



# Santo Nino Council News

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

## Amalgamation, a Fait Accompli

Excerpts from minutes of the Supreme Board of Directors meeting held on January 23-25, 2004 reads; "Voted, upon request and approval of Saskatchewan State Deputy Albert F. West, to merge Council No. 4959, Msgr, Janssen, Regina and Council No. 12415, Santo Nino, Regina with the merged Council to be known as **Santo Nino Council No. 12415, Regina.**"

Thus, after months of discussions, the two councils will formally work and meet together. The merged Council will continue to be based at the Blessed Sacrament Church and will honor all council commitments for the Columbian year. Its members will continue to serve the Blessed Sacrament Church, St. Mary's Church, Little Flower Church and St. Anthony Church. Bingo every fifth Friday will carry on under Bro. Art Vanderzalm's charge.

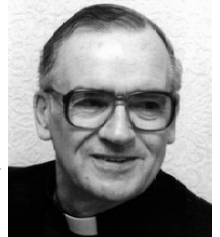
Election of officers for the merged council will be held on Sunday, May 23 at 11:15 a.m. after the Mass at Blessed Sacrament Church.

Both GK Reuben Mercado of Santo Nino and GK Carl Folk of Msgr. Janssen have expressed enthusiasm over the amalgamation. The merged council now has 155 members.

**Members may now pay their 2004 membership dues and obtain their new membership cards.**

J. Madrilejos, *Financial Secretary*

## Chaplain's Message



Father Emmett

Congratulations to Worthy Grand Knight Reuben Mercado, Youth Director Jeff Alejandria and indeed

Congratulations to the entire Santo Nino Council for the splendid tribute you paid to the four boys who serve Mass at Blessed Sacrament on the first and third Sundays of every month. Jason Cooney and Ross and Scott Pilon were just thrilled with the evening as were their parents and grandparents. Unfortunately, Justin Cooney was ill and was unable to attend the celebration.

There were many things which made the evening of February 20, 2004 very special:

1. The certificates of appreciation presented to the boys were first class. I joked that the certificates complete with the Council's gold seal looked like university diplomas.
2. The food at Buffet Village was good with lots of variety. I noted that the boys had second helpings.
3. But above all the hospitality was excellent. The boys felt very appreciated and their parents and grandparents appreciated the fact that our council would devote a special evening to the boys.

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| <b>Deputy Grand Knight</b>       |          |
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The Knights of Columbus are dedicated to the four pillars of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

**Caroling at Regina Homes**

The 2003 Christmas caroling, our fifth year as a fund-raiser, was an enjoyable success. Our council collected a total of \$1061. Caroling was on December 9, 10, 12, 14, and 16. Coordinator was Chancellor Gregg Ravasco with PGK Jim Alvarez as Music Director and PGK Seb Koh as Scheduler.

Particularly satisfying were the caroling trips to shut-ins at six senior homes including the Extendicare Sunset, the Albert Park Lodge, the Campbell Care Home and the Southland Manor. The hosts invariably served drinks and goodies to the carolers.

On Sunday, December 28, we sang at the Blessed Sacrament Church before the 10 a.m. Holy Mass.

Thanks are due to the carolers Jim and Susan Alvarez,, Sonny de Paz, Brendo Arrojado, Reden and Sonia Sampang, Reuben and Cecille Mercado, Gregg and Chelo Ravasco, Allan Ngui, James and Fannie Madrilejos, Mody and Shirley Escanlar, Seb Koh, Jessie and Marissa Feliciano, Sam Tranquilino, Olive Ravasco, Cora and Marc Sison.

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**Joint Council Christmas Party**

Msgr. Janssen and Santo Nino Councils had a joint Christmas party last Sunday, December 28 at the St. Mary's Parish Hall. Over a hundred guests came including State Deputy Bert West and his wife Judy. There were door prizes, games, karaoke and dance.

**Christmas Kettle**

Council rang Christmas Kettle for the Salvation Army last December 20 at the Golden Mile Mall. Thanks to members who manned the kettle: Allan Ngui, Mariano Pesigan, Rio Mercado, Reden Sampang, James Madrilejos, Ferdie Feliciano and Art Vanderzalm.

**Nativity Scene Set-up**

On a cold November day, council members Danny Nagrampa, Boomer Quangtakoune, Lorne Kehrig, Sam Tranquilino, Allan Ngui, Brendo Arrojado among others set up the Crib at the Church with help from Jim Aussant, Joe Sanz and Gordon Pilon, and put it away on a cold day after Epiphany. Thanks!

**State Convention News**

Council is sending GK Reuben Mercado and PGK Jim Alvarez as delegates to the State Convention on April 16-18 at the Delta Hotel in Regina. Alternates elected are DGK Ed Alejandria and Janssen GK Carl Folk. For the concurrent K of C Charitable Foundation Convention, delegates elected are PGK Terry Abadiano and FS James Madrilejos with Bros. Art Vanderzalm and Mody Escanlar as alternates.

Bro. Mody is also the co-chair of the Convention Liturgy Committee. Members are serving Mass and ushering. Council ladies will host the brunches.

