

# The ANVIL



NEWSLETTER OF BROTHER ANTHONY COUNCIL 10014

OCTOBER 2006



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Steve Horvath

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Vittorio Cerminara

### Chaplain - Fr. Mitchell Fidyka

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## Oktoberfest round the corner

Our council once again will host **Oktoberfest**, featuring a live German band and tasty home-cooked German style food.

Achtung! The event is just around the corner. It will be held in our parish hall on **Sat., Oct. 21**.

So get your lederhosen ready for oompah-pah and to party! Tickets are only \$20 per person or \$35 per couple.

For more information and tickets, please contact **Bro. Roger Pollok** at 459-7429.

**Bro. Roger would also appreciate help from brother knights to make the event another success. Please call him if you can spare some time.** à

*Bro. Roger tel. 459-7429*

## Call for nominees By-election for Advocate

Nominations are now being accepted for the council executive position of **advocate**.

Our current advocate **Bro. Peter Willette** will be leaving this position to

fill the council's family director position to be vacated by **Bro. Maurice Pasternak**.

The advocate is mainly responsible for ensuring the protocol for general council meetings is being followed.

Council plans to hold a by-election for advocate at the October general dinner meeting. Please contact any of the council trustees (listed under Officers in the banner at left) to nominate a candidate. Or call **Bro. Steve Horvath** at tel. 458-6076. à

## Family New Year party planned

Our council is planning to host a **Family New Year** party in the **Parish Hall** the evening of Sunday, Dec. 31, 2006.

The event will be specially planned for families, including couples, single folks, and parents with children from pre-school age and up!

What a way to celebrate the New Year with family members and friends.

Celebrating family is a major program of the Knights of Columbus (along with council, church, youth and community).

This is a great fit for **Brother Anthony council**, which has always prided itself in family activities such as pancake breakfasts and in the past parish picnics.

Mark this event in your calendars. Watch for more details in upcoming issues of **The Anvil**.

If you are interested in helping organize this event or carry it out please contact **Bro. Steve Horvath** at tel. 458-6076. à

## Council prints seventh pro-life calendar!

The seventh annual **Help Save a Life pro-life calendar** (2007 edition) has been printed and will be distributed to councils throughout Alberta/NWT in the days ahead.

The state-wide project was started by our council eight years ago to promote life and raise proceeds for pro-life activities. It remains a going concern.

Calendars feature the art and poetry of junior high and high school students.

**Bro. Brad Cody** started the project and continues to take a lead

hand. **Bro. Fred Holtslag** continues to do a great job designing and overseeing the printing of the calendars. Well done brothers!

Councils throughout the Alberta/NWT state will be asked in the days and weeks ahead to sell the calendars and raise awareness of the value of life.

Our Squire circle recently received an award for its work in promoting the pro-life message and selling the calendars (see separate article).

Please support this project. Call Bro. Brad Cody if you are interested in being part of this project or can lend a hand from time to time. Reach him at tel. 458-0050 (day) or 460-5801 (evening). à

## **Chaplain's Message**

# **Giving thanks**

Giving thanks is an act of humanity and even humility.

This simple gesture shows we are a part of this world, and the things we receive, especially the food we eat, are gifts or blessings.

Consider when Jesus multiplied the fish and loaves he gave thanks to God for the wonderful food that would be shared with many hungry people. He gave thanks for the bread and cup he shared with his

disciples at their last supper together.

At this time of year in our northern climate, farmers are harvesting the crops before winter sets in. While they may do so to earn a living, their work ultimately is for us.

The produce they grow and livestock they tend will be bread or vegetable or meat for our own nourishment.

For this we must give thanks.

Give thanks also for the bounty of fresh water we can drink by turning on a tap in our homes or public buildings.

Be thankful for family and friends; these are at the centre of our world in which relationships are vital to our health as is the food we eat and water we drink.

Be thankful for your talents and gifts. Everyone possesses them in their own measure regardless of age or physical strength. Be thankful when you are able to see these gifts and use them in the name of God.

