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NEWSLETTER OF BROTHER ANTHONY COUNCIL 10014

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Chaplain's Message

"Elevating spirituality"

Nothing More Beautiful is the name chosen for a five-year process of evangelization and renewal in the **Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton.**

The goals of the process are to renew our rich Catholic faith, encourage encounters with Jesus Christ and examine how these could change our lives.

Over the next five years, there will be opportunities at the archdiocesan and parish levels for each individual and organization to strengthen their commitment to the person of Jesus.

I urge all the members of the Knights of Columbus to join in this movement through individual prayer and by taking part in the sessions that are being held at **St. Joseph's Basilica.**

The next session is Feb. 12, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

The *Nothing More Beautiful* process must touch individuals *and* organizations. And so organizations such as the Knights of Columbus are asked to consider how they may add a greater spiritual dimension to all their activities.

The Knights do good works, yet no Christian can be complacent in his relationship with God.

We must constantly strive for a deeper spiritual life and a deeper commitment to the Gospels.

I urge you to examine the question of what can be done to make the Knights of Columbus a more spiritual organization.

Consider how the Knights of Columbus will contribute to the spiritual renewal of all in our archdiocese, most especially to the spiritual renewal of your members and organization.

In closing, consider this excerpt from the *Nothing More Beautiful* Prayer:

Draw us to a new encounter with Jesus, your Son.

Deepen our love for His Church. Help us to embrace anew the beauty of our faith in all of its richness.

Empower us to see there is nothing more beautiful than our relationship with You, so that we may reflect to others your image, in which we have been created.

We pray that, rooted and grounded in your love, and through the healing power of the Cross of your Son, we may be strengthened for mission by your Holy Spirit.

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Fr. Mitchell Fidyka

Chaplain

Key Council events

2009

Jan. 17 – Ladies' Night

Feb. 14 – Crib Tournament

March 21 – Knights Minister Mass at 5 p.m.

March 21 – Dinner Dance for our 20th Anniversary

May 22 to 24 – Rainmaker Rodeo

June 20 – Grand Knight's Barbeque

Aug. 8 – Rock'n August

Aug. 29 – Golf Tournament and Banquet

"Have a New Year filled with peace and joy!"

Next Monthly General Council Meeting

6 p.m., Wed., Jan. 28, 2009 (dinner served at 6:30 p.m.)

General dinner meetings are normally held the fourth Wednesday of each month, from September to June.

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Grand Knight Message

Be involved in 2009!

Welcome brother knights to a new and exciting calendar year!

My wife Gemma and I hope that you had a happy and healthy Christmas.

I look forward to working with you with enthusiasm and energy in 2009.

We have a number of events in 2009 to look forward to.

Your involvement in these events, whether as a new Knight or long standing member, is important and appreciated.

By being involved, you help keep our council strong and will also meet many fine, talented and dedicated Catholic gentlemen along the way.

The events in 2009 include the following:

- **Ladies Knight**
- **First Degree Initiation (Feb 18 Dinner Meeting)**
- **Celebrating Council's 20th Anniversary**
- **Continuing to prepare and serve pancake breakfasts**
- **Continuing to prepare and serve Bissell Centre meals**
- **Plus all our other ongoing events, groups and activities!**

Thanks so much to everyone who provided their time and talents to our activities in 2008.

Please keep up your wonderful commitment to council, family, church, community and youth!

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Vivat Jesus!

Bro. Vittorio Cerminara

Grand Knight

All spouses invited

Ladies Knight on January 17

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

Members wine and dine the ladies to a seven course meal in the parish hall.

This year we have a special guest. The 60s and 70s singing superstar **Bobby Curtola** will attend to entertain the ladies.

Volunteers appreciated to fete the ladies

We are looking for servers (in black tie), dish washers, table bus boys and 16 men to arrange all the courses on plates and ready to serve.

If you have any questions, or can volunteer, please call **Bro. George Amyotte** (780-458-1455).

You may also contact **Bro. Vittorio Cerminara** (780-459-8694) or **Bro. Bruno Binassi** (780-459-7971).

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Spouses have been or will be invited to the event via e-mail or telephone.

Heroes wanted

Daily prayer 'washes' spirit, mind and heart

It is important to keep clean to prevent germs and bacteria from spreading.

Children are told regularly to wash their faces and brush their teeth.

We also know if we do not keep our homes or cars clean and in repair, they age prematurely.

Yet how many would say that prayer and thanksgiving to God through Jesus Christ is more important than these things?

Is it not more profitable in the end to wash away the old grime that collects in our minds and hearts and that weigh down our spirits?

