

St. Michael's Council 9246 NEWSLETTER



February 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- <u>Pancake Breakfast:</u> Our next Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday, Feb. 4th, after 8:30 and 10:00 Masses. Setup will be on Sunday, Feb. 4th at 7 am. Please come and help out if you can.
- <u>Regular Monthly Meeting</u>: Our next monthly meeting will be held on *Tuesday*, *Feb. 13th*, at **8:00 pm**, after rosary (7:10 pm) and Mass (7:30 pm).
- <u>Charity Appeal</u>: The Fall/Winter Charity Appeal began October 1, 2023 and ended December 16, 2023. Thanks for all your support.

CATCHING UP:

Council News & Details:

Please remember in your prayers our Brother Roberto Costa who passed away on Jan. 16; well attended funeral was on Wed. Jan. 24, with Mass celebrated by Monsignor Rossi. Brother Roberto contributed a great deal to our council being involved in many council activities. He will be greatly missed. Condolences to his wife Lisa and family.

Thanks to everyone who came to help with the snow removal on Saturday, Jan. 13, in preparation for Sunday Masses (pictures below).

Thanks to all who continue to help with ushering.

Also thanks to Brother Terry Duggan who once again is putting together the semi-annual audit for July – Dec. 2023.

Our next council meeting will be on **Tues, Feb. 13th**, 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 (<u>alan.wardle@telus.net</u>), 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 Feb. 4. 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, Jan. 7, was quite successful, considering not a school choir Sunday and being soon after Christmas festivities.

Our next pancake breakfast will be on **Feb. 4**th, after the 8:30 and 10 am Masses with setup Feb. 4 at 7 am. Since several of our members are out of town and unavailable, so we really need your help to make this successful. Please come and help if you are able!! For more details phone / email Brother Peter Au (604-808-9882, <u>b7m1@hotmail.com</u>).

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 another council member, TBD at the next meeting.

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

Pot Luck Dinner:

We were considering a Pot-Luck dinner for Feb. 3, however, since the parish centre is being use for another function that night, we have postponed the pot-luck for another date. Stay tuned. Also, Brother Enrico suggested having a "fun night" in May; more to follow.



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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 (pererase@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 complete and a great improvement to the church.

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

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, <u>custeau@telus.net</u>).



Birthdays in February:

George Avelar, Matthew Cabana, John Ellerman (D), Warner Fernandes, Dave Fremantle, Enrico Garrone, Kevin Kim, Tom McCloskey (D), Bruce McLean (D), Bob Murphie, John Todd (D)

Calendar of Events:

Feb. 2nd: Feast of the Presentation of The Lord
Feb. 4th: Pancake Breakfast after 8:30 and 10 am Masses; set-up 7 am.
Feb. 13th: Knights regular monthly meeting
Feb. 14th: St. Valentine's Day
Feb. 14th: Ash Wednesday – beginning of Lent
Feb. 18th: First Sunday of Lent
Feb. 19th: Family 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;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