

# St. Michael's Council 9246 NEWSLETTER



# Dec. 2020

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Pancake Breakfast: Our next Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, after 8:30 and 10:00 Masses. Setup will be on Sunday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, at 7am. Please come and help out if you can.
- Regular Monthly Meeting: Our next monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 pm, after Rosary for the Sick (7:10) and Mass (7:30). Replaced with Zoom Meeting at 7:30 pm.
- <u>Charity Appeal:</u> Our annual Charity Appeal fundraiser started **Sept. 1** via on-line ticket sales. Please tell your family & friends. See details below.

#### **CATCHING UP:**

#### **Grand Knight's Report:**

This is a most unusual December. Usually we are planning our St. Nick pancake breakfast, coordinated with the Ladies bake sale, and the decorating of Christmas Trees in the gym for picture taking with St. Nick. We would be planning a Christmas pot-luck to share with our dedicated members and friends. Well, this year will certainly be different; not even sure if Mass will be available with a 50 person limit – but Mass will still be celebrated and viewed virtually as least. Let us all pray for an end to this COVID-19 pandemic and back to some sense of normalcy.

I would like to thank all who attended our November virtual council meeting. I know it is not ideal, but we can at least conduct our business and vote on motions. Next meeting is Dec. 8, 7:30 pm., with instructions to join in coming via a separate email soon.

John Krump has joined St. Michael's Council. Brother John completed his 1/2/3 Degree on-line on Nov. 14. He is regularly seen as an altar server at St. Michael's and will be a great addition to our council. Welcome, John!

I would also like to thank Brother Peter Au for continuing to coordinate and schedule the Ushers for the Sunday Masses, even though religious gatherings have been suspended for the time being. I'm sure we'll be back soon with the 50 person limit per Mass.

A big thank you to Brother Gary with help from Brother Alain Custeau and Brother Bob Murphie for the cleanup of the crawl space under the church. He ordered a bin and disposed of lots of unwanted "stuff" including the old wooden tables that we used to use for pancake breakfasts. Great work, Gary, Alain, and Bob.

Don't forget to encourage friends and family to buy Charity Appeal raffle tickets at www.KofCdraw.net/C9246. There are not many fund raisers that we will be able to do this year,

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but this is one that can easily be done with food bank. Please support this worthy cause. everyone's help. Rebates support our parish

Merry Christmas to everyone and a healthier 2021! John Cabana, GK

## Parish Council Update:

As mentioned above, St. Michael's parish is suspending Mass attendance as per the Health Authorities due to the increased numbers of COVID-19 cases. Sunday 10:30 Mass will be live streamed as well as daily Masses without a congregation. Details are in the parish website at stmichaelsparish.ca with Mass updates and confession times over Christmas.

Church maintenance will be delayed until warmer weather:

- Replace furnace and update heating system.
- Replace basement windows.
- New covering of the soffits.

Later: -Replace current lighting above the Altar with modern, practical lighting.

- Recondition the pews and replace current floorcovering.

Project Advance will continue this year with a reduced Diocesan goal of \$23,000 for St. Michael's. The fall campaign is underway. Since we have reached our Diocesan goal, all funds raised go directly to St. Michael's Parish – please be generous within your means.

Gary Jeannotte

# **Charity Appeal Update:**

The Charity Appeal raffle ticket will only be sold on-line this year. Starting Sept. 1, 2020 you can purchase tickets on-line using our council link: <a href="www.KofCdraw.net/C9246">www.KofCdraw.net/C9246</a> and we will get credit for the sale. Please notify family and friends to use this link. We have put a notice in the parish bulletin as well. Purchases will be by credit card, no cash. Prizes are cash prizes, \$100,000, \$50,000, \$10,000, with other prizes of \$5,000 to \$1,000. Price will still be \$3 per ticket. Ticket sales close Jan. 30, 2021 at 6 pm. Draw for all prizes will be on Jan. 30, 2021 at 8 pm; no early bird draw this year – prizes have all been incorporated into one draw. Spread the word for our council's success.

Cheers
Gary Jeannotte



# Membership Update:

I would also like to welcome Brother John Krump to our council. Congratulations on completing the on-line exemplification.

Due to the COVID-19 virus, there are no in-person **exemplifications** available at this time. However, there is a 1-2-3 combined degrees on line. All the candidate have to do is register and watch it at the predetermine time, pay the dues, and they are knights! Actually, Supreme has waived the first year dues for those who registered before December 31, 2020. Ask the Catholic men you know to go to the website kofc.org/joinus, click on JOIN and enter the promo code **MCGIVNEY2020** to receive free membership for 1 year. Also have them enter 9246 under the Council # to refer them to our council.

Or, if you know of any candidate interested, please let me (Enrico) know and I can follow up with them.

Enrico Garrone

## Fourth Degree:

Nothing at this time.

Alain Custeau

## **Program Director's Report:**

As mentioned above, Brother Alain Custeau, Brother Bob Murphie and I have cleared out some of the "stuff" in the crawl space under the church. The Knights Christmas decorations have been moved to the garage. The bin that I ordered disposed of a lot of unwanted items, including the old wooden tables from our pancake breakfasts. This clean-up will allow access to improve the insulation and upgrade the furnace.

At our last meeting we discussed some **charitable organizations** that we could donate to: Coats for Kids campaign, Ultrasound, Pregnancy Center Support, St. Michael's food bank, and the Red Cross, which has helped Fr. Swinkels. And another one that just came in: Philippines Flooding Relief Fund. We can discuss this at our next meeting.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and pray for everyone's good health.

Brother Gary Jeannotte

#### ++++++++ **VOLUNTEERING - IF NOT ME THEN WHO?** ++++++++++



## Birthdays in December:

Joseph De Vaz, Stan March, Vincent Maddalozzo

# Calendar of Events:

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

Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> – Fist Sunday of Advent

Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>—Pancake Breakfast / set up at 7:00 am.

Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> – Knights regular monthly meeting –Zoom meeting, 7:30 pm

Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day, Birth of Jesus

Dec. - Charity Appeal raffle tickets (on-line)

### +++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; 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; Tony & Cathy Patrick; John Todd: Linda Viani; Pat Welsh; Anne Whittey; Father John Swinkels; Fathers David Hughes, Joseph Thoai Le, and Bill Somerville & Br. Tom Maddix; Paula Whire

MARY, HEALTH OF THE SICK; PRAY FOR US