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NEWSLETTER OF BROTHER ANTHONY COUNCIL 10014

FEBRUARY 2010

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Next General Council Meeting

6 p.m., Wed., Feb. 24, 2010 (dinner served at 6:30 p.m.)

Evening of Feb. 13

Ladies Night to be held on Valentine's Day weekend

What better way to treat your Valentine than to bring her to our very own **Ladies Night** at **Holy Family Parish Hall** on Saturday, February 13.

This special evening, held annually by our council, is a way to recognize the spouses of brother knights for their support of council activities.

During the evening, brother knights pamper the spouses with a fine three-course dinner and surprise entertainment (last year **Bobby Curtola** sang sweet songs to our ladies).

Meanwhile the ladies always enjoy socializing with good friends and new faces.

The evening is free to all spouses.

Please call to confirm your spouse's attendance in advance. That will help out our phoning committee.

When you call, please also let us know whether your spouse would prefer an entree of chicken *or* pasta and shrimp.

RSVP to **Bro. Cor de Boon** at tel. 780-458-8259, cell 780-918-6715 or e-mail cor@deboon.ca

Thanks and hope to see your lovely spouse at Ladies Night! à



CALENDAR OF EVENTS – 09-10

2010

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 (dinner by Frank’s team)
- 7 – Pancake Breakfast (Lamar’s team)
- 24 – Council meeting (dinner by Lamar’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 (Lamar’s team)
- 23 – Council meeting (dinner by Lamar’s team)
- * 26 – Grand Knight’s Dinner (Gilbert’s team)

* To be confirmed

“Living our faith during Lent”



Our First Degree motto – *Tempus Fugit, Memento Mori* – and Ash Wednesday are closely linked.

“*Time flies, remember death*” and the ashes put on our forehead at the beginning of Lent both remind us of our mortality.

During Lent, **which begins on February 17**, we are called to renew ourselves through prayer, fasting and almsgiving – giving to the poor – so that whatever time we have left on this earth will be well spent.

Our Order’s first principle, Charity, is perfectly suited to the Lenten season. It reminds us of the importance of Almsgiving year round.

In Luke’s gospel Jesus said: “From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded.” (12:48)

We are called to live in community with others. With that comes responsibility.

Those who need our help can be found in our community, country and world.

When we help those in need personally or in the name of the Knights of Columbus, we live out our responsibilities of Charity and Almsgiving. à

Vivat Jesus!

Bro. Bruno Binassi

Grand Knight

Chaplain's Message

Prepare and be spiritually renewed



Our Lenten season begins this month.

For Christians throughout the world, it is the time to prepare spiritually for Easter, the highest time in our Church year.

We spend 40 days to be renewed.

Many people also faithfully fast or provide charity. In doing so, they are disciplining or steeling themselves for Easter and to walk with Jesus in the desert.

One of the most powerful ways to be renewed is to clearly recognize those things that separate us from God, namely, our own faults and weaknesses.

The spirit of self-denial and penance was borne by Jesus, who died to take up our sins and reject the evil of the world.

In his last days on earth, on His Way of the Cross, He expressed deep grief not only for the sin of Man but the abandonment of His apostles, his friends.

Only when we truly and wholly recognize our sins, and how we abandon Jesus, can we know and live in His healing power. He wants us to be with Him.

During Lent, listen attentively to God's word. Pray more fervently.

I also urge you to attend our annual Lenten Parish Mission. It will be held from March 14 to 17; the sacrament of penance will be offered on the final day. à

May God Bless,

Fr. Mitchell Fidyka

Chaplain

GK's News

Our next major event will be **Ladies' Night** on Saturday, February 13.

If your wife plans to attend, **please RSVP to Bro. Cor de Boon**. Also let him know which entrée your spouse would prefer, chicken or pasta and shrimp.

Call Cor at tel. 780-458-8259, cell 780-918-6715 or e-mail cor@deboon.ca

It will be a great evening!

Brother Knights: please consider attending our **Seminarian Night Dinner** on March 6.

Tickets will be available after the Masses in February.

Proceeds will go towards the council's support of the new seminary being built in Edmonton.

