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Second Anniversary—a Blast

Santo Nino Council #12415 celebrated its second anniversary with a Holy Mass on Thursday, March 29 at the Blessed Sacrament Church and a dinner-dance on Sunday, April 1 at the Christ the King Parish Hall. Because Council Institution Day coincides with the Founder's Day, the celebrant Fr. Emmett Morrissey's homily traced the history to when Fr. Michael J. McGivney formed the Knights of Columbus in 1882. He then talked of the impact our council has on the parish and community.

There were almost two hundred people who came to the dinner. Highlight of the night was a short program where both State Deputy Nestor Trach and District Deputy Martin Wrubleski gave their greetings. SD Trach also presented the Star Council Award for 1999-2000 to GK Terry Abadiano and the Contest of Champions Award to PGK Seb Koh.

Two dance numbers brought the house down: Kuratsa danced by Bro. Jim and Susan Alvarez and an Elvis impersonation of Blue Hawaii by Bro. Dennis Charette with back-up hula dancers of Susan and the dazzling combo of Bro. Sonny de Paz, Bro. Jovil Paez, Bro. Gregg Ravasco and Bro. Nol Ventocilla in grass skirts.

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Chaplain's Message

First of all, I would like to congratulate the Santo Nino Council on the wonderful celebrations that we had on March 29 and on April 1 to mark the Second Anniversary of the founding of our Council.

Although March 29, 2001 was a Thursday and many of our members could not come because of work commitments, many Brother Knights did attend the Mass, and the fact that Members served the Mass and were lectors at the Mass certainly made the Liturgy very special. Of course our Anniversary Mass gave me an opportunity to spread the good word about our council and even brag a bit about our accomplishments!

And as for our Celebrations at Christ

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

State Convention Report

The Saskatoon Inn was the scene of the Saskatchewan Knights of Columbus 79th Annual State Convention on April 20-22. Approximately 300 representatives of 155 Councils from across the Province gathered to review their achievements for the past year and to discuss plans for continued service to their Church, Families, and Communities during the next year. In his address at the Opening Ceremony on Friday evening, State Deputy Nestor Trach reviewed activities of the Knights and stressed the need for programs that would benefit our membership efforts. He asked them to commit to the support of the Church and Family as our founder Father McGivney did 119 years ago.

Our council sent GK Terry and Linda Abadiano and DGK Jim and Susan Alvarez as delegates. On Friday, April 20, after registration, they attended a Holy Mass concelebrated by Archbishop Peter Mallon, State Chaplain Abbot Peter Novecosky, Father John Riffel, and three other priests. In the evening, awards were given to various councils for different activities. Santo Nino Council received the award for increased membership.

On Saturday, April 21, Convention approved several resolutions including one sponsored by Santo Nino Council petitioning CRTC to allow EWTN to broadcast in Canada. Other resolutions approved were that the Saskatchewan Knights of Columbus

1. Supports the Justice Syssem’s decision to impose a 10 year minimum prison sentence on Robert Latimer for the murder of his daughter.
2. Supports the creation of an "Independent Appeals Body" during the process of public submissions and examinations by the Committee of Review.
3. Seeks a review of taxation policies on the high cost of farm inputs, the application of a fair and equitable level of subsidies and the establishment of short and long term programs to keep our family farms financially viable.
4. Supports the SaskatchewanHeart Centre.

On Sunday, April 22, the State officers were reelected for a second year to serve as State Council 2001-2002. Bro. Mark Lewans, our Field Agent, was given the "Highest Insurance Production Award".



Calendar of Events

- May 1 to 31 ---- Rosary Month
- May 1 --- Labor Day (Philippines)
- May 6 --- World Vocations Day
- May 13 -- World Youth Day (Canada)
- May 13----Mother’s Day
- May 17----Fourth Degree Retreat in Lumsden
- May 21 -- Victoria Day (Canada)
- May 27 -- Ascension Sunday
Holy Mass - 10 am; Election meeting -11:15 am
- June 17--- Father's Day Picnic
- June 24 -- St. John the Baptist Day
Holy Mass - 10 am; Council meeting -11:15 am
- July 1 ---- Canada Day Eucharistic Celebration - "Pancake Breakfast" and " Craft Sales"
- July 22 --- Holy Mass - 10 am; Council meeting -11:15 am

Excerpts of Messages from

SD Nestor Trach:

Your Council has been an example to others in the province and you should be proud of your accomplishments. May you continue in the same spirit as you have in the first two years. Keep up the fine work for Columbianism.

DD Martin Wrubleski:

Congratulations on your second anniversary. Your achievements are a result of strong leadership and vigorous sharing of time and talent by many members. Mary Anne and I continue to enjoy the fraternalism and great fun whenever we meet.

