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James A. Madrilejos Is Our New GK

On Sunday, May 27, 2007, Council elected a new set of officers for the Columbian year 2007-2008. Financial Secretary James Madrilejos was elected Grand Knight. The rest of the officers are Efren Alejandria as Deputy Grand Knight, Reden Sampang as Chancellor, Art Vanderzalm as Treasurer, Ben Zatylny as Recorder, Gil McDonald as Advocate, Luis de Paz as Warden, Diony Elpa and Adolfo Alvarez as Inside and Outside Guards, Jess Feliciano as three-year Trustee and Carl Folk as one-year Trustee to complete Rio Mercado's term. Bro. Rio has resigned his position to become District Deputy #3 for the coming year.



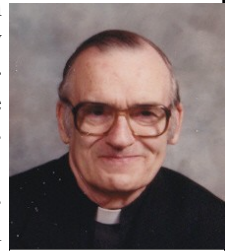
New GK J. Madrilejos

Bro. James Madrilejos is completing his sixth year as Financial Secretary. He will be succeeded by past DGK Gregg Ravasco. Bro. James was Treasurer for two years prior to his term as Financial Secretary. He is a fourth degree knight. Bro. James is a retired medical technologist with the Canadian Blood Services in Regina.

PGK Jim Alvarez will continue his term as two-year Trustee while Bro. Allan Ngui will serve as Lecturer and Bro. Efren Alejandria as Program Director. Fr. Emmett Morrissey continues as our Council Chaplain. Installation of officers will be conducted by DD Bob Rothecker on Sunday, June 17, 2007 at the Blessed Sacrament Church. Brother Knights are encouraged to come.

Chaplain's Message

Our 8th Annual Canada Day Mass is fast approaching. The Mass is jointly sponsored by the Fr. Hugonard Assembly, the Fr. John Riffel Assembly and by Blessed Sacrament Parish. To say that the Canada Day Mass and brunch have been a huge success would be a gross understatement. The Canada Day Mass has been called "an icon in the Catholic community".



Fr. Emmett

Needless to say, as Chaplain of our council I have been very proud of our members who have served at the Mass and also served a delicious brunch. This year, for the very first time my fellow Knights will serve Mass for our chief shepherd, Archbishop Daniel Bohan, along with their sons. The Mass will be a memorable experience and a fantastic lesson in citizenship for these boys!

The Canada Day Mass also provides a rare opportunity for the members of the Catholic Women's League of Canada and the Knights of Columbus to stand side by side "for God and Canada".

May I wish Jess Feliciano, our Grand Knight and all the members of our council success at the Canada Day Mass and brunch and in all future endeavours! God bless!

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

Council Celebrates Its Eighth Anniversary

Santo Nino Council #12415 celebrated its eighth anniversary on Friday, March 30 with a Holy Eucharist at St. Mary's Church followed by dinner at the parish hall. Fr. Raymundo Rodriguez was the celebrant with Chaplain Fr. Emmett Morrissey and council member Fr. Eusebio Tubale concelebrating.

GK Jess Feliciano welcomed the members and guests at the banquet. PGK Carl Folk gave a toast to the Queen; Bro. Gabe Seiferling toasted to the ladies and Fr. Emmett Morrissey gave his usual encouraging greetings. The guest speaker was State Deputy Marvin DeShryver who spoke of his wheelchair project to benefit the physically handicapped.



SD Marvin DeShryver

Program Director Rio Mercado presented the annual Awards and Merits of Appreciation. Knight of the Month Awards were given to Gerry Abao, Bing Alejandria, Joseph Alejandria, Jim Alvarez, Mody Escanlar, Carl Folk, Seb Koh, Rec Mercado, James Madrilejos, Gregg Ravasco, and Art Vanderzalm.

The Knight of the Year Award was presented to PGK Seb Koh. Bro. Seb is the Charter Grand Knight and is a former district deputy. He is an editor of the Council newsletter. He serves Mass regularly at the Blessed Sacrament Church and has trained a group of sons of Council members to serve Mass every second and fourth Sundays of the month. He also picks up seniors for Mass and Novena at St. Mary's Church every Monday.



PGK Eusebio L. Koh

Family of the Year Award was presented to Bro. Gabe and Edith Seiferling who are active in social justice and in serving Mass at the Little Flower Church. The Seiferlings are always dependable in fundraising, especially with the Bingo for Charity at the Bingo Palace.

Bro. Henry Dielschneider was recognized for twenty-five years of knighthood with a Life Honorary Membership. Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Frs. Emmett Morrissey and Raymundo Rodriguez. Merit Certificates were given to twenty-five knights and Appreciation Certificates to 28 individuals and Council wives who were supportive of Council activities during the year.

85th Annual State Convention

The 85th Annual State Convention was held on April 13-15, 2007 at the Saskatoon Inn. Council delegates to the Convention and the Charitable Foundation Meeting were GK Jess Feliciano and PGK Reuben Mercado.

