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Ed Alejandria, Our New Grand Knight

Santo Niño Council #12415 held its annual election of officers on Sunday May 22, 2005 with Bro. Edgardo A. Alejandria elected as the new Grand Knight for the Columbian Year 2005-2006. He succeeds Bro. Reuben Mercado who is completing his second year as grand knight.



GK Ed Alejandria

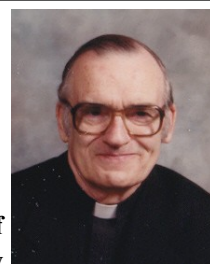
Bro. Ed joined the Knights of Columbus in 1976 at St. James the Apostle Council #6613 in the Philippines. He became its Grand Knight in 1981. He came to Canada in 1986 and transferred to Regina Council #1247. When Santo Niño Council was formed in 1999, he was a charter member. He served as Deputy Grand Knight and Program Director the past two years.

He is married to Amor and they have two sons, Joseph and Richard, both of whom are third degree members of our council. In 2003, they were chosen as council Family of the Year. Bro. Ed holds a bachelor's degree in business administration. He worked at the University of Regina from 1987 until his retirement in 2004.

The other officers elected are Bro. Jess Feliciano– Deputy Grand Knight, Bro. Allan Ngui– Chancellor, Bro. Art Vanderzalm– Treasurer, Bro. Jovil Paez– Recorder, Bro. Gil MacDonald– Advocate, Bro. Sonny de Paz– Warden, Bro. Mar Estrada– Inside Guard, Bro. Ernie Alarcon – Outside Guard, and PGK Rio Mercado–three-year trustee.

Installation of the officers will be held on Sunday, June 19 after Mass at Blessed Sacrament Church.

Chaplain's Message



Father Emmett

Dear Fellow Knights:

The month of June and early July will be a busy time for the Knights of Columbus and for Blessed Sacrament Parish. On Tuesday June 21, 2005 our new Archbishop Most Reverend Daniel Bohan will be installed in Holy Rosary Cathedral as our chief shepherd in the Archdiocese of Regina. On Sunday June 26, 2005 our parish will celebrate the 100th anniversary of our church building and of course July 1, 2005 we will have our Canada Day celebrations here at Blessed Sacrament.

Since June 26, 2005 is the fourth Sunday of the month our council will perform all the liturgical roles at the 10:00 a. m. Mass. I think this is very appropriate because the Santo Niño Council has added a beautiful spiritual dimension to our parish. And on Canada Day our council will once again put on a "garden party" on our church lawn after Mass with a wonderful brunch and fun activities for the children.

Needless to say I am very proud of our council and the many ways that (Please continue on P. 3)

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

Council Celebrates Sixth Anniversary

Santo Nino Council had its sixth Anniversary celebrated on April 10th at St. Mary's Parish Hall. Fr. Raymundo Rodriguez said Grace before dinner, GK Rio Mercado welcomed the guests, Bro. Joe MacDonald made a toast to the Queen and so did Bro. Fern L'Arrivee to the Ladies. Fr. Emmett Morrissey as usual expressed his enthusiasm and support for Council. Guest speaker was District Deputy Claude Lefebvre who conveyed greetings from State Deputy Bob Barkman.

Program Director Ed Alejandria handed out awards and merits of appreciation. Knights of the Month certificates were given to twelve members of council. Highlights of the night were the naming of Church Director Dr. Mody Escanlar as Knight of the Year and the Mercado family as the Family of the Year. The program closed with prayer by Fr. Rodriguez and then dance.



Knight of the Year
Mody Escanlar

The 2005 Family of the Year

The Family of the Year for 2005 is the **Reuben Mercado family**. Bro. Reuben Mercado is serving his second term as Grand Knight. He and his wife Cecille have three children: Eumir, Eugene and Eunice.

Reuben led the council in winning the Star Council Award in 2004. In 2000-2002, he was Deputy Grand Knight and Program Director. He was the Council Knight of the Year in 2002. Reuben is a past president of the St. Francis School Parents Council. Reuben holds a bachelor's degree in social work and works at the Regina Correctional Center.

