

The ANVIL



NEWSLETTER OF BROTHER ANTHONY COUNCIL 10014

MAY 2010

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Next General Council Meeting is one week earlier than usual
6 p.m., Wed., May 19, 2010 (dinner served at 6:30 p.m.)

Grand Knight Message

“The Virgin Mary: A Model of Faith”



Do you still have the rosary you received when you became a Knight? And if so, do you use it? There is a lot of significance in this gift we received at the First Degree. The rosary is a way of meditating and praying to keep us focused on Jesus' life from his birth to ascension; it also has a parallel in the life of the Virgin Mary.

As we recite and reflect on the mysteries, the true example of faith Mary provides us becomes obvious. She was obedient to the Father's will but that did not mean life would be painless. A young woman caught in extraordinary circumstances, Mary had only her faith to sustain her through difficult circumstances.

She endured tragic events that would make her a refugee and a widow. She would watch her only child die an excruciating death reserved for criminals. We know that she would ultimately be rewarded for her faith. When we pray the rosary we receive the same reassurance. à

Vivat Jesus!
Bro. Bruno Binassi
Grand Knight

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2010

May

- 2 - Pancake Breakfast (Gilbert's team)
- 8 - Fourth Degree Exemplification, Holy Family Parish
- 9 - Mother Day's Brunch (Lamar's team)
- 19 - Council meeting (dinner by Gilbert's team)
- 26 - Supreme Knight's Banquet

June

- 6 - Pancake Breakfast (Lamar's team)
- 12 - Grand Knight's Dinner (Gilbert's team) **Must register by June 5 to allow for meal planning**
- 23 - Council meeting (dinner by Lamar's team)

Please note: the next General Meeting will be held on May 19

Chaplain's Message

Give support & good example

Our Parish begins the **First Communion** of close to 150 children this month. As members of **Holy Family Parish**, a faith community, we should all feel responsibility for these children.

While we have Catholic schools, religious classes and Catholic parents, the support of the community and good example are also needed.

There is a story about a self-righteous **Sunday school teacher**. One day he was teaching the importance of living a perfect Christian life, using himself as an example. Toward the end of the class, he asked the kids: "Why do people call me a Christian?" After a moment's pause, one of the kids answered, "Maybe it's because they don't know you."

Consider your First Communion and love of the Eucharist. Can you recall that event? Do you remember when you were so close to the altar, and your promise to always stay close to Jesus Christ?

Do you remember calling him your best friend and Good Shepherd? What has happened since then? How successful were you over the years?

Maybe the pews up front were a little too close to the altar so you moved to the back, to the side, away from the altar. Remember promising to keep the flame of faith alive in your heart?

There are mature Catholics who only know the prayers from the time of their First Communion. It's sad because it means there was no growth or development in their faith. Yes, we can say it's a sign of our times like the skylines of our big cities: there was a time when the biggest and tallest buildings were churches. Now they are probably financial institutions.

The First Communion of our children is a parish event. Let's make it a moment to reaffirm our faith in the Eucharist. How deeply do we believe this great mystery? Do we "show in deed what we profess by creed?"

Many parish children will receive Jesus Christ for the first time. Let us show them that we are a Eucharistic people: generous, unselfish, and giving, like Jesus himself. à

May God Bless,

Fr. Mitchell Fidyka, Chaplain

GK News

The **Grand Knight's Dinner** will be held on June 12. This will be a catered event. If you plan to attend, please let **Bro. Cor de Boon** or me know by June 5. You can contact me at tel. 780-459-7971 or email at binassi@telusplanet.net; or Bro. Cor at tel. 780-458-8259) or cor@deboon.ca.

The caterer will require a final number a week beforehand. So you must be registered one week ahead of time to take advantage of this opportunity. Sorry, but no last minute reservations will be accepted.

A write-up of the council's program *Supporting Our Seminarians* was submitted to the Supreme office for publication. By May 1, this submission should be available online at: www.kofc.org >>>News >>>Knights in Action>>>Western Canada.

Council elections will be held at the May meeting. Please consider letting your name stand for election. For more information please contact me directly.

The May general dinner meeting will be held on the 19th (one week earlier) to allow Bro. Cor and me to attend the **Supreme Knight's banquet** the following Wednesday.

Our council's submissions to State for Awards are posted on-line at our website. You must be registered to access the submissions as they are posted on a members' restricted area. Obtain a password by following the directions on the home page of our website. If you have already registered on our website, you can view the submissions by logging in to www.brotheranthony.org >>>About Our Council >>>Submissions to State.