**Council held First Degree**

Council hosted a first degree exemplification on Sunday, February 29 at the Council Hall at Blessed Sacrament. Nine candidates from Districts 1, 2, 3, and 11 were admitted into the Order by Degree Grand Knight Mark Lewans. They are Denis Dondo (Langevin 4280), Ed Kostiuk (Holy Trinity 10401), Brad Anderson (Archb. O'Neill 8896), Dick Cornish (Fr. Gibney 9278), Maurice Halipchuk (Ituna 5320), Francis Israel, Aaron Alarcon, Ian Alarcon, and Bernie Hernando, the last four from Santo Nino 12415.

Class Patron was Bro. Jim Schneider, District Deputy #1. Bro. Jim joined the Fr. Gibney Council 9278 in 1986 and became its Grand Knight in 1989-91 and 1997-99. He was appointed district deputy in 2002. He has served as a program director for the State. He is now the president of the Catholic Health Association of Saskatchewan. Bro. Jim is married to Sheila, a registered nurse, and they have two adult children working in Alberta.

DD#31 Brian Schatz issued an invitation for the new Knights to have their major degree on Sunday March 7 at St. Gabriel School in Windsor Park.



New first degree Santo Nino Knights Aaron Alarcon, Bernie Hernando, Ian Alarcon and Francis Israel (all standing) with GK Reuben Mercado, Degree GK Mark Lewans and Degree Chancellor Martin Wrubleski (seated).





Editorial

*And the Two Became One*

After almost two years of working together at bingo and other functions, the Santo Nino and Msgr. Janssen Councils were merged by Supreme recently. There is work ahead to consolidate operations, assets and commitments. Fortunately, our merged Council is motivated by our dedication to Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. An added glue is the fact that our Chaplain Fr. Emmett Morrissey joined our Order at Msgr. Janssen in 1960 and later became its Chaplain. *Vivat Jesu!*

**Chaplain's Message** (continued)

All in all it was another in the list of extremely successful events sponsored by our council. May I wish our Worthy Grand Knight Reuben Mercado and all our members continued success in all council activities.

Sincerely,




Fr. Emmett with the Pilon Family when we honored the Altar servers Ross and Scott Pilon and Jason and Justin Cooney

**Ministries for Sunday, March 28, 2004 Liturgy:**

**Mass Servers:** Rodrigo Chiu, Danny Nagrampa, Efen Alejandria, Gregg Ravasco, Matt Robinson

**Readers:** Rio Mercado, Jim Alvarez

**Communion:** Mody Escanlar, James Madrilejos

**Bell Ringers:** L. de Paz, Ernie Alarcon, Nol Ventocilla

**Greeters:** Allan Ngui, Lorne Kehrig

**Gift Bearers:** Mauro Jr. and Edna Herreria and family

**Ministries for Sunday, April 25, 2004 Liturgy:**

**Mass Servers:** Rodrigo Chiu, Ed Alejandria, Efen Alejandria, Ed Concepcion, Matt Robinson

**Readers:** Seb Koh, Alvil Tayco

**Communion:** Mody Escanlar, James Madrilejos

**Bell Ringers:** Luis de Paz, J. Alejandria, Nol Ventocilla

**Greeters:** Allan Ngui, Terry Abadiano

**Gift Bearers:** Danny and Lourdes Nagrampa and family

*Mody Escanlar, Church/Vocations Director*

*Message from our Grand Knight*

**Greetings, Brother Knights!**

A warm welcome to our Brothers from Msgr. Janssen in the amalgamation of our two councils! Your experience and expertise would surely be an asset to our combined councils.



I also welcome our new brothers in the order who have just joined us last Feb. 29 ' 04: Aaron and Ian Alarcon, Francis Israel, Bernie Hernando. Our sincere thanks to the Degree Team led by Bro. Mark Lewans for the exemplification. Job well done team!

Despite two blizzards and freezing temperatures our council was busy the last quarter. Perhaps it is the hard work that keeps us warm. The postcard signing campaign on defining marriage was welcomed well by parishioners of Blessed Sacrament and St. Mary's Churches.

We also acknowledged our young altar servers last Feb. 20, 2004 namely, Jason and Justin Cooney, Ross and Scott Pilon, at the Buffet Village. Their parents and grandparents were equally honored and proud of these young boys serving the Lord. Our Church Director Mody Escanlar and Youth Director Jeff Alejandria handed out framed certificates to the young servers.



Bros. Jeff and Mody with Jason Cooney

On Jan. 25, 2004 Brother Jeff conducted a free throw competition at M. Riffel High School. The 4 winners are: Kendal Pon (age 10 girls); Anthony Israel (age 10 boys); Dylan Ziegler (age 11 boys) and Isaiah Lazo (age 13 boys). Dylan Ziegler went on to win the District competition and will advance to the Zone level on Mar. 6, 2004 at Leboldus High School.

The birthday brunch for Fr. Emmett was an occasion to show appreciation of our Chaplain's all-out support to our council. We pray to the Lord that He grant Fr. Emmett better health and strength so we could continually enjoy his dedication, wisdom, support and friendship.

As Lent starts, let us be kinder, gentler, forgive more easily, and share more joyfully. May the Presence of God shine more brightly through us as Christ intended.

*Rio Mercado*