



# Santo Nino Council News

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The Knights of Columbus is a family-oriented fraternal service society of practical Catholic men.

## Rio Mercado, New Grand Knight

At its regular monthly meeting on May 25, the Council elected a new set of officers for the Columbian Year 2003-2004. To take office beginning July 1, 2003 are **Reuben**



New GK Mercado

**(Rio) Mercado**, Grand Knight, **Edgardo (Lalli) Alejandria**, Deputy Grand Knight, **Jeremias (Gregg) Ravasco**, Chancellor, **Jovil Paez**, Treasurer, **Matthew Robinson**,

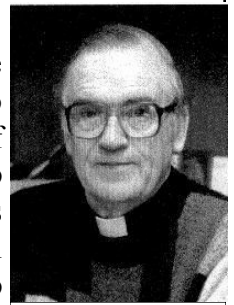
Recorder, **Mariano Pesigan**, Advocate, **Luis (Sonny) de Paz**, Warden, **Rodrigo Chiu**, Inside Guard, **Eddie Concepcion**, Outside Guard, and **Jaime (Jim) Alvarez** as the Three-year Trustee. **Dr. Mody Escanlar** and **Terry Abadiano** will continue to serve as Trustees. **Fr. Emmett Morrissey** remains as our Council Chaplain while **James Madrilejos** is our Financial Secretary.

Rio Mercado served as Deputy Grand Knight and Program Director for the past two years. He was the Knight of the Year for 2002-2003. He served as a council delegate to last year's State Convention in Regina and this year's Charitable Foundation Convention in Saskatoon. (Please continue to p. 2.)

## Chaplain's Message

Fellow Knights:

Sincere Congratulations to all the Members of our Council who accepted positions of responsibility in the Santo Nino Council when our Council held election of officers on Sunday May 25, 2003.



Father Emmett

Sincere Best Wishes to Rio Mercado as he takes over as fourth Grand Knight of our Council. I'm sure that under Rio's inspired leadership our Council will continue to grow and prosper.

I was very proud of all our Council Members who participated in the Marian Hour of Prayer here at Blessed Sacrament, on Wednesday June 4, 2003. It was a beautiful Holy Hour and our Council Members did our Council proud as you led us in the Rosary and read and served so devoutly. As one visitor said to me after the Holy Hour, "I'm glad I was here for the Service. It was very, very inspiring!" Of course I agreed!

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### Officers:

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Fr. Emmett Morrissey 522-7422
- Grand Knight**  
Jaime L. Alvarez 949-3207
- Deputy Grand Knight**  
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- Chancellor**  
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- Financial Secretary**  
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- Treasurer**  
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- Recorder**  
Jeremias P. Ravasco 584-0856
- Advocate**  
Edgardo A. Alejandria 359-3368
- Lecturer**  
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- Warden**  
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- Inside Guard**  
Rodrigo Chiu 569-7700
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The Knights of Columbus are dedicated to the four pillars of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

***Ecclesia de Eucharistia***

In his encyclical letter, Ecclesia De Eucharistia, given on Holy Thursday, His Holiness Pope John Paul II expounds on the centrality and divinity of the Eucharist in the Church's life, in our lives. He draws a continuous line from today to the bread and wine in the "Upper Room", to our salvation in Christ's death and resurrection.

He encourages the practice of Eucharistic adoration, especially at exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, where "Christ is present under the Eucharistic species".

He also dwells on the dignity of the Eucharistic celebration, a sacred banquet comparable to the anointing of Jesus' head by Mary, a sister of Lazarus, in Bethany.

He calls the Blessed Virgin Mother, a "woman of the Eucharist" and traces her devotion from the Annunciation to when Jesus said to John (to us), "Behold your mother."

In conclusion, the Holy Father asked us to make our own the words of St. Thomas Aquinas:

*Come then, good Shepherd, bread divine,  
Still show to us thy mercy sign;  
Oh, feed us, still keep us thine;  
So we may see thy glories shine  
in fields of immortality.*

*O thou, the wisest, mightiest, best,  
Our present food, our future rest,  
Come, make us each thy chosen guest,  
Co-heirs of thine, and comrades blest  
With saints whose dwelling is with thee.*

**Rio Mercado** (Continued from page 1.)

Rio works at the Regina Correctional Center as a correctional officer. He holds a bachelor's degree in social work. He is married to Cecille and they have three children: Rec who is a Knight belonging to our council, Eunice and Eugene.

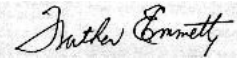
Lalli Alejandria, our new deputy grand knight, joined the K of C in 1974, became the Grand Knight of St. James Council #6613 in the Philippines, transferred to Regina Council #1247 when he immigrated to Canada, and was a charter member of our Council when it was formed in 1999. Lalli works for the University of Regina in the Maintenance Department. He is married to Amor and they have two sons Joseph and Richard, both of whom are members of our council.

The officers will be installed at the Blessed Sacrament Church on Sunday, June 22, 2003 by District Deputy Merv Kealey.

**Our Financial Secretary reminds members to pay their 2003 membership dues and obtain their new membership cards. Dues contribute to the operation of Supreme, State, Chapter, DD and Council.**

**Chaplain's Message** (continued)

As I said at the Holy Hour, I am very, very proud of the many accomplishments of our Council. I pledge you my prayers and support in all future Council activities as you continue to be men of prayer and as you strive to live up to the high ideals of the Knights of Columbus.



