



St. Michael's Council 9246 NEWSLETTER



March 2021

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Pancake Breakfast:** Our next Pancake Breakfast will be held on **Sunday, Mar. 7th**, after **8:30 and 10:00 Masses**. **Setup** will be on **Sunday, Mar. 7th, at 7am**. Please come and help out if you can.
- **Regular Monthly Meeting:** Our next monthly meeting will be held on **Tuesday, Mar. 9th**, at **8:00 pm**, after Rosary for the Sick (**7:10**) and Mass (**7:30**). Replaced with **Zoom Meeting at 7:30 pm**.
- **Icon:** Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians. Prayer service cancelled.
- **Charity Appeal:** New 50/50 Draw. See details below.
- **Special Olympics Walk-a-thon:** Usually held in March. Postponed for this year.

CATCHING UP:

Grand Knight's Report:

I would like to thank all who attended the virtual council meeting last month, Feb. 9th. I know it is not ideal, but we can at least conduct our business and vote on motions. Next meeting is Mar. 9, 7:30 pm., with instructions to join in coming via a separate email soon.

As you can see from the Upcoming Events, a lot of our usual activities have been cancelled. However, we can still help around the church as needed, support St. Michael's food bank, attend live-streamed Masses, exemplifications, Lenten talks, and pray for the end of this pandemic. You can pray for a seminarian each day of Lent (see previous email).

Thanks to Brothers Gary Jeannotte, Alain Custeau, and Tarcisio Rossi for their work around the parish. An on-going task is to keep the gutters clean. See pictures below.

The 2021 State Convention has been pushed to May 28-30. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this may have to be "virtual" again this year. At our February council meeting we voted for Brothers Alan Wardle and Michael Charron to (virtually) attend with Enrico Garrone as alternate for Alan, and Peter Au as alternate for Michael. Let hope and pray that the convention will be as successful as possible under these restrictions.

If you have not already done so, please send your annual dues of \$40 to our financial secretary, Alan Wardle, etransfer, paypal, or mail cheque (payable to Knights of Columbus, Council 9246), to:
Alan Wardle, 302 Richmond Street, New Westminster, BC V3L 4B6
There are still dues owing from a couple dozen members. We have to pay Supreme for every member of our council, so we rely on the membership dues to cover this cost.

Vivat Jesus,
John Cabana, GK

Parish Council Update:

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.

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.

Gary Jeannotte

Membership Update:

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! Ask the Catholic men you know to go to the website kofc.org/joinus, click on JOIN. Until the end of June, the first year's dues are Free by using the code MCGIVNEY2020. Also have them enter 9246 under the Council # to refer them to our council. Exemplifications are being held on the 4th Thursday of each month.

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

If any member has only First or Second degree, they should watch the combined 1-2-3 degree exemplification and they will become Third degree knights. Let me know if you need help with the link to this virtual ceremony. Also let our FS, Brother Alan Wardle know so he can update the membership records, 604-525-8081 or alan.wardle@telus.net. Thanks.

Vivat Jesus,
Enrico Garrone

Fourth Degree:

Nothing at this time.
Alain Custeau

Charity Appeal New 50/50 Draw:

The Charity Appeal raffle ticket sales are now over, however, there is a new fundraiser to support our Bishops and seminarians. This is the Charity Appeal 50/50 Draw available from March 15 to April 30. Details will be coming soon.

Gary Jeannotte

Program Director's Report:

At our last meeting, the following motion was carried:
Assist with part of the new Gate expense - \$500

As spring approaches we are looking at fundraising campaigns that all worthy members can participate in. One is our annual "Pennies for Heaven" fundraiser. I urge ALL members to set aside loose change for this worthy cause. We have until Convention to collect so let's make the effort to support this cause. Due to the pandemic, less cash is being used, so a donation to this effort could also be done by e-transfer or cheque and sent to our F.S. Brother Alan Wardle.

State Bursary Program: 4 bursaries of \$500 each are available to Catholic students in post-secondary education (see details below or kofcbc.org).

All the items from the Crawl Space have been sold now.

I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy,
Gary Jeannotte

Brother Alain Custeau inspecting the gutters.





Other News:

Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson will retire February 28, after more than 20 years of service as Supreme Knight and upon reaching the mandatory retirement age of 70. He leaves a legacy of Christian witness and service to the Catholic Church, to the Knights of Columbus and to communities throughout the world.

Patrick E. Kelly has been elected the 14th Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus. Starting March 1, 2021, he will serve as chief executive officer and chairman of the board of the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization, with more than 2 million members. Patrick Kelly's election as Supreme Knight follows a distinguished career in the Knights of Columbus, the military and public service. For more than 25 years, he has a demonstrated track record of service to Church and country, which will serve him well in advancing the Knights' mission of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism.

The B. C. and Yukon State Council has 4 [Bishop Thomas J. Lobsinger, OMI Memorial Bursary Program](#) bursaries available at \$500 each. Applicants must be enrolling in the 1st or subsequent year of higher education. Application forms must be requested from the Bursary Chairman: Marcel Renault, State Bursary Chairman, 22910 Purdey, Ave, Maple Ridge, BC V2X 7M1. Completed applications must be received by June 30, 2021.

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



Birthdays in March:

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

Calendar of Events:

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

~~Mar. 7th: Pancake Breakfast after 8:30 and 10 am Masses; set up 7 am.~~

Mar. 9th: Knights regular monthly meeting via Zoom

Mar. 14th: Daylight Savings begins

Mar. 17th: St. Patrick's Day

Mar. 28th: Palm Sunday

Apr. 2nd: Good Friday

Apr. 4th: Easter Sunday

+++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