Give thanks for the grace and blessing of God, for truly He is good. à *May God Bless!*  
*Fr. Mitchell Fidyka*



## **Grand Knight's Message**

# **Being a Knight**

There are many brother knights in our council who have been members of our Order for many years, others not so long; some are new members.

So what does it mean to be a knight? It is *much more* than meets the eye.

To me the Knights of Columbus is a great group of Catholic men who support the things that matter to us.

It builds **fraternity** among members and allows us to support one another whenever and however we can.

It promotes the **family** that is a most vital link for all of us and our faith life.

We also support our **faith and the religious** who teach and give example to our faith.

Being a knight means regularly participating in **Eucharistic** celebrations.

It means sharing our works within our **community**.

Being a knight is to encourage and work with our wonderful **youth**, who are so important to all we do. Who will lead us in the future? Who will bear the good news of our faith?

Being a member means keeping our **membership** alive and strong by being active and participating.

While we do these, we must keep in mind what is central to all these acts: to

love God with our hearts and mind, and to treat others as we would want to be treated.

Please participate as much as you are able to do so. You will quickly learn the meaning of being a knight.

Our **Oktoberfest** will be held on Oct. 21. Thanks to all those who are working so hard to organize this event. Let's show them our support by attending and celebrating this great annual event (we have lots to celebrate!).

Thanks to **Bros. Peter Willette and Bernie Arnold** for another great job in organizing the **annual golf tournament**, held last month at **Cardiff Golf and Country Club**. Well done. Bro. Peter also thanks a number of individuals for their contributions in this issue of *The Anvil*. à *Vivat Jesus!*  
*Bro. Steve Horvath, GK*

## **Join the Second/Third Degree Team**

Any member of our council who is interested in working on the **Second and Third Degree Team** is asked to contact me at the telephone number given below.

We do about six degrees per year at communities outside Edmonton, such as Calgary, Cold Lake and Grand Prairie.

It is very rewarding and important volunteer duty for our Order.

Please call if you would like more information or to join the team. à

*Bro. Clem Chiasson  
Tel. 459-7287*

## **Thanks for golf participation!**

Our **11th Annual Golf Tournament** at the **Cardiff** golf course on Sept. 17 was another success despite the less-than-ideal weather (were those parkas and toques I saw?).

Thank to the many brother Knights that supported the tournament.

Thanks to **Bro. Clyde** for organizing the bar, and **Bros. Gary and Mickey** for heading up the barbeque steak dinner meal at our parish hall.

I would also like to thank our organizing committee – **Bros. Cor, Maurice, Ralph, Cordell, Roger and Maurice** and especially **Bro. Bernie** – for their many hours of work and fantastic support.

Thanks to all who donated items or sponsored golf holes. Every golfer received a gift bag courtesy of generous businesses who donated items for the annual event.

See you at the 12th annual golf tournament next year! à

*Bro. Peter Willette  
(Note: Big thanks to Bro. Peter for once again coordinating this event. Great job as usual!)*

## **Want ads**

Brother Anthony council members are asked to be active in council activities to the extent that they can.

Help keep our council strong and dynamic. Choose an area you are interested in and participate. You will meet many fine people in the process.

### **Financial Secretary position for our council**

This position is currently filled by **Bro. Del Feser**. He has held it for many years. It's time to give Bro. Del a break (he would appreciate it too!). If you are interested in this important appointment, or want more information, please call **Bro. Steve Horvath** at tel. 458-6076 or Bro. Del at tel. 459-8079.

### **Reminder Donations accepted for home in India**

In keeping with our Order's principle of charity, I would ask brother knights to considering making a donation to the **St. Francis Xavier's Home for Untouchable Children** in Southern India.

Associate pastor **Fr. Devadas Narisetty** was the director of this home.

Please contact Fr. Narisetty (tel. 459-3694) or me if you wish to make a

donation or would like more information. à

*Bro. Steve Horvath  
Tel. 458-6076*

## **Brother Anthony Kowalczyk Circle 4759**



Our Squires are again looking forward to an active year and appreciate the continued support of **Brother Anthony Council**.

Our hard working group will again be recipients of the **Brother Barnabas Award** as well as the **Corps d'Elite Award** for their work in the past year.

