

# The ANVIL



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## Council hosts successful family New Year's Eve

Our council hosted a successful **Family New Year's Eve** party in the **Parish Hall** on Sunday, Dec. 31.

The event, drawing about 180 people, featured a three-course meal, the **Jim Tigner band**, sing-along, dance music, balloon drop and children's activities.

The evening was specially planned for families, including parents with children from pre-school age and up, as well as couples and singles!

Thanks to the knights and spouses who helped organize and make this family evening a reality.

They are **Bro. Stan Lozinski** and his wife **Barbara**, **Bro. Vittorio Cerminara** and his wife **Gemma**, **Bro. Ken Fischer** and his wife **Vera**, and **Bros. Peter Willette**, **Denis Halyk**, **Harvey Marchand** and **Steve Horvath**.

Special thanks to **Holy Family Parish family coordinator Margaret Czyn**.

Please accept our sincerest apologies if we failed to mention anyone who helped.

The work done for this event was outstanding. à

## Welcome new members

**Brother Anthony Council** welcomes three new members.

They are **Bros. Dan Sarafinchan**, a graduate of our Squire Circle who was initiated to our Order on Dec. 13; **Tri Nguyen** who reactivated his membership with our council; and **Morris Chaban** who transferred to our council.

Congratulations and welcome gentlemen! à

## Next first degree in February

The next **First Degree** held by our council will be at **7:30 p.m. on Wed., Feb. 28**.

Members are asked to invite fellow Catholic gentlemen 18 years of age or older to become Knights. That includes family or friends who would make good members of our council

If you know someone who would be a good candidate for knighthood, please contact **Bro. Peter Willette** (tel. 419-3093) or **Bro. Denis Halyk** (tel. 459-9336).

**Next Monthly General Meeting of Council** - **6 p.m., Wed. Jan. 24** (Dinner served at **6:30 p.m.**)

## Chaplain's Message Creating our own destiny

At the beginning of the New Year, people may look to an unknown future with hopes and expectations.

Despite any doubts or fears in our minds or hearts, we should take comfort as members of a community of faith.

As Christians, we must believe that we possess the will and ability to create our own destiny. The path is set for us by Jesus.

Moreover, as people of faith, we should not have to worry about anything and are never alone as God dwells in us.

Those who live and love in Jesus can never go wrong.

May the blessings of our Lord be upon you and your family in this New Year! à  
*May God bless!*  
*Fr. Mitchell Fidyka*

## Looking forward to the New Year

I wish to thank the knights and their spouses who worked so hard to bring in the **New Year** for families of our parish at the **New Year's Eve family party** held in our parish hall and hosted by our council.

It was a great success thanks to their efforts.

In this same spirit, I encourage all knights to participate and contribute in some way to our projects throughout this coming year.

Your participation and talents will help keep our council strong. You will also quickly learn how our work is so beneficial and worthwhile.

In this regard, we still are looking for volunteers to chair a **crib tournament** in February so we can make this event happen. Please consider becoming involved in this council fundraiser.

In this New Year I also invite, indeed encourage, each brother knight to help recruit one new member to our Order and council.

As well, I invite every member to attend at least one general meeting of council in this New Year.

Do not underestimate how your involvement can benefit not only our council, but our community, parish, families and youth.

These are some of the activities that make our council so special.

Have a happy and prosperous New Year!

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*Vivat Jesus!*

*Bro. Steve Horvath, GK*

## Ladies Knight this month



Our ever popular **Ladies Night** will be held in the welcoming area of our church on Sat., Jan. 20 this year.

This annual event recognizes the contributions of our spouses to our work.

During the evening event, spouses are treated to an evening of fine food prepared and served by council brother knights.

All spouses are invited to attend the evening at no cost to them. It's a great opportunity to meet with other spouses and enjoy the evening.

The event will be coordinated by **Bro. Joe Becigneul**.

Stay tuned for more details. à

## Choir brings Christmas spirit to senior residences

The **Brother Anthony Choir**, led by director **Bro. Brian Roach**, kept up the tradition of singing Christmas carols to seniors' residences in St. Albert and Edmonton during the advent season.

The choir sang both popular and spiritual Christmas carols.

The 15 or so lads visited **Chateau Mission, Northridge Lodge**, and **Youville Home** in St. Albert; and **Kipnes Centre for Veterans** in Edmonton.

**Santa** (aka Bro. Clyde) made a special appearance and as usual delighted the crowd and brother knights.

Accompanying the choir were the choir's wonderful pianist **Jody Hertlein-Tanguay** and flutist **Ruth Newman**.

Well done gentlemen and ladies! à

## Major Degree to be held on March 10

All First Degree brother knights in good standing are invited to take part in full knighthood by obtaining their **second and third degrees**.

These degrees can be obtained at the next **Major**

**Degree ceremony** to be held at **St. Joseph's High School** in Edmonton on **Saturday, March 10, 2007**.

For information please contact **Bro. Peter Willette** (419-3093) or **Bro. Denis Halyk** (459-9336). à

## Charities Appeal early bird draw to be held here

The **early bird draw** of the Knights of Columbus **Charity Appeal raffle** will be held at **Holy Family parish hall** on Jan. 27, 2007.

Help support this worthy fundraiser of the knights by buying a ticket or two.

*Reminder:* Brother knights selling the raffle tickets are reminded to submit the ticket stubs and cash to **Bro. Denis Halyk** (tel. 459-9336) prior to the draw. à

## Please pay dues promptly

**Brother Knights:** Membership notices for 2007 were put in the mail. Your prompt payment of your dues helps us to keep council's cost for postage (and added volunteer time) to a minimum.