SD Julito R. Reyes of Alberta-Northwest Terr. State:

When we lift high the Cross in our lives, we will live more fully the ideals of Columbianism and we will share our time, talent and treasures with those in need. Congratulations to all our *kababayans* and families of Santo Nino Council 12415. *Mabuhay!*

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Fr. John Riffel said the opening and closing prayers; Fr. Emmett Morrisey gave his usual inspiring message; and the Santo Nino singers (fourteen of us) sang *Silayan*, *Dahil Sa Iyo*, and “In Regina”, an arranged version of “West Virginia”. Mrs. Thelma Revilla of Edmonton served Philippine cuisine (*michado*, *embutido*, *arroz*, *lumpiang pinirito*, etc.) for

Happy Birthday, Brod!

May

- 14- Boni Sison
- 15- Sid Castillo Sr.
- 18- Chad Abadiano
- 18- Edison Mercado
- 18- Jun Pamintuan Jr.
- 25- Gregg Ravasco
- 27- Sonny de Paz

June

- 9- Allan Ngui
- 15- Brendo Arrojado
- 20- Junior Herreria
- 20- Rio Mercado

July

- 6- Richard Alejandria
- 7- Dennis Charette
- 7- Gerhard Kiefer

Chaplain's Message (continued from p. 1)
 the King Hall on Sunday April 1, 2001, everything was simply "First Class". Dr. Eusebio Koh did a marvelous job as M.C. for the evening. Brother Terry Abadiano, our worthy Grand Knight, gave an excellent talk and the "Surprise Event" on the entertainment agenda left us all roaring with laughter.

Congratulations, Members of the Santo Nino Council on two wonderful successful years and may I wish all of you continued success in all future endeavors.

Matthew Emmett

Happy 15th Anniversary

to

Fr. Chas Gibney Council 9278

Our deepest sympathy to the families for the passing of Rosa Garingalao Escanlar, sister of Bro. Mody Escanlar, on March 16, 2001 in Guimbal, Iloilo, Philippines.

Photo Gallery



Second Anniversary dinner:

Seated: Fr. Morrissey between SD Nestor and Liz Trach.
 Standing left to right: Linda and GK Terry Abadiano, DDMartin and Mary Anne Wrubleski, Dony and PGK Seb Koh



The Santo Nino Singers with Choir Director and Guitarist DGK Jim Alvarez on the extreme right.



Editorial

“Ningas Kogon”

Dry grass and cogon reeds burn quickly. And they die out just as fast when the fire has gone through them. In the Philippines, when something starts quickly and peters out soon we say that’s a sign of *ningas kogon* which literally means cogon fire. Locally we would say someone has the initiative but not quite the “finishiative.”

I was just thinking how many of us were so gung ho when we started our council two years ago. Some have seemed to fade into the background or out altogether. Is it *ningas kogon*? I hope not.

I hope we remember that we joined the Knights of Columbus because we want to serve our church, our families and our community. To paraphrase Kennedy, let’s ask not what the council can do for us but ask what we can do for the council.

Let’s shed our *ningas kogon* and keep the fire burning!

Message from our Grand Knight

Our Supreme Knight Bro. Carl Anderson is calling all brother knights and their families to "Lift High the Cross".

Our Worthy State Deputy, Bro. Nestor Trach is also echoing the call to each one of our families and us to " Lift High the Cross".

How can we "Lift High the Cross"?

-When we share our love of the Eucharist, by inviting and bringing your family and friends to participate in the Sunday Eucharistic Celebration, we lift high the cross.

- When we care for our wife and children, we lift

high the cross.

-When we pray the rosary with our friends and families, we lift high the cross.

-When we bring our friends and our families to attend an Eucharistic Adoration, we lift high the cross.

-When we invite a Catholic friend to join the Knights of Columbus, we lift high the cross.

-When we visit a sick friend in hospital, we lift high the cross.

-When we participate in "Blood Donor Clinic"; we lift high the cross.

-When we give a ride to a Senior citizen to attend the Monday Devotion, "Our Lady of Perpetual Help", we lift high the cross.

-When we help in

fundraising for MS, Cancer Society, Canadian Mental Health, Heart and Stroke, Salvation Army, Habitat for Humanity and Kid's Help Phone, we lift high the cross.

Let us remember when we do our acts of Columbianism: unity, charity, fraternity and patriotism within our community, we lift high the cross.

Our Lord Jesus said, "When you feed the hungry, when you visit the sick and visit the shut-ins, whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you are doing it to me."

Vivat Jesu,
Bro. Terry B. Abadiano
Grand Knight

Honorable Mentions

Thanks to Bro. **Reuben Mercado** for organizing the Second Anniversary Celebration. He called several meetings at his home, assigned specific tasks and oversaw that things worked out. Our gratitude also goes to his dear wife **Cecile** who played hostess and helped during the show.

#Thanks to Bro. **Allan and Lor Ngui** for looking after the ticket distribtion. We hope Allan gets well

Thanks to Bro. **Ron Ripplinger** of Lee Funeral Home for his donation .

Thanks to Bros.**Ed and Efren Alejandria** for the beautiful sign and logo of our council.

Thanks to Bro. **Jim and Susan Alvarez** for putting on such a great show, to Bro.**Dennis Charette** who looked like Elvis, to hula dancers- Bro. **Sonny, Jovil, Gregg and Nol.**

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