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Council Recorder

For the second year, the Santo Nino council's 2000 Christmas caroling was a big success. Our council received donations totalling \$1360 compared to last year's \$1250. There were 25 carolers, of which 14 are council members, the rest being family and friends. Deputy Grand Knight Jim Alvarez was the guitarist. Caroling was on the evenings of December 10, 11, 14, 15, 17 and 21. Philippine carols such as *Ang Pasko'y Sumapit*, *Namamasko*, *Himig Ng Pasko* and *Silayan* made a big hit. The hosts invariably served drinks and goodies to the carolers. At the Fr. Hugonard Dinner the carolers sang on stage and were received well. On Monday, December 25, the carolers sang at the Philippine Rosary Group Christmas Party at the Sacred Heart Church. Mr. Edgar Ayuban of Calgary, visiting brother of K. of C. Ogie Ayuban, served as our guitarist.

The K. of C. carolers were: Jim Alvarez, Sonny de Paz, Efren Alejandria, James Madrilejos, Allan Ngui, Reden Sampang, Reuben Mercado, Sam Tranquilino, Mody Escanlar, Ferdie Feliciano, Lally Alejandria, Gregg Ravasco, Mario Sison and Seb Koh. Family and friends who joined in were Susan Alvarez, Lor Ngui, Cecile Mercado, Fannie Madrilejos, Betty Bautista, Dony Koh, Mae Feliciano, Peter Quintero, May Cruzat and Leonor Sison.



Chaplain's Message

First of all, I would like to congratulate Terry Abadiano, our Grand Knight, and his wife Linda on the silver Jubilee of their marriage. Terry and Linda celebrated their 25th Anniversary on December 17, 2000. You have given inspired leadership to the Santo Nino Council, Terry. May God bless you and Linda and your family for many years to come!

The Father Hugonard, No. 1064 Fourth Degree Assembly of the Knights of Columbus, has been awarded the Provincial Plaque for their activity in the "to be a patriot" program. The Canada Day Mass celebrated here at Blessed Sacrament

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The Knights of Columbus are dedicated to the four pillars of

How We Became

Around Christmas of 1998, I got a phone call from a man who suggested to me about forming a Filipino Knights of Columbus council in Regina. I told him I don't know anything about the K. of C. but I wouldn't mind listening to what he had to say. We arranged to have coffee at a doughnut shop... I had many questions. I wanted to know why a Filipino council, why not assimilate us with the other Canadians. I asked if the members are not being set up to be sources of donations for K. of C. activities. I asked why they should limit the membership to those who are well-off. I asked if this is not a gimmick to sell insurance. I asked if we have to wear some uniforms and whether there might be excessive demands on our time and effort.

March 25, 2001 -----
 The man turned out to be District Deputy Martin Wroblewski. He faced my barrage of questions calmly and gave pretty good answers. He said that there are Italian-Canadian and French-Canadian councils in Regina. He alluded to the camaraderie, cooperation and kinship among men of similar background. With the growing Filipino population in Regina, they thought a K. of C. Council might be worthwhile endeavor to do charitable work. He said that the K. of C. is a strictly egalitarian, non-secret service organization of practical Catholic men. No, there is no compulsion to buy insurance, uniforms and no demands on ones' time more than any other organization. He suggested that an informational meeting of practicing Catholic Filipino men might clear some misconceptions about the K. of C. with no obligation to join.

So Terry Abadiano and I drew up a list of sixty some possible "knights". We then wrote to them, inviting them for a meeting at a church hall. Twelve of us showed up with DD. Martin, State Deputy Martin Nienaber, Fred Litzenberger, DDs Herb Muma and Mike Kaminski to explain what it's all about. One talked about the beginning with Father Michael McGivney in 1882 in Connecticut and how it had grown to 1.6 million members throughout the world. Another talked of the four pillars of the K. of C. Sixto Marucot, Charter Grand Knight of San Luis Lorenzo Council of Saskatoon talked of how they started three years before. The evening meeting ended with a short film on the Knights and refreshments.

Several other informational meetings were held and by mid March, thirty-eight have signed up as first degree knights. Of this group, twenty-seven went further, becoming third degree Knights. An application for the institution of a council was made. The name of Santo Nino Council was picked. Officers were elected and Father Emmett Morrissey was chosen as chaplain with Blessed Sacrament Church as base. On Saturday, May 23, 1999, the first set of officers of the new Santo Nino Knights of Columbus Council #12415 were installed in a ceremonial pageant.

Seb Koh

February 3, 2001 ——— Birthday Dinner for Fr. Emmett
 February 7, 2001 ----- Regina Chapter Meeting



Calendar of Events

April 20, 21,22 ----	State Convention in Saskatoon
April 29, 2001-----	Mass and Council Meeting
May 13, 2001-----	Mother's Day Pan Cake Breakfast
May 17, 2001-----	Fourth Degree Retreat in Lumsden
May 20, 2001 -----	Eucharistic Celebration and Monthly Council Meeting

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Our Financial Secretary would like to remind members of our council that the annual membership dues of \$25 for the year 2001 (same as last year) may now be paid to him.

There are a few who have perhaps forgotten to pay their 2000 dues. Please see Brother Efren as soon as possible to avoid a suspension by Supreme.

The Santo Nino Council is made up of Catholic men from all corners of Regina. We belong to different parishes. On the fourth Sunday of each month, the Council does the liturgical ministries at the 10:00 a. m. mass at the Blessed Sacrament Church. The regular monthly meeting follows the mass at 11:15 a. m. in the Church Basement Hall.

