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# The ANVIL - Jan. 2014



NEWSLETTER OF BROTHER ANTHONY COUNCIL 10014

*"Wishing You Peace and Happiness in 2014"*

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**Next General Meeting: 6 p.m. on Jan. 22, 2014 (attend Mass at 5:30 p.m., dinner follows at 6:30 p.m.)**

## **Calendar of events**

### **January 2014**

13 Executive Meeting  
18 *Ladies Night*  
22 General Meeting

### **February 2014**

17 Family Day Skate  
19 Executive Meeting  
26 General Meeting

### **March 2014**

17 Executive Meeting  
26 General Meeting

### **April**

14 Executive Meeting  
23 General Meeting

### **May 2014**

19 Executive Meeting  
24 Grand Knight's Dinner

**Please mark your calendars.◇**

28 General Meeting

### **June 2014**

16 Executive Meeting  
25 General Meeting

## **Parish Kitchen Bookings**

### **Operation Friendship**

*Evenings* - first and third Wednesday of each month.

*Mornings* - of following day

### **Pancake Breakfast**

First Sunday of each month (on long weekends, the second Sunday of the month)

Pancake breakfast teams:

- Feb. - Bro. Don B.
- March - Bro. Brian B.
- Apr. - Bro. Gil Z.
- May - Bro. Don B.
- June - Bro. Brian B

## ***Grand Knight's Message***

### ***Wishes for a 'Prosperous' New Year***

As we tackle a New Year, I hope that you, my brother knights, your families and friends, had a wonderful and restful Christmas in 2013.

I also extend to you my best wishes for a *prosperous* New Year. Here, prosperity does not only mean doing well financially. There is another important sense of the word, which is to prosper spiritually.

Perhaps this type of prosperity yields the greatest returns in life, whether in matters of family, work or community. A strong spirituality will see us through tough times in all areas of life. It is an anchor for life. In our faith, this idea is built upon scripture, where Jesus says, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (Jn 14.6)

As members of the Knights of Columbus, we all have this special duty to be spiritual leaders. Living as Christian gentlemen, and leading the way by our faith and example, is also a great gift to family, church, and community.

We know the returns of spiritual prosperity are tremendous. May God Bless! ◇

*Vivat Jesus,*

*Bro. John M., GK*

## ***Chaplain's Message***

### ***Start the year by celebrating Mary***



At the beginning of every year we celebrate the solemnity of Mary the Mother of God.

This celebration gives much to help us start the year with: the best Mother and model for us. She is the Mother who knows what it means to be a mother. She is a joyful, sorrowful, glorious and luminous mother.

This month I call on you to focus on the saying of the special mother of God and our mother.

At the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee she said to the stewards or the servants: "Do whatever He tells you." (Jn. 2:5). As a mother she knew that there was a lack in the house and wasted no time in seeking a solution. Workshops were not needed to solve the matter.

We all need to look up to her to learn how to manage crisis or issues in our lives and in our families. We also need to imitate her to manage success and to identify with others in their own success. This understanding will always help us to balance whatever comes our way as Christians.

Like Mary we must trust the Lord in all circumstances. Never be in doubt, no matter the situation. Just do whatever He tells you and everything will be all

right.

Let us remember that the miracle happened at a time that could be known as not the time. Well, we must always remember that every time is God's own time. We need always to do whatever He tells us. We all have some empty jars that need to be filled.

Mary spoke with purity of intention, for the good of other people. Our intimacy with her will surely bring more miracles in our lives and in our families. ◇

*May God Bless,*

*Fr. Maurice*

## **Annual Ladies Night on Jan. 18 this year**

Our annual Ladies Night will be held in the Parish Hall/meeting area on January 18. Ladies Night is an evening of fine dining and entertainment hosted by our council. It is our way to say thank you to our spouses for their support of our activities.

All spouses are invited and the evening is free. If your spouse has not received an invitation, or received one but did not yet RSVP, please contact Bro. Bob C. at 780-458-4854. ◇



### *Kind Christmas Gifts*

## **Members show appreciation to seminarians**

The goal of our annual **gift certificate project** is to provide a gift certificate of \$50 to each seminarian of **St. Joseph Seminary** in Edmonton. It is a gesture of appreciation and friendship to the men studying for the priesthood.

The goal was reached the first week in December 2013. Council members were invited to provide any amount to help reach the goal. The gift is particularly appreciated by seminarians who often have few resources or income as they discern their call to religious life.

Project leaders are **Bros. Gerry B. and Bernie A.** They arranged with **Fr. Steven Hero** to meet with the seminarians to deliver the gifts. **Brother Anthony Council** has again generously answered the call to support our clergy.

Thanks brothers! ◇

## **Council choir shares music with seniors**



Our **Brother Anthony Choir** sang Christmas carols to residents of **Northridge Seniors Lodge** in St. Albert on Tuesday, December 17. The choir was led by director **Bro. Brian R.** and wonderfully accompanied on piano by **Jody H.** with special appearance by **Santa "Bro. Clyde F." Claus.**

Choir members who were able to attend included: **Bernie A., Charlie A., Clem C., Cor d., Cordell A., Elmer W., Eric S., Gary J., George A., George R., Jerry S., Jim F., John O., Roger C., Sebastian F., and Vittorio C.**

The residents expressed their appreciation in a note of thanks: "God Bless and Keep You All! Thank you for sharing your "Gift of Music, Song and Time" with us!" ◇

**P.S. Call for choir ties/vests** --- if any *former* members of *Brother Anthony Choir* still have in their possession a choir tie or vest, we'd really love to get them back. That way, we can give them to new members to use during Masses and other events. Your consideration is appreciated! To return, please contact **Bro. Clyde** at 780-459-5075.

