

St. Michael's Council 9246 NEWSLETTER



April 2021

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Pancake Breakfast: Our next Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday, Apr. 11th, after 8:30 and 10:00 Masses. Setup will be on Sunday, Apr. 11th, at 7am. Please come and help out if you can.
- <u>Regular Monthly Meeting:</u> Our next monthly meeting will be held on *Tuesday*, *Apr. 13th*, at 7:30 pm via Zoom.
- *Icon:* Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians. Prayer service cancelled.
- <u>Clergy & Religious Appreciation Dinner:</u> This event, usually held in April and sponsored by New Westminster Council 1283, is cancelled again this year due to the pandemic.
- *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, Mar. 9th. I know it is not ideal, but we can at least conduct our business and vote on motions. Next meeting is Apr. 13, 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, talks, and pray for the end of this pandemic.

Congratulations to Brother Johan Cyprich who has transferred into our council and has completed his 3^{rd} degree on-line exemplification. Welcome to our council Brother Johan.

Thanks to Brothers Gary Jeannotte, Alain Custeau, Moreno Rossi, Paul Rossi, and Tarcisio Rossi for their work around the parish.

Please support the new Charity Appeal 50/50 draw with the proceeds going to our Bishops and diocese in BC. See details 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

Wishing everyone a Happy and Holy Easter, 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 for Easter 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.

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.

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 diocese. This is the Charity Appeal 50/50 Draw available from March 15 to April 30. Please support this worthy cause at kofcbc5050.ca. See poster below.

Gary Jeannotte



2021 Spring 50/50 CHARITY APPEA

200 Tickets for \$50 50 Tickets for \$25 10 Tickets for \$10







Click here Kofcbc5050.ca

Sales March 15, 2021 to April 30, 2021, 6pm Draw April 30th, 2021, 6:30pm

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A Charity Appeal of the

Knights of Columbus (BC) Charity Foundation

For General Inquiries call 604-216-7272 or email ticketchair@gmail.com BC Gaming Event License #:127997

Chances are 1 in 1,400,000 (total tickets for sale) to win the prize. Actual odds depend on the number of tickets sold. 19+ to play. Problem Gambling Helpline 1-888-795-6111. www.bcresponsiblegambling.ca. Know your limit, play within it. Winners are responsible for the cost associated with delivery/claiming the prize.

Program Director's Report:

At our last meeting, the following motion was carried: Assist with part of the new Gate expense - \$500 Total donated is now \$1500 of the >\$2000 gate cost.

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.

With Brother Moreno organizing the delivery of 4 yards of top soil, Brothers Moreno Rossi, Paul Rossi, Tar Rossi, Alain Custeau and Gary Jeannotte replenished the soil in the flower beds around the Parish Center, pruned some roses and generally had a good time.

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

I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy, Gary Jeannotte

Other News:

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 Renauld, 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 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 some events have been cancelled:

Apr. 1st: Holy Thursday

Apr. 2nd: Good Friday

Apr. 3rd: Holy Saturday

Apr. 4th: Easter Sunday

Apr. 11th: Divine Mercy Sunday

Apr. 11th: Pancake Breakfast after 8:30 and 10 am Masses; set-up 7 am.

Apr. 13th: Knights regular monthly meeting via Zoom 7:30 pm

May 9th: Mothers' Day

May 28th – 30th: K of C State Convention

+++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