This will be the third and final time the seminarians will be at **Holy Family Parish** this year.

A strong turnout would show our dedication to our seminarians as they pursue their calling.

Also, any Knight who wishes to sponsor a gift card for the seminarians, please contact me: tel. 780-459-7971 or email binassi@telusplanet.net

You are also asked to attend our next **First Degree** on Sun., Feb. 7 at 1:30 p.m. (right after the noon pancake breakfast).

The seminarians have been invited to join our council; we hope a few will accept our offer. à

Vivat Jesus

Bro. Bruno Binassi

Grand Knight

CHECK IT OUT!

Register on our new website

Check out Brother Anthony council's new, interactive website! It's located at www.brotheranthony.org/new.

Brother Knights: please take a moment to register on the new website to take advantage of all its features.

Begin by clicking on "Create new account" found on the home page (bottom left). Then follow the prompts. You will be notified once your account is activated.

(Note: your patience is appreciated; it may take a day or two for your account to be activated this month.)

After your account is activated, you may then log in and check out the new members-only sections.

By registering, you will access valuable and interesting parts of the site that are designed for and restricted to you, the member. That includes our new "Notice Board" and "Council Blog."

The site will be of *greatest value* when all members are registered and regularly use the website.

For example, here are website's new Notice Board sections:

- **Volunteers Needed for Council Projects**
- **Requests for Prayers**
- **Employment (services for hire, or services needed)**
- **Items for Sale (proceeds either to member or council as fundraiser)**

If you have any questions or suggestions for improvement, please contact our Webmaster. Simply use the **Webmaster** email link on our website home page. →

Regular help appreciated for blood donor clinics

Brother Knights: Your help is needed for our **council-hosted blood donor clinics**, held once every two months at **Holy Family Parish Hall**.

We need **three** volunteers to work from 3 to 6 p.m. and three more volunteers to work from 6 to 9 p.m.

This is an extremely important service to the community that Brother Anthony Council has assisted with for many years. Your regular commitment for a relatively short period of time every two months is most appreciated.

Contacts: **Bro. Clem Chiasson**, tel. 780-459-7287.

Or **Bro. Cor de Boon** at Tel. 780-458-8259, Cell 780-918-6715 or Email cor@deboon.ca →

District Deputy reports on upcoming state events

Edmonton Chapter and Alberta/NWT State invites all member brother knights and councils to meet and hear **Supreme Knight Carl Anderson** at the **Mayfield Inn, Grand Ballroom in Edmonton** on May 26, 2010. Cocktails start at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m.

A limited number of tickets are available: \$75 per person or \$550 for a reserved table for eight. Call **Bro. Brad Cody** @ 780-470-0500 ext 23 for tickets.

Send cheques payable to: Knights of Columbus, c/o 21 Sundance, Edmonton, AB T5H 4B4.

The 50th **Annual State Curling Bonspiel** will be held in Calgary at the **Ogden Legion Curling Club** from March 12 to 14, 2010. There are reserved accommodations at the Deerfoot Inn & Casino. Call **Bro. Bill Werbowksi** at 403-257-1764.

The Knights of Columbus Hockey Tournament will be held in **Wainwright** from March 19 to 21. Contact **Bro. Andre Poulin** at 780-842-3581.

The **Alberta/NWT State Convention** will be held at the **Lethbridge Coast Hotel and Convention Centre** from May 14 to 16, 2010. →

(Thanks to Bro. Morris Chaban, member of Brother Anthony Council and District Deputy, District No. 11. As DD, he oversees and serves six councils in the area.)

From the Desk of Bro. Kevin Paish, Your Fraternal Advisor

We are surrounded every day by the love of God! He is there when we read His word.

He is in the beauty of a winter's day, the smile of a stranger, the embrace of a loved one, and the kind gesture of a co-worker... God's love is all around us!

Jesus himself is our perfect example of love. This month, while the store shelves are filled with valentines, chocolates and various forms of heart shaped candies, we will begin our Lenten journey focusing on Jesus' ultimate act of love for us.

During February when many people focus on making RRSP and TFSA contributions.

For your information, our current rate for the RRSP is **3.25%** on amounts under \$10,000, and **3.50%** on amounts over \$10,000.

