

# Santo Nino Council News

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# Río Mercado, New Grand Knight

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



New GK Mercado

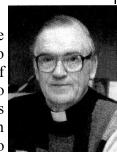
(Rio) Mercado. Knight, Grand Edgardo (Lalli) Alejandria, Deputy Grand Knight, Jeremias (Gregg) Ravasco, Chancellor, Jovil Paez, Treasurer, Matthew Robinson.

Recorder, Mariano Pesigan, Advocate, Luis (Sonny) de Paz, Warden, Rodrigo Chiu, Inside Guard, Eddie Concepcion, Outside Guard, Jaime (Jim) Alvarez as the Threeyear 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

Sincere Congratulations to all the Members of our Council who accepted positions of responsibility in Santo Nino Council when our Council held elec-



**Father Emmett** 

tion of officers on Sunday May 25, 2003.

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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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), (Please continue to p.3)



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







# 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 Exemplification

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.

# 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 Chowaniec 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, Certificates of Appreciation were given to Susan Alvarez, Cecille Mercado, Fannie Madrileios, 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 Mislang and Mario Benedicto. Way to go, Guys!

# Editorial

### Memento Mori, Tempus Fugit

The motto every new Knight of Columbus learns says in Latin to "Remember Death, Time Flies."

\*Memento Mori. It is rather a somber thought. But such is an imperative of life on earth. Perhaps it is in remembering death that we realize the magnitude of the eternal life that our resurrected Lord promised us. In a mundane context, memento mori tells us that things come to an end. There is a conclusion, a closure. We sit back and ponder on how successful our Columbian Year of service and camaraderie has been.

\*Tempus Fugit.. It seems that when we are busy, we do not notice how time flies. In a few days we will start with a new set of officers and with renewed vigor. We personally would like to thank our GK Jim Alvarez for his effective leadership and his helpmate Susan for being such an inspiration to Council. Likewise, our new GK Rio Mercado and his good wife Cecille seem to have been a source of constant support. We are quite confident the Council is in good hands.

### A Word from our Program Director Rio Mercado

Please join me in congratulating Fr. Emmett P. Morrissey on the 45th anniversary of his ordination. His vast experience, knowledge and dedication are an inspiration and assets not only to the Blessed Sacrament Parish but to our young council as well.

Also a special thanks to GK Jim Alvarez and the executive for a vibrant and fun-filled two years of service to the Santo Nino Council.

It is with pride to announce that our own Bro. Seb Koh who is the State Church Director this year was named the Program Director of the Year at the State Convention in Saskatoon on May 2-4, 2003. Kudos, Bro. Seb! Moreover, he was appointed by State Deputy Bert West to be District Deputy #3 for 2003-2004. On behalf of the Council, we wish him the best and rest assured we will support him on his new challenges.

Council was pretty busy this past quarter:

- \* GK, PGK Seb Koh, DGK, and FS represented Council at the State Convention in Saskatoon on May 2-4, 2003.
- \* Bro. Mody and Shirley Escanlar, Bro. Lalli and Amor Alejandria, Bro. Nol and Marina Ventocilla and Chelo Ravasco attended the KC Pro-Life Dinner May 2, 2003.
- \* A Marian Hour of Prayer was held on June 4, 2003 at the Blessed Sacrament Church led by Fr. Morrissey and Council members. The Icon of Our Lady of the Rosary was on display. About 150 devotees were present.

Finally, I wish to thank you all for your support, enthusiasm and friendship. May we continue to work together and may the Lord bless us always!

# Message from our Grand Knight

# **Greetings to all Brother Knights!**

This will be my final message to vou as vour Grand Knight and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for his confidence and support during these last two years. I'd especially like to thank Fr. Morrissey, the officers and the committee chairmen for their dedication and hard work in ensur-



ing the success of all the various activities we were involved in. Without your contributions, none of these would have been possible. It has been a very colorful, exhilarating ride and a very rewarding time and I certainly appreciate the opportunity to lead our Council during this time.

On a final note, let's give our next set of officers our ongoing support for the continued success of our very own Santo Nino Council.

> Yours in Christ, Jim Alvarez **Grand Knight**

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# THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SANTO NINO COUNCIL

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invites you to the July 1 Canada Day **Noon Eucharistic Celebration by** Archbishop Peter J. Mallon

at the Blessed Sacrament Church!

Pancake brunch: sausages, eggs and coffee-\$4 Free face painting and popsicles for children!!! \*craft sales\*\*music\*.10-11:00 a.m., 1-2:30 p.m. Happy Canada Day!

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**Our Deepest Sympathy** To Fr. Emmett Morrissey whose brother William, 69, passed away on June 10, 2003 after a period of illness in **New Brunswick** 



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# Condolence and Sympathy

To Brother Jorge de la Cruz, Rene, Tony and Ila on the untimely death of their brother Juanito on June 7, 2003 in Santa Maria, Pangasinan, the Philippines.