Cecille is active in most council activities. At St. Cecilia Parish, Cecille is a reader and is with the children's liturgy. She was an officer of the Philippine Association of Saskatchewan and a board member of the Rainbow Youth Center. She was coordinator of the Philippine Language School in 1994-96. She works at St. Gregory School.

Eumir participates in most council activities. Eumir was an altar server for St. Cecilia parish. He was with the Philippine Maharlika Dancers from 1994 to 2001. He plays with the Regina Soccer League. An honor student since grade school, Eumir received many awards when he graduated from O'Neill High School. He is a student of business administration at the University of Regina.

Eugene is an altar server at St. Cecilia, active in school activities, a good student, a member of Philippine Dance group. Eugene is with the O'Neill Soccer Team that swept the City and the Provincial Championships in 2003-2004. He graduated from O'Neill High with a community service award.

Eunice is a mass server at St Cecilia, a member of the Philippine Maharlika Dancers that perform during MOSAIC and is an honor student at O'Neill High. She is involved with rugby and fashion shows. She is adept with the computer.

Council is proud to select them as Family of the Year for the Columbian Year 2004-2005.

Council Happenings

(See some photos on p. 3)

Major Degree

Major degree exemplification at St. Peter's Parish Hall on March 6, 2005 saw two Council candidates: Marcelino Estrada and Eumir Mercado. SD Bob Barkman was guest speaker. Congratulations Mar and Rec!

Shamrocks Sale

Several council members and their wives led by Bros. Art Vanderzalm and James Madrilejos sold Shamrocks before and after Masses on March 6, 12 and 13 at Blessed Sacrament Church, St. Mary's Church, Little Flower Church and St. Anthony Church. The drive was for St. Patrick's Day and the funds raised was for Camp Monahan Youth Camp.

Retreat

Our council and Fr. Burns Council #5949 joined in a retreat at St. Michael's Retreat House in Lumsden on Wednesday, March 16. Some of our members who went were Carl and Nettie Folk, Richard and Eva Wasserle, Art Vanderzalm, Fern and Betty L'Arrivee, Ralph Kessel, Bill and Marianne Kuffner, Ed and Diane Beaudin, and Don and Fran Schaeffer. They had supper, a talk, meditation and Mass celebrated by Fr. Paul Smith from Alberta.

Holy Week

Council provided some mass servers during the week. On Holy Thursday, March the 24th, twelve council members had their feet washed by Fr. Morrissey. On Easter Sunday Mass, Council did all the liturgy. In the afternoon, an Easter Egg Hunt for council children was organized by Chelo Ravasco and Mae Feliciano.

Fr. Rodriguez's Anniversary

On April 4, Fr. Raymundo Rodriguez, pastor of St. Mary's Church and member of our council celebrated the 40th Anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood with a mass and dinner with 350 guests. Council provided acolytes, greetings and a present to Fr. Rodriguez.

Altar Servers Appreciation

Seventeen altar servers and parents from Blessed Sacrament Church, St. Mary's Church, Little Flower Church, and St. Anthony Church were treated to a night of bowling, pizza and drinks at the Nortown Bowling Center on Sunday, April 24, 2005.

Pro-Life Banquet

Council has a table for eight at the annual Pro-life banquet at the Center of the Arts on April 15, 2005.

Santa Maria Bingo

Council entertained shut-ins at the Santa Maria Senior Home with a Bingo Night on May 17, 2005. Thanks to Jim and Susan, Fern and Betty, Jess and Marissa, Alan, Mar, Seb, James, Art, Rio and Cecille.

