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## Seven New 3rd Degree Knights in Council

Santo Nino Council hosted a first degree exemplification for nine candidates on Sunday October 5 at Blessed Sacrament Church. Three of the nine joined our Council.

On Sunday October 19, the three had their major degree with two other from Council at an exemplification hosted jointly by the Regina Districts and Santo Nino and Holy Trinity Councils. There were fifteen candidates. Our Chaplain Fr. Emmett Morrissey was the Class Patron. The five new third degrees are **Dr. Isaac Caburao, Bro. Jessie Feliciano, Bro. Alex Tayco, Bro. Alvil Tayco, and Bro. Thomas Ventocilla**. Guest speaker was State Deputy Bert West.

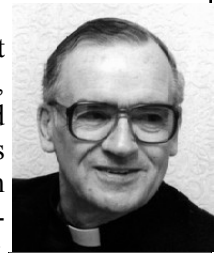
At the banquet, Fr. Morrissey and Fr. Louis Kubash, Rector of the Holy Rosary Cathedral were honored on the 45th Anniversary of their ordination to the priesthood.

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## Chaplain's Message

Fellow Knights:

This past November 25, when we celebrated our Memorial Mass at St. Mary's Parish with Father Raymond Rodriguez as the chief celebrant, I felt very proud of our Council. It was to my knowledge the first official joint function of our two councils and our Council was well represented.



Father Emmett

I also enjoyed the social gathering afterwards in the St. Mary's Hall. I said to someone following the snack, "Those Filipinos know how to pray and they know how to play!" I really like Dr. Seb (Please continue to p. 2)

New Third Degree Knights (l to r): Isaac Caburao, Thomas Ventocilla, Alvil Tayco, Alexis Tayco, Jesus Feliciano with State Deputy Bert West. Seated are honorees Fr. Emmett Morrissey and Fr. Louis Kubash.



The Knights of Columbus are dedicated to the four pillars of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

**Joint Donation**

Santo Nino Council joined Msgr. Janssen Council in donating \$1000 to the St. Michael Retreat House Fundraising \$100-a-plate Dinner on September 28, 2003. Brother Ralph Kessel of Msgr. Janssen Council and our Financial Secretary James Madrilejos were on hand to deliver the cheque.



Retreat Director Donna Fisher shakes hand with F. S. James Madrilejos while Ralph Kessel of M. Janssen Council looks on.

**Chaplain's Message (continued)**

Koh's jokes although it seems to me they get a bit longer and more embellished each time they are told!

On Saturday November 28, 2003 members of the Santo Nino Council under the leadership of Grand Knight Reuben Mercado will assemble our outdoor Christmas Crib here at Blessed Sacrament. For the last nine years students from our Catholic High Schools have helped assemble the Crib. This year Council will assemble the Crib and add the trees and lights as they have done for the last few years. Although the structure and the statues don't look very big they are heavy and besides our brother knights will be working in sub-zero temperatures. So needless to say our Parish is very grateful to our Council Members for constructing the Crib. Our outdoor Crib will be a "silent sermon" about the meaning of Christmas to pedestrians on the 2000 block of Scarth Street during the next few weeks.

May I wish you a joyous Advent and a Christmas Season and remember that Christmas is first and foremost and above all else Christ's birthday. So unless we centre our lives around our Lord in this Advent Season then all our other preparations for Christmas will be rather hollow and meaningless.

**Council Composition as of Nov. 15, 2003:**

Age	No.	
20 to 29:	7	xxxxxxx
30 to 39:	22	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
40 to 49:	15	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
50 to 59:	19	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
60 to 69:	3	xxx
70 to 79:	3	xxx
80 to 89:	3	xxx
<b>Total</b>	<b>72</b>	

**Some Numbers ~**

	Nov, 00	Nov, 01	Nov, 02	Nov, 03
<b>Average age:</b>	44.4	45.0	44.8	45.8
<b>Youngest:</b>	18	19	19	20
<b>Oldest:</b>	85	86	87	88
<b>Honorary Life:</b>	2	2	2	2
<b>Fourth degree:</b>	8	8	8	10
<b>Third degree:</b>	42	41	45	49
<b>First degree:</b>	8	14	20	13
<b>Happy Knights:</b>	58	63	73	72

**The Average Age**

We are all a year older and our average age went up from 44.8 to 45.8. The four new members between November 2002 and November 2003 range in age between 23 and 57. But then we lost five (two left for Calgary, one left the Church) ranging in age from 21 to 60. Still, our average age is among the lowest in the province, if not Canada.

