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Christmas Caroling in Full Swing

The 2007 Christmas caroling by Council started on December 2 and will go to December 14. Scheduled stops are eight family homes and ten senior care homes including Campbell Care Home, Courtesy Care Home, Martha House, Santa Maria Senior Home, Extencicare at Elmview, Parkside and Sunset, Pioneer Village and Southland Manor.

The carolers are planning to sing at the Council Party at St. Mary's Parish Hall on the 9th of December and at the Rosary Group Christmas Party on Christmas Day.

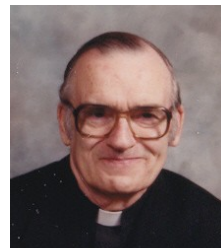
Our carolers vary from ten to twenty singers and our three guitarists Bros. Jim Alvarez, Jessie Feliciano, and Gregg Ravasco. English and Philippine carols are in the repertoire including new ones *Happy Christmas (War is Over)* by Lennon and Ono, *When a Child is Born* and *Angels We Have heard on High*.



Some carolers at a member's home

Chaplain's Message

Speaking personally, I have always been a bit of a history buff and because the year 2007 is such an Historic Year in the history of our illustrious order, I thought that I would share a few important dates with you.



Fr. Emmett

-- **March 29, 1882:** The Knights of Columbus are founded by Reverend Michael J. McGivney at St. Mary's Parish in New Haven, Connecticut - 125 years ago.

-- **November 25, 1897:** The First Canadian Council of the Knights of Columbus, Council 284, was established at Saint Patrick's Parish in Montreal, Quebec, 110 years ago.

-- **March 4, 1906:** The first council of the Knights of Columbus in Western Canada, Council 1081, was established in Vancouver, B.C.

-- **June 17, 1907:** The first council of the Knights of Columbus in Saskatchewan was established - in Regina, Council 1247 - with Judge Reginald Rimmer as the Charter Grand Knight. The first meeting of Council 1247 took place right here in our Parish at Gratton Catholic School on the 1800 block of Cornwall Street

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

4th Annual K of C Basketball Tournament

By Bro. Joseph Alejandria

On October 5, 6 and 7, our Council held its 4th Annual Basketball Tournament at Dr. Martin Leboldus High School in Regina. A total of ten teams participated in the tournament with players from Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Saskatoon and Regina. The matches between teams were pretty close and exciting. A new champion has been crowned; team "Hellfish" from Saskatoon beat last year's champion, team "Too Sweet" from Regina. The tournament MVP was Keith Tsang of the champions.



2007 KC Champs: Hellfish of Saskatoon

Special thanks go out to Dr. Martin Leboldus High School and their friendly staff, Mr. John Ford and Mrs. Pat Stoffel for letting us use the gym; Bro. Bernard Hernando and SuperSound Services (audio equipment and assisting in the whole event); Sacha Isaackz (DJ Clymaxxx from Toronto) for DJing in the tournament and the awards night; Tony and Danny Vongkhamchanh (for assisting with the awards night banquet venue); Bro. Edward Alvaro, Jonathan Lauagan, Julian Lauagan, Jeremy Lauagan and Jason Truong (Flipped Out Crew) for providing entertainment by break dancing at halftime of the championship game; Matt and Andrew (tournament referees); Bro. Sonny de Paz (prizes and giveaways); Dante and Jamie Potoma, Stacy Schwickrath and Christina Bacalso (scorekeeping); my mom Amor for preparing lunches/snacks for the whole weekend for all the volunteers and referees); Michelle Alejandria and my brother and fellow Knight Bro. Richard Alejandria for assisting in the whole event; and especially the Santo Nino Council for its great support.

All participants in the tournament had a great time including the volunteers. Even though the games were very physical and competitive, there were no altercations or injuries that occurred. The sole purpose of the tournament was accomplished given that everyone showed great teamwork, camaraderie, and excellent sportsmanship; new friendships were developed, in addition to reuniting with old acquaintances.

Chaplain's Message (continued)

- 100 years ago. Congratulations Council 1247!

-- **March 29, 1999:** The Santo Nino Council of the Knights of Columbus is established and centered at Blessed Sacrament Parish here in Regina. Dr. Eusebio Koh was our Charter Grand Knight.

Needless to say, as the year 2007 draws to a close we, as members of the largest Catholic Fraternal order in the world have much to celebrate!

Sincerely,

Council Happenings

Degree Exemplifications

Council hosted a first degree exemplification on October 25 at the Blessed Sacrament Church meeting hall with thirteen candidates. Brothers Francisco Ayuban, Pablo Ayuban, Sr., Rey Dimaano, and Jimmy Johnson joined our council. Frank and Pablo are brothers. The other candidates joined other councils in Regina and Dyshart. Degree team was the Regina team captained by Bro. Mark Lewans. Coffee and doughnuts were served after the ceremonies.