Happy Birthday, Brother

June

- 01- Anthony Bernaski
- 01- Benedict Gelsingier
- 05- Fernand L'Arrivee
- 09- Allan Ngui
- 12- Harvey Kuntz
- 13- Anthony Dyczkowski
- 14- Joseph Giesinger
- 15- Edwin Beaudin
- 15- Brendo Arrojado
- 18- Ray Gauthier
- 20- Junior Herrera
- 20- Rio Mercado
- 28- Boomer Quangtakoune



Mass servers at Fr. Rodriguez's 40th Anniversary



Young Mass servers' bowling

July

- 01- Jim Ziegler
- 05- Warren Poncsak
- 06- Richard Alejandria
- 07- Dennis Charette
- 07- Gerald Ennis
- 08- Ron Dielschneider
- 16- Ken Schaeffer
- 30- Tom Ventocilla



August

- 01- Edward Deck
- 04- Lorne Kehrig
- 05- James Madrilejos
- 09- Rey Mariano
- 10- Wayne Debert
- 13- Ralph Kessel
- 13- Reden Sampang
- 17- Doug Engele
- 19- John Kaye
- 20- John Fahlman
- 24- Michael Erikson
- 28- Cory Schaeffer
- 29- Alex Tayco



Council helping shut-ins with Bingo

Upcoming Events

June

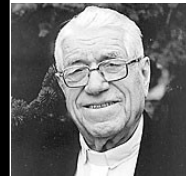
- 01: Regina Chapter meeting
- 07: First degree Exemplification at Bishop Butka Council
- 19: Father's Day
- 19: Installation of officers
- 21: Installation of Archbishop Daniel Bohan
- 21: Bingo for Charity at Bingo Palace, 5:30-12 pm
- 26: Blessed Sacrament Church Centennial Celebration, Fourth Sunday Liturgy by Council

July

- 01: Canada Day Mass and Brunch
- 15-17: Council Tennis Tournament
- 19: Bingo for Charity at Bingo Palace, 5:30-12 pm
- 24: Fourth Sunday Liturgy at Blessed Sacrament

August

- 15: Assumption of Mary
- 16: Bingo for Charity at Bingo Palace, 5:30-12 pm
- 28: Fourth Sunday Liturgy at Blessed Sacrament



We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of
Fr. John M. Riffel

who passed away on April 20, 2005 in Regina. He was 93 years old and was a Past State Deputy and a Past State Chaplain. Fr. John was dearly loved for his friendship and encouragement for our council, his sense of humor and his dedication to the Knights of Columbus.

State Convention 2005

The annual State Convention was held in Saskatoon April 15-17 with the theme of "Now is the Hour of the Knights of Columbus". Council sent GK Rio Mercado and PGK Seb Koh as delegates. At Awards Night, Council received the plaque for Best in Council Activities for 2004-2005.

Motions passed are to the effect that the Knights of Columbus

1. work to ease trade restrictions between the United States and Canada.
2. encourage the government to protect farmers' rights to save, to reuse, to exchange and to sell grain seeds.
3. encourage government to include prayers in public ceremonies.
4. encourage government to defend the traditional definition of marriage.
5. work to institute a "Clergy Appreciation Month" in Canada.

At the election of the State officers, the incumbent officers were all reelected.

Chaplain's Message (continued)

you have enhanced our parish. Thank you Grand Knight Reuben Mercado for your marvelous leadership during the past two years, and congratulations to our Grand Knight elect Edgardo Alejandria. I pledge you my full support, Edgardo. I'm sure that with your leadership the good ship "Santo Nino" will have smooth sailing in all our council activities!

John Ennis

Marriage Encounter Weekend

When: July 9 - 10, 2005

Where: Western Christian College, 4th Avenue, Regina
For information contact: James & Fannie - 789-9046, Jess & Marissa - 585-2696, or Jim & Susan - 949-3207

Editorial

Demise of a Great Man

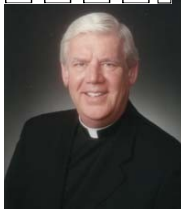
On April 2, 2005, our Holy Father John Paul II died at the age of 84 after 26 years as Pope. An intellectual and a pragmatist, he was devoted to peace, justice, the poor, and the sanctity of life. He opposed the Iraq wars and the U.S. embargo of Cuba.

