

# The ANVIL



NEWSLETTER OF BROTHER ANTHONY COUNCIL 10014

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*"On entering the house, the wise men from the East saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.*

*"And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road."*

Matthew 2:11-12

**Last call for tickets!**

## Past state deputy ball this month

Join fellow brother knights and their spouses at a special event to recognize council member **Bro. Mickey Casavant** and his wife **Astrid**.

Bro. Mickey completed a two year term as state deputy of the Alberta/NWT state of the Knights of Columbus.

The Immediate Past State Deputy's Ball will be held at the **Delta Inn South** in Edmonton on Sat., Jan. 14, 2006.

Tickets to the event are only \$30 per meal, much less than the going rate at hotels like the Delta Inn South.

Our Brother Anthony Choir would do us proud if there were able to perform that evening. It would great to have as many

Brother Anthony council members and family attend. à **Contact Bro. Gary Johnson for tickets to this special event, tel. 460-0436.**

## First Degree Initiation Membership

A **First Degree Initiation** is planned for Wed., Jan. 25, 2006.

Please invite a friend or parishioner who is a Catholic gentleman to consider joining the Knights and bring him to our January dinner meeting and initiation.

Contact **Bro. Denis Halyk** (tel. 459-9336) or **Bro. Gerry Belec** (tel. 459-4135) for more information or for follow up with any prospective members. à

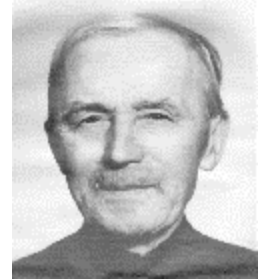
## Charities Appeal Raffle Tickets

The **Charities Appeal** Early Bird raffle draw will take place on Sat., Jan. 14, 2006.

Would everyone who has sold their tickets and not yet turned these in to **Bro. Denis Halyk** please arrange to do so immediately.

Contact Bro. Denis at 459-9336. **P.S.: Brother Knights are welcome to play.** à

## About Bro. Anthony A life of service



"Dying a martyr's death is simple compared to the slow death of submitting with monotonous regularity to a life of performing the "little things" that every Lay brother is called upon to do. Dying to oneself is the road that leads to God.

"Brother Anthony saw the Holy Rules as signposts directing the way on the roughest of roads. He put himself into high gear for a journey that continued for more than 80 years. The natural conflict of loves was even more difficult to overcome than the poverty, silence and other requirements of the rule.

"He had renounced the natural attachment of a son to his parents and homeland. The choice of the religious life in a foreign land with no hope of ever seeing his mother and father again in this world weighed heavily upon his heart. The loss of a hand and the subsequent thought of living the remainder of his life as a miserable cripple, scourged Brother Anthony's soul.

"A sharp tongued Superior who completely misunderstood him had added till another

burden which he carried without a murmur. The Superior had ordered Brother Anthony to do many difficult tasks. Often he had soundly rebuked and humiliated the silent Brother. Always the reaction was the same. His meekness and endless patience conquered all difficulties.”

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*Excerpt from “Blacksmith of God,” by P.E. Breton, O.M.I.*

## “Being a better Christian”

This New Year is also a new time. It will be unlike any that has been experienced before or will ever be seen again. This is meant in both the physical and spiritual sense.

While we are linked to our past and recall it – regardless whether it is good or bad – we can also change our hearts and minds.

Just as the sacrament of reconciliation is a kind of fresh start since one’s last confession, a new year can be a whole new start, even a turning point if one has the mind and will to do so. Jesus shows the way.

Can you find the resolve to be a better Christian? What are your goals for your spiritual life? How will you fulfill them?

This is the challenge for the New Year. Look deeply in your heart. Pray for guidance.

In the spirit of Christ, may the blessings of God be upon you and your family in 2006.

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**May God Bless!  
Fr. Mitch Fidyka**

## “Helping the needy”

Council members were generous with their time this past Christmas season.

Thanks to the many brother knights and family members who delivered some 106 baskets to seniors in the community last month.

They include **Bro. Del Feser and wife Kathy, Cecile Bulva, Bros. Mark Olivieri, John Fiorilli, Bob Clarke, Don Peloquin, Dennis Haddock, Patrick and Dave Gray, Brad Cody, Jerry and Ralph.** The **Senior Citizen’s Club** was delighted with our contribution.

Many thanks also to the knights who helped deliver Christmas hampers for the **Kinettes.** The Kinettes always appreciate help for the needy in our community!

Thanks to the **Brother Anthony Choir** under director **Bro. Brian Roach** who sang Christmas carols to elder members of our community at senior lodges here in town. A note of appreciation to **Jody** for providing accompaniment to the lads!

Well done to everyone involved!

In this **New Year**, it is fitting to renew our commitment to support good works in our church, with our youth, council and community.

You can do so by continuing to volunteer for council and fund raiser activities. Keep our council strong, dynamic and active!

Have a great New Year everyone! à

**Vivat Jesus!**

**Bro. Steve Horvath, GK**

## Reminder

### **Paid your dues?**

**Have you paid your membership dues yet? If you have paid your dues, thank you very much!**

**If you have yet to pay, please send your payment as soon as possible to: Financial Secretary Del Feser, 36 Finch Crescent, St. Albert, T8N-1Y6. Thanks for your cooperation.** à

### **Catch the Wave tickets still available**

Get your **Catch the Wave** tickets!

