



St. Michael's Council 9246 NEWSLETTER



May 2021

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Pancake Breakfast:** Our next Pancake Breakfast will be held on **Sunday, May 2nd**, after **8:30 and 10:00 Masses**. **Setup** will be on **Sunday, May 2nd, at 7am**. Please come and help out if you can.
- **Regular Monthly Meeting:** Our next monthly meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 11th**, at **7:30 pm via Zoom**.
- **Pennies for Heaven:** Save loose change or send a donation to our FS, Brother Alan Wardle.
- **Charity Appeal:** 50/50 Draw. Now over, see details below.
- **Special Olympics Walk-a-thon:** Postponed for this year.

CATCHING UP:

Grand Knight's Report:

I was saddened to hear that Father John Swinkels died on Easter Saturday morning, April 10, 2021, at the age of 92. He was part of St. Michael's parish family since his retirement 23 years ago, helping with Masses and Confessions, as long as his health permitted. He regularly attended our pot-luck dinners and other functions in the parish and was a long-standing member of Council 1081 in Vancouver. May he rest in peace. Thanks to Brother Bob Murphie and his wife Carol who saw to many of his needs over the last few years. Also, thanks to all the brothers who formed an Honour Guard during the funeral procession out of St. Michael's church. Monsignor Rossi, our Chaplain, gave a beautiful sermon during the funeral Mass; only 10 people could attend the Mass but it was also live-streamed. Archbishop Michael Miller was the main celebrant.

I would like to thank all who attended the virtual council meeting last month, Apr. 13th. I know it is not ideal, but we can at least conduct our business and vote on motions. Next meeting is May 11, 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.

Thanks to Brothers Gary Jeannotte, Alain Custeau, Moreno Rossi, Paul Rossi, Tarcisio Rossi, and others for their work around the parish (see pictures below).

Also, thanks to Brother Peter Au who has been ushering for the Holy Communion service after the 10 am Mass on Sundays. If you would like to help out with this need, email Peter at b7m1@hotmail.com.

The Charity Appeal 50/50 draw, with the proceeds going to our Bishops and diocese in BC, ended April 30, 6:00 pm. See details below.

The 2021 State Convention has been pushed to May 29. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this will be “virtual” again this year. Since our previously voted-in members are unable to attend due to other commitments, I am looking for one or two members who would like to attend this virtual convention. Please let me know ASAP if you wish to be considered.

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

Since we are getting close to our June year-end, we need to consider our executive positions for next year. I have attached the descriptions of each position and have asked Brother Bob Murphie to run the election of officers at our June monthly meeting. If you would like to run for any of these positions or nominate someone for a particular position, phone Bob at 604-323-3611. It is a great opportunity to learn some new skills and serve others in these unique roles.

Grand Knight

The grand knight is responsible for the welfare of the council. He presides over council meetings, acts as an ex-officio member of all committees, appoints a membership and programming director, convenes officers for a monthly meeting, and ensures all necessary reports are submitted to the state and Supreme Council. He should also be aware of the council’s financial status and ensure that his signature appears on all checks drawn.

Deputy Grand Knight

The deputy grand knight is second in command. He assists the grand knight with council affairs and fulfills all duties assigned to him by the grand knight. Should the grand knight be absent from a council meeting, the deputy grand knight will preside. He is chairman of the council’s retention committee

Chancellor

The chancellor has a variety of responsibilities. Primarily, he assists the grand knight and the deputy grand knight in the execution of their duties and oversees the council in both their absences. He is charged with strengthening the members’ interests in council activities. The chancellor is chairman of the admission committee

Recorder

The recorder is similar to a court reporter or a secretary. He is responsible for maintaining a true record of all actions of the council and its correspondence. A Recorder’s Minute Book (#1403) is available from the Knights of Columbus Supply Department for keeping a record of council meetings.

Treasurer

The treasurer is responsible for the safekeeping and maintaining records of all council funds and accounts. He is responsible for depositing money into the council’s accounts and provides a certificate of such monies to the grand knight. He is also responsible for payment of all expenses.

Lecturer

The lecturer is appointed by the grand knight to provide both educational and entertaining programs to the council. He is responsible for the ‘Good of the Order’ portion of council meetings. In order to provide members with informative and educational programs, he must be knowledgeable and aware of all council programming.

Advocate

The advocate is the legal representative of the council and serves as the council’s attorney at trials and investigations of any interest to the council. While he does not need to be a member of the legal profession, he should be familiar with the council by-laws, the Order’s Charter, Constitution and Laws (#30), Methods of Conducting a Council Meeting (#1937), and Robert’s Rules of Order.

Warden

The warden is the 'watchdog' for council property and degree paraphernalia, except the property of the financial secretary, treasurer and recorder. He is also responsible for setting up the council chambers for meetings and ceremonial work. During ceremonial exemplifications, he will appoint and supervise guards.

Inside & Outside Guards

The guards have similar responsibilities, but distinct differences. The outside guard tends to the outer door admitting visitors and members to the inner door. Once at the inner door, the inside guard checks to make sure that their membership cards are current.

Board of Trustees

The board of trustees consists of three members elected by the council and the grand knight, who serves as chairman of the board. They oversee the work of the financial secretary and treasurer, and with the deputy grand knight serve on the council's retention committee. During council elections, only the three-year trustee is voted on, with the others moving on to become two and one-year trustees, respectively.

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.

Some Church maintenance has been started, in particular, adding new insulation under the church in the crawl space.

Other 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:

Thanks to the Fourth Degree members and other brothers who formed an Honour Guard as the funeral procession for Father Swinkels left St. Michael's church.

Alain Custeau

Charity Appeal New 50/50 Draw:

The Charity Appeal 50/50 draw, with the proceeds going to our Bishops and diocese in BC, ended April 30, 6:00 pm. The winner of \$48,007.50, half of the \$96,015 total, was Alan Kehoe from Coquitlam, BC. Thanks to all who participated and supported this fund-raiser.

Gary Jeannotte

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 \$2000, covering most of the 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.

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

On consecutive Saturdays, under the guidance of Brother Moreno Rossi, Brothers Paul Rossi, Tarcisio Rossi, Alain Custeau and Gary Jeannotte spread top soil in the flower beds around the Parish Centre and Church (see pictures below).

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 May:

David Alexander, John Cabana, Pat Cassidy, Robert Costa, Daryl Hosein, Coral Kopchia, John LaBerge (D), James Roy, & Walter Whittey (D)

Calendar of Events:

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

~~May 2nd: Pancake Breakfast after 8:30 and 10 am Masses; set up 7 am-~~

May 9th: Mothers’ Day

May 11th: Knights regular monthly meeting via Zoom 7:30 pm

May 29th: K of C State Convention

May – Pennies for Heaven– save loose change

+++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