The State Board was reelected consisting of State Deputy Marvin DeSchryver, State Secretary Arden Andreas, State Treasurer Ed Gibney, State Advocate Gilles Doiron, and State Warden Denis Carignan.

The convention passed resolutions on natural family planning, medical insurance for parents of priests, organ donation, and support for marriage commissioners refusing same-sex marriage.

At the Awards night, Council received the second place award on Family Life on Councils with over 70 members. PGKs Seb Koh and Terry Abadiano received token gifts for membership recruitment.

Council Happenings

St. Pat Shamrock Drive

On the weekend of March 10-11, just before St. Patrick's Day, Council collected \$1100 on Shamrock sales at Blessed Sacrament Church, St. Mary's Church, Little Flower Church and St. Anthony Church. This amount was donated to Camp Monahan.

Joint Mini Retreat

The annual mini retreat at St. Michael Retreat House in Lumsden was held on Wednesday, March 14. This was a joint retreat of Fr. Burns Council #5949 and Santo Nino Council #12415. About thirty members of each council signed up. Dinner started at 6:30 p.m. followed by a talk by Fr. Ken Koep on world religions, meditation and Mass.

Washing of the Feet

On April 5, twelve members of Council had their feet washed by Fr. Emmett Morrissey assisted by Fr. Joe Firkola as part of the Holy Thursday Mass. The Knights were dressed in resplendent Philippine national shirt.



Santa Maria Senior Bingo

Council treated residents of Santa Maria Senior Home to Bingo and snacks on Tuesday, May 15. Thanks to volunteers Efren and Paz Alejandria, Adolfo and Norrie Alvarez, Jim Alvarez, Amor Alejandria, Bing Alejandria, Deng Paraiso, Rio and Cecille Mercado, Art Vanderzalm, and Seb Koh.

*Happy
Birthday,
Brothers!*

June

- 01- Anthony Bernaski
- 01- Benedict Gelsinger
- 05- Fernand L'Arrivee
- 09- Allan Ngui
- 10- Gary Lazo
- 12- Harvey Kuntz
- 13- Anthony Dyczkowski
- 14- Joseph Giesinger
- 15- Edwin Beaudin
- 15- Brendo Arrojado
- 20- Junior Herreria
- 20- Rio Mercado
- 28- Boomer Quang-takoune

July

- 01- Jim Ziegler
- 04- Gil Feliciano
- 05- Warren Poncsak
- 06- Richard Alejandria
- 07- Dennis Charette
- 07- Gerald Ennis
- 08- Ron Dielschneider
- 16- Ken Schaeffer
- 21- Brig Siapno
- 30- Tom Vemtocilla

August

- 01- Edward Deck
- 05- James Madrilejos
- 09- Rey Mariano
- 10- Wayne Debert
- 13- Ralph Kessel
- 13- Reden Sampang
- 17- Doug Engele
- 18- Eugene Exner
- 19- John Kaye
- 20- John Fahlman
- 21- Azel Siapno
- 24- Michael Erikson
- 28- Cory Schaeffer
- 29- Alex Tayco

See You At ...

Canada Day Celebrations

Canada Day 2007 is fast approaching. A Holy Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a. m. on Sunday July 1, 2007 at the Blessed Sacrament Church through the efforts of Fr. Hugonard and Fr. John Riffel Assemblies, Fr. Emmett Morrissey and our Council. Archbishop Daniel J. Bohan will say Mass con-celebrated with Rev. Emmett Morrissey and other priests. Our Order will be quite visible through our Honor Guards, the K. of C. Choir, and ministers such as lectors, greet-ers and mass servers. The color party is expected to include mem-bers from the RCMP and the City Police. FN Eugene Achtemichuk of Fr. Hugonard Assembly will be the Master of Ceremonies.

Council pancake brunch follows at the churchyard from 11 a.m. to 2 p. m. For a freewill dona-tion you have pancakes, sausages, eggs and coffee. There will be free popsicles and face painting for chil-dren. So bring your kids along. **Council Tennis Tourney**

The annual invitational ten-nis tournament is set for June 22-24 at the Lakeshore Tennis Club be-hind the Legislative Building. There will be tiers one and two competition to allow for beginners and more advanced players to par-ticipate in their categories. Info can be obtained from Rio Mercado (775 -0224), Gerry Abao (586-7569) or Gina Escanlar (530-2985).

Upcoming Events

June

- 06: Regina Chapter meeting
- 10: Corpus Christi
- 17: Father's Day; Installation of officers
- 19: Bingo for charity at Bingo Palace, 6-12 p.m.
- 22-24: Council Tennis Tournament at Lakeshore
- 24: Fourth Sunday Liturgy by Council

July

- 01: Canada Day Mass and Brunch by Council
- 22: Fourth Sunday Liturgy by Council

August

- 07-09: Supreme Convention in Nashville, Tenn.
- 15: Assumption of Mary
- 18: Family Picnic (tentative)
- 26: Fourth Sunday Liturgy by Council

September

- 03: Labour Day
- 05: Regina Chapter meeting
- 23: Fourth Sunday Mass and Council meeting

Council Awards Bursaries

Four deserving graduates of Catholic high schools will receive bursaries in the amount of \$250 from Council at their gradua-tion exercises according to our youth director Rec Mercado. The recipients are Ayden Ell of Archbishop O'Neill High, Michael Paul of Miller High, Liza Harasen of Dr. M. Leboldus High and a graduate of Riffel High School.

