

The ANVIL



NEWSLETTER OF BROTHER ANTHONY COUNCIL 10014

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About Bro. Anthony

The following excerpt is from "Blacksmith of God," by P.E. Breton, O.M.I., a book about our patron, Bro. Anthony Kowalczyk.

Lucy was anxious about her son [Anthony]. She was sad at the prospect of his leaving home. He had worked on the farm for three years. At thirteen, it was the custom for boys to put away their school books to assist in the more important work of the fields, the garden and barnyard.

... The Kowalczyks faced a decision that would affect the future of their family. Anthony was no longer a boy. Shouldering responsibility for three years had made him a man. The wise parents recognized that soon he would want to be on his own.

"He is a good worker," Lucy told her husband. "Anthony loves farming. If only we could give him a piece of land to set up a farm beside our own."

"That is out of the question. We can't afford it. Can we favor him more than his brothers? There is only one thing to do. Anthony must learn a trade. I shall get the information we need when I go to the market." The discussion was closed.

Ignatius kept his word. He took Anthony to Krotoszin to arrange for an apprenticeship with the blacksmith. They found the burly man in his

workshop. There, to the ringing of the hammer against anvil, the youth's immediate future was quickly settled.

Ignatius was a man of few words, but the blacksmith spoke even fewer. A short discussion paved the way for Anthony's transformation from farmer to blacksmith's apprentice. à

January 14, 2006 Update on past state deputy ball

All brother knights and their families are invited to attend a special banquet in honour of our immediate past state deputy *and* Brother Anthony council member **Bro.**

Mickey Casavant and his wife **Astrid**.

The Immediate Past State Deputy's Ball will be held at the **Delta Inn South** in Edmonton on Sat., Jan. 14, 2006.

When a state deputy completes his term, is it the job of his home council to organize a ball to honour him and his wife. We are delighted to do so.

I have negotiated a special price of only \$30 per meal. This is much less than the going rate at hotels like the Delta Inn South.

Our Council is the official host for the Banquet and, although we do not have to take on a financial obligation, the State Board would like us put together a

program that will truly recognize the efforts of Mickey & Astrid.

Our Brother Anthony Choir would do us proud if there were able to perform that evening. It would great to have as many Brother Anthony council members and family attend.

I welcome any other suggestions you may have. Please call me. à

Bro. Gary Johnson
Tel. 460-0436

Chaplain's Message Pray for those who have died

It is painful when someone whom we love dies. Is there any consolation?

There is if we believe in our Lord the giver of life.

We must remember Jesus himself endured hardship and suffering on earth. In scripture he even foretells his own painful death and how he would be abandoned by those who said they would never betray or abandon him.

Despite all these things it is written: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16).

Our Lord desires us to be with him. To believers he is the word, the truth and the life.

Pray for the strength to do his will. Follow him.

This month remember in your prayers those who have died in the name of Jesus.

Through his love these family members and friends have not vanished but are closer to us than ever before.

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May God Bless!
Fr. Mitch Fidyka

Grand Knight's Message

A time to remember

The month of November is a time to remember.

This month remember and pray for those who have died fighting to protect and preserve freedom and justice.

Is there a greater price than to give up one's life for one's country and its deeply held values?

Remember also those men and women stationed today in troubled parts of the world to help restore order, security and keep peace. They risk their lives each day.

Show support by attending Remembrance Day ceremonies on November 11. Join our own Fourth Degree members at the local cenotaph here in St. Albert.

Finally, in this month pray for the souls of family members, relatives, friends and fellow brother Knights who have died.

Through the grace of God may they rest in peace. à
Vivat Jesus!

Bro. Steve Horvath, GK

Pro-life calendars distributed

The sixth annual *Help Save a Life pro-life calendar* was printed and distributed to councils throughout the

Alberta/NWT state in early October. The project is led by Brother Anthony council.

Please support this initiative and keep alive our efforts to fight against what the late **Pope John Paul II** referred to as a culture of death. à

Columbian Squire News

A warm welcome to **Father Mitch Fidyka** who will serve as our circle's Father Prior. We look forward to Fr. Mitch's spiritual leadership this Columbian Year.

We also warmly welcome **Bro. Eric Schickle** as Circle Counselor. Eric will work with our Circle Director and committee to ensure our circle has a fun fraternal year.

Our squires agreed to look after ushering during the first Saturday Mass during the year starting in September.

Our squires have agreed to continue doing the pancake breakfast set up and clean up of the parish hall for our sponsoring council. Circle meetings follow the breakfasts at 1:30 p.m. in Bro. Anthony room; brother knights are welcome to attend.

Our squires entered a team in our Council's golf tournament. Thanks to council for its donation for the "Beat the Pro" toward the circle's good works.

Our circle was involved in our **Parish's Stewardship sign-up weekend**. We signed up two prospective members.

On Oct. 1 our squires and counselors went to **Galaxyland at West Edmonton Mall**. Our two prospective members joined in for the fun and fellowship.

Afterwards we went to Dairy Queen for ice cream.

On Oct. 16 we attended the **Eskimo/Roughrider** football game. This was followed by an investiture and pizza. Our circle's team invested one new member to our circle: welcome **Ayden Haggarty** to the Columbian Squires!

Our circle secured the **ESSMY** gym for two hours once a month thanks to Counselor **Bros. Bob Clarke** and **Shawn Haggarty**. Our squires enjoyed their first gym night Oct. 27 playing basketball, floor hockey and a new game they invented – "volley basketball."

