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# The ANVIL



NEWSLETTER OF BROTHER ANTHONY COUNCIL 10014

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***We wish all brother knights and your families a joyous and peaceful Christmas.***

## **GK Message**

### ***“Take a moment”***

A few weeks before my wedding day a colleague of mine pulled me aside and gave me some advice.

I was advised to take a few moments with my wife on my wedding day so we could be by ourselves.

I was forewarned that my wedding day would be hectic and over before I knew it, and I would never get another opportunity to contemplate and truly appreciate the day.

Christmas is a lot like a wedding. We prepare for weeks and then Christmas Day comes and goes so quickly.

Take a few moments on Christmas to truly reflect on the wonder we celebrate. Our all powerful and loving God cared so much for his creation that he decided to be one of us.

God saved us through the incarnation.

For a few minutes, look past the presents, food and decorations that clutter our lives, and think: 2,000 years ago God was being held by human hands. à

*Vivat Jesus,*

*Bro. Bruno Binassi, Grand Knight*

**Next General Council Meeting - 6 p.m., Wed., Dec. 16, 2009 (dinner served at 6:30 p.m.)**

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2009-10**

### **2009**

#### **December**

- 6 – Pancake Breakfast (Jim Redmond’s team)
- 16 – Council meeting (dinner by Lamar’s team)
- 25 – *Merry Christmas!*

### **2010**

#### **January**

- 1 – *Happy New Year!*
- \* 10 – Pancake Breakfast (Frank’s team)
- 27 – Council meeting (dinner by Frank’s team)

#### **February**

- 7 – Pancake Breakfast (Gilbert’s team)
- 13 – Ladies’ Knight (dinner by Gilbert’s team)
- 24 – Council meeting (dinner by Gilbert’s team)

#### **March**

- 6 - Seminarian Night (tentative) (dinner by Frank’s team)
- 7 – Pancake Breakfast (Jim’s team)
- 24 – Council meeting (dinner by Jim’s team)

#### **April**

- 4 – Easter Sunday
- \* 11 – Pancake Breakfast (Frank’s team)
- 28 – Council meeting (dinner by Frank’s team)

#### **May**

- 2 - Pancake Breakfast (Gilbert’s team)
- 9 – Mother Day’s Brunch (Lamar’s team)
- 26 – Council meeting (dinner by Gilbert’s team)

#### **June**

- 6 – Pancake Breakfast (Jim’s team)
- 23 – Council meeting (dinner by Jim’s team)
- \* 26 – Grand Knight’s Dinner (Gilbert’s team)

**\* To be confirmed**



## **“Oh Holy Night”**

Our Lord Jesus Christ was born on a cold night more than 2,000 years ago, in a poor shelter meant for farm animals.

He came into the world in the humblest way and would live his entire life without the trappings of human splendor.

How did Jesus, who lived a modest and humble life, command such power that holds us to this day?

He did not build an army to overthrow the Roman occupiers. Nor did he conspire against his accusers among the Jewish community.

Jesus did however preach and practice a much different way of life from what people in his day came to expect.

In his austere life, stripped of anything unessential for life, he cast a new light, one founded completely in love.

He lived what he had taught. In so doing, he revealed a stark contrast to the hypocrisy of teachers who failed to live up to their words.

In love he offered himself to the world as the divine son of God. Thus he made love the most powerful gift our world knows for our salvation, greater than any worldly possession or authority.

At Christmas, celebrate this most precious gift that is wrapped for us as the only and true meaning of Christmas, always waiting

for us to rediscover its profound richness.

As Christians, when there is the love of Christ in our hearts, we possess all that is really needed. Open this true gift of the season and let it re-enter your lives.

May you and your families have a Blessed Christmas full of love and joy! à

*May God Bless,*

*Fr. Mitchell Fidyka*

## Message from our Supreme Warden

My Brother Knights:

December is an opportunity for us to give thanks for all the good things for which we have been blessed within the first six months of this Columbian Year.

December is also an opportunity to open our heart and give thanks for the coming of Jesus Christ, God's only Son, who was sent to be our ultimate role model and to bring us eternal happiness.

Through the many activities in our council we experience and practice the Principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity, all of which are intended to open our hearts to share ourselves, our talents and our goods, all because of the love God gave us through his Son, Jesus Christ.

At Christmas we welcome with open arms the infant Jesus to renew our faith so we can experience peace and happiness.

Astrid and I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Peaceful New Year. à

**Bro. Mickey Casavant**  
Supreme Warden



*Editor's Note: Supreme Warden Bro. Mickey is a charter member of Brother Anthony Council. He held various council positions including Grand Knight and positions on the Alberta/NWT state executive including State Deputy.*

### First and Major Degrees

## Welcome new members

Congratulations and welcome to four new members who recently joined our council.