Thanks for your cooperation! à

## Council fundraiser **Buy Sobey's certificates!**

Sobey's gift certificates are being sold by our council after weekend Masses.

We receive nine percent from the sale of each certificate while the buyer uses the entire value of the certificate for grocery purchases at Sobey's.

The certificates are available in various denominations, from \$5 to \$20.

To help sell certificates, please phone **Bro Ron** (tel. 457-6292), **Bro. Vittorio** (tel. 459-8694) or **Bro. Steve** (tel. 458-6076 or 458-0066). à

## **Support our seventh pro- life calendar!**

The seventh annual *Help Save a Life pro-life calendar* (2007 edition) features the art and poetry of junior high and high school students.

Please support this state-wide project led by our council by buying a calendar or being part of this project.

Call **Bro. Brad Cody** at tel. 458-0050 (day) or 460-5801 (evening). à



## How can you help? **Want ads**



Please choose an area you are interested in and volunteer your time and talents!

You will meet many fine people and help to keep our council dynamic, strong and vibrant.

### **Cooks for dinner meetings & help to obtain pancake breakfast supplies**

We require cooks for dinner meetings as **Bro. Adam Petryshyn**, who has prepared so many dinners for us, is stepping down. We also require a volunteer to train with Bro. Adam to obtain pancake breakfast supplies.

### **Ushers for 5 p.m. Masses on Saturday**

Our council is committed to provide ushers at 5 p.m. Masses every second Saturday of the month. A coordinator is also needed. Please contact **Bro. Steve** at 458-0066 or 458-6076.

### **Financial Secretary position for our council**

If you are interested in this important appointment, please call **Bro. Steve Horvath** at tel. 458-6076 or **Bro. Del Feser** at tel. 459-8079.

### **Join the Second/Third Degree Team**

Any member of our council interested in working on the **Second and Third Degree Team** is asked to contact **Bro. Clem Chiasson** at tel. 459-7287.

The team does about six degrees per year at communities such as **Calgary, Cold Lake and Grand Prairie**. It is rewarding and important volunteer duty for our Order.

### **Recycling phones and inkjet cartridges**

Our new initiative, to recycle cell phones and printer inkjet cartridges, requires a few hands. Give **Bro. Vittorio Cerminara** a call at 459-8694.

### **Suggestions for hall bookings**

The parish hall is booked by our council however with has no activities planned for Feb. 17 (tentatively a crib tournament), Apr 28, and May 26.

Please call **Bro. Vittorio** at 459-8694 if you have a suggestion and or can help as an organizing committee member. à

## **Brother Anthony Kowalczyk Circle 4759**



The Squires continued to be active with the ongoing support of Brother Anthony Council.

Each month the boys participate in the **Sharing and Responsibility** program, to help pack food hampers for sale; the proceeds go to various needy groups.

We held one investiture at **St. Albert Parish** in December and hope to hold another at **Holy Family** this month.

On the Dec. 16 weekend the Squires again sold *Help Save a Life* pro-life calendars, a project that was initiated by our council eight years ago. An estimated 212 calendars were sold with gross sales of \$1105.

Thanks to six Squires and councilors who spent the afternoon of Dec. 23 moving snow from the entrance area of the church and assembled the crèche.

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Submitted by Bro. Eric Schickle

## Young men invited to join Squires

We encourage young men aged 12 – 18 to join the Columbian squires. We also encourage our brother knights to join and assist as counselors.

**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](http://www.estodignus.org)  
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*Esto Dignus!*

*Bro. Eric Schickle*

## Reflection on recruiting new members

How can we recruit more Knights to our council and more Catholics into our church?

We simply need to believe and take seriously Christ's teachings to love, accept and forgive others. It is true we are not perfect, just forgiven.

We all make mistakes, struggle with sin and weakness, and have faults needing God's forgiveness and healing touch.

Yet deep inside, if fellow members of Holy Family, spouses and our own children don't at times sense we love them, see God's joy in us, and see some peace that passes understanding (despite hurtful or frustrating people and circumstances in everyone's life), perhaps some of our light has gone out. The buck stops here.

If we aren't that living Bible others can reach, let's pray for more life and light in ourselves.

Like some before us, we pray, "Lord, make a means of your peace," a channel of your love, a source of your inspiration, an instrument of faith and hope. Live what our choir sings: "Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me." Amen. à  
*Bro. Ron Krausert*

## A bit of humour The things children say

### How do you decide who to marry?

You got to find somebody who likes the same stuff. Like, if you like sports, she should like it that you like sports, and she should keep the chips and dip coming. (Alan, 10)

No person really decides before they grow up who they're going to marry. God decides it way before, and you get to find out

later who you're stuck with. (Kirsten, 10)

### How can a stranger tell if two people are married?

You might have to guess, based on whether they seem to be yelling at the same kids. (Derrick, 8)

### What do you think your mom and dad have in common?

Both don't want any more kids. (Lori, 8)

### What do most people do on a date?

On the first date, they just tell each other lies and that usually gets them interested enough to go for a second date. (Martin, 10)

Dates are for having fun, and people should use them to get to know each other. Even boys have something to say if you listen long enough. (Lynette, 8)

### Is it better to be single or married?

It's better for girls to be single but not for boys. Boys need someone to clean up after them. (Anita, 9)

### How would the world be different if people didn't get married?

There sure would be a lot of kids to explain, wouldn't there? (Kelvin, 8).

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*Thanks to Bro. Ron Krausert for submitting this bit of humour.*

## "Best wishes for a peaceful and Happy New Year!"

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