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New for 2009-2010 Council to launch new program to support seminarians

Our council has a tradition of supporting **St. Joseph Seminary** and our seminarians.

Although the seminary facility and **Newman Theological College** are being relocated, our commitment should remain firm.

The future of our parishes and the Church in Canada should always be one of our top priorities.

Our council has established our very own program to support the seminarians of St. Joseph Seminary.

Seminarians often find themselves far from home, away from family and friends and often rely on others for transportation.

As a result, they can feel quite isolated.

We can help them through *our new program.*

Fr. Mitch and **Fr. Shayne Craig**, rector of **St. Joseph Seminary**, both approve of and support this program.

How it will work

A Brother Knight from our council is paired with a seminarian.

You would then be asked to provide:

- *A commitment from you and your family to pray* for the seminarian for the next year, and
- *A financial commitment of \$130* to the seminarian.

The financial commitment of \$130 would be for the following:

- \$30 - one ticket for **Italian Night** (dinner and dance) on November 7, 2009 *
- \$30 - one ticket for **Seminarian Night** (dinner) on March 6, 2010*
- \$25 - a **Christmas gift certificate** and card for the seminarian given at Italian Night.
- \$25 - a **birthday gift certificate and card** sent by you on his birthday
- \$20 - a group gift for the seminarians.

(* These dates are tentative and will have to be confirmed)

Each sponsor-Brother Knight would be expected to host his seminarian at both Italian Night and Seminarian Night.

Fr. Shayne estimates there will be from 25 to 30 seminarians for the upcoming year.

If the number of Knights wishing to participate is greater than this, each seminarian will have more than one sponsoring Brother Knight. What a tremendous show of support that would be!

If you are *unable* to participate financially, your prayer commitment still would

be appreciated.

Fr. Mitch's letter of support appears on the last page of this issue of The Anvil.

Please seriously consider this new council program.

To register or to receive more information, please contact me by phone at 780-459-7971 or e-mail binassi@telusplanet.net.

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Vivat Jesus!

Bro. Bruno Binassi

Deputy Grand Knight

The Anvil takes summer break

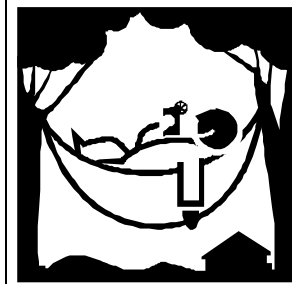
This will be the last issue of *The Anvil* heading into the summer break. It will resume in September.

Thanks to everyone who submitted items to *The Anvil* over the past 10 issues.

Special thanks to: **Bro. Fred Holtslag** for posting the issues on our website; **Bro. Gerald Lemke** for notifying members by e-mail of new issues on our council website; and **Vera Fischer** of our parish office for printing the hardcopies.

Have a restful and safe summer everyone! à

Editor, The Anvil



CALENDAR OF EVENTS – 2009-10

2009

June

- 7 – Pancake breakfast
 10 – Executive Meeting
 11 – State's Edmonton regional leadership seminar (8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., hosted by our council at the Parish Hall)
 17 – First Degree
 20 – Grand Knight's Barbeque
 24 – Council meeting

July

(No pancake breakfast)

August

(No pancake breakfast)

- 8 – Rock'n August
 29 – **Golf Tournament & Banquet** (dinner by Frank's team)

September

- 12 - Installation of Officers after 5 p.m. Mass
 13 – Pancake breakfast (Lamar's team)
 23 – Council meeting (dinner by Lamar's team)

October

- 4 – Pancake Breakfast (Frank's team)
 28 – Council meeting (dinner by Frank's team)

November

- 1 – Pancake Breakfast (Gilbert's team)
 7 – Memorial Mass (5 p.m.)
 7 – Italian Night (tentative – Lamar's team)
 25 – Council meeting (dinner by Gilbert's team)

December

- 6 – Pancake Breakfast (Lamar's team)
 16 – Council meeting (dinner by Lamar's team)

2010

January

- 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 - Seminar Night (tentative) (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)

Next General Council Meeting

(last one of 2008-09 Columbian Year):
6 p.m., Wed., June 24, 2009 (dinner served at 6:30 p.m.)

New executive chosen at May meeting

Congratulations to our new executive members chosen at the May 27 general dinner meeting.

They begin their duties this July 1, the start of the next (2009-10) Columbian Year.

Our council will be led by Grand Knight **Bro. Bruno**, currently our Deputy Grand Knight, and Deputy Grand Knight **Bro. Cor de Boon**.

