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MARCH 2010

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Next General Council Meeting

6 p.m., Wed., March 24, 2010 (dinner served at 6:30 p.m.)

Grand Knight Message

Council achieves its own “PB”

Canadians are proud of our accomplishments at the Winter Olympics in Vancouver last month.

It was a memorable games and Canada achieved a record-setting number of gold medals ever won by one nation at a Winter Olympics. While celebrating the medal wins, we sometimes forget that thousands of athletes never win a medal. Yet every so often you will see the abbreviation *PB* beside an athlete’s name, which stands for *Personal Best*. For many of the athletes achieving their PB is their Olympic medal.

Why is all this information provided about the Olympics?

As Grand Knight it is my responsibility to submit the Brother Anthony nominations for state awards in ten different categories. This year the process took over two months of writing, editing and creating visual presentations.

I do not know what the results will be when the judging takes place in two weeks. However, I do know that our council has achieved a *PB*. We have quality submissions in all ten categories. This is due in large part to the dedicated Brother Knights who unselfishly give of their time and with great effort to create amazing results.

I want everyone to know that regardless of how the submissions will be judged, our council has produced incredible results to this point of the Columbian year and we should all be proud of our PB. à

Vivat Jesus!

Bro. Bruno Binassi

Grand Knight

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2010

March

- 6 - Seminarian Night (dinner by Frank's team)
- 7 - Pancake Breakfast (Lamar's team)
- 24 - Council meeting (dinner by Lamar's team)
- 28 - Passion Sunday

April

- 2 - Good Friday
- 4 - Easter Sunday
- * 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)
- 26 - Council meeting (dinner by Gilbert's team)

June

- 6 - Pancake Breakfast (Lamar's team)
- 23 - Council meeting (dinner by Lamar's team)
- * 26 - Grand Knight's Dinner (Gilbert's team)

* To be confirmed

Chaplain's Message

Conversion follows reconciliation

Reconciliation with one another is often hard to do.

Our Lord says: if you bring a gift to the altar and recall a distance between yourself and others, go and reconcile first. Our worship should reflect our life. A single act such as reconciliation can be one of the more difficult things to do during Lent.

That one effort can be more demanding than any amount of fasting and spiritual exercise. In fact, many of us would prefer penitential rituals than approaching another person to say: we cannot go on like this. It is easier to reconcile with God than with other human beings.

But when two people put down their weapons, both of them are changed. It is a first step toward conversion. Indeed, such reconciliation can be a moment of grace and growth.

If we can bring ourselves to forgive another, or be forgiven by another, then Lent will have been a spiritual reward. à

May God Bless,

Fr. Mitchell Fidyka

Chaplain

"Then they brought the colt to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it.

"As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully, and with a loud voice, for all the deed of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

(Luke 19.35-38)

GK's News

Supreme Knight **Bro. Carl Anderson** will be speaking at a banquet in his honour in Edmonton on May 26.

To date seven brothers indicated they would like to attend. I have asked the organizing committee to set aside two additional tables of eight for the council as a result.

If you are interested please call me at 780-459-7971 to add your name to the list and indicate how many tickets you would like.

If the list exceeds the number of places available a draw will take place at our March meeting. Each ticket will cost \$60.

Thanks to **Bros. Cor de Boon, Bernie Arnold,** and **Vittorio Cerminara** and his wife **Gemma** for helping to organize the **Seminarian Night Dinner**.

The council gift, a large flat screen television, was to be presented to the seminarians along with individual gift cards.

A big thank you to the Brother Knights who helped sponsor seminarian gift cards: **Bros. George Amyotte, Bernie Arnold, Gerry Belec, Bruno Binassi, Mickey Casavant, Vittorio Cerminara, Morris Chaban, Clem Chiasson, Bob Clarke, Cor de Boon, Denis Halyk, John Melo, Walter McKenna, Charlie Roach and George Rodziewicz.**

Thank you to **Bros. Cor de Boon and Gilbert Zolondek** for heading the committee for **Ladies' Night** on February 13. There were many brothers in attendance to help.

The effort and entertainment did not go unappreciated by the guests. I received many positive comments at the end of the evening. à

Vivat Jesus!

Bro. Bruno Binassi

Grand Knight



CHECK IT OUT!

