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Notice of Motion

A motion will be put forward to pass Brother Anthony Council's proposed budget for Columbian Year 2005-2006 at our council's next general meeting on Oct. 26.

The proposed budget is included with the printed copies of *The Anvil*, available in the Knights mail box at the entrance to the church. à

About Bro. Anthony

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

When Brother Anthony entered the religious life, he traded masters, but in a sense, not vocations. He was a blacksmith and a blacksmith he remained. He extinguished an earthly fire, but he kindled a spiritual flame. His own life replaced the iron.

Brother Anthony fully realized he must dip his soul into the purifying fire of the love of God. Jesus on the cross was his model.

Saints do not knock on doors to spread the news of their sanctity. They do not wear halos nor do they stand about posing piously. Their perfection is an interior excellence, not something worn on the sleeve of a jacket like a school crest. ...

The one-armed brother was so ordinary, he was extraordinary. His life was a series of little things well done. à

*Our council newsletter is named **The Anvil** after the forging tool Bro. Anthony used when he worked as a blacksmith.*

Gratitude connects us with God

For many people it is a basic courtesy to say "thanks" to someone who goes out of their way for them.

This is something many of us have been taught as children - to express gratitude for the gifts and kindnesses we receive from others.

Expression of gratitude is also a sign of humanity. It acknowledges something outside and beyond one's self.

Those with a humble heart are thankful for every blessing, every gift and every kindness they receive.

In this season of harvest should we not give great thanks? Food is so essential to us how can we not do so?

Many people say grace before each meal which is an expression of thanks to God for his blessings.

The scriptures speak in many places about how the prophets and Jesus' disciples give thanks to God.

Indeed at the last supper Jesus himself gave thanks before he broke the bread and shared it with his disciples.

As Christians we know a great gift of God was the life of Jesus.

His death and rising to eternal life is at the centre of our liturgy and Eucharistic celebration.

Jesus surrendered his life for love and in so doing rejected hatred, evil and violence.

Every Mass is in this way our opportunity to be filled with great joy and thanksgiving.

Living here in this beautiful city of St. Albert among so many wonderful people in a faith community is in itself a reason to rise each morning with a prayer of thanksgiving.

Always be thankful. It is a wonderful state of mind that connects us with God! à

May God Bless!

Fr. Mitch Fidyka

GK Message To be a Knight ...

What does it mean to be a knight?

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic fraternal, family oriented organization whose members are expected to uphold the highest possible standards.

This is a challenge each and every day. Our challenges

however derive from a higher authority.

When Jesus was asked which commandment is the highest, he replied: “*Love God with all your heart and all your soul every day of your life and treat others as you would want them to treat you. If you keep these two then you will keep all the rest.*”

What a tall order! Yet these are central to Columbianism.

Similarly, as an organization it is important to support our families, community and fellow knights.

Our **Oktoberfest celebration** will be held later this month and all are urged to attend and celebrate.

We have a lot to celebrate as we look back at our achievements over the past several months.

These successes should energize and challenge us to be even better in the future.

October is a time for thanksgiving. Therefore let us take a minute and thank God as we reflect on all our good fortune and blessings.

I wish to thank all our brother knights and families for the commitment of energies and time to make all our endeavors such a success.

God bless. à
Vivat Jesus!
Bro. Steve Horvath, GK

New knights initiated

Congratulations to six new members of **Brother Anthony Council** initiated to the First Degree on Sept. 29.

Please welcome to our council: **Bros. Don Peloquin, Tim Jamieson** and four former members of Brother Anthony Kowalczyk squire

circle 4759: **Bros. Lee Pasternak, Alex Becigneul, John-Paul Davie and Chris Connelly.** à

Note: 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 459-9336.

Honouring Bro. Mickey and Astrid Casavant

Council to host ball for past state deputy

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.

This is a wonderful task for our council, because the past state deputy is Brother Anthony council member **Bro. Mickey Casavant.**

So it is our pleasure to be able to organize this event in honour of Bro. Mickey and his wife **Astrid**

The planning has already begun. The facilities and menu have been taken care of.

Our council is expected to look after other details such as the program, planning the entertainment, and printing and selling banquet tickets.

A committee will be organized for this purpose.

Stay tuned for more details. à

Submitted by Bro. Gary Johnson

Annual golf event a hit!

Our 10th annual golf tournament was a great success.

Over 100 golfers came to enjoy the day at the Cardiff Golf and Country Club on Sun., Sept. 18.

Our thanks to everyone who participated!

Golfers and guests were treated afterwards to a wonderful meal at **Holy Family Parish Hall.**

Especially meaningful was joining forces with St. Albert Council #4742 to make this a truly St. Albert Knights of Columbus event.