Other members-elect are:

Chancellor – Vittorio Cerminara

Treasurer – Ryan Romanko

Recorder – Gerald Lemke

Advocate – Herb Lemke

Warden – Morris Chaban

Inside Guard – Michael Clarke

Outside Guard – Del Feser

Trustee (3 yr) – Steve Horvath

Trustee (2 yr) – Clyde Flynn

Trustee (1 yr) – Gerry Belec

Fr. Mitchell continues to serve as our **Chaplain** and **Bro. Bob Clarke** in his appointment as **Financial Secretary**.

Your continued support of your council executive is important and appreciated! à

Big thanks to outgoing executive members!

Big thanks to **Bros. Vittorio Cerminara and Bruno Binassi** for leading our council the past two years as our Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight, respectively.

Thanks also to all the other outgoing executive members of our council; their names appear on the front cover of this issue of *The Anvil*.

They have worked hard to serve our most active council, and support all the projects and activities it has undertaken.

The terms of the current executive members officially end on June 30 and the new executive takes over on July 1. à

*P.S. We are also delighted that council member **Bro. Gary Johnson** will begin his term as **State Secretary** in the upcoming Columbian Year. Congratulations **Bro. Gary** on being chosen to the **Alberta/NWT state executive!***

Chaplain's Message Have a restful, blessed summer

As this **Columbian Year** soon comes to a close, I wish to thank **Brother Anthony Council** for all your good work in service to our church and community over the past year.

As a parish priest, I can say it is a blessing to have so many dedicated and faithful men to carry out the work of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to set a wonderful example to others in our parish and community.

Brother Anthony Council's most recent good work is your new program to help support seminarians. Thank you for your continued service.

While so much work has been done, it is also good to take a rest from the hectic pace. I hope you are able to do so this summer with family and friends, and to return renewed and refreshed.

May the blessings and peace of the Lord be with you this summer!

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*May God Bless,
Fr. Mitchell Fidyka
 Chaplain*

Grand Knight's Message Thanks for your support and service!

Thanks to everyone who supported me and the work of our council over the past two years.

My thanks extend to: my fine dedicated colleagues on council executive; the hard working directors of the various programs; our committed chairmen of various projects; and all other brother knights of our council who helped keep our council so strong in so many different ways.

Before becoming your GK, I had never appreciated how important it is to have so many good men as brother knights to serve our council, church, family, community and youth.

It has been a privilege and honour for me to work alongside you. It was also a great privilege to be able to phone anyone at any time and have your support without question, even on short notice.

Please continue to support your new executive in the same way. Your new **GK Bro. Bruno Binassi** and all the members of his executive team look forward to working with you.

I know he and his team will value your contributions, no matter how big or small. It all counts!

Support for Seminarians

One way you can support Bro. Bruno and the executive is by participating in our new program in support of new seminarians coming to **St. Joseph Seminary** to study for the priesthood.

The program is described in more detail on Page One of this issue of The Anvil.

We must never forget how important it is for us to support the men chosen to dedicate their lives to our **Lord Jesus Christ**. It is not an easy job, so our support certainly helps encourage them in their commitment.

Please call Bro. Bruno to offer your sponsorship of a new seminarian. If you choose, you can team up with another brother knight to sponsor the seminarian.

GRAND KNIGHT BBQ

Finally, I invite all brother knights and spouses to attend our **free Grand Knight dinner** this June 20.

To help us know how much food to prepare, please confirm your attendance with: **Bro. Bruno Binassi** (780-459-7971), **Bro. Cor de Boon** (780-458-8259), or me (780-459-8694).

My wife Gemma and I thank you for all your support and service over the past two years, and wish all of you a safe and peaceful summer. à **Vivat Jesus!**

**Bro. Vittorio Cerminara
Grand Knight**

Bring out a candidate Our last First Degree of this Columbian Year

The last First Degree of this Columbian Year 2008-09 will be held at **Holy Family Parish on June 17**.

If you know of any Catholic gentlemen at least 18 years of age who would be good candidates, please bring them to the next First Degree.

For more information please call **Bro. Morris Chaban** at 780.419.3248 or **Bro. Denis Halyk** at 780-459-9336. à

Member receives Major Degree

Congratulations to **Bro. Michael Clarke** who was initiated as a Third Degree Knight on May 9.

Bro. Michael is the son of **Bro. Bob Clarke**, our council's **Financial Secretary** and proud father. à

May 24-26, 2009 Thanks for Rainmaker Rodeo help!

Huge thanks to all brother knights and family members who provided gate security at the **Rainmaker Rodeo in St. Albert** from May 24 to 26.

