



St. Michael's Council 9246 NEWSLETTER



September 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Pancake Breakfast:** Our next Pancake Breakfast will be held on *Sunday, Sept. 10th*, after *8:30 and 10:00 Masses*. *Setup* will be on *Sunday, Sept. 10th, at 7am*. Please come and help out if you can.
- **Regular Monthly Meeting:** Our next monthly meeting will be held on *Tuesday, Sept. 12th*, at *8:00 pm*, after rosary (7:10 pm) and Mass (7:30 pm), including Installation of Officers.
- **Parish Feast Day:** St. Michael's parish feast day will be *Saturday, Sept. 23, 2023*. Knights will barbeque chicken and sausages.
- **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 Report:

Hope you all have had a wonderful summer!

September marked the beginning of the fraternal year and it is my honour to serve as your Grand Knight in this new fraternal year. I am humbled by your support and excited to work with all of you in the coming year to achieve great things. Thanks for all the Past Grand Knights who has brought us this far. I am looking forward to continuing their good works, and doing further.

After the pandemic, we are facing a lot of different challenges. As Monsignor Rossi mentioned, one of the top challenge our council facing is the lack of involvement and commitment from our members. From the discussion with other local council Grant Knights during the State Convention, this problem is not unique to our council. But whether it is unique or not, this does not mean we should just accept it. Therefore, one of my main focus in the new fraternity year is membership.

For membership management, I found there are two fronts: recruitment and retention. From process point of view, recruitment is short and straight forward. Nowadays, prospects could sign up online and watch the 1-2-3 combined exemplification video online. This could be just a month or two process. However, is our job done after this? It is very common, but actually it is too late, to begin the retention when a member starts not showing up, not paying membership due, or even tells us they want to leave. Frankly, the retention job should start right at the moment a member got his first degree. As your Grand Knight, I commit to actively talk to you, get you to become part of our group, guide you what and where they can help in our council and our parish, before you start loosing interest and giving up.

I believe every members would like to help our council and our parish, one way or another. I have a few chances to talk to some new members. One common reason to join the Knights is because he wanted to help out the parish. Think about why you first joined the Knights. Did you answer a call from God to help? Are you now dragging your feet and hoping God will ask someone else?

Involvement and commitment are two different things. Involvement means staying as long as you are interested and happy. Commitment is entirely different. It is not a just promise, but it is the point when the promise is kept continuously. It requires planning, perseverance and sacrifice. Becoming a member is an involvement. But the interest and happiness would fade if we are not nurturing it. You all have once responded to the call. It is time to fuel it up with perseverance and sacrifice. If not you, then who?

I look forward to working with you all in the future. Thank you for your help.

Yours in Christ,
Peter Au, GK, St. Michael's Council #9246

Other Council News:

Brother Anthony (Tony) Patrick passed away on June 22. He was a fairly new member of our council. A Funeral Mass was held at St. Michael's on Wednesday, July 5. Please keep his wife, Cathy, and the family in your prayers. May his soul rest in peace.

Thanks to Brother Bob Murphie for running the election of officers for the next term and thanks to the out-going executive.

Please support the new executive for the 2023/2024 fraternal year:

Grand Knight	Peter Au
Financial Secretary:	Alan Wardle
Deputy Grand Knight:	?
Recorder:	Adrian Smith
Treasurer:	Tarcisio Rossi
Chancellor:	Gary Jeannotte
Advocate:	Bob Murphie
Warden:	Michael Charron
Inside Guard:	James Leung
Outside Guard:	Warner Fernandes
Trustee 3 years:	Enrico Garrone
Trustee 2 years:	John Cabana
Trustee 1 year	Coral Kopchia
Lecturer:	Gary Jeannotte

Also, please support:

Program Director:	Peter Au
Membership Director:	Suresh Perera
Family Director:	John Cabana
Community Director:	Michael Charron
Retention Chairman:	Suresh Perera
Vocations Chairman:	Gary Jeannotte

Brother Elvis Atienza will continue to be our District Deputy, for District 20, this year. Please support his good works and efforts to keep our council on track and well informed. **There will be the Installation of Officers after the Sept. 12 council meeting; please try to attend.**

On Thursday, June 22, at the Gr. 7 graduation ceremony, GK Brother Enrico presented the 2 bursaries of \$300 each to Andrew Woo and Madeline Mulingtapang. The first bursary was in honour of Brother Tom McCloskey and the second in honour of Brother Pat Cassidy, both who contributed a lot to our council and both passed away in August 2022. Thank you Brother Gary for making up the certificates for these awards.

Thank-you to Brother Terry Duggan, with help from Brothers Tarcisio Rossi, Alan Wardle, and John Cabana for completing the semi-annual audit (Jan – Jun, 2023) which was submitted August 15, having been reviewed by our trustees.

Brother Tarcisio was busy planting Christmas Trees as discussed at previous council meetings. If we plant new ones every year, we will eventually have enough for our needs at Christmas. As Brother Tarcisio said, “This will be a legacy from our council”. See pictures below.





Council Details:

Pancake Breakfasts: Our next pancake breakfast will be **Sept. 10**, 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 with Brother Moreno helping with the 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, since plastic utensils are being phased out.

Parish Feast Day: September 23 with our annual dinner / dance. We will need help barbequing chicken and sausages for this event. If you are available, we will need a few members to help with setting up the barbeque and cooking. Usually Brothers Alain and Gary coordinate this event.

Charity Appeal: At our June council meeting, we voted to add \$162.50 to the Charity Appeal Commission of \$337.50 to provide another \$500 to our parish food bank.

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.

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: Our last Pot-Luck was held on **June 10th** combined with an Awards night.

We recognized the following “Family of the Month”: Tarcisio Rossi (Sept.), Alain Custeau (Oct.), Peter Au (Nov.), Bob Murphie (Dec.), Adrian Smith (Jan.), Coral Kopchia (Feb.), John Cabana (Mar.), Suresh Perera (Apr.), Michael Charron (May), Benny Castres (June).

And the “Family of the Year” went to well-deserved Brother Alan Wardle, our Financial Secretary. John Cabana was awarded a “Past Grand Knight” appreciation.

We will try to hold 2 or 3 Pot-Luck dinners this year instead of monthly; the first one probably in December.

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.

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 (Suresh) 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.

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 current floorcovering should be finished Friday, Sept. 8. Masses will move back to the church this weekend. Thanks to everyone who helped set up the gym for Masses.

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 July:***

Johan Cyprich, Leo Gaucher (D),
Tarcisio Rossi, Joe Alexander,
Terry Duggan

Birthdays in August:

Michael Cabana, Alain Custeau,
Johnny Rodriguez, Moreno Rossi, Peter Finnegan,
Paul Savage, Adrian Smith, Auritro Roy

Birthdays in September:

Herman Haffner, Monsignor Rossi, Marcus Juca,
Kurnia Carson, Ian Williams

Calendar of Events:

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

Sept. 12th: Knights regular monthly meeting 8 pm

Sept. 23rd: St. Michael's Parish Feast Day (Barbeque chicken & sausages)

Oct. 1st: Charity Appeal Fall/Winter raffle tickets begin (on line), ends Dec. 16

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Oct. 10th: 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:



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

MARY, HEALTH OF THE SICK; PRAY FOR US