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Ladies Night—A Big Hit

Council celebrated Ladies Night in honor of the ladies of council members on Friday, February 15, 2008 at the West Harvest Inn. The event was a fun-filled day, which started with a sumptuous buffet, followed by some group games (jello-eating contest, spoon game and the battle of the sexes) organized by DD Rio and Cecille Mercado.

Musical renditions specially prepared by PGK Jim and Susan Alvarez brought people to the dance floor. The night was capped by presentation of roses to the ladies and some gentlemen by our Grand Knight James Madrilejos. Pictures of party goers, courtesy of FS Gregg and Chelo Ravasco, were presented by Fr. Eusebio Tubale. Special greetings were accorded Bro. John and Elizabeth McAlister who celebrated their golden wedding



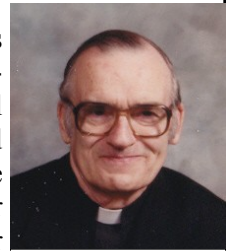
Ladies Night table with Golden Anniversary celebrants Bro. John and Elizabeth McAlister



Ladies Night:
Bro. Dophy & Norrie Alvarez,
Bro. Efren & Paz Alejandria,
Bro. Ernie & Deng Paraiso

Chaplain's Message

Sincere thanks to the many members of our council who attended prayers and the funeral Mass for my sister, Sister Roberta Morrissey. Thanks also to my fellow Knights who requested that Masses be offered for the repose of the soul of Sister Roberta.



Fr. Emmett

I will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of my priesthood on Saturday, May 31, 2008. Our Parish will celebrate this anniversary at the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, June 1, 2008.

Following the Mass the festivities will continue at the Hotel Saskatchewan Radisson Plaza. We will have a Come and Go Tea in the Grand Ballroom from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. with a program at 3:00 p.m.

As most of you know, our Parish is publishing a Pictorial Directory in conjunction with the anniversary. Needless to say, all my fellow Knights are invited to join in the celebration on June 1, 2008.

God Bless!

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

2008 State Convention at Ipsco Place

The 2008 Knights of Columbus State Convention will be held on April 4 to 6 at the Banner Hall at Ipsco Place. Lodging accommodations for out of town delegates are provided by Travelodge Hotel, south Albert St. at convention rates. Council is sending GK James Madrilejos and PGK Seb Koh as delegates. Alternates are DGK Efren Alejandria and PGK Carl Folk. Council Church Director Mody Escanlar is in charge of the Opening Mass on Friday, April 4 and the Necrological Mass on Sunday, April 6. Council members and ladies will be assisting in various capacities such as honor guards, altar servers, collectors, greeters, hosts and hostesses.

Simbang Gabi

It is a tradition in the Philippines that come Christmas time, churches hold nine days of holy masses before Christmas Day very early in the morning. These are called "Misa de Gallo" (Masses of the Rooster) or "Simbang Gabi" (Night Masses). Fr. Dan Rafael thought Regina can benefit from such a beautiful tradition by holding "Simbang Gabi" nightly at 7:00 p.m. from December 15 to 23 at the St. Mary's Church. Council hosted the first simbang gabi on the 15th providing the music ministry, readers, gift bearers, altar servers and snacks for fellowship after the Mass. Other groups or families hosted succeeding nights with equal success.



Bros. Efren and Mody serving Mass with Celebrant Fr. Yodel Cereno at the first *simbang gabi* at St. Mary's Church

Degree Exemplification

Holy Trinity Council #10401 and Santo Nino Council #12415 will jointly host a Major Degree Exemplification on April 27, 2008 at the Holy Trinity Church. District Deputy Reuben Mercado is coordinating this activity and would like to see Council urge more first degree members to advance to third degree.

Council Happenings

Christmas Party

Council had its Christmas party on Dec. 9, 2007 at the St. Mary's Church Hall. DD Rio Mercado emceed the mini program after the dinner, which featured the GK James' Welcome, Chaplain's message, games, door prizes, musical presentations from our carolers and selected members. Fr. Raymundo Rodriguez said the closing prayer. Dance followed.

Nativity Scene

In line with keeping Christ in Christmas, Council set up the nativity manger in front of the Blessed Sacrament Church a week prior to Advent and took it down on Saturday, the 5th of Jan. 2008. Thanks to the guys who came to help.

Free Throw Contest

Council held free throw competition for youth on Saturday, January 19, 2008 at the O'Neill High School Gym. There were eight children who participated in the event. Winners are: Noah Young, aged 10, Christian Masaoay, aged 13, Ray Anonas, age 14, and Mariz Anonas, aged 12. They will advance to the District level competition on February 23, 2008 also O'Neill High.

