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“Thank you Brother Anthony Council...”

As I come to the end of my service at **Holy Family Parish**, I want to thank the Knights of Columbus, Brother Anthony Council, for the support and service you have given to the Parish and to me personally as your Chaplain.

In this message, I have two personal stories to relate about **Brother Anthony Kowalczyk**, the humble Oblate brother who is our patron.

Brother Anthony was looked up to by my uncle, **Fr. Frank Jansen**. My uncle was at **St. John’s College** with **Archbishop Jordan** and **Bishop John Bokenfohr** at the time of Brother Anthony.

Everyone called Brother Anthony “One Ave” Anthony. This is because whenever the brothers, priests or students received a favour or miracle through Brother Anthony’s prayers, the payment he wanted was “One Ave.”

Brother Anthony had a deep devotion to Mary. On one occasion when he talked to my father, and found out my father was

from Cologne, Germany, Brother Anthony said to dad that when he left Poland to work in Germany he received his call to become an **Oblate Brother of Mary Immaculate** while praying in St. Mary’s Church in Cologne.

As I leave Brother Anthony Council I ask for your prayers. Say “One Ave” for me.

May God continue to bless Brother Anthony Council members and your goodness to His priests.

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God Bless!

Fr. John Hesse

About our Brother Anthony

Brother Anthony is referred to as *The Blacksmith of God*, which is also the title of a book **P.E. Breton, O.M.I.** about our Brother Anthony.

Learn more about our patron. Fr. Breton’s book gives an inspirational history of his life.

In it he writes this about Bro. Anthony: “... his name ‘Kowalczyk’ signifies in Polish ‘The Son of a Blacksmith,’ a tradition that Bro. Anthony continued, as he was by training a blacksmith.”

The book is available at nominal cost (donation) from the **Oblate museum** next to the **St. Albert Parish Church**.

The museum also contains Oblate and religious artifacts, including equipment used by Bro. Anthony during his life.

Bro. Anthony is buried in the St. Albert cemetery at the top of the hill. à

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

Our Council is truly blessed...

Yes, our council is blessed.

There are many examples of this. Our chaplain **Fr. John Hesse** has always been a great supporter of our council and the Knights.

We extend our deepest thanks to him as he prepares to end his service to our Parish and council. Let us keep him in our prayers and thoughts.

It was a privilege for me to represent our council at the **annual State Convention**, held in Calgary from April 22 to 24.

We had a large contingent of Brother Anthony council members attending. Many of those named in this message were there.

Our attendance also reflected why our council, for

the second year in a row, received the **Fraternal Council of the Year** award.

This is a rare accomplishment for any council. The award recognizes a council whose members actively work with knights beyond their own council.

We have many members who fall in this category. Their work has been noteworthy.

Here are some examples of such members (please forgive me if I missed anyone, so many are involved in this award!):

- **Bro. Mickey Casavant** - served as State Deputy;
- **Bro. Gary Johnson** was State Program Director;
- **Bro. Joe Becigneul** is the State Squires Chairman;
- **Bro. Clem Chiasson** is a Captain of degree teams;
- **Bro. Clyde Flynn** is Faithful Navigator for the Fourth Degree Assembly;
- **Bros. Steve Horvath and Elmer Wifladt** are also active in the Fourth Degree Assembly;
- **Bro. Denzle Laporte** coordinated the 2005 State curling bonspiel;
- **Bro. Brad Cody** was Secretary of the Edmonton Knights chapter and leads the **Help Save a Life** pro-life calendar project involving councils throughout our state.

This is an impressive list and we should all be proud of the members in our council!

There's more. At the convention, our council received a runner up **Youth Project of the Year** award, for work with the **Brother Anthony Squire Circle 4749**. Congratulations to **Bros. Maurice Pasternak** and **Joe Becigneul** and their team of

brother knights who work closely with the squires. Kudos to the Squire Circle.

In addition, **Bro. Gary Johnson** was voted **State Warden** at the state convention after completing a term as State Program Director.

Bro. Gary now joins the State Executive. At the same time, Bro. Mickey's term ends as State Deputy after two years of excellent service.

Bro. Brad Cody was appointed **Youth Director** by incoming **State Deputy Peter Wong**.

Congratulations to both Bros. Gary and Brad! And our thanks to Bro. Mickey for superb service to state!

Choosing our own new executive team Just as a new executive has been chosen for State council, our council will also be **voting for a new executive** at the general dinner meeting on **May 25**.

If you are asked to stand for an executive position, please give it serious consideration.

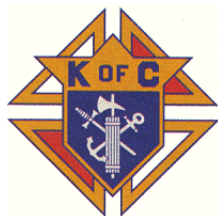
It has been tremendously rewarding for me to serve as Grand Knight. I believe the other executive members share this sentiment.