Register on our new website

www.brotheranthony.org/new

Brother Knights: please register on our new website. Take advantage of all its features.

**BE SURE TO REGISTER even if you feel you are a computer novice!
You will benefit from what the upgraded website offers.**

Here are the easy steps:

1. Go the website (address appears 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. Be sure to record your password in a secure place so you can refer to it in case you forget it.

By registering, you will access valuable and interesting parts of the site that are 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, Bro. **Fred Holtslag**. Email him by clicking on the Webmaster email link on the website home page or phone: 780-460-2917. à

Important community project ...

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

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Council cooks up a storm in a busy month

It is an understatement to say our council is getting to be quite adept at cooking meals for all sorts of occasions.

February was probably one of the busiest cooking months ever for our council.

We prepared or helped with a total of over 2,000 meals last month due to the contributions of so many brother knights.

To start, about eight brother knights prepared 200 servings of stew for the homeless seniors the first Thursday of the month.

Next, brothers helped with the Parish supper and dinner held in the Parish Hall on Feb. 6. It was as Fr. Mitch put it a way for parishioners to get together before the Lenten season.

A few knights were involved in preparing the roast beef for the parish function. Our members worked with many other Holy Family parishioners to serve that great meal.

Next day, our council prepared a brunch and lunch; **Bro. Gilbert's** pancake team did all the work. It was a memorable meal to say the least.

On Shrove Tuesday we cooked pancakes and sausages for students and staff at **Neil M. Ross Catholic Elementary** school in St. Albert.

We made 500 to 600 meals consisting of some 2,100 pancakes and 1,500 sausages.

This project started at 7:30 a.m. and the last pancakes were finished and ready to go just before noon.

Hold on! There's more.

Our brothers prepared a fine meal for **Ladies Night** on the Valentine's Day weekend. That was led by Bro. Gilbert and his team. And it was by all accounts one of the best culinary experiences in our Council's history.

It included a special mushroom soup, fresh salad, a chicken or shrimp entree, dessert and special coffee.

Finally we fed homeless seniors again on our regular third Thursday of the month. That was a great hamburger soup meal with buttered buns.

I offer BIG thanks to every Brother Knight who helped in any way with the cooking this month.

You all really cooked up a storm! à

Bro. Cor de Boon

Brothers: your choir needs you!

Come share your talent, no matter how great or small, with your brothers in the Brother Anthony Council Choir. 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. Come join us in song! à

Bro. Brian Roach, Choir Director, 780-459-9029

Ladies Night a success on Valentine's Day weekend

Brother Anthony Council hosted our Annual Ladies' Night on the Valentine's Day weekend in February.

Several months of planning culminated in a fantastic formal evening on February 13 in the Parish Hall.

The organizing committee chaired by Deputy Grand Knight **Bro. Cor de Boon** had one goal in mind: to surpass the previous Ladies' Night; that would be no easy feat. An organizing committee of four brothers led a working group of 32 members.

All servers (brother knights) had to dress in black tie. A five course meal was to rival that of any five-star restaurant. The entertainment would also have to be a hit.

The committee began preparing in November last year. Notices were put into parish bulletin and the Council newsletter, *The Anvil*.

Prior to the evening, six members underwent an intensive training session organized by the committee.

So the gourmet meal was to be served by a team of highly trained brother knights/waiters.

Servers had to follow a strict protocol for serving and clearing tables, whether that dealt with serving wine, placing each dinner plate before each guest, or in meeting any other request.

The evening began right after the 5 p.m. Mass on Feb. 13. The ladies met in **Brother Anthony Room** for cocktails and appetizers prepared by a team of expert bartenders. Then the ladies were escorted to the dining room by the **Fourth Degree Honour Guard of Émile Légal Assembly**.

They were seated at elegantly decorated tables with numerous pieces of flatware adorning their place settings. The ladies were formally welcomed by official host, our Grand Knight, **Bro. Bruno Binassi**. He thanked the ladies for all their support which makes the work of council possible.

Fr. Mitch led us in saying grace. Then dinner was served. The menu consisted of:

- Portobello Mushroom Soup
- *Lovers' Salad* with Raspberry Vinaigrette
- Entrée choice of Prosciutto Wrapped Feta Chicken or Shrimp Pasta
- Tiramisu
- Spanish Coffee

Bro. George Amyotte toasted the ladies during dessert. His wife **Simone** responded on behalf of the ladies. Then the live variety entertainment began. **Kip the Court Jester** provided an hour of hilarity, entertainment and amazing magic. Many ladies and even Fr. Mahesh became a part of the show.