Priest Day

Council celebrated Priest Day in honor of its Chaplain on February 8, 2008 to coincide with his birthday. Some members with their spouses and friends treated Fr. Emmett Morrissey to lunch at Golf's Restaurant. Frs. Eusebio Tubale and Dan Rafael were among Fr. Emmett's well-wishers.



Fr. Emmett Morrissey, GK James Madrilejos and Larry Ongsu at Fr. Emmett's birthday dinner at Golf's Restaurant

*Happy Birthday
Brother!!!*

March

- 01- Henry Dielschneider
- 01- Constantine Folk
- 04- Efren Alejandria
- 05- Marianito Estrada
- 11- Ernesto Paraiso
- 13- Edwin Loos
- 19- Frank Ursaki
- 21- Ben Zatylny
- 23- William Berezan
- 29- Alvil Tayco

April

- 01- Don Schaeffer
- 07- Vincent Baryluk
- 09- Mario Sison
- 11- Isaac Caburao
- 13- Pablo Ayuban, Jr.
- 13- George de la Cruz
- 16- Gerardo Agustin
- 17- Jovil Paez
- 18- Marvin Kwasnitza
- 19- Generoso Dimalanta
- 21- Fr. Dan Rafael
- 23- Nathan Abadiano
- 26- Rodrigo Chiu

May

- 04- Leonard Wentz
- 05- Francis Israel
- 08- Albert Ngui
- 13- Dale Nagrampa
- 13- Wayne Selinger
- 14- Boni Sison
- 15- Sid Castillo Sr.
- 18- Edison Mercado
- 18- Librado Pamintuan Jr.
- 21- James Fogarty
- 23- Monty Sharber
- 25- Albeen Alarcon
- 25- Gregg Ravasco
- 27- Sonny de Paz
- 31- Alexander Eberle
- 19- James Pageot
- 28- Rey Grapa

**Congratulations
And Welcome Back!**

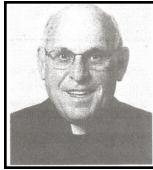
Jun Pamintuan

Our Sympathy

Council mourns the loss of four valued members and relatives of members who passed away in recent weeks. We extend our deepest condolences to the families of :

Fr. Kasper Klein, OMI who passed away on January 23, 2008 in Saskatoon. He was 87.

Fr. Bernard Leboldus who passed away on February 8, 2008 in Regina. He was 2 days shy of his 80th birthday.



Bro. Eugene J. Exner who passed away in Saskatoon on Jan. 13, 2008 at the age of 52.

Bro. Mariano Pesigan who passed away on February 7, 2008 in Regina. He would have been 93 on February 24.



Sister Roberta Morrissey, oldest sister of Fr. Emmett, who passed away on February 13, 2008 in Regina. She was 87.



Mrs. Eva Alvarez, mother of PGK Jim, who passed away in Yuma, Ariz. on January 26, 2008. She was 85.

Mr. Tiburcio Paderanga, father-in-law of Bro. Gerry Abao, who passed away in Camiguin Province, Philippines on January 7, 2008 at the age of 97 and Mrs. Elsa Abao Jajalla, Bro. Gerry's sister, who passed away on February 17, 2008 in the Philippines. She was 63.

Upcoming Events

March

- 05: Regina Chapter meeting
- 08&09: Shamrocks sale for St. Patrick's Day
- 09: Pancake Breakfast at St. Mary's Church
- 10: First Degree at St. Peter's
- 15&16: Shamrocks sale for St. Patrick's Day
- 16: Palm Sunday
- 17: St. Patrick's Day
- 20: Holy Thursday (Washing of feet at Mass)
- 21: Good Friday
- 23: Easter Mass with Council liturgy; meeting
- 25: Bingo for Charity at Bingo Palace, 6-12 pm
- 29: Council 9th Anniversary at St. Mary's Hall

April

- 02: Regina Chapter Meeting
- 04-06: State Convention at Ipsco Place; Council in charge of Holy Masses
- 09: Retreat - St. Michael's in Lumsden
- 22: Bingo for Charity at Bingo Palace, 6-12 pm
- 27: Mass with Council doing liturgy; meeting; Major Degree

May

- 07: Regina Chapter Meeting
- 11: Mother's Day; Pentecost Sunday
- 19: Victoria Day
- 20: Bingo at Sta Maria Senior Home 6:30 pm
- 25: Corpus Christi Mass with Council doing liturgy; council meeting & election of officers for 2008-2009

June

- 1: Celebration of 50th Anniversary of Fr. Emmett Morrissey's Ordination

Dancing at Ladies Night



Congratulations!!!

