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Council Gets Into Christmas Mode

After setting up the Nativity Scene at the Blessed Sacrament Church just before Advent, Council is going Christmas caroling the first week of December. There are six family homes and six senior care homes lined up.

Council will be singing at Campbell Care Home, Courtesy Care Home, Santa Maria Senior Home, Extendicare at Parkside and Sunset, and Southland Manor. The carolers will be singing along the hallways at Santa Maria and at Sunset Extendicare to accommodate residents unable to leave their rooms with ease.

Council also plans to sing at the Council Christmas party on December 14 and the Rosary Group Christmas party on the 25th and possibly at the fourth Sunday Mass at Blessed Sacrament Church.

In addition to Council involvement with the liturgy at the Holy Eucharist on some weekdays and second and fourth Sundays at the Blessed Sacrament, Council is assisting with the nine-day "Simbang Gabi" (Evening Mass) leading to Christmas at St. Mary's Church.

On December 20, eight Santo Nino Knights will take turns to man the Salvation Army Christmas kettle all day at the Golden Mile Shopping Mall.



Christmas kettle with Bros. Allan, Carl, Dophy and Gregg

Chaplain's Message

Fellow Knights:

We, as Knights have reason to celebrate because Pope Benedict XVI has named our founder Father Michael J. McGivney "a Venerable Servant of God".



Fr. Emmett Morrissey

Eleven years ago, in October 1997, Father Gabriel O'Donnell, a Dominican priest and the Postulator for the cause of the canonization of Father McGivney began to collect evidence to prove that Father McGivney should be canonized.

In commenting on the possible canonization of Father McGivney, Father O'Donnell said, "Canonization is not the making of a saint. Making saints is God's business alone. There are many holy men and women in the world today who will never be canonized."

On March 16, 2008, when Pope Benedict XVI named Father McGivney "a Venerable Servant of God" he in effect was saying that our Founder was "a person who displayed heroic virtue in his life."

Father McGivney could be beatified if a miracle were attributed to his intercession and he could be canonized if two miracles were attributed to his intercession.

I would ask you, in your daily prayers, to pray that, if it be God's will, the Vatican will declare our Founder, Father Michael J. McGivney a canonized Saint.

Fraternally,

Fr. Emmett Morrissey

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

First and Major Degree Exemplifications

Council held a first-degree exemplification on Thursday, October 16 at the Council Chamber at the Blessed Sacrament Church. The Regina Degree Team headed by Bro. Mark Lewans conducted the ceremonies. There were twelve candidates including three from our council, namely, Bros. Pedro Butch Siapno, Menardo Gotoc, and Alvan de Vera. Class patron was our Charter GK Seb Koh.

On Sunday, November 2 Bros. Siapno, Gotoc and de Vera joined Bros. Albert Ngui, Joepet Cabugao and Jesus Lito Lopez and thirteen others from other councils for a major degree exemplification at the Resurrection Parish Centre. The Saskatoon Degree Team captained by Bro. Ron Martens did the initiation rites. Class patron was Fr. Lorne Crozon, pastor of Holy Child Parish and a past State Chaplain. Guest Speaker at the Banquet program was State Deputy Arden Andreas. At the Award Presentation, GK Alejandria received the Star Council Award for 2007-2008 on behalf of Council.



New Third degree Knights with class patron Fr. Lorne Crozon and SD Arden Andreas

Council Devotion to Our Lady of Charity

Starting in September, 2008, the Knights of Columbus spreads the devotion to Our Lady of Charity through a yearlong Marian hour of prayer for the intentions of Pope Benedict XVI. In Saskatchewan, one icon went through every council in the south and another in the north-central region.

The southern devotion started at our Council on October 27 at St. Mary's Church with members assisting in the liturgy and reciting the rosary. There were over 90 devotees present at the Holy Eucharist and Novena.

Our Lady of Charity had its origin in El Cobre, Cuba, where three boys, brothers Rodrigo and Juan de Hoyos, and Juan Moreno were saved in a fierce storm around 1600. She was declared the patroness of Cuba by Pope Benedict XV in 1916. She is referred to as Nuestra Senora de la Caridad del Cobre.



Council Hosting *Simbang Gabi* at St. Mary's

On Wednesday, December 17 Council is hosting the *Simbang Gabi* (Evening Mass) at St. Mary's Church by providing mass servers, lectors, music ministry as well as refreshments for fellowship after the Mass. Members are urged to help out as well as bring their families for the Mass. Filipino priests will celebrate the masses during the nine-day period leading to Christmas.