His messages were of love, freedom and service to God. He introduced the luminous mysteries. A linguist, he traveled throughout the world making closer ties with the Jews, the Moslems, and other faiths. He visited depressed areas in Africa and Asia urging rich nations the forgiveness of debts of developing countries.

We mourn the loss of a great man, a holy man.

Our New Archbishop Daniel Bohan

Pope John Paul II appointed Rev. Daniel Bohan Archbishop of Regina on March 20 following the retirement of Archbishop Peter Mallon. Rev. Bohan had been Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto since 2003. He will be installed on June 21, 2005 at the Holy Rosary Cathedral.



Archbishop-elect Bohan was born on November 8, 1941 in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, studied theology at Holy Heart Seminary in Halifax, Nova Scotia and was ordained to the priesthood on May 13, 1967 for the Archdiocese of Moncton, New Brunswick. He holds a masters' degree in theology from the University of Notre Dame.

He served in parishes in Moncton, Port Elgin, Melrose and Riverview all in New Brunswick. He taught theology at Holy Heart Seminary and at the Atlantic School of Theology in Halifax, Nova Scotia. He was a member of the College of Consultants and Episcopal Vicar for Anglophones of the Archdiocese of Moncton.

Archbishop Bohan has been active within the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops serving as a member of the Episcopal Commission for Social Affairs.

The Archdiocese of Regina has 94 diocesan priests, 15 religious priests, and 124 religious serving a population of over 126,000 Catholics in 167 parishes and missions.

Blessed Sacrament Centennial

The Blessed Sacrament Church Building is a hundred years old. The Centennial will be celebrated on Sunday, June 26, 2005 with a Holy Mass at 10 a.m. followed by a come-and-go tea in the Regency Ball Room of the Hotel Saskatchewan. A Memorial Book is prepared by Murray Grant for distribution at the tea. A Centennial Hymn composed by Deacon Bob Williston will be played during the celebration. Pictures of weddings and baptisms held at the church in the last hundred years will be on display.

Message from our Grand Knight

Greetings!

Thank you for the opportunity to serve our council as Grand Knight. The experience is phenomenal for myself and my family who gave me full support in all activities. They operated behind the scene by answering phone calls, typing agenda, emailing various reports, working in council bingos, and doing other undertakings.



Rio Mercado

Equally my acknowledgement and appreciation go to the executive of our council who have given 100% of their time, talent and energy in bringing us to the forefront.

Special mention to Fr. Emmett Morrissey's awesome cooperation and support to the council. He is not just an inspiration but a blessing to us.

To the ladies of our council whose unselfish support and involvement liven our organization, please carry on.

With the new leadership my congratulations and best wishes. I know that we are in capable hands. Our new Grand Knight has vast experience (past GK in the Philippines) that he will be able to inject to our council. Also to the new executive who seem enthused to get started. Fellow knights, let us give them our support and assistance.

Maraming salamat po, God bless.

Rio Mercado, GK

Message from our District Deputy

My brother knights in Christ,

I first want to congratulate Reuben Mercado on his leadership of his council as well as the executive for having a fantastic year. I want to congratulate the new executive and wish them all the success in the new Columbian year. I want to thank your chaplain Father Emmett Morrissey for taking time out of his busy schedule to come to the meetings. I know it means a lot to the council. I want to thank you for allowing me as your District Deputy to be part of your meetings and I look forward to the new Columbian year. I would like to wish each and everyone of you and your families a very safe and blessed summer.

Claude Lefebvre, DD#3

Ministries for Sunday, June 26, 2005 Liturgy

- Mass Servers:** Ed & Efren Alejandria, Seb Koh, Rolly Herreria, Matt Robinson, Gregg Ravasco, Mar Estrada
- Readers:** Jaime Alvarez, Rio Mercado
- Communion:** Mody Escanlar, James Madrilejos
- Bell Ringers:** L. de Paz, Ferdie Feliciano, Nol Ventocilla
- Greeters:** Allan Ngui, Art Vanderzalm, Richard Wasserle
- Gift Bearers:** Jovil and Victoria Paez and family

Mody Escanlar, Church/Vocations Director