On Sat., Oct. 29, our circle provided bus boys and dishwashers for the **CWL** show and fundraiser. Thanks to **Shaun Boddez**, **Dean Pasternak** and **Chase Pinder** for giving up their weekend evening. The ladies of the **CWL** were very grateful.

The squires will rent the **World Water Park at West Edmonton Mall** Nov. 18. Tickets are available after mass in the welcome area and during the November Pancake Breakfast. This event is open for everyone: families, relatives, friends, schoolmates, teammates and anyone who enjoys a fun family evening out. See our ad in this edition of The Anvil.

Squire Webmaster **Shaun Boddez** has been very busy updating our circle's website www.estodignus.org. Visit our website for our activities and calendar. Our circle extends huge thanks to **Bro. Fred Holtslag** for providing his expertise and support for our website. à
Esto Dignus,
Bro. Maurice Pasternak

Major degree around the corner

There will be a Major Degree held at **St. Joe's High School** in Edmonton on Sat. Nov. 26. All First Degree members are asked to consider obtaining your Major Degree. For info contact **Bro. Denis** at tel. 459-9336. à

General Meeting Highlights

September 28, 2005

Thanks to Bros. **Fred Holtslag** and **Adam Petryshyn** for preparing the pre-dinner meal.

Grand Knight's Report - Bro. Steve Horvath

Thanks to all who helped with the summer events held by Brother Anthony council. These include Rock 'N August, Tenth Annual Gold Tournament and the Centennial Celebrations.

Upcoming events:

- Crib Tournament: Nov. 12, organizer **Bro. Gilbert Zolondek**;
- Ladies Night: Jan. 21, committee chair TBD;
- Mardi Gras: Feb. 25, committee chair TBD
- Appreciation Night: June 24;
- State District Deputy Meeting: Jan. 14 at Delta Inn South;
- Past State Deputy Ball: **Bro. Gary Johnson** to chair an organizing committee;
- Installation of Officers: three councils (Brother Anthony, St. Albert, Villeneuve) at St. Albert Parish on Oct. 16;
- Life Chain: 2 p.m. on Oct. 2 at West End Christian Reform Church;

- Padre Night: St. Charles Parish, Nov. 25, 6 p.m.
- Charities of Appeal tickets: available from **Bro. Dennis Halyk**;
- Vocational Artwork project for schools: brought forward at State for consideration;
- Catch the Wave: WEM Water Park, Jan. 22, 2006, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Tickets \$7 (Squire fund raiser).

Treasurer's Report – Bro. Stan Lozinski The proposed budget for the upcoming Columbian year was brought forward. Motion carried that a Notice of Motion be advertised in The Anvil that the budget is to be voted on at the Oct. 26, 2005 meeting.

Financial Secretary's Report - Bro. Del Feser We have six new members so far this year; our goal is 11. Our insurance goals are met. Current membership: 225.

Bills & Communications Seminarian Nilo Belvis Macapinlac and former council chaplain **Fr. John Hesse** thanked council for all the support received in the past years.

Youville Home thanked our council for participating in their annual golf tournament.

Yvon Levesque thanked council for our yearly donation to help him provide a lunch at the **Bissell Centre**.

Bro. Mickey Casavent thanked council for all the support during his year as State Deputy.

Bosco Homes thanked council for our donation.

Committee Reports

Knight of the Month – Bro. Brad Cody

Family of the Month – Bro. Jim Billsten & Family

Membership – Bro. Denis Halyk We won the Star Council Award once again this year.

Church – Bro. Peter Willette A safe has been installed to house Sunday Collections.

Sign up Sunday, last weekend, was successful.

New Business

Bro. Brad Cody said the **Pro Life** calendars are being printed; submissions this year were from many Alberta communities.

District Deputy Martin Blanchet mentioned we've won the Star Council Award once again; he presented council with a certificate of appreciation from State for our Pennies from Heaven fundraising, and a bottle for collection of dimes.

Fourth Degree – Bro. Joe Magel Installation of officers will be held Oct. 6.

The next exemplification into the fourth degree is November 5. There are 96 members in the Assembly.

Insurance Agent Report – Bro. Dan Dean 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.

Next general meeting will be **Wednesday, October 26, 2005.** à

With thanks to Recording Secretary **Bro. Gerald Lemke**

Council Calendar

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

November 2005

6 – Pancake Breakfast
12 – Crib Tournament
23 – General Meeting

December 2005

4 - Pancake Breakfast
14 - General Meeting

January 2006

8 – Pancake Breakfast
14 – Past State Deputy Ball
21 – Ladies Night
25 – General Meeting

February 2006

5 – Pancake Breakfast
25 – Mardi gras
22 – General Meeting

March 2006

5 – Pancake Breakfast
22 – General Meeting

April 2006

2 – Pancake Breakfast
26 – General Meeting

May 2006

7 – Pancake Breakfast
24 – General Meeting

June 2006

4 – Pancake Breakfast

24 – Appreciation Night
28 – General Meeting
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The Columbian Squires

AND

WORLD WATER PARK

**Invite you and your family
To a great fun-filled St. Albert family event!**

**The Columbian Squires have rented the
World Water Park on
Friday, November 18, 2005 from 7:30 PM–10:30 PM**

Cost is only \$8.00 per person

Tickets available after all Masses

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