**Amalgamation on Track**

By January, 2004, Supreme Council would have met and decided to allow the amalgamation of Msgr. Janssen and Santo Nino Councils both of Regina on recommendation of Supreme representative FSD Grant Ertel. Brother Grant met officers of the Councils together with SD Bert West and Fr. R. Rodriguez on October 18. The new council will retain the name of Santo Nino Council. The councils have about 70 members each.

**Memorial Mass for Four Knights**

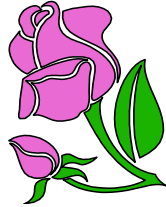
Msgr. Janssen Council 4959 and Santo Nino Council 12415 had a joint memorial mass on Tuesday, November 25, 2003 for their members who passed away recently. Prayers and mass was celebrated by Fr. Raymundo Rodriguez and Fr. Emmett Morrissey at St. Mary's Church.

GK Carl Folk and GK Rio Mercado handed out plaques honouring deceased members Brothers **Wilbert Albinus Geiger**, **Andrew Lawrence** and **Basil Szumack** of Council 4959 and Brother **Felicisimo Ventocilla** of Council 12415. Brother Arnulfo Ventocilla thanked the councils on behalf of the relatives of the deceased.

*Happy Birthday, Brod!*

**December**

- 06- Ferdinand Santa Maria
- 12- Ferdinand Feliciano
- 25- Jess Feliciano
- 26- Sam Tranquilino



**January**

- 04- Bonifacio Borricano
- 06- Melchor Santos
- 09- Arnulfo Ventocilla
- 14- Rodrigo Caluza
- 14- Raphy Molano
- 16- Paul Castillo
- 16- Rec Mercado
- 22- Allan Regonas
- 30- Matthew Robinson



**February**

- 08- Fr. Emmett Morrissey
- 14- Roland Logan
- 24- Mariano Pesigan

**March**

- 04- Efren Alejandria
- 11- Ernesto Paraiso
- 29- Alvil Tayco



*Upcoming Events*

**December**

- 03: Chapter meeting
- 5-7: State Midterm Meeting at Davidson
- 11: Fourth degree Christmas party
- 6 to 17: Santo. Nino Christmas Caroling
- 20: Christmas Kettle at Golden Mile
- 26-31: Saskatchewan Youth Parliament
- 28: Mass, Council Christmas Potluck Dinner

**January**

- 02: Bingo Night (with Msgr. Janssen Council)
- 07: Regina Chapter Meeting
- 15: Fourth Degree Meeting
- 25: Mass and Council Meeting

**February**

- 04: Regina Chapter Meeting
- 06: Bingo Night (with Msgr. Janssen Council)
- 06-08: Saskatchewan Indoor Games in Saskatoon
- 08: Priest Day
- 14: Ladies Night
- 22: Mass and Council Meeting

**March**

- 03: Ash Wednesday; Regina Chapter Meeting
- 07: Major degree exemplification
- 12: Bingo Night (with Msgr. Janssen Council)
- 28: Fifth Anniversary Mass, Council Meeting and Dinner

*Congratulations to new 3rd degree Knights!*

- Fr. Danilo Rafael**
- Fr. Arnulfo Sison**
- Bro. Lon Caburao**
- Bro. Jessie Feliciano**
- Bro. Alex Tayco**
- Bro. Alvil Tayco**
- Bro. Tom Ventocilla**

**New Third Degrees (Continued from p. 1)**

On October 15, **Fr. Dan Rafael** and **Fr. Arnold Sison** of our Council joined three other priests for Major Degree Exemplification by observation at St. Andrew School Auditorium. Class Patron was Fr. Louis Kubash. Exemplification was conducted by the Regina Degree Team captained by Brother Frank Laurans.

Conferring Officer for both Majors was Brother Harvey Granatier. Degree Team for October 19 was from Saskatoon captained by Brother Ron Martens while October 5 was from Regina captained by Brother Mark Lewans.

**State Bowling Tournament**

October 4-5 was State Bowling Tourney at Golden Mile Bowling in Regina. Council sent the team of Brothers Nol Ventocilla (captain), Ferdie Feliciano, Rolly Herreria and Lon Caburao to compete. With hardly any practice, they came through and won overall third place out of seventeen teams state-wide. They scored 23 68 for a team triple. Brother Ferdie won a golden mug for the highest single of 298 and Brother Nol came third in highest average with 215.