Our council **raises funds by volunteering** at this annual event; we also **raise our profile** as an organization in the community at large.

Jennifer Smith, the Kinsmen's coordinator for our Knights, sang the praises for our help.

Over 30 men and women did a marvelous job keeping everything in line.

Thanks to: **George and Simone Amyotte, Bernie Arnold, Gerry Belec, Bruno Binassi, Len & Barb Bracko, Vittorio Cerminara, Morris Chaban, Clem Chiasson, Mauro Coco, Del Feser, Clyde Flynn, James Fraser, Denis Halyk, Fred Holtslag, Steve Horvath, Dan Humniski, Stan Lozinski, John Olekszyk, Adam & Pauline Petryshyn, Don Santiago, Jack Stevens, Richard Woytas, and Gilbert Zolondek & his daughter Gabrielle.**

As well, some Knights helped out at the last minute.

Your time is valuable; every amount you give to help our

council and for our community is greatly appreciated.

We should know soon how much money we will be receiving from our efforts at the rodeo.

Thanks everyone! à **Bro. Cor de Boon
Security Gate Organizer
Rainmaker Rodeo 2009**

Please confirm your attendance ...

Grand Knight BBQ this month

The annual **Grand Knight Barbeque** to wrap up the Columbian Year, and thank everyone for their wonderful contributions, will be held in the parish hall on Saturday, June 20, 2009 right after the 5 p.m. Mass.

All council members and spouses are invited to this FREE event. Please consider yourself invited.

To confirm your attendance, please contact **Bro. Vittorio Cerminara** (780-459-8694), **Bro. Bruno Binassi** (780-459-7971) or **Bro. Cor de Boon** (780-458-8259).

Hope to see you there! à

Thanks from our council's choir director

Thank you to the fine Brother Knights who offered your time and talents in continuing to make the **Brother Anthony Knights of Columbus Choir** a welcome addition to the **Music Ministry of Holy Family Parish** this Columbian Year.

Thanks to **Brother Anthony Council** for your continued encouragement of our group, one of many visible supports to our Parish and Community.

Thanks also to our **silent patron** who generously provides our vests and ties.

On behalf of the Choir, I especially thank **Jody Tanguay-Hertlein** for her incredible patience and humour as she guided our musicality and voices with her wonderful talent on the piano.

As usual, we welcome any and all **Brother Knights** who wish to join us.

The first Mass of our new season after the summer break will be on Sat., Sept. 5 at 5 p.m.

Our next scheduled practice will be at the Church on Tues., Sept. 15 at 7:30 p.m.

Brother Anthony Choir wishes you, brother knights, and your families, a peaceful and restful summer! à
*Bro. Brian Roach, Director
Brother Anthony Choir*

Squires need counselor(s) to lead them

Most months, there is a notice in **The Anvil** about the **Squires**.

Usually we are looking to recruit new Squire members.

This month however we are also looking to recruit a counselor or two from among brother knights.

Since its charter in 2002, our **Brother Anthony Kowalczyk Circle** has been a model to follow.

Squires have provided many services. Among others, these include being ushers at **Holy Family Church**, volunteering Saturdays with the **Special Olympians**, and holding its **annual bike-a-thon fundraiser**.

This group of fine young men has been perennial winners of **Knights of Columbus awards**.

Two young Knights who are graduates of **Brother Anthony Kowalczyk Circle** have volunteered to be counselors.

Two of our existing counselors are planning to return; they will be a great resource but are limited in the time they have available.

We need someone to lead this fine group.

The requirements are that you are a Knight and have a genuine interest in working with young men 12-18 years old to help them become leaders.

If you are interested or would like further information please contact me at tel. 780-975-1909. à

Esto Dignus!

*Bro. Eric Schickle
Chief Counselor*

Condolences to the Willette Family

Bro. Peter Rollo Willette passed away on May 13, 2009, at the age of 43 years after a battle with cancer.

We extend our deepest sympathies to Bro. Peter's wife **Joanne**, daughters **Sarah and Emily**, and the rest of the Willette family.

Bro. Peter was an active member of the **Knights of Columbus and Holy Family Parish**.

Most recently he served as director of the council's **Family and Church programs**, and as **golf tournament chair**.

He was also a member of a men's music ministry choir at Holy Family Parish.

A prayer service was held for Bro. Peter at **Holy Family Church** on Monday, May 18, 2009.

Fr. Mitch celebrated a Mass of Christian Burial at the church on Tuesday, May 19, 2009.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bro. Peter. à

General Meeting Highlights

April 22, 2009

Grand Knight Report – Bro. Vittorio Cerminara
Discussed details on the **Christian Burial formation program** to be held Apr. 29.