They are for access to the **West Edmonton Mall World Water Park**, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Jan. 22.

Tickets are a super value at only \$8 each.

For tickets or information contact **Bro. Steve Horvath** (tel. 458-6076 or 458-0066) or **Bro. Vittorio Cerminara** (tel. 459-8694). à

### **Help notify members of events**

**Bro. Vittorio Cerminara** is coordinating a telephone committee.

This is an important committee to help enlist the support and help of brother knights in our activities.

The success of what we do depends on having an active and dynamic council.

Please sign up for this committee.

Call Bro. Vittorio at tel. 459-8694. à

## **Ways and Means Assistance requested**

**Bro. Neil Wenger** is the coordinator for the newly established **Ways And Means Committee.** This committee’s job is to come up with innovative projects to generate revenue for our council and its projects.

To join this important team, contact Bro. Neil at [wenger@maxim.ca](mailto:wenger@maxim.ca) or tel. 460-7758.

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## **General Meeting Highlights**

**November 23, 2005**

Memorial Mass preceded the dinner meeting. Thanks to **Bros. Bernie Arnold** and **Adam Petryshyn** for preparing the dinner.

**Grand Knight’s Report - Bro. Steve Horvath**

**Bro. Vittorio Cerminara** is taking over the phone committee and looking for more help; he’s looking for ten members, there are four now.

Unfortunately the **Crib Tournament** was cancelled.

Mardi Gras will be held Feb 25. **Bros. Roger Pollok** and **Steve Horvath** are co-chairing.

**Bro. Joe Becigneul** is chairing the **Ladies’ Night** committee.

**Bro. Neil Wenger** is chairing the **Ways and Means** committee and is looking for help.

**Fr. Devadas Narisetty** discussed the good work being done at the **St. Francis Xavier Home for Untouchable Children** in Africa. There are many hardships being endured and any help would be greatly

appreciated; executive will review the budget.

### District Deputy's Report - Bro. Martin Blanchet

Council was congratulated for all the good work being done.

The **Past State Deputy Ball** to honor **Bro. Mickey Cassvant** is Jan. 14.

The **Catch the Wave** event will be held at WEM on Jan. 22.

### Bills & Communications

**Bro. Brad Cody** submitted \$2,780 of **Help Save a Life** calendar money and \$23.51 in expenses for postage.

Thank you notes regarding the **Bibles** were circulated.

**Bro. Steve Horvath** challenged the council to become a Double Star Council for 2006/07

The **Past State Deputy Ball** was discussed. We budgeted \$500; **Bros. George Amyotte, Clem Chiasson** and **Vittorio Cerminara** agreed to be a part of the organizing ctee.

### Committee Reports

**Knight of the Month – Bro. Clem Chiasson**

**Family of the Month – Bro. Peter Willette & Family**

### Membership – Bro. Denis

**Halyk** Our quota this year is 11 members; we already have 7 new members. Our total is 228. We handed out all 50 **Charity Appeal** ticket books; to date 25 were sold.

### Church – Bro. Peter Willette

The utility costs are higher this year; all are asked to keep this in mind when using the facilities.

From now on **Holy Family** will be using artificial Christmas trees. Council passed a motion to use the \$300 initially budgeted to purchase real trees be given to Holy Family to offset the cost of purchasing the artificial trees.

During research to place a wooden fence around the Baptismal fountain, the foundation was found damaged and rotting; the foundation will need to be replaced before Easter.

The **Hall Committee** asked about Knight functions being insured when alcohol is present. **Bro. Brad Cody** informed council we're covered by Knights' policy when having a meeting but not when having social events. Holy Family made arrangements with a co. that insures events with less than 120 people for \$100. It was suggested the Knights' insurance could be cheaper and this is something to budget for.

### Pro-Life – Bro. Brad Cody

Things are going well. It seems about 90% of councils are participating (only 14 councils have decided to return the calendars and not participate).

### Squires – Bro. Eric Shickle

About 450 tickets were sold by only our council for the state wide event at the **WEM Water Park**. The rest of the costs will be covered by State as not enough tickets were sold to make a profit.

### Fourth Degree – Bro. Clyde

**Flynn** The next meeting will be on Dec. 7.

### Insurance Agent Report – Bro.

**Dan Dean** Knights are requested to contact **Bro. Dan Dean** for their insurance and investment needs.

It should also be noted the Knight's insurance is the only triple-A rated agency. à *With thanks to Recording Secretary Bro. Gerald Lemke*

*"As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea – for they were fishermen.*

*And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him."*

Mark 1:16-18

## Council Calendar



Here is the Brother Anthony council calendar of some key dates for upcoming months.

### January 2006

8 – Pancake Breakfast  
14 – Immediate Past State Deputy Ball  
21 – Ladies Night  
25 – General Meeting

### February 2006

5 – Pancake Breakfast  
25 – Mardi Gras  
22 – General Meeting

### March 2006

5 – Pancake Breakfast  
22 – General Meeting

### April 2006

2 – Pancake Breakfast  
26 – General Meeting

### May 2006

7 – Pancake Breakfast  
24 – General Meeting

### June 2006

4 – Pancake Breakfast  
24 – Appreciation Night  
28 – General Meeting  
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