The **Squires' Circle** is still recruiting counselors. The commitment is two-three hours per month.

Lastly, welcome to our new members who were initiated at the April 28 meeting and to the **First Degree team** who once again did an outstanding job. à

Vivat Jesus!

Bro. Bruno Binassi

Grand Knight

Welcome to six new members!

Congratulations and welcome to six new members who were initiated to the First Degree on Wednesday, April 28.

They are **Brothers John Fernandes, Stephan Lyons, Michael Paul, Kris Schmidt, John Slapman and Wayne Wolinski.**

We also welcome **Bro. Jerry Stack** who transferred his membership to our council.

Please be sure to welcome our new members to **Brother Anthony Council.**

All brother knights of our council, new or long time, are encouraged to become involved in Knight and council activities to make the most of their membership.

Meet many fine and talented brother knights in Brother Anthony Council. It is a great fraternity! à

Major Degree to be held June 5

All First Degree Knights are invited to more fully enter into the Order by obtaining their second and third degrees (Major Degree). The new Major Degree will be held on June 5. à

Support Squire Bike-a-thon

The Squires will be holding their **annual bike-a-thon** on the weekend of May 1. This year we're biking for *Hands Across Africa*.

Every penny we collect will go to expanding an orphanage school in Sierra Leone. We're also hoping to help them purchase solar panels and computers.

Hands Across Africa is a grassroots cause. It came to our attention when one of our Squires was considering climbing **Mt. Kilimanjaro** as part of a major fundraiser. This initiative is headed by healthcare professionals in St. Albert and Edmonton.

Your support of the Squires in this and its other activities is appreciated. à

Bro. John Kirk

Register on our new website

www.brotheranthony.org/new

Brother Knights: **be sure to register on our website. The steps are easy:**

1. Go the website (address 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 using a password, and check out the new members-only sections. Be sure to note your password in a secure place in case you forget it. Register to access member only parts of the site, including "Notice Board." Any questions? Contact our Webmaster: clicking on the Webmaster email link on the website home page. Or phone **Bro. Fred** at 780-460-2917. à

One of our biggest ever breakfasts

Our Sunday pancake breakfast in the Parish Hall on April 10 drew one of the largest crowds ever. As a result, **Bro. Frank Vagi's** team was short on its supply of eggs and sausages near the end of the breakfast. That does not happen often. It's the price to pay for being so popular! Council earned a record \$1,300 from the breakfast. à

Your choir needs you!

Come share your singing talent, no matter how great or small, with your brothers in the **Brother Anthony Council Choir**. **More voices** make for better and bigger sound in praise and honour of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Our council choir usually sings 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. If you love music, join us! à

Call Bro. George 780-459-1193 or Bro. Clem 780-459-7287

PRAYER FOR POPE BENEDICT XVI



Lord, source of eternal life and truth, give to your shepherd, Benedict, a spirit of courage and right judgment, a spirit of knowledge and love. By governing with fidelity those entrusted to his care, may he, as successor to the Apostle Peter and Vicar of Christ, build your Church into a sacrament of unity, love and peace for all the world. Amen.

V: Let us pray for Benedict, the pope.

R: May the Lord preserve him, give him a long life, make him blessed upon the earth, and not hand him over to the power of his enemies.

V: May your hand be upon your holy servant.

R: And upon your son, whom you have anointed.

Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory Be...

In Solidarity with Our Holy Father

General Meeting Highlights

Meeting of March 24 10

Grand Knight Report – Bro. Bruno Binassi Thanks to all who helped with the **Stations of the Cross**.

Seminarian Night went well. The dinner and gift were well received. Thank you cards were received from: **seminarians** thanking for support via RSVP; **Neil M. Ross School** for Shrove Tuesday meal; **Sisters Mary & Patricia** for the invite to **Ladies Night**; **Louise Carey** for all the support she has received

All ten State Submissions were delivered on time.

The draw for seats at the “extra table” at the **Supreme Knight Banquet** was held. Our Council purchased two tables for the event. The cost is \$55 per person for the banquet on May 26, 2010

Treasurer's Report – Bro. Bob Clarke The Simple Accounting detail report was distributed for review. Our bank balance on Feb. 26: \$49,960

Financial Secretary's Report – Bro. Bob Clarke We have four new members. Sixteen notices of intent to suspend are ready to go, and will be submitted unless we get close to our quota.

Program and Activities – Bro. Cor de Boon The **May pancake breakfast** will honour mothers. The last big event of the Columbian year (ending June 30) is the **Grand Knight's Dinner** on June 12.

