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Next General Council Meeting

6 p.m., Wed., April 28, 2010 (dinner served at 6:30 p.m.)

Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

John 20.19-23

Grand Knight Message

The price has been paid

We are familiar with the saying "Christ is Risen," but have you ever lived the expression? We are so often burdened by trivial matters that we may forget the joy, mystery and hope of Easter. We forget what Christ being raised from the dead actually means for our salvation; that the price has been paid and salvation given to us.

Years ago I found a card with a saying in French. I have never forgotten the words: “Ne laissez rien vous troubler au point de vous faire oublier la joie du Christ ressuscité.” “Let nothing trouble you to the point of forgetting the joy of the risen Christ.”

These are words to remember this Easter season now and always. à

Vivat Jesus!

Bro. Bruno Binassi, Grand Knight

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2010

April (is Squire Month – see inside this issue for details)

11 – Pancake Breakfast (Frank’s team)

28 – Council meeting (dinner by Frank’s team)

May

2 - Pancake Breakfast (Gilbert’s team)

8 – Fourth Degree Exemplification, Holy Family Parish

9 – Mother Day’s Brunch (Lamar’s team)

19 – Council meeting (dinner by Gilbert’s team)

26 – Supreme Knight’s Banquet

June

6 – Pancake Breakfast (Lamar’s team)

12 – Grand Knight’s Dinner (Gilbert’s team)

23 – Council meeting (dinner by Lamar’s team)

Chaplain’s Message

“Let Easter symbols remind us of new life in Jesus”

Over the next few weeks the Church celebrates the season of Easter. And this season above all is about **Jesus’**

Resurrection to a new life.

We see many symbols used during Easter that are about new life. Some of them appeal to young and old alike, including bunnies, little chicks and eggs. These are good symbols because they are symbols of new life, which Easter promises us; that is, a new and eternal life with Jesus in heaven.

There are also **two important Easter symbols** that are used by the Church. These are light and water. Jesus is called the **Light of Life**. The priest blesses and lights a large candle at Easter as a symbol of Jesus’ light to the world. Every candle in the church represents the light of Christ.

We know that water, the other important church symbol, is essential for life. And so, in church tradition stretching back to Jesus’ time, people are baptized with water.

It is fitting that many baptisms occur during the Easter season. We also use water to bless our selves. Think of these beautiful symbols in your faith life. Teach your children or grandchildren about all these symbols and how they have a special meaning for Christians.

They are simple yet so true to Easter, a most important religious feast. Indeed, this season is a time of prayer and promise. For many it’s a time to pray more or with more fervor. It is a time to take part in all the services offered in our churches.

Always remember the new life promised by Jesus in his resurrection, the message and meaning of Easter. Let our symbols remind everyone. Happy Easter to you all!

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May God Bless,

Fr. Mitchell Fidyka, Chaplain

GK's News

I must correct an oversight in my message in **the March issue** of **The Anvil**. I omitted **Bro. Del Feser** and his **wife Kathy** from the list of Brother Knights who help provide gift cards to the seminarians. Del and Kathy have been staunch supporters from the inception of the program. I also thank **Bros. Roger Pollok, Bob Clarke, Eric Schickle, Clyde Flynn, Fred Holtslag and Bernie Arnold** for assisting me in leading the parish's **Way of the Cross** on March 5.

Congratulations to **Bro. Bob Clarke and his family**. They were selected as our *Family of the Month* for February and were one of 100 randomly selected "Family of the Month" entries received by Supreme. They will receive a "Holy Family Gift."

I extend great appreciation to the breakfast team of **Bro. Frank Vagi** for their outstanding effort in working the **Seminarian Night Dinner**. **Bros. Joe Becigneul, Maurice Pasternak, Roger Pollock, Del Feser, Jim Billsten, Stan Lozinski, Art LaChance, Don Peloquin, Don Beer** and **Mauro Coco** set a new standard for efficiency and service.

At the dinner, the seminarians were presented with a **55-inch Sony flat screen** television. There were many thanks expressed by the seminarians and formation team for the gift, the dinner and the year long program.

