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Santo Niño #12415 Stars Again

Santo Niño Knights of Columbus Council #12415 has earned the distinction of Star Council, our Order's highest award, for the 2003-2004 Columbian Year. Supreme made the announcement recently. The award recognizes overall excellence in the areas of membership recruitment and retention, promotion of the fraternal insurance program and sponsorship of service-oriented activities. The award was presented to the council by District Deputy Claude Lefebvre at the major degree program held on October 3, 2004.

In announcing the Awards, Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, said, "Please accept my sincere congratulations upon attaining this prestigious award. The dedication to the principles and aims of the Order by your officers and members is exemplified by the high standard of excellence you have achieved. I encourage you to carry forward this enthusiasm."

"The Star Council Award is quite an honor to us. We are extremely proud of this accomplishment," proclaimed GK Reuben Mercado.

This is the fourth Star Council Award won by the Council in five years since its charter in 1999. Santo Niño is one of four awardees of the 160 councils in Saskatchewan this year. The other three are Fr. Lawless Council 1534 in Moose Jaw, Esterhazy Council 5249 and St. Joseph Council 8547 in Prince Albert.



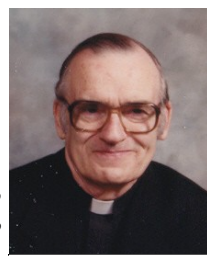
Chaplain's Message

Fellow Knights:

On Thursday, November 18, 2004, our council members joined with the Nagrampa family in mourning the loss of Danilo Nagrampa, one of the devoted members of the Santo Niño Council. The funeral Mass that day was a tremendous tribute to Danilo. I know that there would be a large Honour Guard of both Third Degree and Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus. However, when the servers and I entered the Church to meet the body and the mourners, I was somewhat overwhelmed by the Honour Guard. I have been ordained 46 years and in all those years I had never seen such a huge Honour Guard of Knights at any funeral. The day after the funeral fellow Knight Martin Wrublecki told me that, according to his count, there were exactly 40 Knights in the Honour Guard. I would like to thank fellow Knight Art Vanderzalm who phoned our council members inviting them to be part of the Honour Guard. Danilo had been one of our faithful mass servers at the 10 a.m. Mass on the 4th Sunday of every month here at Blessed Sacrament.

On a brighter note, sincere thanks to the members of our council under the leadership of Grand Knight

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Father Emmett

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

Council Sponsors 1st Basketball Tourney

by **Joseph Alejandria, Youth Director**

On October 8, 9 and 10, 2004 (Thanksgiving weekend), the Santo Nino Council sponsored its First Annual Basketball Tournament held at Riffel High School in Regina. Seven teams participated which included a team from University of Saskatchewan, a team from University of Regina, and a couple of teams from out of town. There was a round robin elimination with the top four teams competing in the playoffs.

The focus of the tournament is to promote the Knights of Columbus to the youth. This allowed the participants to get to know one another and show great camaraderie. It was a very competitive, but also a sportsmanlike tournament. The Player's Club became the tournament champions with four Santo Nino Council members namely, Bros. **Joseph** and **Richard Alejandria**, **Bernie Hernando** and **Ian Alarcon**. Their teammates were Dante Potoma, Joseph Bacalso, Reymon Roxas, Noel Lauagan and Jeffrey Del Castillo. The banquet and awards ceremony was held at the Break Sports Lounge.

We would like to extend special thanks to the referees Tai, Matt, Gary Lazo, Joseph Herrera and Jeffrey Crone and a special thanks to Riffel High School for the use of the gymnasium and the electronic scoreboard.

The tournament wouldn't have been a great success without the help of these generous volunteers: Bro. Ian Alarcon, Bro. Aaron Alarcon, DGK Laly Alejandria, Bro. Richard Alejandria, GK Rio Mercado, Bro. Bernie Hernando, Wendy Nguyen, Michelle Lee, Sunnya Houmthavong, Noel Lauagan, Sayfon Sanith, Tony Vongkhamchanh and Christina Schwickrath.

We have received a lot of positive feedback from out of town and local participants and spectators. See you again next year!

Tournament Champions with Knights Bros. Ian Alarcon, Joseph Alejandria, Richard Alejandria, and Bernie Hernando



Council Happenings

Funeral Mass

The Holy Mass of Christian Burial for **Brother Danny Nagrampa** on November 18 at the Blessed Sacrament Church was among the best attended. **Fr. Emmett Morrissey** celebrated with **Frs. Brad Fahlman, Raymundo Rodriguez, Eusebio Tubale, and Danilo Rafael** concelebrating. There were 40 third degree and fourth degree Honour Guards with **Bros. Alex Eberle, Gil McDonald** and **Don Schaeffer** in full regalia. Three brother Knights served Mass. Danny's children **Dale, Daniel** and **Janelle** read the scriptures.

Interment was at the Regina Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

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Charitable Donations

For the Columbian Year 2004-2005, Santo Nino Council 12415 has to date given the following donations to the charitable entities:

St. Michael's Retreat House, Lumsden	\$1,000
St. Mary's Parish, Regina	500
Multiple Sclerosis Society	250
Marian Center	100
Salvation Army	100

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Nativity Scene

Saturday November 27, Santo Nino Knights and parishioners set up the nativity scene in front of Blessed Sacrament Church with a couple of Christmas trees, an angel and the guiding star. Thanks to Brothers **Rio and Rec Mercado, Terry Abadiano, Allan Ngui, Sonny de Paz and Seb Koh**. Special thanks to Mr. And Mrs. **Gordon Pilon** and their three boys **Scott, Ross and Todd**. Same go to **Jim Aussant, Joe Sanz and James Soehn**.