Council Happenings

Council at State bowling Tourney

The State Bowling Tournament was held on October 18-19, 2008 at the Golden Mile Bowling Lanes in Regina followed by reception at the Christ the King Parish Hall. Council fielded two teams: 1. Gregg and Josh Ravasco, Jovil Paez and Ken Dumont, and 2. Rio and Cecille Mercado, Gerry Abao and Boyet Onza. Cecille won the ladies' high single.

Memorial Mass

The annual Memorial Mass for the departed Knights of Santo Nino Council for the Columbian year 2007-2008 was celebrated by Fr. Dan Rafael at St. Mary's Church on November 9, 2008. Honored in memoriam were Fr. Kasper Klein, Fr. Bernard Leboldus, Bro. Michael Eriksen, Bro. Gene Exner, and Bro. Mariano Pesigan. Friends and relatives of the deceased were present.

2008 Santa Claus Parade

DGK Pete Escanlar and DD Rio Mercado helped in preparing the Knights of Columbus entry at the 2008 Santa Claus Parade held on November 16, 2008.

Nativity Scene

On November 29, Council put up the annual Nativity Scene at the front lawn of the Blessed Sacrament Church in time for the first Sunday of Advent.

Condolences

We extend our deepest sympathy to our Chaplain Fr. Emmett for the loss of his brother Roy on November 10 at the Regina General Hospital. Roy was 84 years old.

We are deeply saddened by the demise of Mrs. Imelda Siapno who passed away on November 8 in Regina. She was 78 years old. Mrs. Siapno is the mother of Bros. Butch, Aris and Brig Siapno and the grandmother of Bros. Dale and Daniel Nagramga, Azel and Gladwin Siapno, Menardo Gotoc, Joepet Cabugao and Alvan de Vera.

Happy Birthday Brother!!!

December

01- William Maloughney
01- James Johnson
06- Ferdinand Sta. 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
20- Lito Lopez
25- Chris Elpa
25- Jess Feliciano
26- Sam Tranquilino
27- Joepet Cabugao
28- Fr. Felipe Faustino

January

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

February

01- Walter McLashan
01- Joseph Fahlman
02- Friar Bernard Barry
08- Fr. Emmett Morrissey
10- Gladwin Siapno
14- Roland Logan
16- Ian Alarcon
19- Mike Kuffner
19- James Pageot
28- Rey Grapa

Congratulations and Welcome!

To our new Third Degree Knights:

Dean Ackerman
Joepet Cabugao
Alvan de Vera
Menardo Gotoc
Jesus (Lito) Lopez
Albert Ngui
Pedro "Butch" Siapno

Members may now pay their
2009 dues and obtain their new
membership cards from me.

Gregg Ravasco
Financial Secretary



Council members assisted in setting up
Nativity Scene in the front lawn
of Blessed Sacrament Church



New Santo Nino 3rd degree Knights
with class patron Fr. Lorne Crozon,
SD Arden Andreas, DDs Reuben
Mercado & Brian Stadnyk, GK Efren
Alejandria and MDir. Dophy Alvarez

Maligayang Pasko
sa Inyong Lahat!!!
(Merry Christmas to all)

Upcoming Events

November 30: First Sunday of Advent

December

02: Bingo for Charity at Bingo Palace, 6-12 pm
02 to 04: Santo Nino Christmas Caroling
03: Chapter meeting
08: Immaculate Conception
14: 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
20: Christmas Kettle at Golden Mile, 10 to 6 pm.
25: Christmas Day; Rosary Group Mass, Dinner
& Dance at St. Mary's
26: Boxing Day
28: Mass with Council doing liturgy
30: Bingo for Charity at Bingo Palace, 6-12 pm

January, 2009

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

February

04: Regina Chapter Meeting
08: Chaplain's Day
14: Valentine's Day, Ladies Night
22: Mass and Council Meeting
24: Bingo for Charity at Bingo Palace, 6-12 pm
25: Ash Wednesday, first day of Lent
Altar servers Appreciation in February (TBA)

Urgent! Please help with Tuesday Bingo Night at
Bingo Palace. Call Bro. Art Vanderzalm at 584-3156

Get your Council Christmas party tickets now from
Bro. Art Vanderzalm at 584-3156
Adults ...\$17 Kids 6 to 12 ...\$7.50



SD Arden Andreas hands Star Council Award to
GK Efren Alejandria with DD Reuben Mercado

Editorial Let's Celebrate the Birth of Christ

The New Testament gives an account of Jesus' life and ministry, His suffering and crucifixion, His resurrection, and His ascension to heaven. All of these are an affirmation of Isaiah's predictions seven hundred years before. It tells how He healed the sick and how He fed the hungry. His miraculous deeds made Him more than an ancient superstar. His actions were those of God.