Happy Birthday, Brod!

February

- 8 - Fr. Emmett Morrissey
- 14 - Lando Logan
- 24 - Mariano Pesigan

March

- 4 - Efren Alejandria
- 11 - Ernie Paraiso

April

- 9 - Mario Sison
- 11 - Lon Caburao
- 13 - Ogie Ayuban
- 17 - Jovil Paez
- 26 - Rodrigo Chiu

A belated Happy Birthday to Brother Rochus Klein who celebrated his last November 25 but we missed to mention in our last issue.

Chaplain's Message (continued)
was the winning project for 1999-2000.

The members of our council served the Mass on both July 1, 1999 and on July 1, 2000 and were very supportive of the project. So our council can rightly share in this award.

May I wish our worthy Grand Knight Terry Abadiano and all the members of our council continued success in all future endeavours.

Happy Silver Anniversary
to
GK Terry & Linda Abadiano

Our deepest sympathy to the families for the passing of Antonio S. Elumir, father-in-law of Grand Knight Terry Abadiano, on December 6, 2000 in Calgary and of Jose Paez, father of Treasurer Jovil Paez, on January 22, 2001.

Happy 70th Birthday, Fr. Morrissey!!!

Holy Mass at noon weekdays at Blessed Sacrament is my daily source of inner peace. I have been going there with my wife for ten years or so. Since the mid-nineties, in addition to the spiritual nourishment, my wife and

I are getting a good helping of beautiful sermons. Father Emmett Morrissey is not just a parish priest; he is a speaker par excellence. His homilies are for the thinking man. From a couple of scripture

readings, he puts them within the proper historical and even geographical contexts and extracts the lesson, sometimes subtle, for present-day living. He comes to the moral succinctly but often with

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In the eighties when Bobby Hull and his son Brett were in the NHL, Notre Dame College in Wilcox was trying to get them as guests in a fund-raising dinner. It turned out that they were in Saskatoon one weekend playing the Montreal. So Notre Dame invited Patrick Roy to be the host. When he agreed, Notre Dame announced, "With the father, the son and the goalie host, we will succeed."

Reminders: 1. The Santo Nino Council #12415 will hold a first degree exemplification at Blessed Sacrament at 7 p. m. on February 17, 2001. Members are asked to come to lend support to our candidates.

2. The Second Anniversary of the Institution of the Santo Nino Council is on March 29, 2001 which is also our Founder's Day. Mark your calendar.

3. Council Blood Clinic is still on. Sign up with Chancellor James Madrilejos.

Editorial

Why Membership Dues?

Every organization lives or dies on the strength of its membership. And membership flourishes and grows stronger when the organization fulfills its objectives. In this respect, the Knights of Columbus is no different from any other organization.

We have our goals of service to God, His Church, our country, our community and our families. We also serve the young people in the expectation that they will revitalize us.

To achieve our goals, we must depend on the talents, time and efforts of the members. But we also depend on funding. When our council was instituted two years ago, we voted to pay our annual dues of \$25. This fee is to cover the dues every Knight pays to Supreme, the State, our Chapter and District Deputy as well as incidentals. We did receive much seed donations from other councils and from individuals. But we must put in our share, i.e. our dues. As Honorary Life Member Mariano Pesigan says, "You put your money where your heart is!"

Message from our Grand Knight

Dear Brother Knights,
 May the peace and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ continue to empower us to be the guiding light of people around us in leading them to open the doors of their hearts to Christ.

For the first half of the Colombian year, we had been sharing our love of the Eucharist by performing all the liturgical functions as altar servers, readers, greeters, and bell ringers every fourth Sunday of the month.

Our July 1, Canada Day celebration had been a tremendous success that it received the highest honor as a patriotic event from the State council. Thanks

to Father Emmett Morrissey and Father Hugonard Assembly for giving us the opportunity to participate in this wonderful event.

Last December, our council had been spreading the peaceful and joyful celebration of Our Saviour's birth by singing traditional Filipino Christmas carols to the families in the Filipino community and to the members of Father Hugonard Fourth Degree Assembly. I would like to thank the members of the caroling group especially Bro. Eusebio Koh and Bro. Jaime Alvarez for coordinating everything.

Let us endeavor to share the experience of the spirit of columbianism to our friends and families. I encourage

each one of you to sign up a friend for the first-degree exemplification on February 17.

Each one of us has a duty to encourage a member and his family to share in our Eucharistic Celebration every fourth Sunday of the month and also encourage him to participate in our general meeting.

Lastly, let us endeavor to make the Second Anniversary Celebration of Santo Nino Council on March 29, 2001 a huge success. Let us rally together.

Vivat Jesu,
 Terry Abadiano
 Grand Knight

Honorable Mentions

Thanks to Financial Secretary Efren Alejandria for building the picture frames for the portraits of the Holy Father Pope John Paul II, Christopher Columbus, Founder Fr. Michael J. McGivney, past Supreme Knight Virgil C. Dechant, and Supreme Chaplain Bishop Thomas V. Daily which are now on display

in the council Chamber at Blessed Sacrament. Brother Efren also built the frame for our Charter.

Brothers Dennis Charette and Terry Abadiano have been serving as sacristans at the daily noon mass at Blessed Sacrament. Keep it up, Brothers!

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