A seminarian we supported via the RSVP program thanked our council.

Treasurer's Report – Bro. Walter McKenna (interim)
Current account bank balance approx. \$44,930
General Account - \$31,159
Bissell Centre - \$3,303
Pro-life Calendars - \$10,468

Financial Secretary Report – Bro. Bob Clarke
We've reached our membership & insurance quotas.

Rainmaker Rodeo Gate Security – Bro. Cor de Boon
Jim Ocroft of the **Kinsmen** will be contacted to see what our commitment is this year since no word has been given.

Bros. Clem Chiasson and Vittorio Cerminara will both be a part of the committee.

Golf Tournament - Bro. Bob McKenzie Please contact Bro. Bob if you can help out. A sign up sheet was passed around. The golf course (Hunter's Green, east of St. Albert) will be contacted to confirm our date of Aug 29, 2009.

Bonspiel - Bro. Clem Chiasson
Our council sent two teams; it was an enjoyable event.

Squires – Bro. Eric Schickle
Squires are looking for new

members 13-18 years old.

The **Squire Circle** needs more counselors (brother knights) from our council to help next year.

The **annual Bike-a-thon** is the next big event.

Choir - Bro. Clem Chiasson
Reminder that all are welcome to join the Brother Anthony Choir; practices are held most Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Pancake Breakfast – Bro. Cor de Boon
Bro. Cor is excited to be the co-coordinator for all three breakfast teams.

We hope to have a **Mother's Day** event next year along with several other events.

Instead of having the same people cook for all special events, it will be up to breakfast teams to take turns in providing that service.

New Business

School Patriotism Program - Bro. Clem Chiasson discussed the work being done by the **Fourth Degree** at the local school to promote patriotism.

This program is the legacy of the late **Bro. Joe Magel**.

Presentations end with a pizza party for the students.

Council carried a motion to donate up to \$500 to the **School Patriotism Program** for supplies.

Fourth Degree – Bro. Clem Chiasson
The spring exemplification will be on May 23. Another exemplification will be held in November.

Fraternal Benefits Advisor – Bro. Kevin Paish discussed the *Permanent Life – Single Premium Life Insurance* program.

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.

Meeting concluded with Good of the Order.

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With thanks to **Recording Secretary Bro. Gerald Lemke**

Fan the flames of kindness!

Here are some more excerpted suggestions from *Practice Random Acts of Kindness and Senseless Acts of Beauty* by **Adair Lara**.

Kindness is Contagious. Let's Start an Epidemic.

- Give your parking spot to another driver
- Deliver a pamper basket to a women's shelter
- Drop off lunch to someone you know is busy
- Take a kid to a zoo
- Write a poem for your parents
- Send your mother-in-law flowers on your spouse's birthday
- Buy dessert for another table in a restaurant
- Serve someone breakfast in bed
- Plan a surprise party
- Smile contagiously

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With thanks to **Bro. Clem Chiasson**



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. 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**

Help wanted

Bar stools, anyone?

Council is looking for a **donation of bar stools** to provide to our council's **Blood Donor Clinic team.**

By using bar stools during blood donor clinics, our brother knights will stand out from others in the hall, including blood donors, who in turn can identify brothers to get the appropriate help during.

The bar stools could also be used in the kitchen during pancake breakfasts etc.

If you can help out, please contact **Bro. Bruno** at tel. 780-459-7971 or **Bro. Clem** at 780-459-7287. 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

Back up piano accompanist for council choir

Brother Anthony Choir requests the services of a piano accompanist when called upon.

From time to time the choir's regular accompanist is unavailable to play at a Saturday evening Mass or other occasion. The back up would then be asked to play.

Please contact choir director **Bro. Brian Roach** at 780-446-4016. à

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



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**Have a
safe and
restful
summer!**



May 15, 2009

Dear Brother Knights,

Our council has had a long history of support for St. Joseph's seminary. For years we welcomed many seminarians into our parish as part of their formation and into our council as Brother Knights. Although the seminary will relocate in the upcoming months, our support must continue.

I was very pleased to hear of the council's program to assist our seminarians with prayers and fellowship. Support of our seminarians is crucial for the future of our Church. This program is yet another way in which you may show your commitment to those young men studying, often with great sacrifice, to serve God's people.

I urge you to consider supporting this program. The investment of time and money is small compared to the potential benefit for our archdiocese and the Church in Canada. The formation and support of our seminarians are responsibilities we must all share.

Vivat Jesus,

Fr. Mitchell Fidyka
Chaplain