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“A time for healing”

The word “Lent” comes from a word for “springtime” - a season when new life emerges from winter.

Lent is our time for revival and renewal - the springtime of the spirit.

We have all been through enough Lents to realize that complete transformation probably will not happen.

But Lent is an opportunity for repair work in a specific area of our life that might need reconstruction.

Maybe you have doubts about the faith or questions about things we do as a Church. Lent is a time to resolve the doubts and get some straight answers.

Maybe you have been carrying personal wounds that have been eating away at you. Lent is a time to find ways to let the healing begin.

Maybe your spiritual life is stuck in neutral and you want to be able to pray as easily and spontaneously as you did as a child. Lent is a time to start to experience prayer.

Each of us has some part of our life that needs a lift and some remodeling.

Lent is less a time for pain and punishment than it is a time for healing.

As prophet Joel says in today's reading: Nobody is exempt. This is the significance of the ashes.

Beneath all our differences, we all need renewal. à

May God Bless!

Fr. Mitch Fidyka

Chaplain

Major Degree on March 11

The next **Major Degree Initiation** will be held at **St. Joseph's High School** in Edmonton on Sat., March 11, 2006.

All **First Degree** knights should consider finalizing their requirement for full membership by completing their Second and Third Degrees.

If you are the sponsor of a First Degree knight, please offer to accompany him to the Major Degree.

For more info, please contact **Bros. Denis Halyk** (459-9336) or **Gerry Belec** (459-4135).

Recruit new knights

Brother Knights: please consider asking a family member or friend to join the Knights. Help our council remain strong and dynamic.

Those who may join our Order must be men at least 18 years old and Catholic.

The requirements are few but the benefits are endless!

Contact **Bros. Denis Halyk** (459-9336) or **Gerry Belec** (459-4135) for more

info and follow-up with potential candidates. à

Thanks to Mardi Gras volunteers

I would like to express my heart felt thanks to all the volunteers who made the **Mardi Gras** on Feb. 25 in the parish hall a success.

Brother knights, friends and parishioners made it a fun evening for all who attended.

Volunteers for this annual event, hosted by our council, included:

Ticket sales: Bros. Steve Horvath, Roger Pollok & Cor De Boon

Set up: Bros. Clyde Flynn, Don Glas, Stan Lozinski, Charles Roach, George Rodziewicz & Pat Carey
Decorating: Cathy Horvath, Iris Tigner, Gemma Cerminara & Bro. Roger Pollok

Meal preparation (delicious Cajun dinner): Chef Bro. Frank Vagi and sous chefs: Bros. Jim Larock, Maurice Pasternak, Lee Pasternak & my wife Gemma

Cerminara who prepared the delicious bread pudding
Bar and clean up: Bros. Ralph Puertas, Don Prefontaine, Jim Larock, Clyde Flynn & Gerald Lemke

50/50 raffle: Bro. Jim Billsten (Bro. Gerald

Lemke won \$140). Great job!

The band led by **Bro. James Tigner** was great; thanks for your support.

To the cleaning crew: your help was so appreciated.

I hope I did not miss anyone. If so, please accept my sincerest apologies.

This event could not have happened without our great volunteers.

Together, we will work for a bigger and better Carnival in 2007! à

Vivat Jesus!

*Bro. Vittorio Cerminara
Program Director*

By popular demand Mardi Gras recipe

By popular demand, here is the recipe of the **Bread Pudding with Whiskey Sauce** served at our Mardi Gras on Feb. 25.

The recipe is from **New Orleans School of Cooking** which **Gemma Cerminara** attended in New Orleans in 2004. The recipe makes 16 to 20 servings.

BREAD PUDDING

1 1/2 French bread loaf cubed or crumbled
4 Cups homogenized milk
2 Cups sugar
8 Tbsp. butter, melted (1/2 cup)
5 Eggs (whites only; use yolks in whiskey sauce)
2 tsp. Vanilla
1 Cup raisins
1 Cup coconut
1 Cup chopped pecan, toasted
1 Tsp. cinnamon (to your taste – more is better)
1 Tsp. nutmeg (to your taste)
1 19 oz can crushed pineapple and juice

Combine all ingredients.
Mixture should be very moist

but not soupy. Pour into buttered 9x12 baking dish or larger.

Place into non-preheated oven. Bake at 350 degrees for approx. 75 minutes until top is golden brown. Serve warm with sauce.

TO MAKE ahead of time and freeze: bake 40 minutes and then freeze. When ready to serve place in hot oven and cook remainder of time.

