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# The ANVIL



NEWSLETTER OF BROTHER ANTHONY COUNCIL 10014

NOVEMBER 2009

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## **GK Message**

### ***A time to remember***

This month is traditionally set aside as one of remembrance.

The Church starts the month with **All Saints** and **All Souls** days. Canadians mark the sacrifices of our soldiers on **Remembrance Day**. Our council will have a special intention said at the **Memorial Mass** on November 7 to remember our deceased Brother Knights.

These commemorations often become routine but their meanings should never be.

The first degree of our Order is Charity. **Fr. McGivney** created the Knights of Columbus with the intention of providing support to fellow Catholics when they were most in need: at the death of husbands and fathers which often resulted in hardship for surviving family members.

When we set aside time to include the widows of our deceased knights, we rededicate ourselves to the fundamental principle that started our Order.

We are fortunate to have a **First Degree Team** made up of Brother Anthony Knights. The opportunity to hear the beautiful words of the **First Degree** is readily available to us.

Revisiting the touchstone of our Order permits us the opportunity to rededicate ourselves to the founding principle for all the other ideals we treasure.

When we do so, the ceremonies to commemorate them become all the more meaningful. à

*Vivat Jesus,*

*Bro. Bruno Binassi, Grand Knight*

**Next General Council Meeting - 6 p.m., Wed., Nov. 25, 2009 (dinner served at 6:30 p.m.)**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS – 2009-10

<p><b>2009</b></p> <p><u>November</u>  7 – Memorial Mass (5 p.m.)  7 – Italian Night &amp; Silent Auction (Lamar’s team)  25 – Council meeting (dinner by Gilbert’s team)</p> <p><u>December</u>  6 – Pancake Breakfast (Lamar’s team)  16 – Council meeting (dinner by Lamar’s team)</p> <p><b>2010</b></p> <p><u>January</u>  * 10 – Pancake Breakfast (Frank’s team)  27 – Council meeting (dinner by Frank’s team)</p> <p><u>February</u>  7 – Pancake Breakfast (Gilbert’s team)  13 – Ladies’ Knight (dinner by Gilbert’s team)  24 – Council meeting (dinner by Gilbert’s team)</p>	<p><u>March</u>  6 - Seminarian Night (tentative) (dinner by Frank’s team)  7 – Pancake Breakfast (Lamar’s team)  24 – Council meeting (dinner by Lamar’s team)</p> <p><u>April</u>  4 – Easter Sunday  * 11 – Pancake Breakfast (Frank’s team)  28 – Council meeting (dinner by Frank’s team)</p> <p><u>May</u>  2 - Pancake Breakfast (Gilbert’s team)  9 – Mother Day’s Brunch (Lamar’s team)  26 – Council meeting (dinner by Gilbert’s team)</p> <p><u>June</u>  6 – Pancake Breakfast (Lamar’s team)  23 – Council meeting (dinner by Lamar’s team)  * 26 – Grand Knight’s Dinner (Gilbert’s team)</p> <p>* <b>To be confirmed</b></p>
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### Chaplain’s Message

## “Love and faith in marriage”

The example of love and faith in marriage can be a great inspiration for many people.

We celebrate wedding anniversaries in our Church when married couples renew their wedding vows before the entire congregation. This is a powerful moment. I can see it the faces of the congregation, bringing some to tears.

Couples know that marriage is a marvelous sacrament. It also bears great responsibilities including the raising of children while remaining steadfast in loving one another.

There are many examples of wonderful, faithful couples in our own parish.

I had the privilege of presiding at the **70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary** of **Gabriel and Christine Ehnes** in **St. Albert** in October. Before family and friends, they renewed their wedding vows with a promise to love each other in fidelity, as they have their whole married lives.

This is a great testament to the spirit of the Lord at work in those dedicated to Him and to one another.

Holy matrimony creates a bond made in heaven. So it must be guarded and nurtured to be fulfilled in its ultimate richness.