Your contributions are vital and valued! Help keep our council so exciting and true to the Knight principles of charity, fraternity, unity and patriotism!

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Vivat Jesus!

Gerry Belec, GK



WCR features our council

As a lead up to the Knights of Columbus State Convention in April, the **Western Catholic Reporter (WCR)** prepared a special feature section on our order in its April 25, 2005 edition.

One article was dedicated to our council, entitled "Brother Anthony never says 'No'."

Check it out! à

Council members continue to play role in state

Bro. Mickey Casavant extended a fond farewell at the State Convention in Calgary in April, after having served his two-year term as State Deputy for the Alberta/Northwest Territories State.

The new State Deputy is **Bro. Peter Wong** from Calgary, voted in at the convention.

Bro. Mickey has served the Knights well and deserves our deepest thanks in admirably leading all knights in our state.

As Bro. Mickey leaves the state executive position, **Bro. Gary Johnson** joins state executive as the new **State Warden**. He had served as Program Director before being appointed in the new position.

In addition, **Bro. Brad Cody** was named state's Youth Director by incoming State Deputy, **Bro. Peter Wong**.

Bro. Brad will be the liaison between district deputies and state executive on youth activities and programs.

He will work with council youth directors, squire and squirette chairs, and youth groups throughout our state.

Bro. Brad gave a brief presentation near the end of the convention on the **Help Save a Life pro-life calendar project**, which has grown to include schools throughout the province.

Congratulations to Bros. Gary and Brad for accepting the positions and proving once again how our council members are willing and able to step up to the plate! à

Next Major Degree

The next Major Degree – the last opportunity until the fall – will be held on May 28, 2005.

First Degree knights may enter into full knighthood by taking this step!

For more information please contact **GK Gerry Belec** (459-4135) or Membership Director **Denis Halyk** (459-9336). à

State hockey tournament

Teams play hard

Brother Anthony council's two teams entered in the **annual state hockey tournament** this year came close. How close?

For details, read the special story on the hockey tournament at the back of this issue.

Special thanks team captains **Bros. Marco Annich** and **Gary Johnson**, for pulling it together.

Thanks to the council for its support, to all the players, and to their spouses who let the dogs out for the weekend.
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Reminder Golf tourney date is set

The council's **annual golf tournament** in 2005 will be held at the **Cardiff Golf and Country Club** on Sun., Sept. 18.

Mark your calendars folks!

The banquet will be held in the parish hall.

Invite your spouse, family members or friends to join you in a foursome.

Watch for further details.

To help with organizing, volunteering, or to donate prizes, please contact tournament coordinator **Bro. Bernie Arnold** at 419-2749. He would really appreciate your help. à

Become a Fourth Degree Knight

The Fourth Degree in our Order is open to any Third Degree brother knight in good standing who has been a knight for at least one year.

The next Fourth Degree exemplification will be held at **St. Joe's High School** in Edmonton on Sat., May 7, 2005.

For more information about the Fourth Degree, please contact **Bro. Clyde Flynn** (tel. 459-5075) or any other Fourth Degree member.
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12-month calendar

Following is the Brother Anthony council calendar of some key dates for the next 14 months.

04-05 COLUMBIAN YEAR

May 05

1 – Pancake Breakfast
25 – General meeting

June 05

5 – Pancake breakfast
18 – Appreciation night
22 – General Meeting

05-06 COLUMBIAN YEAR

September 05

11 - Pancake breakfast
18 – Golf Tournament
28 – General Meeting

October 05

2 – Pancake Breakfast
22 – Octoberfest
26 – General meeting

November 05

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

December 05

4 - Pancake Breakfast
14 - General Meeting

January 06

8 – Pancake Breakfast
21 – Ladies Night
25 – General Meeting

February 06

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

March 06

5- Pancake Breakfast

22 - General Meeting

April 06

2 - Pancake Breakfast
26 - General Meeting

May 06

7 – Pancake Breakfast
24 - General Meeting

June 06

4 - Pancake Breakfast
24 - Appreciation Night
28 – General Meeting
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Squire Circle has been very busy

The following article catches up on news from March and April

The squires of **Brother Anthony Kowalczyk Circle 4759** have had another busy month providing service to our council and community, and providing reflection during Lent.

Our circle conducted the **Way of the Cross** on March 4. It was fantastic to see many of our brother knights, their families and parishioners in attendance.

On March 5, our circle hosted the council and district **Basketball Free Throw competition** at **St. Albert Catholic High School**. Our circle played hosts to competitors from St. Albert, Morinville and Legal.

