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# The ANVIL



NEWSLETTER OF BROTHER ANTHONY COUNCIL 10014

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## ***“Our not-so-ordinary time”***

In our liturgy we are now in the **Ordinary Time** of the year, soon to be followed by Lent.

Although ordinary may seem like “nothing special,” this time is important in church and life.

This is where life is lived. People are born in ordinary time; they marry, grow up and have families in ordinary time.

People age and also die in ordinary time.

In every person’s life, there comes a time when the honey moon or the glow of marriage, a new job, a new school, of conversion, of a new baby, begin to wear out and then we get down to business.

That is where we live and grow, our “ordinary time.”

Ordinary time is unlike Christmas which is filled with decorations, sentiment, charming songs, lights decorating homes.

It is filled with the reality of grace and also of sin.

So look at Christ here in the Eucharist. Here in ordinary time we can revive and renew the power of Baptism. Baptism gives us a mission in our life, to continue the work of Christ in the words of prophet Isaiah, to open the eyes of the blind, to release prisoners free and those who live in darkness.

Fidelity to our faith is what we owe our Church and our world. It is how we help make the promise of Christmas come true ... in Ordinary Time.

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**Fr. Mitchell Fidyka**

*Chaplain*

## ***Invite candidates to next First Degree Feb. 18***

All members are invited to bring a Catholic relative or friend to our dinner meeting on Feb. 18, which will be followed by a First Degree Initiation.

The cost to become a Knights is \$75 --- this fee includes the annual dues for 2009 (\$40) *and* the initiation fee for second and third degrees *plus* banquet tickets.

For more information, please contact **Bro. Morris Chaban** (780-419-3248) or **Bro. Denis Halyk** (780-4599336). à

## ***Crib tourney organizer needed ASAP***

The council’s **annual Cribbage Tournament**, tentatively scheduled for Feb. 14, needs a good Brother Knight to organize the event.

Past Crib Night organizer **Bro. Rob Brilz** is unavailable this year. Bro. Rob can be reached for more information at cell 780-818-1463 or tel. 780-459-0719.

Time is short. If you could take on this project please contact **Bro. Vittorio Cerminara** today at tel. 780-459-8694. à

## **2009 Calendar of Events**

### **February**

14 – Crib Tournament (tent.)

### **March**

1 - Pancake Breakfast

21 – Knights minister at 5 p.m. Mass

21 – Dinner & dance: council's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary

29 - Pancake Breakfast (*instead of Apr 5 Palm Sun.*)

### **April**

24-26 – State Convention

### **May**

3 - Pancake Breakfast

22 to 24 – Rainmaker Rodeo

### **June**

7 - Pancake Breakfast

20 – Grand Knight's Barbeque

### **Aug.**

8 – Rock'n August

29 – Golf Tourn. & Banquet

### ***Next Monthly General Council Meeting***

6 p.m., Wed., Feb. 18 (dinner served at 6:30 p.m.)

*Please note: this meeting will be on the third Wed. of the month (since Lent begins the following week).*

### ***Grand Knight Message***

## ***Lent around the corner***

The Lenten season will begin on February 25, **Ash Wednesday**.

As in the past, our council will cook up a pancake breakfast for students.

This year, we will prepare and serve the breakfasts at **Neil M. Ross Catholic Elementary School** on **Shrove Tuesday** (Feb. 24).

All proceeds from the pancake sales will go toward **leukemia (cancer) research** on behalf of **Bro. Peter Willette**, who is suffering from the disease. Please keep Bro. Peter and his family in your prayers as he undergoes treatment.

Our council's **annual Crib Tournament** needs someone to organize the event.

It is tentatively scheduled for Feb. 14. If you can take on this job please call me today at 780-459-8694.

**We also need to fill our council's treasurer position for the next six months.**

Please call me if you can help. An accounting background is ideal but not necessary.

Big thanks to outgoing treasurer, **Bro. Joe Malon**, for the great job he has done looking after our accounts, despite his busy schedule. Best wishes to you Bro. Joe in your career out east!

I thank everyone who worked on the spectacular **Ladies Knight** held January 17.

What a great way to formally acknowledge how our spouses help us do Knight's work.

In many cases spouses are directly involved in our projects.

So it is fitting to treat them to an evening of dining and entertainment provided this year by **singing star Bobby Curtola**.

Special thanks to **Bro. George Amyotte** who oversaw this event and all the members of his team.  
Great job gentlemen!

Our council has received credentials for the **Alberta/ NWT State Convention** to be held in **Red Deer** from April 24 to 26.

At its Jan. meeting, our council put forward a resolution that **Bro. Gary Johnson** be nominated as a candidate for **State Secretary** at the convention.

The Anvil will carry more information about the convention as we get closer to that event.

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*Vivat Jesus!*

*Bro. Vittorio Cerminara*

*Grand Knight*

## ***Ladies Knight an evening to remember***

Our council's annual Ladies Knight is our way of saying how much we appreciate the role of our spouses to Brother Anthony Council activities.

This year the evening was held on January 17 and it was full of surprises for our ladies.

The table presentation surprised most of the 61 spouses who attended; they wondered why there was so much flatware at each setting.