It is not more profitable to exercise charity rather than greed, pride, lust, avarice and envy?

Does it not benefit us more if we love rather than hate, forgive rather than blame, respect rather than put down?

These are what Jesus teaches us, and daily prayer is a path to these.

It is good to be clean and respect our bodies – the "temple of our spirit."

Indeed, to be a good Christian today is to be a hero. We need many heroes today. à

James (Jim) Morris Tigner

Farewell to Brother Knight

Brother Anthony Council extends its condolences to the **Tigner** family on the death of **Bro. James (Jim) Tigner**.

Bro. Jim died on Jan. 1, 2009 at the age of 72 after lengthy illness.

Bro. Jim was a Third Degree Knight. His wonderful and lively music at council and parish functions always delighted his audiences.

We express our sympathies to Bro. Jim's wife **Iris and all members of his family**.

A prayer service for Bro. Jim was held on Jan. 9 and Mass of Christian Burial on Jan. 10 at **Holy Family Parish**.

May the soul of Bro. Jim rest in peace. 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

“...for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing... Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least who are members of my family, you did it to me.”

Matthew 25:36-40

Bring new candidates to next First Degree on Feb. 18, 2009

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

January Early Bird draw coming up

Important note about the 2009 Charities Appeal Raffle

Note to all members with **Charities Appeal raffle ticket books** --- If you have sold any tickets so far, please get them to **Bro. Denis Halyk** by **January 10, 2009** so the sold tickets can be included in the **Early Bird Draw** to be held in **Calgary** the following weekend.

The Early Bird prize is a **2009 Smart Car Cabriolet**.

Please contact Bro. Denis at 780-459-9336.

Any members who require tickets can also contact Bro. Denis.

The final draw is for a **2009 Toyota Prius** to be held in **Edmonton** on March 14, 2009.

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General Meeting Highlights

Nov. 26, 2008

A dinner and a first degree preceded the General meeting.

Grand Knight Report – Bro. Vittorio Cerminara Congratulations to council member **Bro. Mickey Cassavant** for his appointment was **Supreme Warden**.

Thanks to **Bro. Bruno Binassi** for an excellent job leading council while Bro. Vittorio was away on vacation.

District Deputy – Bro. Morris Chaban Presented the **Star Council Award** to our Council for Columbian Year 2007-08.

Treasurer Report – Bro. Joe Malon The current account bank balance is about \$3,200 with \$5,500 in the **Pro-life Calendar account**.

Financial Secretary Report – Bro. Bob Clarke Our quota this year is 13; so far we have seven new members.

Our council now has 270 members.

Budget 2008-09 – Bro. Joe Malon Budget was accepted by council as presented.

Pancake Breakfast – Bro. Bruno Binassi Entrance fees increased to reflect the higher cost of the meal.

A new team captain is needed to replace **Bro. Dennis Letourneau**.

New Year's Eve - Bro. Gerald Lemke Has had little success in finding a Band or DJ for the event in our price range. New member **Bro. John Messo** agreed to help out. **UPDATE: event cancelled due to lack of interest.**

Charter Night for Polish Council – Bro. Don Glas

The event was excellent.

Squires – Bro. Morris Chaban Squires looking for new members who are 13 to 18 years old. Squires will “soft” sell pro-life calendars soon.

Fourth Degree – Bro. Clem Chiasson Remembrance Day event attended by 17 Sir Knights. Fourth degree exemplification went really well; there are now 61 new Sir Knights --- 200 attended the banquet.

Fraternal Benefits Advisor – Bro. Kevin Paish

Knights are requested to contact **Bro. Kevin Paish** for their insurance and investment needs. Email: KEVIN.PAISH@KOFK.ORG
or phone (780) 458-3936.

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With thanks to Recording Secretary Bro. Gerald Lemke

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!”

It is also a fact that singing helps people to better project their voices, of great benefit in dealing with other folks, in making public or group presentations and in business.

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

Brother knight available to visit ill in hospitals or homes

Congratulations and best wishes to **Sir Knight Fr. Dan Humniski** who is in the process of being reinstated to the priesthood.

Fr. Dan is a member of the **Brother Anthony council choir** and a Fourth Degree Knight.

He is available to visit loved ones in hospital or in homes.

Call him at tel. 780-457-3604 or e-mail dhumniski@shaw.ca

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Help greatly appreciated

Council hosts 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. 458-7257. 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 à

Esto Dignus!

Bro. Eric Schickle

Recycling program concludes

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, has now concluded.

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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"John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ...

"In his preaching he proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I id coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Mark 1.4-8