The opening words of John's gospel are quite specific in referring to Jesus as God. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." In verse 14 of the same chapter, John said, "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us."

The apostle Paul, who wrote the most books of the New Testament, also made the deity of Jesus a doctrine of his writings. In *Romans* 9:5, Paul wrote, "Christ came, who is over all, the eternally blessed God." The Scriptures also mention many instances where Jesus Himself spoke of His deity. For example, in *John* 10: 30, He said, "I and my Father are one."

After two thousand years, our faith in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior has not diminished. We continue to celebrate the Holy Eucharist as the supreme sacrifice to save us from our wayward ways, from our sins.

And so with the Advent of His birth to the Blessed Virgin Mother, we celebrate His coming. It is time to put Christ back into Christmas. We can do this by going to church, by attending the Holy Mass, by doing good deeds in imitation of Christ, by being more giving and forgiving, by sending thoughtful cards to friends and relatives and by being with our families.

May you find peace and happiness in the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Merry Christmas!

ELK

Message from our District Deputy

Brother Knights and Families,

Congratulations for winning the Star Council Award for the Columbian Year 2007-2008. Your collaborative efforts and the leadership of PGK James Madrilejos brought our Council to the forefront once again.

As we course through the 2008-2009, an enthused band of leaders and members are pushing onward to new challenges. Firstly, the Council had committed to be in full support of the Provincial Games of the Special Olympic of Saskatchewan, which will be held on June 19, 20 and 21 of the year 2009 right in our City. Plans on how to help fund raise and volunteer time and talents are afoot.

As your District Deputy, I would like to thank you for actively participating and sending six candidates at the last Major Degree exemplification and my heartfelt congratulations to



Reuben Mercado

Message from our Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

Half the Columbian year is almost done and I would like to thank you and Council for your support and participation in our many activities these past months.

We started with a glorious Canada Day celebration with Archbishop Daniel Bohan celebrating Mass and Council serving a well-attended brunch at the Blessed Sacrament Church.

In August, DGK Pete Escanlar designed and built with a big help from Council the winning float at the Buffalo Day Parade. Later in the month Council had its annual family picnic at Wascana Park with lots of food, games, kids and a quiz on the ongoing Olympic Games.

We hosted a first-degree exemplification at our Council Chamber with three new recruits. Welcome Brothers Butch Siapno, Menardo Gotoc, and Alvan de Vera to our order. In early November six candidates from Council had their major degree hosted by Resurrection Council.

We started the K. of C. yearlong devotion to Our Lady of Charity in southern Saskatchewan in October. We had a Memorial Mass on November 9 at St. Mary's Church honoring our members who passed away in the last year. They are Fr. Kasper Klein, Fr. Bernard Leboldus, Bro. Michael Eriksen, Bro. Gene Exner and Bro. Mariano Pesigan.

Lastly, I would like to express my deep sympathy and condolences to Fr. Emmett Morrissey for the loss of his brother Roy and to the family of Mrs. Imelda Siapno who passed away in November. As noted by PGK Seb Koh, Mrs. Siapno had three sons, a son-in-law and seven grandsons who joined our council. Personally, the Siapnos are an extension of my own family and our lives have intertwined since they came to Regina over two decades ago.

Efren A. Alejandria
Grand Knight

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them. Also, welcome to our five new members. Kudos to Membership Director Adolfo Alvarez for a wonderful job of recruiting!

Thumbs up for starting Our Lady of Charity Prayers. You have set up the bar with over 90 Knights and families attending the Mass and Novena.

In closing, the Mercado family, namely, Cecille, Rec, Eugene, Eunice and myself would like to convey to each and everyone a Blessed Christmas. May the Spirit and love of our Lord fill your household

Fraternally,
Rio Mercado
District Deputy #3