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Memorial Mass

On Sunday November 7, Council had its annual memorial mass at St. Mary's Church celebrated by Fr. Raymundo Rodriguez. Brother **Christian Schaeffer** was honored in memoriam. A plaque was presented by GK Rio Mercado and Trustee Carl Folk to Christian's daughters **Carol Fahlman** and **Laura Kuntz**.

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Christmas Kettle

Council mans the Salvation Army Christmas Kettle at the Golden Mile Shopping Mall on Saturday December 18. Thanks to volunteers Brothers **Allan Ngui** and **Greg Ravasco** (10-12 am), Brothers **Carl Folk** and **Rio Mercado** (12-2 pm), and Brothers **Art Vanderzalm** and **Gil McDonald** (2-5 pm).

Editorial

A Fifth Pillar

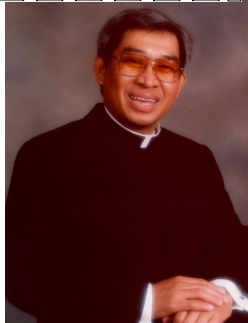
Every Knight knows that the four pillars of our Order are Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. It has been said and perhaps worth repeating that we should consider Priesthood as a fifth pillar. Many Knights have a continuing devotion and service to church, some have gone on to a sacerdotal ministry. We are the Bishop's men. We believe that there is not a nobler calling than to heed the call of our Lord.

We have in our Council membership list seven priests. Beginning with this issue, we shall feature one of them. Read and enjoy the short bio and a message.

Keep Christ in Christmas! Have a good 2005!

Priests in Our Council

Rev. Eusebio T. Tubale, Jr., Chaplain of Athol Murray College of Notre Dame, Wilcox since 1999, was born in Catanduanes, Philippines on October 21, 1950 to Eusebio Sr. and Patricia Tubale. He attended St. Gregory the Great Seminary, Divine Word College and Holy Rosary Major Seminary in the Philippines.



He was ordained to the priesthood on March 28, 1979 at the Immaculate Conception Cathedral in Virac, Catanduanes. He served fourteen years in the Diocese of Virac. He served as Associate Pastor in New York for a couple of years before coming to Canada.

Father Tubale has been Administrator at Redvers, Ituna, and Estevan before being assigned Administrator at St. Augustine's Church in Wilcox where he is also College Chaplain at Notre Dame. He became a Canadian citizen on April 26, 2001. He joined Council two years ago as a 4th degree Knight. Here's his message.

Dear Brother Knights of the Santo. Nino Council

I've felt privileged in belonging to the Santo. Nino Council. The reasons are obvious. I feel proud of all your undertakings. It's unfortunate that due to time constraints my participation is wanting.

However, for any opportune time that comes along, I'll never hesitate to be part of it.

I wish you all the blessings of the Yuletide Season and more power to the Council.

Merry Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Message from our Grand Knight

Greetings,

The joyous and most anticipated season is with us again. This is the time when we reminisce memories of family and friends and remember them through gifts, Christmas greetings, and cheers. This is also the time of merry making, parties, and get together. The Christian world is rejoicing and celebrating Jesus' birthday.



Rio Mercado

Since the occasion is about Christ, we are reminded to keep Him in Christmas. Let us not be caught with the commercialism of the capitalists. Let us celebrate Christmas with the genuine gesture of Charity, Love, and Forgiveness.

To all brother Knights and families, may you have a blessed Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Rio Mercado, GK

Message from our District Deputy

My Brother Knights in Christ,

Advent is a beautiful time of the year, the Coming of Christ.

I first want to congratulate your Council for a great first half of the Columbian Year. It is so nice to see all of you participate in the different activities and the support you give to your Chaplain and your parish. I have enjoyed coming to your meetings a great deal.

On behalf of my wife Grace and myself, I would like to wish you and your families a very Blessed Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

Yours in Christ,

Claude Lefebvre, DD #3

Ministries for Sunday, December 26, 2004 Liturgy:

Mass Servers: Rodrigo Chiu, Gregg Ravasco, Matthew Robinson, Reden Sampang, Aris Siapno

Readers: Jaime Alvarez, Francis Israel

Communion: James Madrilejos, Jovil Paez

Bell Ringers: Luis de Paz, Jon Madrilejos, Nol Ventocilla

Greeters: Allan Ngui, Art Vanderzalm

Gift Bearers: James and Fanny Madrilejos and family

Ministries for Sunday, January 23, 2005 Liturgy:

Mass Servers: Rodrigo Chiu, Ed Concepcion, Jovil Paez, Matthew Robinson, Aris Siapno

Readers: Rio Mercado, Alvil Tayco

Communion: Mody Escanlar, James Madrilejos

Bell Ringers: Luis de Paz, Boni Sison, Nol Ventocilla

Greeters: Lorne Kehrig, Allan Ngui

Gift Bearers: Pablo Jr. and Christine Ayuban and family

Mody Escanlar, Church/Vocations Director