WHISKEY SAUCE

8 Tbsp. butter (1/2 cup)
1 1/2 Cup powdered sugar (icing sugar)
5 Eggs (yolks only; use whites in bread pudding)
1/2 Cup bourbon or any liquor of your taste

Cream butter and sugar over medium heat until all butter is absorbed. Remove from heat and blend in egg yolks. Pour in bourbon gradually to your own taste, stirring constantly. Sauce will thicken as it cools. Serve warm over warm bread pudding.

Enjoy! à

Join the Fourth Degree!

Patriotism, the fourth and final principle of the Knights of Columbus, completes the points of the compass introduced in the **First Degree**.

Being a Fourth Degree Knight is something all Third Degree Knights should strive for.

Join the call to Patriotism. Join the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus!

Members of the Fourth Degree Colour Corps – in their regalia of tuxedos, capes, chapeaux and swords

– are recognizable and create a powerful presence.

To qualify for the Fourth Degree you must:

- Be over 18 years of age
- Be a citizen of Canada (if residing in Canada)
- Have been a knight for at least 12 months
- Be a Third Degree member in good standing with the council



The next exemplification will be held on May 6. Here are the details:

Upcoming Fourth Degree Exemplification
Hosted by Archbishop Emile
Legal Assembly:

Sat., May 6, 2006
Holy Family Parish Hall
St. Albert

Registration – 10 a.m.
Mass – 5 p.m. (Holy Family Church)

Cocktails: 6:15 p.m.

Dinner: 7 p.m.

Exemplification Fee: \$65 (includes banquet ticket)

Attire: Tuxedo and social baldric OR dark suit and tie

For more information please contact Faithful Navigator, **Bro. Joseph Magel** at 459-9289 or e-mail at jmagel@telus.net.

Cor de Boon & Family

Family of the Month

Congratulations to the **de Boon** family on being chosen our council's Family of the Month for January!

Bro. Cor de Boon is married to **Gail**. Cor and Gail both serve as lectors at Holy Family Parish. They also both served as Eucharistic ministers.

Bro. Cor and Gail have three children: **Nicolas, Arianna** and **Breanne**.

Cor is past parish council chairman and Gail is currently on the parish **finance committee**.

Cor is involved with various Knight council committees including **Mardi Gras, Ladies Knight**, and actively works on **pancake breakfasts**. He is a member of **Brother Anthony choir**.

Bro. Cor is also involved in the community including volunteer work with the **St. Albert Chamber of Commerce**. à

About Bro. Anthony Seeking intercession

The following is taken from the preface of "Blacksmith of God," by P.E. Breton, O.M.I. The preface was written by Anthony Jordan, Coadjutor Archbishop of Edmonton on June 30, 1959.

"As time went on I came to know him (**Brother Anthony**) better – the religious model, the man of God, whose warm and simple piety was charming and winning.

"Child-like candor shone from the countenance of this prodigious manual-worker.

His whole being exhaled virtue and he impressed us so much that we “Juniors” (at **St. John’s College, Edmonton**) instinctively confided in him.

“We, young boys, went to him with our needs – spiritual as well as material – asking his assistance and begging the powerful intercession of his prayers. This was especially true at examination time when Brother Anthony’s clients were more numerous than usual.

“His welcome was always affable and he always promised to you what was asked – on one condition – one must say an “Ave” and light a lamp before the statue of the Blessed Virgin.”
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Mark your calendar Join squires in Way of Cross

Attend the Way of the Cross, a half hour of your time, at Holy Family Church on March 31.

This celebration is being led by our squires.

At one time our council led the Way of the Cross during Lent. We handed it off to the squire circle when it formed a few years ago. They graciously accepted to take it on.

Let’s support them this year.

Show our parish how the Knights of Columbus work in a spiritual capacity with our youth! à
Bro. Joe Becigneul

Good of the Order

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Bro. Bruce Gunn** who died of a stroke on Feb. 16, 2006 while on a trip in New Zealand.

Our condolences go out to Bruce’s wife **Susan** and the Gunn family.

A memorial mass will be held at **Holy Family Church** on Sat., March 11 at 10:30 a.m. à

Squire News



Brother Anthony Kowalczyk Circle 4759

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

For information please contact **Bros. Joe Becigneul, Elmer Wifladt, Bob Clarke, Eric Schickle** or **Maurice Pasternak**.

Or visit our squire’s website www.estodignus.org
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Esto Dignus!

Bro. Maurice Pasternak

General meeting highlights

January 25, 2006

Thanks to **Bros. Bernie Arnold, Del Feser** and **Bro. Adam Petryshyn** for preparing the dinner prior to the meeting.