As the Columbian year starts to wind down, I would like you to note three future dates. The **April meeting** will be on the 28th and include a **First Degree**. Our **May meeting** will be held on May 19, one week earlier than usual, to allow the Deputy Grand Knight and me to attend the **Supreme Knight's Banquet** on May 26. Lastly, the **Grand Knight's Dinner** will be held on June 12.

More information about this event will be forthcoming.

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Vivat Jesus!

Bro. Bruno Binassi, Grand Knight

Register on our new website

www.brotheranthony.org/new

Brother Knights: if you have access to the Internet, please register on our new website.

BE SURE TO REGISTER even if you are a computer novice! Easy steps to register:

1. Go the website (address under the heading of this article)
2. Click on "Create new account" found on the home page (bottom left).
3. Follow the prompts.
4. You will be notified once your account is activated.

After you are registered, you may then log in and check out the new members-only sections. Note your password in a secure place in case you forget it. By registering, you can access valuable parts of the site designed for and restricted to you, the member.

That includes our new "Notice Board" and eventually *The Anvil* as well. The site will be of greatest value when all members are registered and regularly use the website.

If you have any questions or trouble registering, please contact our Webmaster by clicking on the Webmaster email link on the website home page. Or phone **Bro. Fred** at 780-460-2917. à

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 our 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**, tel. 780-459-7287; or **Bro. Cor** at Tel. 780-458-8259, Cell 780-918-6715 or Email cor@deboon.ca

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Farewell to Father Troy

Spiritan priest **Fr. Michael Troy**, active with the Knights of Columbus for many years, died on March 19, 2010. He was 92.

Fr. Troy served as **Chaplain** for **Alberta/NWT State** for 16 years. He officiated at many functions and Masses of the Knights.

Among numerous other contributions, he is well known for his inspirational work as teacher, mentor, sports coach and Chaplain at **St. Joseph High School** in Edmonton. An annual basketball tournament is held in his name at the school. A junior high school in Edmonton was named after him in 2003.

Fr. Troy was a Spiritan priest for more than 60 years. He immigrated to Canada from his native Ireland in 1957.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr. Michael Troy. à

Brothers: your choir needs you!

Come share your singing talent, no matter how great or small, with your brothers in the **Brother Anthony Council Choir**.

Even if you're voice needs work, join us! More voices make for better and bigger sound in praise and honour of our Lord Jesus Christ! We usually sing at one 5 p.m. Saturday Mass each month. We practice three Tuesdays of each month at 7:30 p.m. and if you can't make them all, that's OK.

If you love music, join us! à

Call Bro. George 780-459-1193 or Bro. Clem 780-459-7287

Info night on Christian Burial

Jerry Stack, a member of **Holy Family Parish** who leads the **Pastoral Care team**, invites all brother knights and parishioners to an **Information Evening on Christian Burial**.

The information evening will be held in the **welcoming area** of the church from 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, April 28.

Topics will include:

- Liturgy – **Fr. Mitch**
- Prayer vigil and music – **Vera Fischer**
- Funeral preparations – **George Montpetit**, funeral director
- Catholic Cemeteries – **Ann Glas**, head, Catholic Cemeteries Edmonton

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State hockey takes hiatus

Due to coordination, scheduling and timing issues, the annual state hockey fraternal event was cancelled in 2010. à

General Meeting Highlights

February 24, 2010 meeting

Grand Knight Report – Bro. Bruno Binassi It was agreed that at least one extra table would be purchased for the Supreme Knight's Banquet. The cost will be shared amongst those who attend, and a draw will be held at the next meeting of those who are interested.

All the proceeds from the March pancake breakfast will be given to the **Share Lent** program. The April Pancake Breakfast theme will be **"We support our Troops."**

Seminarian Night tickets sales are slow but the usual last minute rush should occur this weekend.

Due to time commitments **Bro. Ryan R.** will be helped by **Bro. Walter M.** with Treasurer duties.