## **Meeting Highlights**

### **November 27, 2013**

A dinner preceded the general meeting.

**Grand Knight's Report – Bro. John M.** Thanked all for another wonderful **Ukrainian Night**. Next year the event will be held on Nov. 22. The **Philippine Relief** deadline is Dec. 9. Council carried a motion to donate \$500 toward the relief effort. Planning for **Ladies Night**, to be held on Jan. 18, 2014, is underway. Invitations to spouses were sent. Our next **First Degree** to be held on Jan. 22 prior to the general meeting. We still need a **Membership Director**.

**Treasurer's Report – Bro. Roger P.** Current Bank balance is \$33,274, excluding this day's transactions.

**Financial Secretary's Report – Bro. Bob C.** Confirmed we have paid the bill for the **Unborn/Stillborn gravesite**. Two possible candidates have stepped forward and are reviewing taking over the position of **Financial Secretary**. **Membership cards** are available, membership rate is \$45. A cheque for \$665, proceeds from our **Rock'n August** breakfast, has been issued to the **Canadian Diabetes Association**.

**Knight and Family of the Month – Bro. Bernie A.** Congratulations to the Knight of the Month, **Bro. Denis H.** and Family of the Month, **Bro. Adam P. and wife Pauline**.

**New Business - Bros. Bernie A. and Gerry B.** are \$80 away from attaining their goal of giving \$50 to all the 45 seminarians at St. Joseph Seminary in Edmonton. Thanks to all who participated. Special mention that the Squires donated \$250. **Family Day skate** is booked at **Servus Place Mark Messier Arena** on Family Day 2014 from 1-3 pm. The hall is booked to serve hot chocolate and cookies.

**Fourth Degree Report – Bro. Steve H.** The next exemplification is on Feb. 8, 2014 at **Holy Family Parish**. The **Christmas Banquet** will be on Jan. 11, 2014.

**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](mailto:kevin.paish@kofc.org) or call him at (780) 458-3936.

**GK Bro. John M.** led the Council with the **Good of the Order**. ◇  
Recording Secretary,  
**Bro. Gerald L.**

## **Help wanted**

**Council position to fill** We need to fill the council position of **Membership Director**. It's an important position, to help attract new members to our Order and council. For information, please contact **GK John M.** at 780-446-4131 or email [johnmelo@shaw.ca](mailto:johnmelo@shaw.ca)

**Photos wanted for council website** If you have digital photos of our council events over the past year, please select your best THREE from each event and email to Bro. Fred at the following address: [Fred@ptgman.com](mailto:Fred@ptgman.com) **Preferred (not critical) if each photo is re-sized to less than 2MB before sending.**

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## **Information Items**

**Buy grocery gift cards and help us raise funds for good works!** Brother Anthony Council earns a percentage of all sales of grocery gift cards, proceeds that are used for council activities. For every \$100 worth of grocery/ gift cards that you buy, you help us to buy two meals for **Operation Friendship**, to help feed homeless seniors in **Edmonton's inner city**. ◇

### **Blacksmith of God**

Check out ***Blacksmith of God***, now available on our website. The book is about the inspiring and holy life of our council namesake, Venerable **Bro. Anthony Kowalczyk**, written by **Oblate priest P.E. Breton**. ◇

**Young men: join the Squires!** 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 leadership program, please pass their names along to me. **Or visit our Squires website [www.estodignus.org](http://www.estodignus.org)** ◇

*Esto Dignus!*

*Bro. Sam B., (780) 458-4920*

## Prayer for Brother Anthony

Our council patron, **Brother Anthony Kowalczyk**, has been recognized for his heroic virtues, a step closer to being declared a saint.

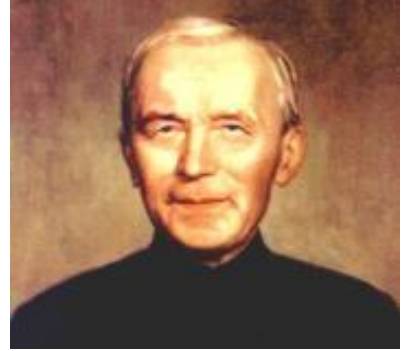
Here is a prayer for Brother Anthony:

***We praise you, Lord and Father, who in a wonderful way have led Brother Anthony along the path of your holy will. You gave him strength to imitate Jesus Christ in carrying faithfully his many crosses and fulfilling his responsibilities.***

***I praise you, Lord, for his heroic faith and trust, which have opened the treasures of your goodness. Grant me, O Lord, the grace . . . which I beg through the intercession of your Servant, Anthony. May his sanctity be confirmed and may I be ever more faithful in fulfilling your Holy Will.***

***Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory Be... ◇***

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*"Best wishes for a peaceful and prosperous New Year."*

*Vivat Jesus!*