Squires – Bro. Joe Malon The Circle needs more counselors; help even for one event would be greatly appreciated. The Circle will present a cheque for over \$4,000 to **Alberta Pro-life**; proceeds from **Help Save a Life pro-life calendar** sales for the last three years; presentations to be made at the Apr 11 weekend Masses.

New Business Pastoral Care will have a presentation on **Catholic Funerals**: Wed., Apr 28 from 7 to 9 pm.
Bro. Bob McKenzie displayed two trophies that the curling team won at the **State Curling Bonspiel**: for most fraternal team and winning the B event.

Fourth Degree – Bro. Bernie Arnold Next exemplification is on May 8 at **Holy Family Parish**. To date six members have stepped forward to join the Fourth Degree. Contact is Bro. Bernie Arnold. Meetings are at **Holy Family Parish** on the first Thursday of the month at 8 pm.

District Deputy Report – Bro. Morris Chaban The fraternal year is coming to a close and our Council has done a great job achieving many successes. Our Council will have a first degree at the next meeting.

Grand Knight Bro. Bruno Binassi led 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



Brother Anthony Columbian Squires Circle #4759

Following is a summary of Squire Circle activities and awards. The Circle is affiliated with our Knights council and Holy Family Parish.

2009/2010 Columbian Year Volunteer Activities

- **Special Olympics** bowling & floor hockey tournament
- **Pro-Life** calendar sales
- Set-up and clean up at Knights of Columbus **Pancake Breakfasts**
- Ushering Sat. 5 p.m. Mass
- *Holy Family Parish Creche*
- **CWL Bazaar** and Bake Sale
- **First Communion** Preparation

Fundraisers

- **Annual Bike-a-Thon**: \$2,400 for *Families at the Dump* (Mexico) and *Youth Emergency Shelter Society* (Edmonton).
- Stipend from **Kinsmen** from **Rainmaker Rodeo**

Fun/Spiritual Activities

- Gym Night
- Laser Tag Games at **Laser Quest**
- **St. Albert Steel** Hockey Games and **Oilers'** Skills Competition
- Ice Fishing
- Squire Family Advent Wreath
- Squire Circle Meetings
- Investiture Team
- The **Stations of the Cross**
- Praying the Rosary

Past Awards

- State Circle of the Year
- State Chief Squire of the Year
- State Squire of the Year
- State Project of the Year

- *Corps D'Elite Awards* (Squire version of Knight Star Council award)
- *Brother Barnabas Awards* (for best 25 projects across the Order - named after Squire Founder Bro. Barnabas McDonald)
- City of St. Albert Volunteer Centre, Youth Group of the Year Awards

Squire Month a busy time

Members and counselors of **Brother Anthony Kowalczyk Circle 4759** presented a cheque to **Alberta Pro-Life** for \$4,206. The presentation was made at the April 10 weekend Masses, part of Squire Month celebrated by Circles throughout the Order last month (see story on last page).

The funds represent proceeds earned by the Circle from the sale of **Help Save a Life pro-life calendars**. The calendar is a project initiated and sustained by **Brother Anthony Council 10014**.

This issue of *The Anvil* lists many of the other worthwhile projects and activities that our Squires are involved with, including their regular help at our monthly pancake breakfasts. Squires distributed promotional leaflets at the April 10 pancake breakfast; they will be used at the **Bike-a-Thon** in early May. A Squire spoke at both Sunday breakfasts, describing the Squires Program.

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 at www.estodignus.org

Esto Dignus!

Bro. John Kirk

Cell 780-913-1484

Help wanted

Regular help appreciated for blood donor clinics

Help is needed for our ever important **council-hosted blood donor clinics**, held once every two months at **Holy Family Parish Hall**. Three volunteers needed to work from 3 to 6 p.m. and three more volunteers to work from 6 to 9 p.m.

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

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 Wed. 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

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.

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.

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PLEASE SEE LAST PAGE FOR STORY ABOUT “SQUIRE MONTH”

Squires celebrate *Squire Month* in April

Our Squire program develops spiritual and leadership growth under Knights of Columbus guidance



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Brother Knights: help keep our Squire Circle a going concern! *Chief counselor and Brother Knight John Kirk* (photo: back row, third from left) invites you to help our Squire Circle in their projects. The Squire program develops spiritual and leadership growth under the guidance of the Knights of Columbus. For information or ways in which you can help, please call Bro. John at 780-913-1484.