Grand Knight’s Report Bro. Steve Horvath

The Past State Deputy’s Ball and Ladies’ Night were both great successes.

District Deputy’s Report Bro. Martin Blanchette

Congratulated the council for all the good work we are doing.

There is a District Meeting at St. Peter’s Church in Villeneuve for the grand knight, deputy grand knight and financial secretary. All district councils are invited.

Our first degree team was congratulated; it is the only one in District 11.

Bro. Brad Cody was thanked for his hard work as **Youth Chair** for State.

Bro. Vittorio Cerminara was thanked for chairing the **Provincial Soccer Challenge Committee**.

Treasurer’s Report – Bro. Stan Lozinski

The bank balance is growing nicely. Money in the casino account needs to be allocated.

Financial Secretary’s Report – Bro. Del Feser
Cheques have been written and passed on for following budgeted charities: **Sign of Hope, Camp Encounter,** and **Newman Theological College**.

There have been four transfers out of our council. An audit will be done on Monday, Jan. 30 at **Bro. Del Feser’s** house. 64 member dues are currently outstanding.

Bills & Communications

Joanne Carey thanked council for the donation after her building condo fire. The cost to engrave the stain glass plaque, a budgeted item, is \$768.

Committee Reports

Knight of the Month – Bro. Gary Johnson
Family of the Month – Bro. Rob Breda and Family

Honoured as members of the **Knights of Columbus 50 Year Club: Bros. Joseph Berland, Bro. Gabriel Ehnes** and **Fr. Miller Murton**.

Soccer Challenge – Bro. Vittorio Cerminara

The soccer challenge works the same as basketball Free Throw. All is going as planned. The kit with all the rules and forms has been ordered.

Membership – Bro. Denis Halyk

Our quota this year is 11 members. We already have 7 new members; one withdrew.

Four more new members joined our council, leaving us one short of our quota.

All of the **Council’s Charity Appeal** tickets were sold and handed in on time for the early bird draw.

Ways and Means Committee – Bro. Harvey Marchand & Bro. Neil Wenger

The committee will not run fundraisers but come up with possible opportunities members can take forward. The committee will think of ways existing fundraisers can be improved.

Church – Bro. Peter Willette

The baptismal font construction is going well. A semi-permanent platform for the altar is being built. Last year's regular donations were up by 10 percent: \$30,000 went to **Fr. Hebert's mission**.

Pro-Life – Bro. Brad Cody

The letter for 2007 calendar submissions will be sent shortly. Over \$11,000 was raised so far this year for the 2006 calendars.

Old Business

Carried that council put forward a resolution to have the **Pro-Life calendar** become a state-sponsored project.

The executive discussed giving money to the **St. Francis Xavier's House for Untouchable Children** at their last meeting. It was decided council is unable to support this cause at this time but will publish information in *The Anvil* so members can choose to individually support this cause.

Bro. Vittorio Cerminara informed council he has 11 members on the phone committee.

New Business

The **State Curling Bonspiel** to be held in Vegreville (March 17-19) is filling up fast. **Bro. Clem Chiasson**

agreed to head up a team for the bonspiel.

Fourth Degree – Bro. Joe Magel

Most members are paid up. Bro. Joe would like the fourth degree version of the fraternal report changed to better reflect the uniqueness of the degree.

Insurance Agent Report

–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.

Good of the Order. Prayers were requested for a number of members, their families and friends. à

With thanks to Bro. Gerald Lemke, Recording Secretary

Reminder

Paid your dues?

THANKS TO ALL MEMBERS WHO HAVE PROMPTLY PAID THEIR ANNUAL DUES.

A SECOND NOTICE HAS BEEN SENT TO THOSE WHO HAVE YET TO PAY; PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

THANKS FOR YOUR COOPERATION. à

*Bro. Del Feser
Financial Secretary
36 Finch Crescent,
St. Albert, T8N-1Y6*

Council Calendar

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

March 2006

5 – Pancake Breakfast
22 – General Meeting

April 2006

2 – Pancake Breakfast (Daylight Savings Time – clocks ahead one hour)
14 – **Good Friday**
16 – **Easter Sunday**
26 – General Meeting

May 2006

7 – Pancake Breakfast
14 – Mother's Day
22 – Victoria Day
24 – General Meeting

June 2006

4 – Pancake Breakfast
18 – Father's Day
24 – Appreciation Night
28 – General Meeting
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Passage from March scripture reading:

"After Jesus was baptized, the Spirit drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

"Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the good news of God, and

saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

Mark 1:12-15

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