**Bro. Doug Shaw** was initiated to our Order by our **First Degree Team** on October 28.

**Bros. Fr. Mahesh, Associate Pastor** at **Holy Family Parish, Alain Casavant** and **Gordon Sturgess** joined our council at a First Degree Initiation on November 28.

Brother Knights: when you have an opportunity, please give our new members a warm welcome.

To our new members: please remember that to benefit most from your membership, become as active as possible.

By participating whenever and however you can, you will get to know many fine men of Brother Anthony Council, contribute to worthwhile projects, and feel a part of this community of Catholic gentlemen.

Congratulations to **Bro. Sebastian Frattin** on receiving his **Second and Third Degrees** at the **Major Degree** held in **Edmonton** on November 7.

**Bro. Roger Pollok**, as Sebastian's proposer, attended the Major Degree of Bro. Sebastian. à

### Grand Knight's

## News ...



I would like to thank the numerous people who assisted with our very successful **Italian Night**.

We anticipate our profit from the dinner and silent auction will be approximately \$4,000.

There are so many people to thank and who made the evening run so smoothly.

Big thanks to all sponsors who donated silent auction items and to everyone who bid on them.

This was a big part of this fundraising evening.

A special thank you to: **Bro. Vittorio Cerminara** and his wife **Gemma** for co-coordinating the meal; **Bros. Mauro Coco** and **Art LaChance** for cooking; and to **Bro. Cor de Boon** for organizing the silent auction.

Thanks to everyone else involved in any way to help make the evening a success.

If I were to write the names of all the contributing members, I would need far more space than I am permitted in this issue of The Anvil.

The seminarians and formation team from **St. Joseph Seminary** offered many thanks and compliments for their invitations to Italian Night.

Thanks to the 14 Brother Knights who generously donated their money for the gift cards to seminarians. The seminarians appreciated your kind gifts.

Thanks to **Connelly-McKinley Funeral Home** for help in transporting the seminarians and providing printing and centerpieces.

If you missed the opportunity to participate in some way with Italian Night or in the seminarian sponsorship, rest easy. You will have another opportunity in the **New Year**.

**“Seminarian Night”** will be on March 6, 2010. Please mark this date in your calendars.

We will require Knight sponsorship and help during the evening.

On a separate note, this issue of The Anvil includes a pledge form for a donation to **St. Joseph Seminary**. Please consider making a donation.

We all share in the responsibility of supporting our seminarians and the future of our Church. à

*Vivat Jesus!*

*Bro. Bruno Binassi*

*Grand Knight*

## ***Expect to see improvements to our website***

In a few weeks members can take advantage of a new and improved council website.

Its look will be upgraded, and a calendar of events will be provided on the home page.

Council members who register on the site will be able to access a new on online **Notice Board** for members only.

This members-only Notice Board will allow members to post their own notices in these areas:

- **Seeking volunteers for council projects**
- **Prayers** – general intentions or prayers for individuals
- **Employment opportunities** – if you have a job you would like to advertise among members
- **Services for hire** – to notify members of services you provide on contract or fee for service basis
- **Items for sale** – these include items in good condition you would like to sell (proceeds could either go to the member selling the item or to our council as a fundraiser)



Currently our website is underused as an organizational tool.

Only one person out of 50 respondents in our council's October survey indicated the council website is the main source of information.

However, most members who read The Anvil do so online, accessing our council website.

The improvements will make our website more relevant to members. Stay tuned! à

### ***H1N1 concerns***

## ***Choir suspends caroling at seniors' homes***

The **Brother Anthony Choir**, which has sung Christmas carols to seniors at senior residences in St. Albert for over 10 years, will take a break this year.

The concerns about the **H1N1 flu** have interrupted the tradition in 2009. Hopefully the choir can continue again in 2010.

Their song and cheer, not to mention the boisterous visits by Santa (aka Clyde) Claus, has in the previous years been most appreciated by the seniors in St. Albert.

This year, **Brother Anthony Choir** will lead Music at the **Christmas Midnight Mass**. The choir traditionally has led music at the 9 or 11 Mass on Christmas morning.

**Speaking of our choir...** Brother Anthony Choir was formed 13 years ago in December 1997. It sang at its first 5 p.m. Mass on May 3, 1998 after numerous practices directed by **Bro. Al Alain**.

The choir has since then led music at many Masses and events such as Knight State conventions, council events such as **Ladies' Nights**, funerals, at seniors' homes during Advent, among other events.

Founding director Bro. Al moved to B.C. in fall of 2005.

Parishioner **Ruth Neumann** temporarily led the group when Bro. Al moved to B.C. in the fall of 2005.