This year, Ladies' Night turned out to be one of our best efforts.

Fr. Mitchell and associate pastor Fr. Mahesh attended as did two religious sisters and two women consecrated to lay life joined the festivities. This was our way of showing thanks to them for the work they do in our parish and community.

The wives of deceased brother knights were also invited letting them know they will always be a part of our fraternal community.

The gourmet meal was prepared and served by the Council's Knights with no outside assistance.

The entertainer added an element of fun to finish the memorable evening.

There were many compliments after the evening. Several new council members and their wives experienced their first Ladies' Night: they enjoyed the evening and met fine brother knights and spouses.

Finally, the team of 32 Knights were dedicated to making this the best Ladies' Night ever.

Thanks to everyone! à

General Meeting Highlights

Jan 27, 2010 meeting

A dinner and Charity Appeals Early Bird draw preceded the general meeting.

Formation Program – Bro. Denis Halyk The theme was *A Priest the Evangelizer of the Uncatechized*. **Bro. Bernie Arnold** presented the readings.

Grand Knight Report – Bro. Bruno Binassi Banking fees are high and alternatives are being examined ... Council is looking at providing a group gift to seminarians of \$1,500 for a big screen TV; to be collected from those who previously sponsored a seminarian. ... The **Seminarian Night** (March 6) tickets are being sold for \$25 after each weekend Mass. ... State submissions are being prepared. ... Council unanimously carried motions to endorse **Bro. Gary Johnson** as State Secretary and **Bro. Bruno Binassi** as Alberta/NWT Insurance Delegate.

Treasurer's Report – Bro. Bruno Binassi Presented a bank statement with explanation of cheques. Account Balance is \$40,894 (as of Dec 31 09).

Financial Secretary Report – Bro. Bob Clarke The membership card replacement was discussed. ... The fraternal activity report has been submitted. ... The Semi Annual Audit is due Feb. 15 10. ... A copy of *Simply Accounting* has been purchased for Council. ... Outstanding dues: nine members overdue by more than three years; 17 member overdue two years.

Program and Activities – Bro. Cor de Boon More help is required with the Blood Donor Clinics. **Bro. Clem Chiasson** has agreed to help organize the volunteers. ... The **Bishops Catholic Conference** is being held in March. ... **Bro. Brad Cody** informed Council that **Supreme Knight Carl Anderson** will speak in **Edmonton** at the **Mayfield Inn**. A table of eight costs \$550 or \$75 for individual tickets, includes banquet. Contact: **Bro. Brad Cody**. ... Council carried motion to secure a table of eight at the Supreme Knight evening for \$550 (see separate item in this issue of *The Anvil* for an update including reduced price).

Fourth Degree – Bro. Bernie Arnold Next exemplification is on May 8 at Holy Family Parish. ... The school program is now being formalized with **Ecole Marie Poburan** in St. Albert. ... Fourth Degree meetings are held at **Holy Family Parish** at 8 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month.

District Deputy – Bro. Morris Chaban A bus will be leaving for State convention if anyone wants to join us. Trip is free. Contact **Bro. Morris Chaban** for details. ... Bro. Morris encouraged our Council to keep up our good work.

Good of the Order GK Bro. Bruno Binassi led the Council with the Good of the Order.

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*

Squire News

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

Meet our Seminarians

Every month since September we featured a few seminarians studying at St. Joseph Seminary in Edmonton.

Here are the **final three of the 27** seminarians featured.

This is part of our efforts to show support to our seminarians.

Our council and the Knights of Columbus in general support the men who are dedicated to serve in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Your support and prayers for all the seminarians is appreciated.



Hugh Dowell, 24, was born in **Ottawa, ON**. He is in his second year of study at **St. Joseph Seminary**. He is studying for the **Diocese of Calgary**.



Michael Joosten, 22, was born in **Olds, AB**. He is studying for the **Archdiocese of Edmonton**, and is in his fourth year of studies.



Roger Niedzielski, 17, was born in **Edmonton** and is studying for **Archdiocese of Edmonton**. He is in his first year of studies at **St. Joseph Seminary**.

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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