State submissions were passed around for review. We have a submission in each category so we are well represented.

The Archdiocese has requested that our Council help with transportation of any dignitaries for the opening of the new Seminary on September 13 - 14. Please call **Bro. Bruno Binassi** if you are interested.

The **Squires program** is in need of volunteers to make it run more smoothly. Several ideas were discussed as to what can be done.

Treasurer's Report – Bro. Walter McKenna Our bank balance as of Jan 31 is \$45,588.

Financial Secretary's Report – Bro. Bob Clarke The **Semi Annual Audit** went very smoothly. The Knight Alert notices will be sent out this week. We have 10-15 members who may be suspended.

Program and Activities – Bro. Cor de Boon Ladies Night went well. Lower attendance was due to event held on long weekend; plus phone committee was not used. The April Pancake breakfast will be on April 11 due to Easter falling on the first Sunday of April.

Fourth Degree – Bro. Bernie Arnold Next exemplification is on May 8 at Holy Family Parish. Please see **Bro. Bernie Arnold** if you wish to join the fourth degree. Fourth Degree meetings are at Holy Family Parish on the first Thursday of the month at 8 pm.

Grand Knight Bro. Bruno Binassi led the Council with the **Good of the Order** and in closing prayer. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

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. Gerald Lemke, Recording Secretary

Celebrate Squire Month!



In April, Squire circles throughout the Order celebrate “Squires Month.”

These young Catholic men will hold events such as open houses, membership drives, community service projects and social events.

Squires' month is all about visibility in the church community. Awareness leads to membership growth and Circle strength.

Charitable efforts and other worthwhile circle programs will help draw attention to your circle throughout the year.

Help people in the community learn about the Squires. à

Be involved with Squire Circle

Why am I involved with the **Brother Anthony Kowalczyk Squire Circle**?

I am involved for the Squires themselves. They are a terrific group of young Catholic men aged 12 to 17 that I continue to learn from and be inspired by. Their level of spiritual maturity far surpasses where I was at when I was their age.

Share your talent and skills with these young men to grow into mature young men who take active parts in their parish and the community. As with any successful organization, we need to constantly recruit new Squires.

We also need brother knights to become involved as existing members move on to other activities. Please consider becoming an example of leadership for our youth. Become involved! à

Esto Dignus!

Bro. John Kirk, Cell 780-913-1484

Squire Circle is busy this month

The **Brother Anthony Kowalczyk Squire Circle** has a busy April.

At the start of the month, they helped to set up chairs in the welcoming area and hall of the church for the **Good Friday** and **Easter** services.

On Wed., April 7, they led the **Rosary** at the **Chapel at Ironwood Estates** for seniors in St. Albert.

Prior to this weekend Masses (Apr. 10 and 11) the Squires will present a cheque to **Alberta Pro-Life** from the sales of **Help Save a Life** pro life calendars. Alberta Pro-Life is the provincial organization that promotes life and protecting the innocent.

The Squires set up the hall for the pancake breakfast and take down on April 11. The Squires meeting followed.

During the pancake breakfasts, the Squires plan to make a PowerPoint presentation about what it means to be a Squire.

Squires were also invited by our sponsoring council to help sell the **“Support our Troops T-shirts”** during the pancake breakfast.

The Circle is also planning to hold a membership drive weekend this month.

The actual date is being worked out with our **Father Prior, Fr. Mitch**.

We're also gearing up for our annual bike-a-thon charity fundraiser.

May the Peace of our Risen Lord be with all of you and your families! à

Esto Dignus!

John Kirk

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 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

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 for noon meal 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

Help Squires to usher and at activity night

Help our young leaders with ushering, only once a month at a Saturday, 5 p.m. Mass.

Help is also appreciated for one activity night, about two hours, on the third Thursday of the month at a local school. Contact: **Bro. John Kirk**, (780) 913-1484. à

Call for Squire Counselors

Knights are called to work alongside young Catholic men as counselors. Help them develop their leadership skills in the parish and community. Call **Bro. John Kirk**, (780) 913-1484. à

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