Current director **Bro. Brian Roach** took over the reins nearly four years ago, in February 2006.

Our choir has been **accompanied on piano** by a number of wonderful ladies who have generously provided their time and talent over the past 13 years.

They include **Leeanne Wilson, Louise Peloquin** and our current accompanist, **Jody Hertlein-Tanguay**.

Jody joined the choir in early 2005 and has been so patient and kind in sharing her beautiful talent with the choir.

Thanks so much to everyone who has been involved with the choir and to those who are keeping it alive and well today! à

## **From the desk of your fraternal benefits advisor**

The season of **Advent** is upon us again. It has always been one of my favorite seasons. It is a time of joy, anticipation, love and **preparation**.

It seems in life that **preparation** is so often the key.

This Christmas we will prepare many things. We will likely prepare our homes by decorating for the season.

Some of us will go all out with lights, ornaments and life size nativity scenes. Some will put up a small tree or decorate the mantel.

Some of us will host parties and large family get-togethers. Some will have a long list of gifts to purchase for family and friends.

Some will spend time preparing gift hampers or meals for the less fortunate.

Most people will spend extra time in prayer preparing their hearts for Jesus.

Many will use the advent season as a time to serve others and will volunteer for various charity organizations.

In ways big or small each of us will prepare this advent to celebrate Jesus. Whether we feel we are prepared or not Christmas will be here and we will celebrate Christ's birth and the gift of his presence in our lives through Mary!

While on the topic of **preparation** take a moment to think about how prepared you are.

Do you have a will? Do you have a plan for your retirement income? Do you have a savings plan for your child's secondary education? Do you have life insurance?

Remember, you can never be too prepared. As your Knights of Columbus Fraternal Benefits Advisor I can help you be prepared!

May God Bless you all with an abundance of his peace, love and joy this Christmas and in the New Year! à

**Your Fraternal Benefits Advisor,**

**Bro. Kevin Paish** FIC CFP

## **Reminder**

### **Help needed to feed homeless seniors**

One of our council activities is to **feed homeless seniors** in Edmonton. We are committed to this the **first and third Thursdays of each month**. This truly is about charity, our Order's first principle.

We need more knights and spouses to make 200 meal portions. It takes little time.

Sometimes we start the night before going from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Other times the meal can be cooked on Thursday starting at 8 a.m., served at 11:15 a.m. and back to the Church by 1:30 p.m.

We need help to butter buns, cut vegetables, and other jobs. We'll teach you everything.

Needed are up to six people to cook the meals and four of these people to serve the meals.

More hands make for lighter work! Please contact me: **Bro. Cor de Boon**, home tel. 780-458-8259, Cell 780-918-6715, or e-mail cor@deboon.ca. à



## Squire note

We encourage young men aged 12 – 17 to join the Columbian squires. **If you have any sons, nephews, grandsons or even great grandsons** who you think would benefit from this outstanding program, please pass their names along to one of the following Squire counselors: **Bros. John Kirk, John Caputo, Dean Pasternak or Michael Clarke.**

Or visit our Squires website

[www.estodignus.org](http://www.estodignus.org)

*Esto Dignus!*

*Bro. John Kirk*

*Cell 780-913-1484*

## Meeting Highlights

**October 2009**

### Grand Knight Report – Bro. Bruno Binassi

Council budgeted \$5,000 toward the **Cornerstone Project**, to raise funds for the new **St. Joseph's Seminary** at its Edmonton river valley location.

Executive recommended we support this project for five years for a total of \$25,000. Pledge forms for individual donations were also distributed.

Knights were reminded to take pictures of any Brother Anthony events being held so we have a record for state submissions.

The **December Pancake Breakfast** theme will be *Keep Christ in Christmas*; 200 car magnets have been purchased.

**Bro. Denis Halyk** has the **Charity Appeal** ticket books. Charity Appeal proceeds of about \$820 from 2006-09 are unallocated. This money is now allocated to **Alberta Cancer Research Fund** for prostate cancer.

Eight **Padre Night** tickets have been purchased. Three of the tickets are for priests and one for a seminarian.

A **Past Grand Knight** pin was presented to former GK **Bro. Vittorio Cerminara.**

### Treasurer's Report – Bro. Bruno Binassi for Bro. Ryan Romanko

The budget motion tabled at prior meeting was brought forward. Discussion led to following amendment carried by council: to budget \$200 for fourth degree supplies and expenses.

### Financial Secretary's Report – Bro. Bob Clarke

This year's quota is 19 members and 11 insured members.

Membership cards will be available at the November meeting; annual membership cost is \$40.

The annual survey is due in January. Please email to **Bro. Bob Clarke** details of new events, including time and money spent on them.