**Fourth Anniversary of Santo Nino**

On March 29, 2003, our council celebrated its fourth anniversary with a Mass at the Blessed Sacrament Church and a dinner-program and dance at the St. Anne Parish Hall.

Fr. Emmett Morrissey celebrated the Holy Mass with council members doing some of the liturgical roles. In his homily, he recalled the doings of the council and its assimilation into the parish.

Brother Martin Wrubleski, Regina Chapter President, was the guest speaker at the dinner. He was the DD when our council was formed. District Deputy Merv Kealey presented the Star Council Award for the year 2001-2002 to GK Jim Alvarez. Other awards were presented by our GK.

DGK Rio Mercado was named the Knight of the Year while Brother Lalli Alejandria, his wife Amor and their two sons Jeff and Richard were presented with the Family of the Year award. A special Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Fr. Morrissey. Knight of the Month certificates were given to Bro. James Madrilejos (July, '02), Bro. Sonny de Paz (September, '02), Bro. Mody Escanlar (October, '02),  
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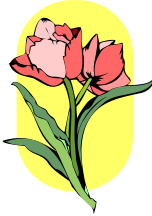


Part of the Anniversary good-wishers were members of the Msgr. Janssen Council including GK Carl and Nettie Folk, Art Vander Zalm and Richard and Eva Wasserly.

*Happy Birthday, Brod!*

**June**

- 09- Allan Ngui**
- 15- Brendo Arrojado**
- 20- Junior Herreria**
- 20- Rio Mercado**
- 28- Boomer Quangtakoune**



**July**

- 06- Richard Alejandria**
- 07- Dennis Charette**
- 07- Gerhard Kiefer**



**August**

- 04- Lorne Kehrig**
- 05- James Madrilejos**
- 09- Rey Mariano**
- 13- Reden Sampang**

**September**

- 01- Albino Alejandria**
- 03- Mody Escanlar**
- 07- Joseph Alejandria**



*Upcoming Events*

**June**

- 20-22:** State Organizational Meeting, Moose Jaw
- 22:** Corpus Christi Mass; Installation of officers
- 27:** Bingo Night (with Msgr. Janssen Council)
- 28-29:** Singles Tennis Tournament at Douglas Park

**July**

- 01:** Canada Day Mass and Council Pancake Brunch
- 19:** Family Picnic
- 26:** KC participation at Buffalo Days Parade
- 27:** Mass and Council meeting

**August**

- 08-10:** Doubles Tennis Tournament at Douglas Park
- 24:** Mass and Council meeting

**September**

- 03:** Chapter meeting
- 28:** Mass and Council meeting

**New Chapter Officers**

Bro. Chris Chowanec of Gerein Council was elected Regina Chapter President for 2003-2004. Vice President is Bro. Ed Zsombor of Fr. Zimmerman Council. Bro. Frank Laurans of Gerein and Bro. Don Miller of Fr. Burns were re-elected as Treasurer and Secretary respectively.

**Anniversary** (Continued from p. 2)

Bro. Boomer Quangtakoune (December, '02), Bro. Seb Koh (April, '02) and Bro. Rodrigo Chiu (May, '02). Certificates of Appreciation were given to Susan Alvarez, Cecille Mercado, Fannie Madrilejos, Amor Alejandria, Anna Mae Feliciano, Chelo Ravasco, Sonia Sampang, Jim Aussant, Art Vander Zalm, Jonathan Madrilejos and Marc Sison for various services to Council. Merit Certificates were presented to Bros. Terry Abadiano, Ernie Alarcon, Bing Alejandria, Efren Alejandria, Jeff Alejandria, Richard Alejandria, Brendo Arrojado, Ogie Ayuban, Boni Borricano, Sid Castillo, Ed Concepcion, Ferdie Feliciano, Jun Herreria, Jun Hernando, Lorne Kehrig, Rec Mercado, Danny Nagrampa, Allan Ngui, Pedro Onza, Jovil Paez, Ernie Paraiso, Mariano Pesigan, Gregg Ravasco, Matt Robinson, Ramon Salva, Reden Sampang, Aris Siapno, Boni Sison, Mario Sison, Jay Tirona, Sam Tranquilino and Nol Ventocilla.

There were about 200 well-wishers including council members from Msgr. Janssen, Holy Family, Holy Trinity, St. Peters and others. Dance music was provided by the Barkada, a local rock band made up of GK Jim Alvarez, Nilo Ayuban, Narciso Misleng and Mario Benedicto. Way to go, Guys!

**Congratulations**

To Brother Benjamin J. Hernando Jr. who graduated with a bachelor of administration, accounting major, from the University of Regina this spring. Jun has worked with KPMG in Regina and Price-Waterhouse-Cooper in Calgary. He served as the Council Recorder two years ago and is lector.



**Major Degree Exemption**

Council sent a handful of members to lend support to **Boomer Quangtakoune** and **Matt Robinson** who became Third degree knights last March 30 at St. Martin de Porres Parish Hall. Welcome and congratulations!

Boomer is currently our Youth Director and was an organizer of the Santo Nino Caroling last Christmas. Matt has been active as server and lector during our fourth Sunday Masses. He is the new Recorder for 2003-2004.