The love of Christ binds faithful couples more closely to each other.

May God bless all faithful married couples! They are an example to us all. à

*May God Bless,*

*Fr. Mitchell Fidyka, Chaplain*

## **Grand Knight's News ...**

All council members are encouraged to attend the **Memorial Mass** at **Holy Family Church** on Saturday, November 7 at 5 p.m.

I take this opportunity to thank **Bro. Vittorio** and **Gemma Cerminara** for their impressive effort in coordinating the **Italian Night meal**. Special thanks also to **Bro. Bernie Arnold** for helping to coordinate the seminarians' attendance at **Italian Night** and **Bros. Cor de Boon** and **Denis Halyk** for their work on the silent auction.

**Gift certificates** for **Sobeys** and **Safeway** will be sold the four weekends prior to **Christmas**. These gift cards make an ideal Christmas gift. They will be available after the weekend Masses.

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*Vivat Jesus!*

*Bro. Bruno Binassi, Grand Knight*

***Last call for tickets! Raising funds for our charitable work***

## ***Festa Italiana!***

This is the last call to buy tickets to **Festa Italiana**, an evening of dinner, dance and **an opportunity to support our council's many works of charity**. Make this an evening with family and friends! **It will be held in the Parish Hall on November 7**, after the 5 p.m. Mass. Call or e-mail now. Tickets are sold after Sunday Masses. Alternatively, to obtain tickets or to donate to the silent auction, please contact: **Bro. Cor de Boon, Cell: 780-918-3172, E-mail: cor@deboon.ca**

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### ***Survey results***

## ***Members are kept informed***

Thanks to all Brother Knights who completed our recent survey about **council communications**.

Council members were invited to complete the survey in early October; of the 50 respondents (17% of council's 290 members), 40 used the online survey via our council website; ten used the hardcopy version attached to the October issue of *The Anvil*.

Overall, 95% of respondents feel that they are being "somewhat" to "very well informed" about council activities.

This suggests most respondents feel that our council is generally doing a good job of keeping members informed.

Members rely on various sources to keep informed. *The Anvil*, email and general meetings were identified as the **main** sources of information for 35%, 34% and 20% of respondents respectively.

Eleven percent of respondents identified one of the following as a main source of information: council website, pancake breakfasts, phone calls or word of mouth.

The majority of respondents identified *The Anvil* and email as their single **preferred** sources (39% and 37% respectively).

About 80% of respondents were aware that our council operates our own website at **brotheranthony.org** while 20% were unaware of it.

A number of respondents favored adding various features to our website from a list of possible improvements.

These features include: a **bulletin board** to post jobs for hire, members looking for work, volunteers

needed, etc.; **online polls or surveys** to get member feedback; and **forums** for members to discuss pertinent issues.

It was also suggested that an up-to-date calendar of events be included on the website homepage (in addition to the one provided in *The Anvil*).

A few members suggested keeping general meetings as short as possible (e.g., conduct initiations on separate days) and using a one-column format for the online version of *The Anvil* (versus the four-column “newspaper” format in the hardcopy version).

Expect to see a few improvements in our communications over the next few weeks and months based on the survey results. à

### ***Help needed***

## ***Help feed homeless seniors***

One of our council activities is to **feed homeless seniors** in Edmonton. We are committed to this the **first and third Thursdays of each month**.

I am so proud our council is involved in this activity. This truly is about charity, our Order’s first principle.

We need more knights and spouses to make 200 meal portions. It takes little time.

Sometimes we start the night before going from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Other times the meal can be cooked on Thursday starting at 8 a.m., served at 11:15 a.m. and back to the Church by 1:30 p.m.

We need help to cut vegetables, butter buns, and other jobs. We’ll teach you everything.

We need up to six people to cook the meals and four of these people to serve the meals.

