



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



*December 2023*

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- **Pancake Breakfast:** Our next Pancake Breakfast will be held on **Sunday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>**, after **8:30 and 10:00 Masses**. **Setup** will be on **Saturday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>, at 10am**. This is our big Christmas with St. Nick. Please come and help out if you can.
- **Regular Monthly Meeting:** Our next monthly meeting will be held on **Tuesday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>**, at **8:00 pm**, after rosary (7:10 pm) and Mass (7:30 pm). This combines our usual Nov. 14 and Dec. 12 meetings. Meeting room TBD.
- **Charity Appeal:** The Fall/Winter Charity Appeal began **October 1, 2023** and ends **December 16, 2023**. Please support this fund-raiser with rebates going to our parish food bank.

### **CATCHING UP:**

#### **Council News & Details:**

Please remember in your prayers our Brother Bruce McLean who passed away on Sunday, Nov. 19; very well attended funeral was on Fri., Dec. 1, with Mass celebrated by Monsignor Rossi and concelebrated by Father Rodney. Brother Bruce was Grand Knight for 3 years and Program Director for many years after that. He contributed a great deal to our council being involved in all our council activities. He supported the Special Olympics with a walk-a-thon every year and raised over \$2000 for this cause every year. He also organized our pot-luck dinners, various raffles and Altar Boys appreciation days. He will be missed. Condolences to his wife Benita and family.

Due to vacations and other commitments, our next council meeting will be on **Tues, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>**, after rosary (7:10 pm) and Mass (7:30 pm), combining Nov. 14 and Dec. 12. Please make note of this!

Congratulations to Brother Mardokios Weldeghebriel who joined our council having attended the exemplification ceremony on Sunday, Nov. 26, at St. Peter's.

Annual dues notices 2024 will be sent out Dec. 15; please send your annual dues of \$40 to our financial secretary, Alan Wardle, etransfer ([alan.wardle@telus.net](mailto:alan.wardle@telus.net)), paypal, or mail cheque (payable to Knights of Columbus, Council 9246), to: Alan Wardle, 302 Richmond Street, New Westminster, BC V3L 4B6.

With Credit Card "Square" you can now process your dues at Pancake breakfast Dec.10. Or E-Mail Brother Alan with Credit Card number, Exp. Date, and CVV. Or Call him (604-525-8081) to arrange cash drop off.

**Pancake Breakfasts:** Our next pancake breakfast will be **Dec. 10**, after the 8:30 and 10 am Masses. We will have our traditional “Breakfast with St. Nick”, so we really need everyone’s help. Setup will be on Saturday, Dec. 9, starting at 10 am, setting up and decorating the Christmas Trees for pictures and also setting up the gym with the tables and settings. So we can use your help for this big event 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](mailto:b7m1@hotmail.com)).

Once again, Brother Bob Murphie will purchase Christmas trees for the St. Nick breakfast and afterwards for the church; thanks, Bob.

**Christmas Gift Baskets:**

Brothers Alain & Gary will be selling raffle tickets for Christmas Gift Baskets, as we have done in the past, after Mass Dec. 2-3 and Dec. 9-10, with the draw Dec. 10 after the pancake breakfast.

**Poinsettia Fund Raiser:** New for this year as suggested by Brother Alan, we are having a Poinsettia fund raiser. These now have to be ordered by Sunday, Dec. 3, 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.

**Charity Appeal:**

The Fall/Winter Charity Appeal raffle runs 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 is our Charity Appeal Chairman this year. At the Dec. 10 Pancake Breakfast would be a great time to buy tickets in time for the final draw.

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 probably be in January (for New Year's celebration), the other will be in June (for year-end and awards).

**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 director and main contact is Suresh Perera ([pererese@gmail.com](mailto:pererese@gmail.com)).

There was an Exemplification at St. Peters as follows; congratulations to Brother Mardokios Weldeghebriel who joined our council having attended the ceremony:

Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity

Date: Sunday, November 26

Time: 2:00 pm (Candidates must arrive by 1:45 pm for registration)

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

**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.

**Fourth Degree:**

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](mailto:custeau@telus.net)).

Our Fourth Degree Knights held a Remembrance Day ceremony at the 10 am Mass, November 12. See pictures below with our Financial Secretary Brother Alan Wardle and Treasurer Brother Tarcisio Rossi.

Also there was a Fourth Degree Honour Guard, as well as many knights present at Brother Bruce McLean's funeral on Dec. 1.



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



***Birthdays in December:***

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

**Calendar of Events:**

Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> - Knights regular monthly meeting 8 pm combining Nov. 14 & Dec. 12.  
 Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> – Pancake Breakfast with St. Nick, after 8:30 and 10 am Masses; set up Sat. 10 am  
 Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> – Draw for Christmas Gift Baskets at the end of the Pancake Breakfast  
 Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> – ~~Knights regular monthly meeting 8 pm.~~ Moved to Dec. 5, 8 pm.  
 Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> – Charity Appeal final draw!

+++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; Peggy MacDonald; Linda Viani; Anne Whittey; Paula Whire

**MARY, HEALTH OF THE SICK; PRAY FOR US**