



## *St. Michael's Council 9246* **NEWSLETTER**



*April 2023*

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- **Pancake Breakfast:** No Pancake Breakfast in April, due to Easter. Next Pancake Breakfast will be held in May. Date to be determined (*May 7* or *May 14*).
- **Pot Luck Dinner:** None in April. Possibly June. Details later.
- **Regular Monthly Meeting:** Our next monthly meeting will be held on *Tuesday, Apr. 11<sup>th</sup>*, at **8:00 pm**, after rosary (7:10 pm) and Mass (7:30 pm).
- **Priests' Appreciation Dinner:** St. Peter's, Westminster Council, 1283, *Monday, Apr. 17*. Details below.

### **CATCHING UP:**

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

Thanks to everyone who helped with our last pancake breakfast, Mar. 5. It was quite successful. Due to Easter, we will not have a pancake breakfast in April. For May, we are deciding if we want to keep the first Sunday, May 7, or hold it on the following Sunday, May 14, Mothers' Day. We will discuss this at our April 11 council meeting.

Thanks to Brother Alain & his wife, Jacquie, for cleaning up the Shrine Room under the church for daily Mass while the church was being painted.

Thanks to everyone who bought or sold Charity Appeal tickets this year. It is a great fund raiser and rebates for our council are directed to St. Michael's food bank. We are waiting to see what our commission / rebate will be.

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. Honorary members, over 65 and 25 years with the Knights, dues are \$10, Honorary Life, N/C. There are still 24 members with outstanding balances. We rely on the membership dues to cover the cost to Supreme. Thanks.

Thanks to all who continue to help with the ushering for Sunday Masses. Also, thanks to Brothers Gary Jeannotte, Alain Custeau, and Dave Vela for their work around the parish.

The Parish Lenten Retreat was held on Sat., March 25 and was well attended. Fr. Nick Meisl from St. Peter's parish was the guest speaker and did an amazing job. Thanks to Brother Tarcisio who bought lunch accompaniments for the retreat and others who helped with this event.

The 2023 State Convention is scheduled for April 28, 29, & 30, an in-person event. Usually 2 members attend, with 2 alternates named just in case. Our GK Enrico is not able to attend, so Brother Coral Kopchia and DGK Peter Au have agreed to attend. Alternates still needed.

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

### **Council Details:**

**Pancake Breakfasts:** Our next pancake breakfast will be either May 7 or May 14, after the 8:30 and 10 am Masses with setup at 7 am. We will finalize the date at our April 11 council meeting. For more details phone / email Brother Peter Au (604-808-9882, [b7m1@hotmail.com](mailto:b7m1@hotmail.com)).

**Pot Luck Dinner:** Not this month. We will talk about this at our next council meeting since attendance at these dinners is very low. We may combine a June pot-luck with an Awards Night. Possible date, June 10. Details to follow.

**Charity Appeal:** The Fall/Winter Charity Appeal raffle ran Oct. 1, 2022 to Jan. 28, 2023. Our council ranked 23 with 675 tickets sold, almost 10 tickets per member. Any rebates or commission will go to our parish food bank; rebate information will be available at the State Convention.

**Pennies for Heaven:** With spring approaching we are looking at a fundraising campaign I hope all worthy members participate in 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 worthy cause. If you wish to contribute, please bring your donation to the April 11 council meeting.

**Altar Boy Appreciation Day:** Tentative date Saturday, June 3. Possibly to REV's Bowling as was done in the past, then back to the parish for some games and lunch or snacks.

### **Membership Update:**

We still have some members who have signed up on-line but have not completed their exemplification. We will follow up with them and try to find a ceremony that fits their schedule.

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](http://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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

Replacement of the church windows and painting are now completed. Lighting upgrades will be next. Thanks to all who came out on Saturday, March 18, to help with the church cleanup after the painters left.

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

Plans are underway for the Parish Auction, Sat., April 22, 2023; theme is "Fun in the Sun". Keep this date in mind, since the Knights are usually asked to run the bar.

### **Fourth Degree:**

Looking for new members to sign up.

**April 17:** Council 1283's annual Clergy and Religious Appreciation Dinner

Time: Cocktails 6:00 PM Dinner 7:00 PM

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

Tickets: \$35 each. Email, call or text [Rod Giddens](#) at 778-888-2724 or let our GK Enrico know by **April 3** if you would like to attend.

Also are you interested to join Brother Alain in ordering the new uniform? Contact Brother Alain Custeau (604-522-0485, [custeau@telus.net](mailto:custeau@telus.net)).

### ***Other News:***

The B. C. and Yukon State Council has 14 Bishop Thomas J. Lobsinger, OMI Memorial Bursary Program bursaries available at \$1000 each. Applicants must be enrolling in the 1st or subsequent year of higher education. Application forms must be requested by June 1, 2023 from the Bursary Chairman: Herb Yang, 2809 Mara Drive, Coquitlam, BC, V3C 5T9, or email [herbykofc@gmail.com](mailto:herbykofc@gmail.com). Completed applications must be received by June 30, 2023. For more detail, see [www.kofcbc.org](http://www.kofcbc.org).

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### ***Birthdays in April:***

Peter Au, Gilles Deschenes, Pat Krump, Dennis McKenzie, Arc Rajtar, Jacob Rossi, Alan Wardle, Nick Curalli, Rafael Sevilla, Antonio Daling, Richard Golding

**Calendar of Events:**

Apr. : No pancake breakfast due to Easter  
 Apr. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Palm Sunday  
 Apr. 6<sup>th</sup>: Holy Thursday  
 Apr. 7<sup>th</sup>: Good Friday  
 Apr. 8<sup>th</sup>: Holy Saturday  
 Apr. 9<sup>th</sup>: Easter Sunday  
 Apr. 11<sup>th</sup>: Knights regular monthly meeting  
 Apr. 16<sup>th</sup>: Divine Mercy Sunday  
 Apr. 17<sup>th</sup>: Westminster Council, 1283, Clergy & Religious Appreciation Dinner  
 Apr. 22<sup>nd</sup>: Saturday, Parish Auction  
 Apr. 28<sup>th</sup>: Confirmation at St. Michael's  
 Apr. 28, 29, 30: State Convention

May 7 or 14: Pancake Breakfast after 8:30 and 10 am Masses; set up 7 am – TBA  
 May 9<sup>th</sup>: Knights regular monthly meeting 8 pm  
 May 14<sup>th</sup>: Mothers' Day  
 May 28<sup>th</sup>: First Communion at St. Michael's

June 3<sup>rd</sup>: Tentative Altar Boys' Appreciation Day

**+++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**