On Sunday, November 4, Bro. Jimmy Johnson continued on to a major degree exemplification and knighting at the St. Basil's Ukrainian Catholic Church.



New Knights Pablo, Frank & Rey with some oldies

State Centennial Celebration

Council set up the altar and paraphernalia for the Centennial Mass October 27 at the Conexus Arts Centre celebrated by Archbishop Daniel Bohan. Concelebrants were Eparch Michael Wiwchar of Saskatoon, Abbot Peter Novecosky of Muenster and State Chaplain David Tumbach. Bros. Mody Escanlar and Seb Koh were altar servers.

Council had two tables at the Centennial Banquet that followed the Mass. Rev. Tumbach was the main speaker.

Memorial Mass

On Sunday, November 11, Council had a Memorial Mass celebrated by Fr. Raymundo Rodriguez at St. Mary's Church for the late Fr. Lawrence Folk. In lieu of a memorial plaque, Fr. Folk's family opted to have a donation given to Marian Center. Council fellowship followed after the Mass at the church rectory.

Columbus Park

GK James Madrilejos and DGK Efen Alejandria attended the Columbus Park Board Meeting where GK James was elected Director in charge of scheduling. Bro. Bob Herauf (789-1595) of Fr. Burns Council was elected President.

Happy Birthday Brother!!!

November

- 20- Adolfo Alvarez
- 24- Ramon Salva
- 25- Rochus Klein
- 25- Bernie Hernandez
- 28- Rogelio Herrera
- 29- Ferdinand Marcial

December

- 01- William Maloughney
- 01- Jimmy Johnson
- 06- Ferdinand Sat. Maria
- 06- Carl Folk
- 07- Peter Thacyk
- 12- Ferdinand Feliciano
- 14- Constantin Buehler
- 14- Gabe Seiferling
- 16- Metro Rybchuk
- 18- Mike Volk
- 20- Peter Dielschneider
- 25- Chris Elpa
- 25- Jess Feliciano
- 26- Sam Tranquilino
- 28- Fr. Felipe Faustino

January

- 01- Cecil Schnurr
- 01- Philip Halter
- 04- Bonifacio Borricano
- 09- Arnulfo Ventocilla
- 09- Glen Empleo
- 11- Rey Dimaano
- 14- Rodrigo Caluza
- 14- Raphy Molano
- 16- Paul Castillo
- 16- Eumir (Rec) Mercado
- 16- Anthony Selinger
- 17- Amado Paligan
- 22- Frank Lang
- 22- Allan Regonas
- 23- Henry Kwasnitza
- 25- Pablo Ayuban, Sr.
- 30- Matthew Robinson

February

- 01- Walter McLashan
- 01- Joseph Fahlman
- 02- Friar Bernard Barry
- 08- Fr. Emmett Morrissey
- 10- Fr. Bernard Leboldus
- 14- Roland Logan
- 16- Ian Alarcon
- 19- Mike Kuffner

Regional Seminar

Rod Hofschulte, Supreme Program Consultant will be leading a Regional Seminar in Regina on Monday evening, December 3rd. The Seminar will be held from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at Holy Trinity Church basement at Sherwood Drive & McIntosh Street.

All councils in Regina and surrounding area are encouraged to have their Grand Knight, Financial Secretary, Program Chairman and Membership Chairman in attendance. This seminar usually deals with conduct of the council program and finances and membership recruitment and retention.



Congratulations

to

Bro. Art Vanderzalm

For being awarded

The Order of the

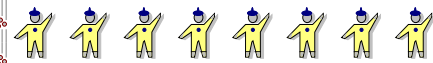
Golden Cross of Merit

By the Government of

Poland

On

September 15, 2007



Congratulations And Welcome

To

New Knights of Columbus

Bro. Francisco Ayuban

Bro. Pablo Ayuban, Sr.

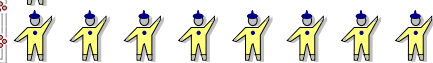
Bro. Reynaldo Dimaano

Bro. James Johnson

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And a special one to

Bro. Jimmy Johnson for becoming a **Third degree**



Upcoming Events

December

- 02: First Sunday of Advent
- 03: Regional Seminar at Holy Trinity
- 04: Bingo for Charity at Bingo Palace, 6-12 pm
- 05: Chapter meeting
- 02 to 14: Santo Nino Christmas Caroling
- 08: Immaculate Conception
- 09: Council Christmas Party at St. Mary's: Mass at 5 pm, dinner, program, dance to follow.
- 15-23: Simbang Gabi (Christmas Masses), 7 pm at St. Mary's
- 22: Christmas Kettle at Golden Mile, 10 to 5 pm.
- 23: Mass with Council doing liturgy
- 25: Christmas Day; Rosary Group Mass, Dinner & Dance at St. Mary's
- 26: Boxing Day

