



St. Michael's Council 9246 NEWSLETTER



October 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Pancake Breakfast:** Our next Pancake Breakfast will be held on **Sunday, Oct. 1st**, after **8:30 and 10:00 Masses**. **Setup** will be on **Sunday, Oct. 1st, at 7am**. Please come and help out if you can.
- **Regular Monthly Meeting:** Our next monthly meeting will be held on **Tuesday, Oct. 10th**, at **8:00 pm**, after rosary (7:10 pm) and Mass (7:30 pm).
- **Walk-a-Thon:** At St. Michael's **Oct. 15, 9:30 – 2:00**. Parishioners are invited to join in the walk as a parish fund-raiser.
- **Oktoberfest:** At St. Michael's on **Saturday, Oct. 28**. See details below.
- **Charity Appeal:** The Fall/Winter Charity Appeal begins **October 1, 2022** and ends **December 16, 2023**. Please support this fund-raiser with rebates going to our parish food bank.

CATCHING UP:

Grand Knight's Message:

After the summer break, we kicked off the new year with a couple of big programs and events. We started with the Installation of Officers after our last council meeting, while a few young and enthusiastic members sworn into the office and officially joined our executive team in full year term. I am very thankful to have them around who would bring in new or refreshed approach on various aspects of our council affairs, and many different ways to help our parish and community.

Last week, several of our council members helped with to barbeque the chicken and sausages for the Parish Feast Day dinner. We have had very successful dinner. Those who had attended the dinner could see that everyone, especially the kids, were enjoying the events. I had received lots of compliments regarding the chicken and sausages. Kudos to the Barbeque team: Brother Alain who came all 3 days, did most of the handy work and helped organizing, Brother Paul who made the secret sauce and came back again on Sunday to help the clean-up, Brother Bob who purchased and delivered the chicken and sausages, Brother John, Moreno, Warner, Daniel and Coral who came, helped and got all smoked up 😊. Much appreciated!

I am very delighted to see our council started with such positive energy. As your Program Director, I have laid out a list of programs and events of this year, and will present it to in the next council meeting. Most of those upcoming programs and events require lots of helping hands. For those who look to help (I know you would), please come forward and talk to one of our council officers. Our council counts on you so that we can keep up with our commitment to the parish and the community.

Fraternity Yours,
Peter Au
Grant Knight St. Michael Council #9246

Council News & Details:

We wish our chaplain, Monsignor Rossi, a very happy birthday, Sept. 28!

We also wish Father DePaul all the best and God's blessings as he leaves St. Michael's to return to his homeland. Our council together with the Ladies Auxiliary presented a card and a \$200 gift (\$100 for each organization) to Father during his farewell reception, Sunday, Sept. 24.

Pancake Breakfasts: Our next pancake breakfast will be **Oct. 1**, after the 8:30 and 10 am Masses. Some of our members will be out-of-town, so we really need your help if you are available. Brother Peter Au will coordinate this event and purchase supplies. Brother Moreno will not be available for cooking. **Setup will be at 7 am** for early helpers and cleanup will be after the last serving as usual. For more details phone / email Brother Peter Au (604-808-9882, b7m1@hotmail.com). Brother Tarcisio purchased cutlery - 200 sets: Forks, knives and teaspoons. This seems to be working out well including washing in the Parish Centre dishwasher.

Poinsettia Fund Raiser: New for this year as suggested by Brother Alan, we will have a Poinsettia fund raiser. For the next 2 months, especially at our pancake breakfasts, you can order various sizes of poinsettia plants to be delivered at the December, St. Nick, pancake breakfast (Dec. 10), just in time for Christmas. Let's support this fundraiser and be successful.

Oktoberfest: This will be held at St. Michael's on Sat., Oct. 28. Brother Alan will be the coordinator. We will need 2 helpers to serve beer. Please let Brother Alan know if you can help (alan.wardle@telus.net).

Parish Feast Day: This was held September 23 including our annual dinner / dance. Thanks to those who helped with barbecuing chicken and sausages for this event, especially our coordinators this year, GK Peter & Brother Alain. Also thanks to Brother Paul Rossi who made up the "secret sauce" for the chicken and Brother Bob Murphie who purchased the food. And together with the Ladies, we provided all the silverware cutlery, and also helped to clean up afterward. See pictures below.

Charity Appeal:

The Fall/Winter Charity Appeal raffle will run from Oct. 1, 2023 to Dec. 16, 2023. This ends earlier than last year, so we need to work hard to make this a successful fundraiser. Brother Adrian Smith will be our Charity Appeal Chairman this year.

Here is the prize breakdown for the 2023 campaign:

Early Bird:

October 9th, 6pm - 2 draws of \$1,000 each
October 23rd, 6pm - 2 draws of \$1,000 each
November 6th, 6pm - 2 draws of \$1,000 each
November 20th, 6pm - 2 draws of \$1,000 each

December 2nd, 6pm - 2 draws of \$1,000 each

December 16th, 7pm Final Draw (Draw will be in Vernon):

2023 Toyota RAV4 Hybrid

\$30,000 Cash

\$10,000 Cash

5,000 Cash

Pot Luck Dinner:

One will be in December (for Christmas gathering), the other will be in June (for year-end and awards).

Columbus Charities: Our reps for this year are Brother Alan Wardle and Brother Peter Au. The AGM was on Tuesday, Sept. 26. It was a very informative session. They are doing great, running surplus and purchasing new land and properties for new senior homes.







Membership Update:

We had a successful **membership drive on June 10/11** after all the Masses. Several new members have signed up through the on-line system. We are following up with them for their exemplification ceremony. Our new membership directory and main contact is Suresh Perera (pererese@gmail.com).

Parish Council Update:

Replacement of the church windows and painting have now been completed. Lighting upgrades have also been done and look great.

Replacement of the floorcovering and pew refinishing are also being completed over the next couple of weeks; they will be a great improvement to the church. Thanks to everyone who helped with cleaning the church so that Masses could resume there rather than in the gym.

Fourth Degree:

There will be a Patriotic Degree on Saturday, October 21st, 8 am, at St. Mary's Church in Vancouver. We are always looking for new members, so please consider joining the Fourth Degree.

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

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



Birthdays in October:

Michael Charron, Brian Ennis (D), Alvaro Garzon, Jose Martinez, Paul Rossi, & Pat Welsh (D).

Calendar of Events:

- Oct. 1st: Charity Appeal Fall/Winter raffle tickets begin (on line), ends Dec. 16
 Oct. 1st: Pancake Breakfast after 8:30 and 10 am Masses; set up 7 am
 Oct. 10th: Knights regular monthly meeting 8 pm
 Oct. 15th: Parish walk-a-thon; get some pledges and enjoy a walk to support the parish.
 Oct. 28th: Oktoberfest –Knights to serve beer.
- Nov. 5th: Pancake Breakfast after 8:30 and 10 am Masses; set up 7 am
 Nov. 14th: Knights regular monthly meeting 8 pm

+++**Pray for PRIESTS, BROTHERS, and SISTERS ...They need us – we need them**+++

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REMEMBER TO KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Mary Bernadette Roy, mother of Brother James Roy, grandmother of Brother Auritro Roy, passed away on Sept 14 in Bangladesh. Please remember her and the family 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; Linda Viani; Anne Whittey; Paula Whire

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