

St. Michael's Council 9246 NEWSLETTER



December 2022

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- <u>Pancake Breakfast:</u> Our traditional Pancake Breakfast with St. Nick will be held on Sunday, Dec. 11th, after 8:30 and 10:00 Masses. Setup will be on Saturday, Dec. 10th, starting at 10am. Please come and help out if you can.
- <u>Pot Luck Dinner:</u> For the first time in 3 years, we will have a pot-luck dinner on **Sat., Dec. 10**th in the Parish Centre, **6pm** start with dinner at **7pm**. Please bring your favourite dish to share and BYOB. Set up will be on Saturday along with setting up the gym for St. Nick.
- <u>Regular Monthly Meeting:</u> Our next monthly meeting will be held on *Tuesday*, *Dec. 13th*, at **8:00 pm IN PERSON**, after rosary (7:10 pm) and Mass (7:30 pm).
- <u>Charity Appeal</u>: The Fall/Winter Charity Appeal with Early Bird draws, began *October 1*, 2022 and ends *January 28*, 2023. Please support this fund-raiser with rebates going to our parish food bank. Details below.

CATCHING UP:

Grand Knight's Report:

Our pancake breakfast on Nov. 6 was quite successful since it coincided with the children's choir at the 8:30 Mass. Also it was encouraging to see some new Knights helping with setup, serving and cleanup. Well done!

Our next pancake breakfast will be on Dec. 11, after the 8:30 and 10 am Masses. We are back to our traditional Breakfast with St. Nick, so we really need everyone's help. Details below.

We will have our next council meeting on Tues. Dec. 13 **in person.** Even though many restrictions have been lifted, we should still be careful and follow safety protocols: stay home if you are not well, use masks if you feel more comfortable, keep some distancing and avoid any risks that are possible in a group setting.

Thank you to Brother Alan who set up the bar at the Oktoberfest and for his helpers. The "square" credit card machine came in handy for this event and the Walk-a-Thon the next day.

Also, thanks to Brother Peter Au for coordinating the usher schedule for Sunday Masses. If you can help out and have not already informed Brother Peter, please email him at <u>b7m1@hotmail.com</u>. He would be grateful if those who volunteer for ushering at a particular Mass, could let him know and we could add your name to the schedule.

Vivat Jesus, John Cabana, PGK, St. Michael's Council 9246

Council Details:

Pancake Breakfasts: Our next pancake breakfast will be on Dec. 11, after the 8:30 and 10 am Masses. We are back to our traditional "Breakfast with St. Nick", so we really need everyone's help. Setup will be on Saturday, Dec. 10, starting at 10 am, setting up and decorating the Christmas Trees for pictures and also setting up the gym with the tables and settings. As well, Brother Enrico will be coordinating a pot-luck dinner for Sat. night. So we can use your help for both these events if you are able. Let's make this another successful fundraiser and great social for our parish. For more details phone / email Brother Peter Au (604-808-9882, b7m1@hotmail.com).

Once again, Brother Bob Murphie will purchase Christmas trees for the church; thanks, Bob. Also Brothers Alain & Gary will be selling raffle tickets for Christmas Gift Baskets, as we have done in the past, after Mass Dec. 3-4 and Dec. 10-11, with the draw Dec. 18 after the 7 pm Mass.

Charity Appeal: The Fall/Winter Charity Appeal raffle runs Oct. 1, 2022 to Jan. 28. 2023. This will be on-line again this year at www.kofcdraw.net/C9246. \$100,000 in prizes: first prize is a 2023 Toyota Rav4, 2nd \$30,000, 3rd \$10,000, 4th \$5,000. Early Bird prizes: Nov. 28 - 4x\$1000, Dec 19 - 4x\$1000. So get your tickets, \$5 each, on-line soon for the next Early Bird draws; tell family and friends.

October 31st Early Bird Winners (2 Prizes of \$1000): Gerry Huston of Enderby, BC Ticket 174379 Bruce Welch of Salmon Arm, BC Ticket 514147



Membership Update:

We are hoping that some of our candidates who have joined the Knights on-line, will be able to attend the following exemplification and move to our council:

Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity

Date: Sunday, November 27

Time: 2:00 pm (Candidates must arrive by 1:30 pm for registration)

Place: St. Peter's Church, 330 Royal Ave, New Westminster

There is also the 1-2-3 combined degrees available on line. All the candidate have to do is register and watch it at the predetermined 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. Have them enter 9246 under the Council # to refer them to our council. New Promo Code is BLESSEDMCGIVNEY for this year. On-line 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

Parish Council Update:

St. Michael's parish is now open 100% for all Masses but we are encouraged to follow COVID safety rules, i.e. stay home if you are not well, wear masks if you are comfortable doing so, and keep some distancing to keep everyone safe. The Knights have been providing **ushers** for the Sunday Masses. Brother Peter Au is coordinating the usher schedule. If you can help out and have not already informed Brother Peter, please email him at <u>b7m1@hotmail.com</u>. If you cannot make your scheduled time, please find a substitute or let Brother Peter know, so that there is always a knowledgeable usher.

Also, if the Mass is getting full, please usher people to an available seat so that no one is left standing at the back of the church.

Replacement of the church windows is now completed. Next the current lighting above the Altar will be replaced with modern LED lighting.

Later (spring / summer): - Recondition the pews and replace current floorcovering.

Fourth Degree:

Looking for new members to sign up. Also are you interested to join Brother Alain in ordering the new uniform? Contact Brother Alain Custeau (604-522-0485, custeau@telus.net).



Birthdays in December:

John Calvez, Joseph De Vaz, Stan March, Vincent Maddalozzo

Calendar of Events:

Nov. 27th – First Sunday of Advent

Nov. 27th – Exemplification – St. Peter's Church – 1:30 reg., 2:00 start

Nov. 28th - Charity Appeal Early Bird draw

Dec. 3/4 & Dec. 10/11 – Christmas Gift Basket raffle ticket sales after Mass. Dec. 10th – Set up the gym for St. Nick Breakfast & Parish Centre for Pot-Luck

Dec. 10th – Pot Luck – 6 pm start, 7 pm dinner

Dec. 11th - Pancake Breakfast with St. Nick after 8:30 & 10 am Masses

Dec. 13th – Knights regular monthly meeting –In Person, 8 pm

Dec. 18th – Christmas Gift Basket raffle draw – 8 pm (after Sat. 7 pm Mass)

Dec. 25th – 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:

Kay Blair; Robert Costa; Lloyd Gerson; Mary Glavin; Herman Haffner; Stan & Carol March; Jamie & Paul McCloskey; Bruce McLean; Peggy MacDonald; Tony Patrick; Linda Viani; Anne Whittey; Paula Whire

MARY, HEALTH OF THE SICK; PRAY FOR US