



St. Michael's Council 9246 NEWSLETTER



April 2020

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Pancake Breakfast:** Our next Pancake Breakfast will be held on **Sunday, Apr. 5th**, after **8:30 and 10:00 Masses**. **Setup** will be on **Sunday, Apr. 5th**, at **7am**. Please come and help out if you can.
- **Regular Monthly Meeting:** Our next monthly meeting will be held on **Tuesday, Apr. 14th**, at **8:00 pm**, after Rosary for the Sick (**7:10**) and Mass (**7:30**).
- **Special Olympics Walk-a-thon:** Planned for **Sunday, Mar. 29**. Please consider getting some pledges and walking or sponsor one of the walkers.
- **Clergy Appreciation Dinner:** Will be held **Monday, April 20th** at St. Peter's New West.
- **State Convention:** **April 24, 25 & 26** in Richmond.

CATCHING UP:

Grand Knight's Report:

Brothers, as you can see, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, our council activities have been cancelled. This is a very difficult and unfortunate time for everyone, and we should pray for one another and for the end of this virus.

We had a great turnout of customers and helpers at the March Pancake Breakfast. Thanks to all who came out. We will let everyone know when activities like our monthly pancake breakfast can resume.

The Traveling Icon was at our parish end of February / March. This year the Icon was "Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians". The Knights held 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 were invited to this special prayer service. Thanks to Brother John Cabana and Brother Tarcisio Rossi for organizing and leading this prayer service, along with Monsignor Rossi. See pictures following (from our DD Robert Tan).

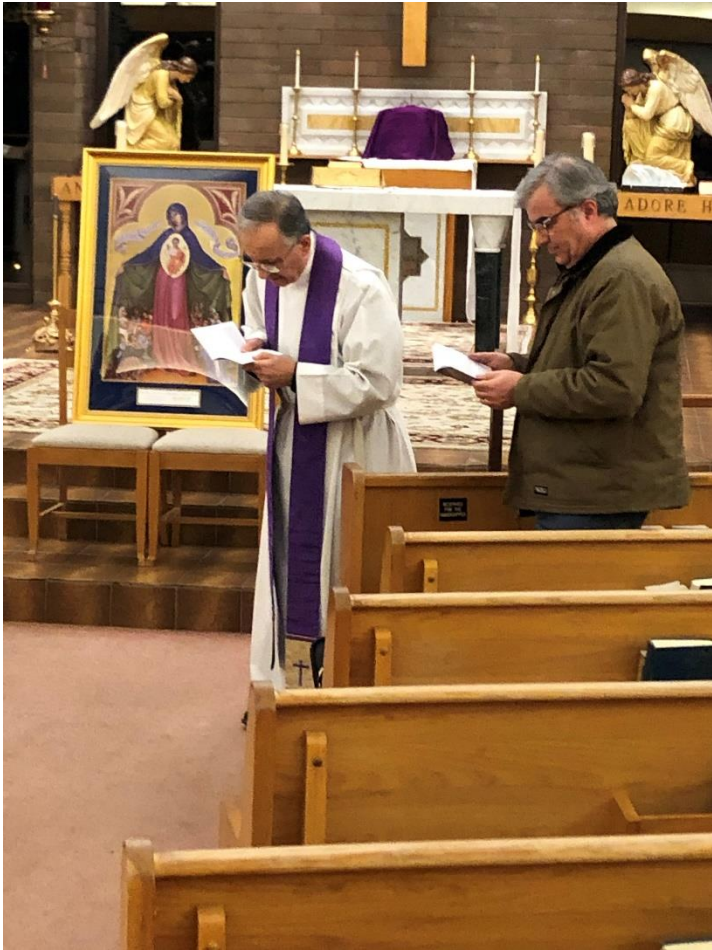
The annual State Convention was to be held on April 24, 25 & 26 but this too has been cancelled. This year our Deputy Grand Knight, Brother Michael Charron, and Trustee Brother Sandie Madriaga, were planning to attend. There may be some kind of on-line business meeting for Saturday, April 25 – no details yet.

If you have forgotten, please send your annual dues of \$40 to our financial secretary Alan Wardle, etransfer, paypal, cheque. 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 a future meeting (TBD).

Also our annual Special Olympics Walk-a-thon was to be March 29th. Walkers can walk on their own or we may schedule a group walk in the future. Pledges and funds can still be collected as is possible at this time and we will wait for direction on distribution of the funds.





The annual Clergy Appreciation dinner has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 virus.

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

Vivat Jesus,
Rafael Sevilla, GK

Membership Update:

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 are no degrees scheduled at this time due to the COVID-19 virus.

Enrico Garrone

Fourth Degree:

The 28th annual Clergy and Religious Appreciation Dinner which was to be held at St. Peter's on Monday, April 20 has been cancelled.

Alain Custeau

Program Director's Report:

Brothers these are dire times with this terrible corona virus attacking our country and world. I hope that everyone takes the necessary precautions to take care of our families and friends. We are all in this together and only together we can conquer this problem. We must pray for our health care workers, our parish community and for everyone to do their part.

As many of our events have been cancelled or postponed we must take time to consider our best action plans are to be. Our Pennies for Heaven program was to make a donation at the State Convention but many of the donations have not been collected. Also our Walk for Special Olympics, almost complete, still has some pledges to be collected for a final total to be determined. This again is just short of complete. My thought is that if we can complete collection of our funds we should donated directly to Special Olympics. This is a decision to be made by our council executive.

In closing I wish everyone a safe time through this terrible disease and pray for everyone's good health.

Brother Bruce McLean

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



Birthdays in April:

Gilles Deschenes, Pat Krump, Dennis McKenzie, Arc Rajtar,
Jacob Rossi, Alan Wardle, Nick Curalli, Rafael Sevilla, Antonio Daling, Peter Valing

Calendar of Events:

Due to the COVID-19 virus most events have been ~~cancelled~~:

~~March 29th – Knights Walk for Special Olympics~~

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?~~

April - Knights Walk for Special Olympics – collect pledges

April – Pennies for Heaven for vocations – save loose change

Future Events (tentative):

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