The *seven (yes seven!) course* dinner explained it all!

Everyone enjoyed the service and the food.

The entertainment later in the evening was provided by celebrity singer **Bobby Curtola**; it was unbelievable.



*Evening entertainer and celebrity **Bobby Curtola** gets the ladies involved.*



*Organizer Bro. George Amyotte hams it up with Bobby Curtola.*

Our guest performed his own music and that of seven other artists. What class!

I can relay back to you that he says he had more fun doing this small venue than any other.



*Brother Knights take a (short) break for a snapshot.*

We were also delighted that special guests **Frs. Mitch and Adam** and four sisters could also join us.

To everyone who helped make Ladies Knight 2009 such a success: please accept my deepest thanks!

A few mentions are also in order.

They include: head chef **Bro. Lamar Boisvert** whose expertise in the kitchen is untouchable; **Bros. Clem Chiasson** and **Cor De Boon** for coordinating the floor; **Bros. Maurice Pasternak** and **Joe Becigneul** for tending to the beverages; and **Bro. Charlie Roach** for looking after dishwashing.

Each of these fine brother knights had plenty of help to get the job done.

Thanks to you all for helping to make this event a success. à

**Bro. George Amyotte**

*Chairman, Ladies Night*

## **General Meeting Highlights**

**From Dec. 17 2007**

**Grand Knight's Report – Bro. Vittorio Cerminara** Certificates were handed for Family of the Month, Knight of the Month, First Degree, and 50 Years as a Knight.

**Bro. Denis Halyk** has the **Charity Appeals Ticket** booklets. Everyone is expected to sell one booklet (\$20 value).

**Treasurer's Report – Bro. Joe Malon:** \$35,000 in current account.

A cheque has to be cut for Rockin' August (the Diabetic Society will receive \$900, that is, 50%).

**Golf Tournament** brought in \$2,000 and **Festival Italiano** \$1,400.

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

Our quota this year is 13 - we have six new members to date.

Membership cards will be handed out at the end of this meeting.

**Program Activities – Bro. Bruno Binassi**

\$200 has been approved at the executive Meeting for a Medical Mission in Equator.

The council needs a new Breakfast Team Captain to replace **Bro. Dennis Letourneau**. **Bro. Cor de Boon** graciously volunteered.

The 20th Anniversary of our Council celebration is being prepared by **Bro. Don Glass**. Mass will be held March 21, 2009.

**Choir Report - Bro. Brian Roach** Reported on choir activities during the Advent season, that is, singing at senior's residences such as Youville Home.

Choir practises are held every Tuesday.

**New Business – Bro. Clem Chiasson**

The kitchen will be upgraded. Three countertops will be covered with a stainless steel surface; the cost will be covered by the Parish.

**A Fourth Degree Christmas Social** will be held Jan. 10 09. There will be a catered dinner, special Mass and a Chalice

with three names of deceased Sir Knights engraved will be presented to **Fr. Mitchell Fidyka** for use in the church.

### **Fraternal Benefits Advisor – Bro. Kevin Paish**

**Grand Knight Bro. Vittorio Cerminara** pointed out that Bro. Knights are requested to contact **Bro. Kevin Paish** for their insurance and investment needs. His E-mail is kevin.paish@kofc.org or call him at (780) 458-3936.

### **Good of the Order and closing prayer. à**

*With thanks to Herb Lemke, Acting Recording Secretary*

## ***Join our council choir today!***

Brother Knights: join your **Council Choir!**

The choir leads music the first Saturday Mass of each month.

Come when you can, and join us for some fellowship and music!

Our Catholic Catechism notes that "he who sings prays twice!"

Singing helps people to better project their voices and gives them more confidence when making presentations.

The Brother Anthony Choir normally practises on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Bro Anthony room.

For more information, please call **Bro. Brian Roach** at 780-446-4016. à

## ***Squire note***

We encourage young men aged 12 – 17 to join the Columbian squires. We also encourage our brother knights to join and assist as counselors.

**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. Joe Becigneul, Elmer Wifladt, Bob Clarke, Eric Schickle** or **Maurice Pasternak**.

Or visit our squire's website [www.estodignus.org](http://www.estodignus.org) à

*Esto Dignus!*

*Bro. Eric Schickle*

## ***Recycling program ends***

Our council raised funds by collecting used ink jet cartridges, ink tanks and cell phones.

They were taken to a recycling company and we were paid for the used items.

This program, in place for the past few years, ended last month.

You can take your used items to retailers such as Staples, which recycles ink cartridges.

Thanks to everyone who supported this program.

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## **Help wanted...**

### **Council-hosted blood donor clinics**

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. If you can help in this important community project, please call **Bro. Elmer Wifladt**, tel. 780-458-7257. à

### **Help feed the hungry**

Each month our council prepares and serves one hot meal to the needy at the **Bissell Centre** in **Edmonton's inner city**.

Another meal is prepared by one lady parishioner and her friends with the help of brother knights.

All knights and family members are welcome to help feed the hungry.

Please contact **Bro. Clem Chiasson** at tel. 780-459-7287 or **Bro. Lamar Boisvert** at tel. 780-418-1946. à