More hands make for lighter work! Please contact me, your help is needed: **Bro. Cor de Boon**, home tel. 780-458-8259, Cell 780-918-6715, or e-mail [cor@deboon.ca](mailto:cor@deboon.ca). à

### ***Join our council choir!***

Our choir leads music at Mass the first Saturday of each month. Practices are held most Tuesday evenings. Everyone is welcomed to join. Contact: **Bro. Brian**, tel. 780-459-9029. à

## ***Squire note***

We encourage young men aged 12 – 17 to join the Columbian squires. **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. John Kirk, John Caputo, Dean Pasternak** or **Michael Clarke**. Or visit our Squires website [www.estodignus.org](http://www.estodignus.org) à

*Esto Dignus!*

*Bro. John Kirk, Cell 780-913-1484*

## ***The Anvil***

Your council newsletter is normally published **the first weekend of the month, coinciding with council’s monthly pancake breakfasts**. Items should be submitted at least one week head of that time to meet the deadline. All articles are edited for length, grammar and style. Contact: **Bro. George**, tel. 780-459-1193 or email [grodziew@telus.net](mailto:grodziew@telus.net). à

# Meeting Highlights

Sept 23, 2009

## Grand Knight Report

Pancake Breakfast themes are: *November* – Hosting widows of deceased Council Knights; *December* - Keep Christ in Christmas.

**Bro. Wally Streit** presented on behalf of the **Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton** to our Executives. **Archbishop Richard Smith** challenged 165 councils of State to raise \$1 million over the next five years toward building the new **St. Joseph Seminary**. Bro. Wally asked that we get or pastor and church members involved.

Members are asked to **take pictures of council-hosted events** for the record; also, so that we may be prepared if the event is nominated by council for a state award submission.

Volunteers were requested for the different ministries at the **Memorial Mass** to be held on Nov. 7.

**Treasurer's Report** – **Bro. Ryan Romanko** presented a Financial Statement. The bank account balance, at Aug. 31, 2009, is approx. \$46,565. The financial statement was accepted as presented.

**Bro. Bruno Binassi** reviewed the projected balance sheet line by line. More discussion to come.

**Financial Secretary Report** **Bro. Bob Clarke** Supreme raised the new member quota to 7% of total membership.

**District Deputy** – **Bro. Morris Chaban** said a **Major Degree Exemplification** is planned for Nov. 7, 2009.

He circulated a poster from **Calgary Toastmasters Speech Contest**. It is called “**Respect for Human Life**.” To register e-mail [isakeit@telusplanet.net](mailto:isakeit@telusplanet.net)

**Program Activities**– **Bro. Cor de Boon**: we've been asked to provide lunches for 15 workers at the **Northridge Habitat for Humanity Project** on Oct. 15, 2009.

**Pancake Breakfast** is working well with the new sign up sheets etc.

**Bro. Cor de Boon** requests a helper with the **Silent Auction** for **Italian Night** while he is away.

**Squires** – **Bro. John Kirk Brother Anthony Kowalczyk Squire Circle** is recruiting members 12 to 17 years old. The Circle also needs people to drive members to sporting events, especially evenings.

**New Business** – It was suggested we ask **Father Mitch** to include our soldiers and families in our **Prayers of the Faithful** at Mass. Fr. Mitch will be approached about this.

**Pennies for Heaven** – **Bro. Morris Chaban** Council carried a motion to donate \$300 to Priestly Vocations.

**Fourth Degree** - **Bro. Bernie Arnold** said a **Fourth Degree Exemplification** will be held in **Edmonton** in November, to be followed by one in our Parish on May 7, 2010.

**Fraternal Benefits Advisor** – **Bro Kevin Paish** discussed the *Permanent Life – Single Premium Life Insurance* program and suggested to purchase at least the one-time \$300 Savings Program.

This entitles the Brother Knight family to advice when required.