On March 11, 12 and 13, our circle assisted our Knights council, hosts of the **State Curling Bonspiel**, with

the hall set up, as the sign bearers for the opening ceremonies and hall clean up.

Our circle hosted the **Rich Man / Poor Man Supper** on March 19. Although the turn out of people was rather low, the squires enjoyed the fellowship. The excess food was donated and delivered that evening to the **Youth Emergency Shelter**.

On March 20, our circle viewed the video “**Jesus Christ Superstar**.” A great afternoon spent sharing the Passion of Christ through this rock opera classic with our young men.

On March 25, our circle assisted our parish with the re-organization of the church altar and pews following the Good Friday Service.

April was “**Squires Month**” and our circle held membership recruitment activities.

On April 16, our circle held a “**Drive for Membership**” for its own squire circle.

This effort is to help replace the nine squires who will turn 18 years this year (and thus eligible to join our Knights Council!).

The squires held their monthly meeting in April and assisted at the pancake breakfast.

Shaun Boddez was chosen as our circle's “**Squire of the Year**” and his name is being put forward for consideration as our **State Squire of the Year**.

We invite all Catholic young men aged 12 to under 18 to join our fraternity.

Look for more information in upcoming parish bulletins.
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Esto Dignus!
Bros. Maurice Pasternak & Joe Becigneul

General Meeting Highlights

March 23, 2005

Thanks to **Bros. Adam Petryshyn** and **Paul Bartek** for preparing the pre-dinner meal

Grand Knight's Report – Bro. Gerry Belec

Thanks to: **Bro. Denzel Laporte** for his work on the State Bonspiel; to **Bros. Maurice Pasternak** and **Joe Beigneul** and the Squires for their work on the Rich Man/Poor Man Supper; to all the members who helped out at the **First Degree at the Seminary** – there were 19 candidates and 36 observers.

Financial Secretary's Report - Bro. Del Feser

The council's must renew its computer virus protection. **Bro. Eric Shickle** has been contacted about it.

Seventeen members' dues are still outstanding; three members cannot be located.

Bills & Communications

Many council members are involved in businesses/services. It would be good to have a phone list of businesses/services members could provide.

Newman Theological College to hold a brunch with the Bishop on April 3; tickets \$15.

Father Bonner Council is participating in the **Spinal Cord Walk and Run** June 26 05. Folks can either participate or sponsor their council.

Camp He Ho Ha has requested a donation. This is a

budgeted item and therefore will be paid upon **Bro. Gerald Martin's** return.

The **Adoration Chapel at St. Andrews Parish** is looking for our support to watch over the exposed Eucharist. **Bro. Phil Elders** has more information but was not present at the meeting.

Committee Reports

The **Knight of the Month** is **Bro. Tony Reichert**.

The **Family of the Month** is **Bro. Gabriel and Christine Ehnes**.

Council congratulates to **Bro. Tony** and to **Bro. Gabriel and Christine** on well deserved recognition!

Membership – Bro. Denis Halyk

Nine new members (one seminarian) joined our council at the **Seminary's** first degree.

The next **Major (2nd & 3rd) Degree** is at **St. Joseph's Seminary** on May 28 05.

We sold the highest number of **State Charity Appeal** tickets ever (66 books); many were sold at the state curling bonspiel.

Church – Bro. Peter Willette

The cooler in the kitchen has been replaced; the ice machine will be done shortly.

Much discussion occurred about **Mary's Garden** and the tables in the hall. **Bro. Clyde Flynn** will look into the cost and styles of new tables and will report to the executive of

Brother Anthony council, and **Bro. Fred Holtslag** will be looking for volunteers to help with the garden. The council has budgeted \$1,700 for the garden.

The kitchen will soon be cleaned commercially.

Curling – Bro. Denzel Laporte

Thanks to all who helped with the event. It was a lot of fun and a great success. The budget has yet to be settled.

A binder with pictures and descriptions should be created soon while the event's fresh in everyone's mind.

Squires – Bro. Maurice Pasternak

The **Rich Man/ Poor Man Dinner, Stations of the Cross**, and the viewing of the video of **Jesus Christ Superstar** made for a busy month.

A membership drive will be held April 16 05.

Fourth Degree – Bro. Clyde Flynn

The next meeting will be at **Holy Family Parish** on April 6 at 7 pm.

The next **Fourth Degree exemplification** is on May 7.

There are over 25 members of the Fourth Degree from our Council and over 100 members in the **Archbishop Emile Legal Assembly**.

Insurance Agent Report – Bro. Dan Dean

Knights are requested to contact **Bro. Dan Dean** for their insurance and investment needs.