January, 2008

- 02: Regina Chapter Meeting
- 06: Epiphany, Three Kings
- 19: Council Free Throw Competition (tentative)
- 27: Mass and Council Meeting
- 29: Bingo for Charity at Bingo Palace, 6-12 pm
- First degree exemplification in January (TBA)

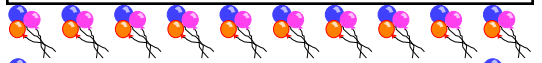
February

- 06: Ash Wednesday
- 06: Regina Chapter Meeting
- 08: Priest Day (tentative)
- 16: Ladies Night (tentative)
- 24: Mass and Council Meeting
- 26: Bingo for Charity at Bingo Palace, 6-12 pm
- Altar servers Appreciation in February (TBA)

Bro. Art Vanderzalm (584 - 3156) needs volunteers from Council members to man the Bingo games! Either 6 to 9 or 9 to 12 pm at Bingo Palace.

Members may now pay their 2008 dues and obtain their new membership cards from me.

Gregg Ravasco
Financial Secretary



Congratulations

To

Bro. Rey & Anne Dimaano

For new 7.6-lb baby girl

Alessandra

Born October 31 at the

Regina General Hospital



Editorial

An Unusual Gift

Christmas is a time when family and friends look to gift giving as a ritual. TV and print media have a lot to do with this. But gifts can have a deep meaning. St. Thomas Aquinas says that a gift must have an aptitude for both the giver and the receiver. If it expresses something of both parties, it becomes a bond between the two.

Christmas before last, my daughter Denise gave me an unusual gift. She told me to put some of my non-mathematical writings in a small manuscript and she will have the ms published as a book. After much delay but with the seed money in place, my book is finally coming out in early December, 2007.

It is called “*Like the Mimosa*”, a collection of some short stories, poems, and essays written mostly since I retired. Getting the book out was like childbirth and the book has become a bond between Denise and myself.

If you care to browse or get a copy, it is available at the Book and Brier Patch at 4065 Albert Street, Regina, Your Nickel’s Worth Publishing (www.yournickelsworth.com) or from me at dony@accesscomm.ca

Merry Christmas!

Message from our District Deputy

Brother Knights,

The State Council of Sask., extends its heartfelt thanks to the Santo Nino Council for its role during the centennial celebration of the province at the Conexus Arts Centre. Council carried out its usual task of looking after the Holy Mass. Special mention to Bros. Mody Escanlar and Seb Koh, who oversee the altar set-up and acted as altar servers.

I also acknowledge Council for hosting a first degree exemplification on October 25, 2007. There were thirteen new members added to the order.

Your efforts and contributions to the Order do not go unnoticed and you display a degree of excellence on your performances. I’m very proud to be a part of Santo Nino Council 12415.

Fraternally,
Rio Mercado



Reuben Mercado

Message from our Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

My wife Fannie and I would like to extend Holiday greetings to you and your families.



GK James Madrilejos

It is hard to believe that half of the fraternal year is almost over. We have successfully achieved all of the scheduled activities of our council, namely, the Canada Day celebration, the family picnic, the youth basketball tournament, performing most of the liturgical duties during the fourth Sunday mass of each month and a memorial mass to remember a deceased brother knight.

There were a few unscheduled activities. With the help and support of members, they turned out to be also successful. The Saskatchewan Knights of Columbus 100th year celebration was a 3 day outdoor event last August. To further commemorate this very important milestone a mass and a banquet was held last October at the Conexus Arts Center. The Santo Nino Council was also the first council in southern Saskatchewan to host the Marian Prayer Program, and in spite of being given only 3 day notice to host the program, the event was a success, thanks to our Church Director Brother Mody Escanlar and also to Fr. Raymundo Rodriguez who was the presiding priest. Again thank you brother knights and to the ladies who are always willing to help.

There are still lots of activities ahead of us. As usual December is a busy month, with events such as Christmas caroling, Christmas party, Salvation Army’s kettle drive and something new this year, an old Philippine tradition, an evening mass at 7:00 P.M. for 9 consecutive evenings before Christmas at St. Mary’s church starting December 15. The New Year brings activities such as the free throw (both at the council and district level), Ladies (K)night valentine party, youth altar servers appreciation party, 9th Council anniversary celebration, just to name a few.

For the fraternal year, we would like to recruit 8 new members to our council. So far 4 new members have joined us. If you know someone who is interested in becoming a Knight of Columbus, let our membership director Brother Dopy Alvarez know.

Brother Knights, with your support and cooperation we will once more have a successful year. Let’s do it.

Fraternally yours,
James Madrilejos –GK