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NEWSLETTER OF BROTHER ANTHONY COUNCIL 10014

OCTOBER 2009



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Next General Council Meeting

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

GK Message

Giving thanks

As a religion teacher, one of my responsibilities is to teach my students about the Church, her feasts and calendar.

The month of October presents a teachable moment.

This month schools will hold **Thanksgiving celebrations.**

There will be readings, prayers and reflections for students and staff to appreciate the blessings they have received.

When I point out that the Church does not have a specific "Thanksgiving Mass," a student will invariably ask why.

Without answering the question, I tell the students they know why.

Fortunately, there is always one quick-thinking student who has the answer: "We should always be thankful!"

As Knights, we also should be thankful, for many reasons.

The basic freedoms of religion, association and speech are essential for the Knights of Columbus to exist.

Our fraternal organization would never be permitted in many countries.

In fact Brother Knights have been martyred in blatant disregard of the freedoms we take for granted.

My fellow Knights, before enjoying your Thanksgiving meal, please give thanks.

Thank God for the freedoms of our country, including the freedom to practice our faith, the freedom to be members of the Knights of Columbus, the freedom to speak our minds, and for the sacrifices of our

soldiers - present and past - to defend our freedoms .

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Vivat Jesus,

Bro. Bruno Binassi

Grand Knight

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2009-10

2009

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 & Silent Auction (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)

* To be confirmed

ALL BROTHER KNIGHTS:

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www.brotheranthony.org

Your input is important & appreciated! à



Chaplain's Message "Pray to Mary"

Members who are initiated into the Order of the Knights of Columbus receive a Rosary.

While new members may already have one or more rosaries, the one provided by the Knights of Columbus reinforces the importance of prayer.

Praying the Rosary is a way to meditate upon the life of Jesus Christ. It also asks, in humility, that Mary pray for us.

Mary possessed profound faith and love when she raised her son Jesus more than two centuries ago.

What anguish she must have experienced to know that one day her innocent son would be killed.

She kept her profound faith and continued to love despite tremendous hatred, violence and injustice she witnessed.

As Christians, please pray. Love one another as Jesus taught, and ask for Mary's prayer for us.

This is a path to our own salvation, despite the hatred, violence and injustice we may witness in our own time.

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*May God Bless,
Fr. Mitchell Fidyka
Chaplain*

Grand Knight's News ...

Notice of Motion

Brother Knights: please be advised that **A NOTICE OF MOTION** has been put forward regarding the **Brother Anthony Council budget for the 2009-10 Columbian Year**.

We will vote on the budget at our next council meeting on Wednesday, October 28.

First Degree ahead

At our Oct. 28 general meeting we will have a **First Degree**.

Recruiting new members is everyone's responsibility!

Please make an effort to approach Catholic gentlemen in our parish who are practical Catholics and 18 years or older. Or forward their names to someone on the executive committee.

Supreme has increased the quota for new members to 7 percent to achieve "Star Council." This translates to recruiting 19 new Knights for our council.

Dinner, Dance & Silent Auction

Our **Festa Italiana Dinner dance and Silent Auction** will be held in our Parish Hall on November 7.

Tickets will be available after the Masses in October.

Don't delay. We will be inviting the **seminarians and formation team** from **St. Joseph's Seminary** to our function, so there will be fewer seats and tickets available for sale than last year.

Pancake Breakfast for Widows of Deceased Brother Knights

At our pancake breakfast on Sunday, November 1, we will be inviting the widows of deceased brother knights to join us for breakfast.

An invitation will be extended to them. It is appreciated if you could also mention this breakfast to any of the widows you may know.



Honouring deceased Brother Knights

We will be honouring our deceased brothers at the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday, November 7.

Please mark this date on your calendar. à

*Vivat Jesus,
Bro. Bruno Binassi
Grand Knight*

Raising funds for our charitable work

Join us at Festa Italiana!

You are invited to **Festa Italiana**, an evening of dinner, dance and an opportunity to support our council's many works of charity.

Experience authentic Italian cuisine! Enjoy the wonderful food of Italy. Sip excellent Italian wines. Dance the night away.

And you can do your Christmas Shopping at our Silent Auction! At the same time, support our projects!

Make this an evening with family and friends! **It will be held in the Parish Hall on November 7, after the 5 p.m. Mass.**

Call or e-mail now, these tickets will go fast.

Here are some of the projects you will be supporting by attending or providing silent auction items for Festa Italiana:

- Feeding seniors in need at the **Operation Friendship Seniors Society** in downtown Edmonton
- Providing awards for students at **Marguerite D'Youville** and **Richard Fowler** schools
- Annual donation to **Priests' Retirement Fund**
- **Blood Donor Clinics**

- Annual funding to Unborn Child gravesite
- Bibles for Grade 4 students

Your kind support and the generosity of local businesses allow us to carry out these projects.