Only 25 circles order wide receive the Brother Barnabas Award, presented annually in recognition of an outstanding activity. Ours was the promotion and sale of Knights of Columbus **Help Save a Life pro-life calendars**, a project led by Brother Anthony council.

The Corps d'Elite Award – much like the Knights of Columbus Star Council Award – recognizes overall circle achievement.

Activities have to be planned and conducted, reports have to be submitted, dues have to be paid and members have to be recruited.

Well done Squires! You really should be proud of yourselves. à

*Bro. Eric Schickle  
Squire Circle Counselor*

## **Young men invited to join Squires**

We encourage young men aged 12 – 18 to join the Columbian squires. We also encourage our brother knights to join and assist as counselors.

For information please contact **Bros. Joe Becigneul, Elmer Wifladt, Bob Clarke, Eric Schickle** or **Maurice Pasternak**.

Or visit our squire's website [www.estodignus.org](http://www.estodignus.org) à

*Esto Dignus!  
Bro. Maurice Pasternak*

## **Meeting Highlights June 28, 2006**

### **Grand Knight's Report - Bro. Steve Horvath**

Thanks were extended to the Phone Committee for work on the **Rainmaker Rodeo** and **Appreciation Night**.

**Bro. Clyde Flynn** reported **Rock'n August** will split profits 50/50 (50 percent donated to diabetes).

**Appreciation Night** went well; everyone had a great time.

Following are key dates for upcoming Columbian Year (“hall booked” refers to days open and available for Knight functions):

**Oct 21** - Oktoberfest;  
**Nov 25** – hall booked;  
**Dec 13** – December dinner meeting;  
**Jan 20** - Ladies Night;  
**Jan 27** – hall booked;  
**Feb 17** - Mardi Gras;  
**Apr 28** – hall booked;  
**May 26** - Hall Booked;  
**Jun 23** - Appreciation Night

**Treasurer’s Report – Bro. Stan Lozinski**  
Bank balance - \$9,434.11; General Account statement for the Columbian year was distributed.

**Financial Secretary’s Report – Bro. Del Feser**  
Supplies bill has been paid to State.  
RSVP rebate of \$400 received from Supreme.  
Possible year end audit dates of July 24 and July 31 were discussed.

**Bills and Communications**  
A reminder all bills should be passed through the Financial Secretary and not submitted directly to the Treasurer.

**Bro. Joe Malon** reported the Rodeo went well and Kinsmen thanked us for our participation. We will meet with the **Kinsmen** to finalize duties for next year.

**Youville Home** sent thanks for our recent \$5,000 donation.

**Richard S. Fowler School** thanked us for the CTS award we sponsor.

**Committee Reports**  
Congratulations to the following:

*Knight of the Month* – **Bro. Vittorio Cerminara**  
*Family of the Month* – **Bro. Frank Vagi and Family**

**Church – Bro. Peter Willette**  
The new youth minister will start in Sept.  
Effective Sept. 1, 2006, parking will no longer be allowed on Poirier Avenue at any time.

New members for **Parish Pastoral Council** are **Alain Casavant, Harvey Blouin, Mary McCaffery, Vera Fischer** and **Tracy Brunelle**.

**Squires – Bro. Eric Schickle**  
**Bro. Maurice Pasternak** will be stepping down as one of the leaders and **Bro. Eric Schickle** will be stepping in.

Ideas about increasing membership in partnership with the St. Albert Parish youth are being discussed.

**Ways and Means Committee – Bro. Ron Krausert**  
Recycling bin for recyclable cans and bottles will be at the parish parking lot again in Sept. It was discussed every two month collection would be more profitable. We collected \$240 from the first drive.

It was decided to poll the congregation and see if IGS certificates would be profitable before we go ahead and purchase for \$15,000.

**Fourth Degree – Bro. Clyde Flynn**  
18 new members have joined the Legal Assembly this year.

**Good of the Order**  
Prayers were requested for a number of members, their families and friends.

**Insurance Agent Report**  
Knights are asked 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. à

*With thanks to Bro. Gerald Lemke*  
Recording Secretary

## The Anvil

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