolled please) and bring it to our April meeting. Also our annual Special Olympics Walk-a-thon is scheduled for March 29th. Funds raised for these two initiatives will be presented at the State Convention.

Don't forget the next pancake breakfast on Sunday March 1 and our next council meeting at 8:00 pm on Tuesday, March 10, after rosary (7:10 pm) and Mass (7:30 pm).

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.

There is a brand new 1/2/3 Degrees, all in one, now available for all new candidates. Let's encourage those who have shown interest in our order to attend this new "all in one" degree. After the degree, they will be Degree Knights with full Knighthood in our order. There is a combined degree on Sat., March 21, 2020, at St. Luke's parish, Maple Ridge following the 4:30 pm Mass.

Enrico Garrone

Fourth Degree:

Plans are underway for the 28th annual Clergy and Religious Appreciation Dinner which will be held at St. Peter's on Monday, April 20. Red Seal chef Brother Andy Boch will be preparing the meal. Fourth Degree knights will be serving the meal.

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

Program Director's Report:

Brothers,

Many thanks to all that were here and helped out at our last month's Pancake Breakfast. My wife Benita and I tried our best to enjoy our week away. We left Friday Jan 31st. for Big White to enjoy a week of skiing. But unfortunately, Benita caught a cold the day before we left and I caught it from her by the following Monday. She was only able to ski a half day on Sunday with friends from Kelowna and my sister and her husband, from Prince George. It is sad to say our week was pretty much a waste, except able to enjoy my sister and brother in law's company for the week. Well that is all in the past and we have recovered to carry on with Knights of Columbus projects.

The Knights are sponsoring a Marian Prayer Service this Saturday Feb 29th. This is a Family Prayer Program before the icon entitled, "Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians". It will start after the 9:00 AM Mass and again on Tuesday, March 3rd, after the 7:30 PM Mass. Everyone is welcome to attend and join in prayer.

This coming Sunday, March 1st, we will again have St. Michael's Pancake Breakfast. As I missed last month this one I will be there along with I hope as many needed brother Knights to make it a success. It all starts Sunday morning at 7:00 AM with set up and grilling the sausages. Please come and be a needed volunteer and make it a success.

We will have a Pot Luck Dinner the following week in the Parish Centre on Saturday March 7th. We will set up in the morning at 10:00 AM; hopefully a few helpers will come to help. Our evening starting at 6:00 PM with a social and dinner served at 7:00 PM. As we have been having few of these gatherings I am hoping we have a good turnout. It is always fun to get together and enjoy each other's company and foods that they have brought to share. I would like to take a moment to thank Enrico Garrone for looking after our Pot Luck last month. It is truly unfortunate that he was unable to carry through with the dinner as he had last minute things come up and had to cancel the dinner.

Remember March 14th, St Michael's Ladies Auxiliary and Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a Parish Retreat. Monsignor Rossi and Father DePaul Doan are conducting this retreat with possibly another presenter. Everyone in our parish is invited to attend.

Another important date to remember, March 29th. This is the scheduled date for St. Michael's Knights of Columbus Walk for Special Olympics. The walk is just over 6 kms in length, leaving from our parish grounds and back. Being aged Knights we do it without too much exertion of energy. The hardest part for those walking is to raise and collect funds that will be given to Special Olympics people. I approach many of my friends and people that I associate with for donations for this cause. So everyone knows these Olympians are typically handicapped children that get a chance to participate in these games, which are not the same games as those that take place along with the regular Olympics. It is truly satisfying to hear from them that they had a great time and enjoyed their experience participating in the Special Olympics. Please make note that this is the only fund raiser that is not for our church but is our way to give back to our community, much like St. Michael's food bank. Please consider being part of this effort and join in with those of us that are doing the walk, more people the better. Come talk to me or John Cabana at our pancake breakfast this weekend.

Brother Bruce McLean

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



Birthdays in March:

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

Calendar of Events:

Feb. 26th: Ash Wednesday – beginning of Lent
 Feb. 29th: Icon prayer service after the Sat. 9 am Mass.
 March 1st - Pancake Breakfast after 8:30 and 10 am Masses; set-up 7 am.
 March 3rd: Icon prayer service after the Tues. 7:30 pm Mass.
 March 7th - Pot Luck dinner – 6 pm social, 7 pm dinner; set-up Sat. 10 am
 March 10th - Knights regular monthly meeting
 March 14th – Parish Retreat (sponsored by Knights and Ladies)
 March 29th - Knights Walk for Special Olympics

March - Knights Walk for Special Olympics – start collecting pledges
 March – Pennies for Heaven for vocations – save loose change

Future Events:

April 4th – NO POT-LUCK
 April 5th –Pancake Breakfast after 8:30 and 10 am Masses; set-up 7 am.
 April 12th – Easter Sunday
 April 14th - Knights regular monthly meeting (turn in Pennies for Heaven contribution)
 April 18th – Knights Fun Night / Pasta dinner (tentative)
 April 20th – Clergy Appreciation Dinner – St. Peter's
 April 24-26 - State Convention
 April 25th - St. Michael's Auction
 April 30th – St. Michael's Confirmation

May 2nd – Pot Luck dinner – 6 pm social, 7 pm dinner; set-up Sat. 10 am
 May 3rd – Pancake Breakfast after 8:30 and 10 am Masses; set-up 7 am
 May 10th – Mothers' Day
 May 12th – Knights regular monthly meeting
 May 31st – St. Michael's First Communion with 4th Degree Procession
 May 31st – Knights Awards Dinner – catered

June 1st – St. Michael's May Procession
 June 7th – Pancake Breakfast after 8:30 and 10 am Masses; set-up 7 am.
 June 9th – Knights regular monthly meeting
 June 13th – Altar Servers Day
 June 21st – Father's Day
 June 28th – 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:



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