Tickets are only \$30 each or \$240 for a table of eight.

For tickets or to donate to the silent auction, please contact:

Bro. Cor de Boon
Cell: 780-918-3172
E-mail: cor@deboon.ca
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Please complete our council survey

Brother Knights: please take a few minutes to complete our communications survey.

It is attached to this issue of The Anvil.

Alternatively, you may complete the electronic on our council website at

www.brotheranthony.org

Your comments are important.

If you choose to complete the **hardcopy survey**, just fold it in half when you are done and leave it in the Knights mailbox at the entrance of the Church.

If you fill out the **electronic version** on our council website, all you have to do is click "send" when you are done.

General results will be reported in a future issue of The Anvil. Thanks! à

Bros. Fred Holtslag & George Rodziewicz

Help feed the hungry

Your help is requested to feed seniors in need at the **Operation Friendship Senior Center** in downtown Edmonton.

We have provided six hearty meals since June 30, or about 1,200 servings.

That included Jambalaya, Shepherd's Pie, Italian pasta with sausage, pork and beans, and hamburger soups.

By being part of the team, you will learn how to prepare meals for large groups using easy-to-follow menus.

The meals are prepared the first and third Thursdays of each month. We begin preparing the food around 8 a.m. and then deliver the meals to the Friendship Center.

Please help share the work. Respond to the call of our gospels, to feed those who are hungry.

Phone **Bro. Cor de Boon** at 780-458-8259 or e-mail him at cor@deboon.ca à

Pro-life calendar distributed

Copies of the tenth annual *Help Save a Life* calendars have been mailed to councils throughout the Alberta/NWT State.

Councils in our state are asked to participate by selling them locally and earning a portion of the total selling price for their own project.

Proceeds collected by our council are exclusively for pro-life activities.

This project, initiated by our council ten years ago, promotes messages for life and opposes the taking of life through abortion or euthanasia.

The art of junior high school students is featured, with positive messages promoting life.

The project has been endorsed by **State Deputy Neil Gannon** and **State Chaplain Fr. Henry Rosenbaum**. The project has also been endorsed for many years by the bishops of Alberta and NWT.

Bro. John Melo is the project coordinator. à

Results of fundraisers

Council golf tournament – Our golf tournament in August raised \$3,300 toward reconstructing homes destroyed by flood in **Fr. Denis Hebert's** parish in **Nicaragua**.

Rock'n August – Half of the proceeds our council earned at this past summer's **Rock'n August** – or \$996 – will be donated to the **Alberta Diabetes Association** in the fight against diabetes.

Thanks to everyone who helped organize these events, participated in the events or donated prizes. à

Sing with brothers!

Your Council Choir needs your voice!

Please join us most Tuesday evenings for practice and the first Saturday of each month for Mass.

We have fun, and are part of an important church ministry.

Plus parishioners really appreciate it. Join us! Everyone is welcome.

For more information, please contact **Choir Director Bro.**

Brian Roach at tel. 780-459-9029. 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. 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

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 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

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REMINDER

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Showing support to seminarians

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

Initially, the program called for brother knights from our council to each voluntarily sponsor a seminarian for one year.

The brother knight and his family would pray for the seminarian. The member would also cover the cost of tickets to two of our council banquets, and provide gift certificates for Christmas and the seminarian's birthday.

However, since we are now late into the program, and not fully subscribed, alternate plans are being made to show our support.

Please stay tuned for further details.

Thanks to all brother knights who have shown interest in this program. The alternate plans, when they are finalized, will continue to call for your participation as much as possible. 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.



James Zick, 28, was born in **Regina**. He is in his second year at St. Joseph Seminary and is studying for the **Diocese of Regina**.



Real Clement Lavoie, born in **Cold Lake, Alberta** is 21 years old. He entered the Seminary this year and is studying for the **Diocese of St. Paul**.



Rene Antonio, 38, was born in the **Philippines** and is studying for the **Diocese of Prince George**.



Deacon Dean Dowle, 27, is in his fifth year at St. Joseph Seminary. He was born in **Edmonton** and studying for **Diocese of Edmonton**.

Formation program at St. Joseph Seminary

(The following information is drawn from the St. Joseph Seminary website)

“The **Seminary formation program** aims at personalizing the whole process of the candidate's formation.

