



St. Michael's Council 9246 NEWSLETTER



March 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Pancake Breakfast:** Our next Pancake Breakfast will be held on **Sunday, Mar. 3rd**, after **8:30 and 10:00 Masses**. **Setup** will be on **Sunday, Mar. 3rd at 7 am**. Please come and help out if you can.
- **Regular Monthly Meeting:** Our next monthly meeting will be held on **Tuesday, Mar. 12th**, at **8:00 pm**, after rosary (7:10 pm) and Mass (7:30 pm).
- **Lenten Retreat:** **Saturday, Mar. 9** See further details below and in the parish bulletin.
- **Priests' Appreciation Dinner:** St. Peter's, Westminster Council, 1283, **Monday, Apr. 8**. Details below.

CATCHING UP:

Council News & Details:

Please remember in your prayers our Brother Fergus Savage who passed away on Jan. 30. The funeral was on Mon., Feb. 12, with Mass celebrated by Monsignor Rossi. Brother Fergus was involved with police driving safety and there was a Vancouver Police escort to the cemetery. . He was a parishioner at St. Michael's for over 30 years and contributed many hours to the parish & council. He will be greatly missed. Condolences to his wife Sherill and family.

Thanks to all who continue to help with ushering.

Our next council meeting will be on **Tues, Mar. 12th**, after rosary (7:10 pm) and Mass (7:30 pm), Please come out and support our council and parish.

Annual dues notices 2024 were sent out Dec. 15; please send your annual dues of \$40 to our financial secretary, Alan Wardle, etransfer (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 our Pancake breakfast Mar. 3. 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 last pancake breakfast, Feb. 4, was quite successful. Thanks to everyone who stepped up to help since some of our members were away.

Our next pancake breakfast will be on **Mar. 3rd**, after the 8:30 and 10 am Masses with setup Mar. 3 at 7 am. Please come and help if you are able! 8:30 will be busy since there is the First Communion program at that Mass. For more details phone / email Brother Peter Au (604-808-9882, b7m1@hotmail.com).

State Convention:

The 2024 State Convention is scheduled for April 26, 27, & 28, an in-person event. Early registration with price reduction is available by March 15. Usually 2 members attend, with 2 alternates named just in case. Our GK Peter will attend with Brother Coral Kopchia, but we need 2 names as alternates in case they are unable to attend.

Charity Appeal: We should find out our commission for Charity Appeal at the State Convention.

Pot Luck Dinner:

Stay tuned for a date for a Pot Luck dinner.

Also, Brother Enrico suggested having a “fun night” in May; more to follow.

Membership Update:

At the Exemplification on Sunday, Feb. 11 at St. Peter’s, we had 2 candidates from St. Michael’s. Welcome Brother Mardokios Weldeghebriel and Brother Kris Hermkens to our council. Thanks to Brother Suresh Perera, (pererases@gmail.com), our membership director, for accompanying them.

Free 1st year’s membership has been extended to June 30. Tell your eligible Catholic friends to go to kofc.org/join and use the promo code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY.



Parish Council Update:

Brother Gary is looking at replacing the Keep Christ in Christmas sign using new marine grade plywood.

Parish Lenten Retreat is on Sat., Mar. 9 beginning with Mass at 9 am. Father Medard Kamanzi will lead the retreat. Our council will help with the luncheon.

Fourth Degree:

We are always looking for new members, so please consider joining the Fourth Degree.

April 8: 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

Also are you interested to join Brother Alain in ordering the new uniform? Contact Brother Alain Custeau (604-522-0485, 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 from the Bursary Chairman: Christopher Chen, #333-1231 Pacific Blvd, Vancouver, BC V6Z 0E2 Email: chrischen.kofc@gmail.com. Completed applications must be received by June 30, 2024. For more detail, see www.kofcbc.org.

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**Birthdays in March:**

Lukas Hardjowasito, Gary Jeannotte, Hyunsuk Kim, Sandie Madriaga, Dennis Webster (D), Walter Matiash (D), Phillipp Salvador

Calendar of Events:

Mar. 3rd: Pancake Breakfast after 8:30 and 10 am Masses; set-up 7 am.
 Mar. 9th: Lenten Retreat / Day of Recollection at St. Michael's
 Mar. 10th: Daylight Savings time begins

Mar. 12th: Knights regular monthly meeting
 Mar. 17th: St. Patrick's Day
 Mar. 19th: Solemnity of St. Joseph, husband of Mary and Patron of Canada
 Mar. 24th: Palm Sunday
 Mar. 31st: Easter Sunday

Apr. 8th: Feast of the Annunciation
 Apr. 8th: Westminster Council, 1283, Clergy & Religious Appreciation Dinner
 Apr. 22nd: Saturday, Parish Auction?
 Apr. 26, 27, 28: State Convention

+++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; Michael deFaria Neves; Lloyd & Bernice 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