We thank the many sponsoring companies that made donations to this event.

Our thanks also to the following individuals who gave of their time and talents to make this event the success it was.

Our organizing committee: **Bros. Cor De Boon, Maurice Pasternak, Ralph Peurtas, Cordell Allers, Maurice Douville, Roger Pollock, and Vittorio Ceminara**

Our Golf Pro – **Bro. Art Switner**; the great 50/50 seller – **Bro. Jim Billsten**; dinner staff – **Bros. Gary Johnson & Peter Bessner** (see Bro. Gary's separate note of thanks); bar staff – **Bros. Charlie Roach & Del Feser** and noted others – **Bros. Denis Halyk, Jim Laroque, and Darlene Arnold** and **Joanne Willette.** à
Fraternally, Bros. Bernie Arnold & Peter Willette (Special thanks to Bros. Bernie Arnold and Peter Willette for their outstanding job in hosting another successful golf tournament.)

A note from Bro. Gary

There are so many people to thank for their generous and outstanding help with the banquet after the golf tournament.

They include one of our newest Knights **Bro. Peter Besner** who helped cook the steaks, my wife **Evelyn, Helen Alain, Gemma & Bro. Vic Cerminara, Bro. Don Glas.**

Thanks to the usual and always reliable standbys who always seem to be there at clean up time: **Bros. Clyde, Del, Jim, Cordell, Joe, Maurice** and the many **Squires.**

Thanks to all of those who golfed and afterwards helped with clean up. My apologies if I missed anyone.

Thank you! Thank You!
The golfers ate well and appreciated it.

Thanks again! à
Bro. Gary Johnson

Pro-life calendar goes to press

The sixth annual *Help Save a Life pro-life calendar* has been printed. It will be distributed to councils throughout the Alberta/NWT state in early October.

The project, led by Brother Anthony Council, promotes a positive message in favour of life and raises proceeds for pro-life activities.

The calendar features the art and poetry of junior high and high school students throughout Alberta.

The project was initiated by **Bro. Brad Cody.**

Bro. Fred Holtslag has designed the calendars.

K of C councils will be asked to sell the calendars in their communities and help raise awareness of the value of life.

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.

Please contact Bro. Brad Cody if you can help to package the calendars for distribution to councils, tel. 458-0500 (day) or 460-5801 (evening). à

Centennial celebrations

Big thanks to **Brother Anthony council** for its great volunteer showing at the province's **Centennial Celebrations** in St. Albert on Sept. 1.

Our group had the most volunteers followed by the members of **St. Albert council 4742**. Other service groups took note of the K of C volunteer strength and community spirit.

We were able to tell the community about the K of C and the Squires from our own display tent. Way to go Brother Anthony Council!

The Centennial family event included concessions and novelties for kids; there was face painting, pavement art and pony rides.

Five St. Albert stage entertainers appealed to every age group.

The evening was topped of by a 25 minute firework display, the biggest ever witnessed in St. Albert. à
Submitted by Bro. Brad Cody

Thank you & au revoir!

We want to thank the brother knights and their wives for the wonderful "send off" reception.

It was a delightful evening spent with a truly fraternal group. The turn out for the 5 p.m. Mass by the choir on Sept. 3 was wonderful and the brother knights sang as they have never sung before.

The directing of this Mass and the choir will be forever etched in our memory.

Helen and I also want to thank the choir and Council for the gifts. The roses lasted for a record ten days and were the most beautiful velvet red.

The Golf Town gift certificate was converted into a new driver and the K of C golf tournament was truly enjoyed.

I am not transferring my membership at this time because we want to maintain a close contact with the wonderful friends we have here in Brother Anthony Council. It is hard to believe there could be another council that could make one feel more welcome and appreciated.

We want to tell you that you are certainly welcome to come and see us if you are ever in Port Coquitlam.

Our address is: 802 Paisley Ave., Port Coquitlam, BC, V3B 2K7. Our new phone number will be (604) 464-7780.

Sorry you can't come and visit until after Oct. 24 because we won't be moved in until then.

In the meantime we will be going to the Sweet Adeline Convention/ Competition in Detroit then spend a week in Fairmont.

May God bless you all and thank you for the memories! à

Bro. Al and Helen Alain

Number one field agent

The St. Joseph's College newsletter (fall 2005 issue) recently reported that **Bro. Dan Dean** has been recognized as the number one field agent for North America. Congratulations Bro. Dan! à

Council Calendar

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

2005-2006 COLUMBIAN YEAR

October 2005

2 – Pancake Breakfast
22 – Octoberfest
26 – General meeting

November 2005

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

December 2005

4 - Pancake Breakfast
14 - General Meeting

January 2006

8 – Pancake Breakfast
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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