Our team is invited to participate in the 2004 State Bowling Tournament to be held October 16-17 in Yorkton. Congratulations, Brothers!

**Ministries for Sunday, December 28, 2003 Liturgy:**

- Mass Servers:** Ed Concepcion, Danny Nagrampa, Jovil Paez, Matt Robinson, Aris Siapno
  - Readers:** Rio Mercado, Joseph Alejandria
  - Communion:** Mody Escanlar, James Madrilejos
  - Bell Ringers:** Luis de Paz, Boni Sison, Nol Ventocilla
  - Greeters:** Allan Ngui, Mario Sison
  - Gift Bearers:** Ferdie and Meny Sta. Maria and family
- Mody Escanlar**  
*Church/Vocations Director*

Editorials

***Bring Christ into Our Christmas***

Amidst the hullabaloo of parties, giving and getting gifts, we seem to forget the greatest gift we all received, namely, that God gave His only Son to redeem us from our sins.

I urge you, Brothers and Friends, to spend some time daily in meditation of this Gift, to think of the sacred life of Christ that brought peace, healing and hope to our dysfunctional world. Go to mass and partake of the Holy Eucharist. Come to Holy Hours in Adoration and Novenas. Bring love and cheer where they are wanting. Join us in singing Christmas carols to the shut-ins. Be with your families.

In short, bring Christ back into our Christmas.  
**Merry Christmas and a Great 2004!**

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***Working Together***

For the past couple of years we have been helping Msgr. Janssen in manning the Bingo every fifth Friday. This past November, we had a joint Memorial Mass with them. At the St Michael Dinner, we pooled our resources to make a donation. Our Christmas Dinner will be at St. Mary's Hall with them. Perhaps, it was in anticipation of our amalgamation that Councils felt inclined to work together—a worthy attitude.

But wait. Didn't we co-host a major degree with Holy Trinity Council? Indeed, it was a successful cooperation and Council learned a lot. Working with other councils is part of our maturing process and speaks of our dedication to unity and fraternity.

***District Deputy's Two Bits***

The Saskatchewan Youth Parliament will be run on December 26 to 30. As in past years, councils may consider sponsoring youth (aged 15-21) interested in politics. The model parliament imitates our Legislature in structure, debate and atmosphere. The youth delegates will be billeted at the Travelodge (South) Inn for the duration of the session. Total cost to council will be \$140 per delegate. Application forms may be obtained from [www.members.shaw.ca/syp](http://www.members.shaw.ca/syp) or from me. Deadline is December 9, 2003. I would like to caution council to support candidates who share the ideals and teachings of the Catholic faith.

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship will be in January-February of 2004. This is open to boys and girls between the ages of 10 and 14. They compete in their gender and age groups. Council

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***Message from our Grand Knight***

**Greetings, Brother Knights!**

As we journey into the advent season we are reminded once again about its significance. It is the birthday of Christ, the birth which is the greatest gift to humanity. To manifest our appreciation we can undertake services to our community, charity and the needy. These undertakings are signs that we treasure and nurture his unconditional gift.



Our Council is geared toward this direction, volunteer hours in church activities, donation to charities and man-hours of community services. We know it is not enough, but so long with so little we continue to strive for a morally generous environment.

To all of our Council members who untiringly dedicate their time, effort and energy to our Order's goal, thank you, and may all our members emulate your actions.

From the Executive of the Santo Nino Council and their families, a Blessed Christmas and a Prosperous New Year to one all.

Rio Mercado

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can order competition kits from Supreme. The kit contains materials (guide, posters, certificates, etc.) needed to organize a competition for 75 participants. In the meantime, a school gym with the required facilities and equipment needs to be booked.

The yearlong Marian Hour of Prayer started in October. This Columbian year, the image of Christ as Divine Mercy together with prayer booklets is going from council to council throughout Saskatchewan. According to the State schedule, Regina councils will have the Marian Hour in May or June of 2004.

Lastly, I wish you a Happy Christmas and a Fruitful New Year!

Fraternally yours,  
Seb Koh, DD#3

Members may now pay their 2004 membership dues and obtain their new membership cards from me. Dues contribute to the operation of Supreme, State, Chapter, DD and Council.

*James Madrilejos*  
*Financial Secretary*