“We must never forget that ‘the candidate himself is a necessary and irreplaceable agent in his own formation: all formation, priestly formation included, is ultimately a self-formation.’
(*Pastores Dabo Vobis 69*)

This integration can be helped along in four main ways:

1. The constant search of a deeper union with Jesus the Good Shepherd, Prophet and Priest.
2. Through the Seminary community which helps the candidate to grow in human, spiritual, intellectual and pastoral formation.
3. Through spiritual direction, that is, the means for fostering personal integration and unity.
4. The seminarian's own Personal Growth Plan. The plan covers his spiritual and intellectual life, his community and pastoral involvement, and his specific focus for his human and vocational growth.

(Source: St. Joseph Seminary website)

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PLEASE COMPLETE THIS SHORT SURVEY ON OUR COMMUNICATIONS

Dear Brother Anthony Council Member:

Please take a moment to complete this confidential survey. When you have completed this survey, please fold it in half and leave it in the Knights of Columbus mailbox at the entrance to Holy Family Church.

Alternatively, you may complete this survey online instead – visit our council website at www.brotheranthony.org.

Your comments are important to Council communications. The general results of this survey will be published in a future issue of *The Anvil*.

GENERAL

1. Which of the following best describes your membership? (Please circle one response only.)

- Council member
- Council committee member (past or present)
- Council program director (past or present)
- Council executive member (past or present)

2. Which degree do you currently hold with the Knights of Columbus? (Please circle one.)

- First Degree
- Major (Second and Third) Degree
- Fourth Degree

3. On a scale from 1 to 5, with 1 being “Not Active” and 5 being “Very Active,” please indicate how involved *that you feel you are* with Brother Anthony Council activities. (Please circle one response only.)

1 2 3 4 5
(Not active) (Somewhat active) (Very active)

4. On a scale from 1 to 5, with 1 being “Not Informed” and 5 being “Very Informed,” please indicate how informed *you feel* you are about Brother Anthony Council activities and news. (Please circle one only.)

1 2 3 4 5
(Not informed) (Somewhat informed) (Very informed)

**5. How do you find out about Brother Anthony Council activities or news?
(Please circle ALL responses that apply to you.)**

- Council website
- Council newsletter (The Anvil)
- Council general meetings
- E-mails
- At pancake breakfasts
- Word of Mouth
- Phone Calls
- Others (please specify)

6. Which of the following would you say is your main or primary source of information about council activities or news? (Please circle one only.)

- Council website
- Council newsletter (The Anvil)
- Council general meetings
- E-mails
- At pancake breakfasts
- Word of Mouth
- Phone Calls
- Others (please specify)

7. Which of the following is your preferred source of information about council activities or news? (Please circle one only.)

- Council website
- Council newsletter (The Anvil)
- Council general meetings
- E-mails
- At pancake breakfasts
- Word of Mouth
- Phone Calls
- Others (please specify)

THE ANVIL – MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

8. Please indicate which version of *The Anvil* you read, if any:

- Electronic version (on council's website)
- Print or hardcopy version (available at Church)
- Does not apply to me (if you choose this response, please skip to the next section entitled "Council Website")

9. If you read *The Anvil* on the council website, do you also print a hardcopy of the newsletter? (Please circle one only.)

- Yes, always
- Yes, sometimes
- No, never

10. Do you find the layout of *The Anvil* on the council website easy to read? (Please circle one only.)

- Yes, it is easy to read
- Yes, it is somewhat easy to read
- No, it is somewhat hard to read
- No, it is hard to read

11. How could *The Anvil* be improved? Please provide your answer here:

COUNCIL'S WEBSITE

12. Are you aware that our council has a website at www.brotheranthony.org?

- Yes
- No

13. On a scale from 1 to 5, with 1 being "Not Useful" and 5 being "Very Useful," please indicate how useful the council website is to you. (Please circle one only.)

1 2 3 4 5
(Not useful) (Somewhat useful) (Very useful)

14. Which, if any, of the following improvements to our council's website would be of benefit to you? (Please circle all responses that you feel would help improve the website.)

- Password protection (access restricted to members only for certain parts)
- Forums to discuss relevant Knight topics
- Bulletin boards (for example, to post jobs, available to be hired, business cards, etc.)
- Online polls or surveys to seek members' input or feedback
- Other – please specify here:

HOW CAN WE IMPROVE?

15. How could council improve its communications to you? Please provide your answer here.

THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THIS SURVEY! *When you have completed this survey, please fold it in half and put it in the Knights mailbox at the entrance to the Church. Thanks!*

Optional:

If you provide the following personal information, you may be contacted for more details about your responses. Thank you!

Name (first and last): _____

Telephone or cell number: _____

E-mail address: _____