Knights are requested to contact **Bro. Kevin Paish** for their insurance and investment needs. His Email is [kevin.paish@kofc.org](mailto:kevin.paish@kofc.org) or call him at (780) 458 3936.

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*With thanks to Recording Secretary **Bro. Herb Lemke**  
(For Bro. Gerald Lemke)*

# 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**. Contact: **Bro. Cor de Boon** at 780-458-8259 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

## Update on program

### Supporting seminarians

Our council has established a program to show support to the 27 seminarians now studying at **St. Joseph Seminary**.

The seminarians will be our council's guests for **Italian Night** in our Parish Hall this November 7. They will also receive a gift card from sponsoring knights and their families during that evening.





A special thank you goes to **Connelly-McKinley Funeral Home** which will provide transportation, centerpieces and printing for the evening. We will also host a dinner in honor of the seminarians in March 2010. Thanks to all brother knights who have shown interest in this program.

**All knights are encouraged to continue praying for our seminarians and other vocations.**  
à **Bro. Bruno Binassi**

## Meet our Seminarians

Every month we feature a few seminarians studying at St. Joseph Seminary in Edmonton. This is part of our new program 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 27 seminarians studying at the Seminary is appreciated.

			
<p><b>Carlos Nunez</b>, 27, was born in <b>Edmonton</b> and is now in his fifth year of study at <b>St. Joseph Seminary</b>. He is studying for the <b>Archdiocese of Edmonton</b>.</p>	<p><b>Michael Paul</b>, 22, was born in <b>Calgary</b> and is studying for the <b>Diocese of Calgary</b>. This is his first year of study at <b>St. Joseph Seminary</b>.</p>	<p><b>David Hogman</b>, 26, is in his second year of studies at <b>St. Joseph Seminary</b>. He was born in <b>Dauphin, Manitoba</b> and is studying for the <b>Diocese of Victoria</b>.</p>	<p><b>Luan Vu</b>, 41, was born in <b>Vietnam</b>. He is studying for the <b>Diocese of Edmonton</b>, and is currently in his fifth year at the Seminary.</p>

# St. Joseph Seminary

“During the course of its 80+ years, over 500 men have gone forth from St. Joseph Seminary to serve the Lord in the ordained ministry as priests. As well, many others, having received formation at St. Joseph’s, continue to serve the Church in other ministries. St. Joseph Seminary continues its mission today to form and send forth those who will sow the Word in the fields of the Lord: “EXIIT QUI SEMINAT” (Lk. 8:5), “The Sower went out...” (Source: St. Joseph Seminary website)

## **General letter to Knights**

### **In solidarity with future Priests**

The old home of **St. Joseph Seminary** (on St. Albert Trail) has been demolished and the new home is under construction in Edmonton.

As many of you are aware, **Archbishop Joseph Smith** has challenged the **Knights of Columbus** to raise one million dollars to assist with the construction costs.

The **‘Bell Tower’** at the Seminary will be named Knights Tower to recognize our collective gifts.

All councils, assemblies and associated groups will be asked to make a pledge over five years.

Our Knights of Columbus Foundation has designated the **Cornerstone of Faith Campaign** (St. Joseph Seminary) as their principal charity over the next five years.

However, the million dollar plateau will only be achieved if individual Brother Knights make donations (\$50, \$100, \$500, etc.). Tax receipts will be issued for donations.

Every donation counts and will be added to the council total with only running total given to the councils etc.

Please find attached a special designed pledge form for use by Brother Knights and their families.

If you have any questions please call **Wally Streit** at 780-988-8719. To leave a message, call 780-437-4335. Or send an email to [IPSD@kofc.ab.ca](mailto:IPSD@kofc.ab.ca)

You will be proud when you make a personal gift/pledge and we will be fraternally grateful. à

**Bro. Wally Streit**

***The Knights of Columbus - St. Joseph Seminary “Pledge Form” (Cornerstone of Faith Campaign) is included with this issue of The Anvil.***

## **The Anvil**

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