John and Elizabeth McAlister

On their

Golden Wedding Anniversary

Editorial

Mariano Estacio Pesigan, 1915 – 2008

At 7 o'clock in the morning of Thursday, February 7, 2008, my phone rang and I was informed by his daughter, Dida, that my good friend and brother Knight Mariano Pesigan had a heart attack and did not survive.

Mariano immigrated to Canada in 1992 with Dida. Soon after they settled down, Mariano indicated an interest to come to our devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help at the Sacred Heart Church Monday nights. So he became one of the seniors I picked up regularly for about a decade until a few years ago when his health made it difficult for him.

Mariano was a charter member of the Knights of Columbus Taal Lemery Council #5916 chartered in 1967. He was awarded an honorary life membership in 1992. He joined our Council in 1999. He attended meetings regularly and engaged in council discussions and functions.

Mariano lost his beloved wife Leonila on July 8, 1985. But he continued to be a devoted family man. He had three married daughters and eight grandchildren. Mariano Pesigan was a man of integrity. He will be missed for his wisdom, his experience, his friendship, his kindness and his humor. He was a man of God and his faith was strong. He won't be with us but he is definitely in a better place.

ELK

Message from our District Deputy

Brother Knights,

As the last leg of the Columbian year approaches, Council is busy with multi preparation: Council 9th anniversary celebration on March 29, 2008, the two Masses at the State Convention and co-hosting of the Major Degree Exemplification on April 27, 2008.



Reuben Mercado

There are more things lined up which have to be done and I know that it will be accomplished in such a great fashion.

However, may I remind you Bro. Knights, that as we coast through our busy schedule, that the season of Lent is here. We are reminded of our mandate, to whom should we dedicate our efforts? As we celebrate God's love of humanity let us take some precious moments to acknowledge the blessings we have: our health, family, friends, peace, jobs, growth of our province and everything around us.

May your households be filled with the spirit of our RISEN CHRIST.

Fraternally,
Rio Mercado

Message from our Grand Knight

Brother Knights,



GK James Madrilejos

January and February 2008 have now passed into history. I wonder how many of us have been able to keep our New Year's resolutions so far. Maybe some of us didn't bother making any. As Christians and Catholics, let us not forget the holy season of Lent. These are the precious days of preparation for the resurrection of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Let's keep the true spirit of Catholicism in our thoughts and actions. During the Lenten season, let's not be content with doing things like cutting down on smoking and food, or foregoing a movie, etc. These are all good and praiseworthy, but maybe not enough. Let's do more positive things like pray more rosaries, attend a few more masses and take communion more often. Also, let's ask ourselves, how many more acts of charity can we perform and how often can we extend a helping hand to those in need. These positive actions are the source of power and strength, not only to our selves but to everyone we meet.

The ladies night was a huge success with more than 50 people attending. After a fantastic meal, Bro. Rio and his wife Cecille presented a short program with some fun games. The music was performed by Bro Jim and his wife Susan all evening. With Bros Efren Alejandria, Sam Tranquilino, Seb Koh and Jimmy Johnson, they serenaded the ladies with "Besa me Mucho" as they were presented with a **rose** from their husbands with the assistance of Grand Knight James Madrilejos. Meanwhile, Fr. Tubale handed out pictures (courtesy of Bro Gregg and his wife, Chelo) to each couple and individual. Thanks to all who contributed in the success of this memorable event.

In March, our main activities are a brunch at St. Marys on March 9th; the re-enactment of the "Washing of the Feet" at the Blessed Sacrament Church on Holy Thursday, March 20th and finally the 9th anniversary celebration of our council on March 29th.

April is another busy month. The State Convention will be on April 4th, 5th & 6th at Ipsco Place. Our council is responsible for both masses on the 4th and the 6th. On April 9th there is a mini retreat with Fr. Burns Council at St. Michael's Retreat House in Lumsden. We're also planning an Easter egg hunt (venue and time TBA). Lastly, there will be a major degree exemplification on April 27th.

Election of officers for the fraternal year 2008-2009 will be on May 25th. If you are interested in serving as an officer, please contact the election committee.

Brother Knights, I invite you to support our community and our church by getting involved in our council's activities.

James Madrilejos
Grand Knight