**Deputy Grand Knight Report – Bro. Bruno Binassi for Bro. Cor de Boon** Discussed the current status of the **Seminarian Support Program**; 11 Knights have confirmed their participation.

**Fourth Degree – Bro. Clem Chiasson** The installation of Officers was held on Sept. 26.

Next exemplification will be at **St. Joseph High School** in Edmonton on Nov. 28.

Meetings are at **Holy Family Parish** on the first Thursday of the month at 8 p.m.

**District Deputy – Bro. Morris Chaban** Chapter reminds all Council to purchase insurance for any events being held.

The **Bright Lights event** will no longer be held but money for **Keep Christ in Christmas** will still be collected for the eight billboards to carry this message in December.

### Fraternal Benefits Advisor – Bro Kevin Paish

Knights are requested to contact **Bro. Kevin Paish** for their insurance and investment needs. His Email is [kevin.paish@kofc.org](mailto:kevin.paish@kofc.org) or call him at (780) 458 3936.

**Grand Knight Bro. Bruno Binassi** led the Council with the Good of the Order. à  
*With thanks to Recording Secretary Bro. Gerald Lemke*

## **Help wanted**

### **Feed the hungry**

Each month our council will prepare and serve two hot meals to seniors in need at the **Operation Friendship Senior Centre** in **Edmonton**. Contact: **Bro. Cor de Boon** at tel. 780-458-8259 or e-mail cor@deboon.ca à

### **Assist at blood donor clinics we host**

Our council hosts blood donor clinics in the parish hall. Part of our job is to put tables and chairs away after each clinic. This task starts around 9:30 p.m. after last donations are given. Contact: **Bro. Elmer Wifladt**, tel. 780-458-7257. à

### **Update on program**

## **Supporting seminarians**

Our council has established a program to show support to the 27 seminarians now studying at **St. Joseph Seminary**.

The seminarians were our council's guests for **Italian Night** in our Parish Hall on November 7.

They not only enjoyed the meal but each one also received a gift card from sponsoring knights during that evening.

A special thank you goes to **Connelly-McKinley Funeral Home** which provided transportation for the seminarians, and the centerpieces and printing for the evening.

**All knights are encouraged to continue praying for our seminarians and other vocations.** à

*Bro. Bruno Binassi*

## **Meet our Seminarians**

Every month we feature a few seminarians studying at St. Joseph Seminary in Edmonton.

This is part of our new program to show support to our seminarians.

Our council and the Knights of Columbus in general support the men who are dedicated to serve in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Your support and prayers for all 27 seminarians studying at the Seminary is appreciated.

			
<p><b>Andrew Young</b>, 25, was born in <b>Regina</b>. He is in his second year at St. Joseph Seminary, studying for the <b>Diocese of Regina</b>.</p>	<p><b>Cerlouie Jimenez</b> is in his third year of study at <b>St. Joseph Seminary</b>. The 28 year old seminarian was born in the <b>Philippines</b> and is studying for the <b>Diocese of Nelson, B.C.</b></p>	<p><b>Ben van den Bosch</b>, 21, was born in <b>Sault Ste. Marie, ON</b>. He is in his first year at the Seminary and studying for the <b>Archdiocese of Edmonton</b>.</p>	<p><b>Francis Denis</b>, 25, was born in <b>St. Denis, SK</b>, is in his first at the Seminary, studying for the <b>Diocese of Saskatoon</b>.</p>

## Some early history

# St. Joseph Seminary

In September 1927, St. Joseph Seminary was opened officially by **Edmonton Archbishop H. J. O’Leary**.

The seminary occupied the building that had served as the **Scholasticate of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate (OMI)**.

It started in 1894 as a rectory for **St. Joachim Parish** on the corner of 110 St. and 100 Ave. in Edmonton.

The building had been enlarged and transformed into the **Provincial House of the Oblate Fathers** in 1907.

The rapidly expanding work of the Oblates in **Western Canada** prompted **Archbishop Emile Legal** to convert the institution into an **Oblate Scholasticate** in 1917.

In 1919 a further extension was added; this included the chapel and doubled the size of the existing complex.

By the mid-twenties the facilities were becoming too small to accommodate both the increasing number of Oblate Scholastics and diocesan seminarians.

The Archdiocese negotiated for the use of the Scholasticate for the training of diocesan clergy.

In 1927, the Oblates moved into their new Scholasticate in **Lebret, Saskatchewan**, and **St. Joseph Seminary** was officially opened.

This building was used for the seminary until 1957, when the new building on **St. Alberta Trail** was built and would house the seminary until 2009.

(Source: St. Joseph Seminary website)

Included with this issue of *The Anvil* is a pledge form for a donation to **St. Joseph Seminary**.

Please consider making a donation.

We all share in the responsibility of supporting our seminarians and the future of our Church.

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