The deadline for RRSP applications is March 1st.

Please contact me if you are interested in adding to your current RRSP contributions, starting a new one, learning more about the new TFSA, or any other financial product the Knights of Columbus has to offer you and your family. à

Fraternally,

Kevin Paish FIC, CFP

780-458-3936 or Email:

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Squire News

Help with ushering and activity knight

Brother Knights: If you can help our young leaders in the **Brother Anthony Kowalczyk Squire Circle** with ushering duties at the 5:00 Mass, please let me know.

Help is needed only once a month.

The Squire Circle would also appreciate help with one activity night, for only about two hours, the third Thursday of the month at a local school.

Contact: **Bro. John Kirk** at (780) 913-1484 for more information. à

More counselors also appreciated

Last year, our Squire Circle had five brother knights who served as counselors.

Four of the counselors had sons who were active Squires. However, we lost four counselors from last year.

Thankfully two ex-Squires, now Knights, stepped up to become counselors, giving us three.

For the Circle to be viable in 2010, we'll need the help of two or three new counselors.

With a full slate of counselors, the workloads and time commitments are very reasonable.

To become a counselor, all you need: (a) is to be an Knight in good standing and (b) have the desire to work in our parish and community with some of the most outstanding Catholic boys and young men that you'll meet.

Our Circle has done a lot of great work and has the potential to continue to do so.

Please help. Call **Bro. John Kirk** at (780) 913-1484 for more information. à

Encourage young men to join the Squire!

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 à

Esto Dignus!

Bro. John Kirk

Cell 780-913-1484

Meeting Highlights

Dec 16, 2009

Grand Knight Report – Bro. Bruno Binassi

Bro. Denis Halyk has the Charity Appeal ticket books.

Parishioners will be asked at the January 10, 2010 Pancake Breakfast to donate socks for the “Operation Friendship Seniors” organization of inner city Edmonton, helping homeless or needy seniors.

Alberta Cancer Board wrote that our council will be recognized on their **Donor Wall** for our donation.

Bro. George Amyotte thanked everyone who attended the **First Degree** meeting.

The proposed website has to be discussed further. Members need to register on the website to access the members-only parts.

Treasurer’s Report – Bro. Bruno Binassi for Bro. Ryan Romanko Reviewed and approved the Financial Statement.

Parish Bulletin - Bro. Stan Lozinski Discussed ways to improve council’s announcements in the Parish Bulletin.

Good of the Order – Prayers offered for brother knights or family members who are ill or otherwise seek our thoughts and prayers.

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 or call him at (780) 458 3936. à

With thanks to Bro Herb Lemke for 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**. Meals usually prepared on a Wednesday evening and delivered the following day.

Contact: **Bro. Cor de Boon** at 780-458-8259, cell 780-918-6715 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

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.



Tobias Underwood, 19, was born in **Calgary** and is in his second year of studies at **St. Joseph Seminary**. He is studying for the **Diocese of Calgary**.



Roger Rouleau, 32, is in his eighth year at the Seminary. He was born in **Bathurst, NB** and is studying for the **Diocese of Edmonton**.



John Kohler, 29, was born in **Edmonton** and studying for the **Diocese of Calgary**. He is in his fourth year of studies at **St. Joseph Seminary**.

St. Joseph Seminary

“In its deepest identity the Seminary is called to be, in its own way, a continuation in the Church of the apostolic community gathered about Jesus, listening to his word, proceeding toward the Easter experience, awaiting the gift of the Spirit for the mission.

Such an identity constitutes the normative ideal which stimulates the Seminary in the many diverse forms and various aspects which it assumes historically as a human institution, to find concrete realization, faithful to the Gospel values from which it takes its inspiration and able to respond to the situation and needs of the times.”

(Pastores Dabo Vobis 60) ...

Called by the **Archbishop of Edmonton**, who has associated with himself the other **Bishops of Western Canada as its Board of Regents**, St. Joseph Seminary pursues its specific mission of training future diocesan priests.

(Source: St. Joseph Seminary website)

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“Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the spirit into the wilderness where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished.”

(Luke 4:1-2)