Congratulations to Bro. **Bill** and **Marianne Kuffner** and their son Bro. **Scott Kuffner** for selling thirty football pool tickets!

**Congratulations to
Jim and Mary Fogarty on their
Golden Wedding Anniversary
on May 15, 2007**

Love transcends!

**Congratulations
to new Third Degree Knights
Gerry Abao, Chris Elpa and Pete Escanlar**

**Sincere Condolences
To the Melendrez Family for the demise of
Manuel Melendrez
who died May 28, 2007 in Regina. He was
81 years old. Mr. Melendrez is the father-
in-law of Bro. Boni Borricano.**

Editorial

Thanks and Congratulations

We are at the close of another Columbian Year and we are quite elated at the past year. It is almost a certainty that we shall win another Star Council Award. For this we would like to thank our outgoing set of officers, especially GK Jess Feliciano, Program Director Reuben Mercado and the council directors Bro. Mody Escanlar (Church), Bro. Gerry Abao (Community), Bro. Gregg Ravasco (Family), PGK Jim Alvarez (Council), Bro. Art Vanderzalm (Fund-raising), Bro. Rec Mercado (Youth), and Bro. Joseph Alejandria (Membership).

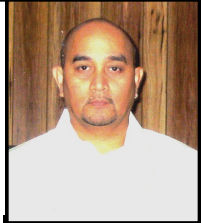
A big thank you goes to our Chaplain, Fr. Emmett Morrissey, for his support, encouragement and presence. We also thank the church staff, in particular, Sister Hilda Gelowitz, Marlene Felske, Gerry Spooner and organist Betty Draper.

Council can hardly move without a vigorous Financial Secretary. We therefore thank FS James Madrilejos for six years of service in that capacity. We also congratulate him on his election as Grand Knight for next year. We are confident that with Deputy Grand Knight and Program Director Efren Alejandria on his side, our Council is in good hands.

Message from our Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

It's almost the end of my term and I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone who supported me and made my job as your GK as easy as possible. Officers and members tirelessly volunteered their time and effort to make sure each activity runs smoothly. Friends and relatives supported our Council. Fr. Morrissey and Fr. Rodriguez are always there when we need them. Thank you all very much for everything.



Jess Feliciano

Summer is almost here and a few activities are coming up. Council's tennis tournament is on June 22-24. I hope to see you there. Canada Day celebrations start with a Mass at 10 a. m. at the Blessed Sacrament Church with Archbishop Daniel Bohan as the Chief Celebrant. Pancake brunch follows after Mass sponsored by Council.

This is my last message to you Brother Knights and I wish you all a fun summer.

Thank you.
GK Jess Feliciano

Priests in Our council

Fr. Felipe S. Faustino was born on December 28, 1964 in Panganiban, Catanduanes, Philippines to Francisco A. Faustino and Flaviana A. Suarez. Youngest of three children, he went to Panganiban Central Elementary School and then to colleges in Catanduanes. He went to Holy Rosary Major Seminary, Naga City, Philippines from 1983 to 1991 for studies in Philosophy and Theology.



Fr. Faustino

He was ordained priest on January 11, 1992 at St. James the Greater Parish in Catanduanes. He served as Parochial Vicar at the Immaculate Conception Cathedral from 1992 to 1994; Parish Administrator at St. Isidore the Farmer Parish from 1994 to 1996; Parish Priest at St. Anthony of Padua Parish from 1996 to 2002 and at St. Lawrence Parish from 2002 to 2004 all in Catanduanes, Philippines.

He came to the Archdiocese of Regina in 2004 and served as Assistant Priest at Our Lady of Assumption Cathedral in Gravelbourg, Saskatchewan for five months before becoming Parish Administrator at the St. Lawrence Parish in Maple Creek on August 1, 2005.

He joined the Knights of Columbus Santo Nino Council #12415 soon after he arrived in 2004. He is a fourth degree knight. He is one of seven priests currently belonging to our Council.

Message from our District Deputy

Worthy Brothers,

Wow! What a year for this council! Ten new members and 3 advanced to 3rd degree. A council to be proud of for its hard work, involvement and support. I can only say congratulations for a job well done. Thanks for your involvement with the youth, basketball Free Throw, altar servers; ladies' night and most of all the church activities.



Bob Rothecker

I enjoyed tremendously your friendship and support in the last 10 months you have given me. With all your efforts, I believe you are looking at another Star Council Award.

Election of new officers will be on Sunday May 27. Congratulations to all who have let their names stand for positions. I wish you success for the next Columbian Year and the years to come and that you achieve all goals set.

Once again, thanks and God Bless you all. Keep up the good work.

Bob Rothecker
District Deputy #3