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With thanks to Recording Secretary, Bro. Gerald Lemke



KC Twin Arena: Apr 8-10 Council enters two teams for state hockey

For many years Brother Anthony has been able to enter at least one team in the annual state hockey tournament.

Sometimes, our council had to beg and borrow players from other councils to patch a team together.

However, since the tournament was held in Edmonton this year (hosted by St. Charles council 8325) we were able to enter two teams.

They were led by captains **Bro. Marco Annich** (competitive A division side) and **Bro. Gary Johnson** (recreational B division).

The event was played out at the **KC Twin Arena** in north Edmonton from April 8 to 10, 2005.

Our boys were in the hunt for hockey glory against 15 other teams and brother knights from across Alberta and one team each from B.C. and Saskatchewan.

Last year, our council's hockey team, led by Bro. Marco, finished second overall behind the host Lethbridge brother knights.

Players of grit and fraternity

Who were the hockey playing fanatics who made up our two council teams?

A motley crew on both teams to be sure, patched together for this event. They brought a mix of experience and wisdom, and all were bound by fraternity.

Yes, the boys would gel and test the mettle of the teams they challenged.

Game Summaries

The games were three 20-minute straight time periods.

Here are the game summaries.

Competitive (A) Side

Brother Anthony roster:

- Marco Annich, C
- Dave Vetra (goalie)
- Mark Richard
- Jarome Amyotte
- George Van de Walle
- Tigo Larose
- Brian Boddez
- Warren Kuzio
- Jim Andruchow
- Bernie Gratton
- Colin Prather
- Pierre Dechaine
- Stan Dechaine
- Scott Bennett

Our lads had the edge over their competitors in Game 1. They ended up tying the game at the end of 60 minutes and coming short by one goal in an exciting shoot out.

A younger team, featuring a few junior players, defeated our boys in the second game.

Our boys handily won their third game.

Game 1: St. Albert (7) v. Red Deer (8) (decided in shoot out)

St. Albert goals: Larose (Kuzio, Annich), Kuzio (Annich), Gratton (Larose), Richard (P. Dechaine), Richard; shootout P. Dechaine and Richard.

Game 2: St. Albert (1) v. Wainwright (7) (teams exchanged three players for third period).

St. Albert goal: Richard

Game 3: St. Albert (9) v. Medicine Hat (3)

St. Albert goals: Gratton (Van De Walle), Amyotte (Annich), Gratton (Larose, Kuzio), P. Dechaine (Gratton, Van de Walle), Prather (Andruchow, Richard), Prather (Annich, Richard), Prather (P. Dechaine), Kuzio (Annich, Gratton), Prather (Larose).

Recreation (B) Side

Brother Anthony roster:

- Gary Johnson, C
- Wayne Provencal (goalie)
- Cy Klassen
- Wayne Kuzik
- Joe Becigneul
- Frank Schiavone
- Mike Landry
- Doug McKay
- Gilles Prefontaine
- Craig Sluser
- Maurice Pasternak
- Andre Casavant
- George Rodziewicz

Our lads went toe to toe in each of their three games.

They played well together, considering many had not played with each other before.

The boys came just short, losing each game by a goal (discounting the empty netters in games 1 and 2).

Netminder Provencal was stellar, especially in his last game against Morinville when he stopped 40+ shots.

The speedy Schiavone did a lot of damage against the team's opponents.

Game 1: St. Albert (4) v. St. Joseph College (6 – last goal in empty net)

St. Albert goals: Landry (Schiavone, Prefontaine), McKay (Klassen), Kuzyk (Klassen), Sluser.

Game 2 – St. Albert (4) v. Camrose (6 – last goal in empty net)

St. Albert goals: Schiavone (Prefontaine, Landry), Casavant, Kuzik, Schiavone (Sluser).

Game 3: St. Albert (4) v. Morinville (5)

St. Albert goals: Rodziewicz (Schiavone), Schiavone (Becigneul), McKay (Becigneul, Provencal), Prefontaine (Klassen, McKay).

The boys enjoyed the Saturday evening banquet featuring a guest hypnotist to provide entertainment.

At the banquet, Bro. Gary Johnson spoke on behalf of **Bro. Mickey Casavant** bringing greetings from state.

While at the podium, he also led our council's team teams up front in a rendition of **The Hockey Song**.

All in all it was a great event.

Thanks go to Bros. Marco and Gary for pulling it together for our council.

Thanks as usual to council for its great support of this annual fraternal event.

We must also thank the spouses who allowed their men to play hockey during the weekend.

The B team thanks **Bro. Larry Belanger** of St. Charles council for being their game host.

A general note of gratitude goes out to the fellow brother knights from St. Charles

council who put on a great tournament.

Next year? Wainwright, here we come! à

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