



Santo Nino Council News



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Council Joins Nurses to Help Flood Victims

Typhoon Ondoy (Ketsana) wrought havoc in the Philippines from September 25 on bringing the worst flooding to Metro Manila in recorded history. As of October 24, 2009, at least 464 deaths were officially reported from the calamity.



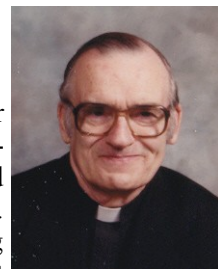
Bros. Dale, Gregg and Gerry w/ Chelo & Patrick at Golden Mile

In response to the disasters, Council joined with the Philippine Nurses Association and Red Cross and held fund raising drive for two weekends last October at Golden Mile, Northgate and Victoria Square Malls. Fund raising was also held at a basketball tournament at the University of Regina. A total of \$3,600 was turned over to the Philippine Red Cross through the Canadian Red Cross.

Volunteers in the fundraising drive were: Terry & Linda Abadiano, Gerry Abao, Pete Escanlar, Dale Nagrampa, Sonny de Paz, Gregg & Chelo Ravasco, Joshua Ravasco, Jason Laron, Edgardo Abucay, Don Alabot, James & Fanny Madrilejos, Jim & Gina Johnson, Genina, Geraldine & Gelli Ilagan, Joven Juancito, Nelson & Shirley Eng, Tom, Romeo & Carmen Manalaysay, Hazelle & Noel Nazareno, Anne Dimaano, Geraldine Descallar, Marissa Malang, Thomas Ventocilla, Ronaldo Alvaro, Mai Shinno, Yoshinori Tonohara, Stephanie Adolfo, Fe Decano, Cris & Rowena Masaoay, Jaime Aligan-Fuerte, Danice Ramirez, Billy Reyes, Lami Abriana, Mark Juatco, Merie Meeran, Rona Allaga, Ronie, Zamayla and Melan Datuin.

Chaplain's Message

The Story of Our Outdoor Christmas Crib



Fr. Emmett Morrissey

Our outdoor crib at Blessed Sacrament was first erected in the year 1955. When I was studying for the priesthood at Saint Peter's Seminary in London, Ontario, I would come home for Christmas and invariably I would come down to Blessed Sacrament to view the crib. It was part of my Christmas ritual.

Fast forward, as teenagers would say. In 1994 when I was appointed to Blessed Sacrament I asked Henry Hueser, who was then the chairman of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, if we could put up the Christmas crib. Henry gave me numerous reasons why we should not put up the crib. 1. The crib had not been erected for the past seventeen years. 2. The crib structure and the statues are very heavy. 3. It is very cold outside to erect the crib, and 4. There is three feet of snow where the crib would be erected. So I said to Henry: "If I got the Miller High School football team to do the lifting, would you supervise the erecting of the crib?" Well Henry could hardly say no. So I phoned Wayne Kartusch, the principal of Miller, and to make a long story short, instead of sending the football team, Mr. Kartusch sent Patrick Stawarz Christian Ethics Grade XII class. And for several years Mr. Stawarz class put up the crib prior to Christmas and took it down after Christmas.

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

2009 Family Bowling Night, a Big Bash

By Family Director Gary Lazo

On November 8, 2009 the Santo Nino Council held its annual family bowling night at the Golden Mile Bowling Lanes. The turn out for this event was fabulous with 55 participants of all ages on eleven lanes and several others as spectators cheering on their favourite team. On the line was the splendid First Place Trophy, which was generously donated by Brother **Luis de Paz**. Other prizes were also awarded. There was a lot of fun and a lot of competition among all the teams.

The award ceremony took place upstairs at the Broken Rack, where we had refreshment and everyone had an opportunity to play some pool as well. But most of all we all had an opportunity to mingle and talk.

The first place trophy went to the Team of **Mario Melendres, Boyet Onza, Diony Elpa, Edison Mercado** and **Junamar**. Top male individual score went **Mario Melendres**; top female individual score went to **Daling Feliciano**. The most promising award went to **Dolores Ngui**.

Thank you to all the participants, brother Knights and family who attended this year's bowling event and made it a spectacular time.

SOUP DAY AT MARIAN CENTRE

On November 7th, volunteers from the Santo Nino Council prepared and served specially made wonton soup to about seventy visitors mostly transients and homeless men at the Marian Centre. Volunteers were PGK Efren and Paz Alejandria, GK Pete and Anabelle Escanlar, Chancellor Jim Johnson, Jes Hernando, and Chang Sun. The soup was a hit with the visitors, who came back for second and third servings, and expressed their appreciation for a great meal.



The volunteers Chang Sun, Pete and Anabelle Escanlar, Jes Hernando, Paz Alejandria, Jim Johnson with Doreen and David Guzman at the Marian Centre

MEMORIAL MASS

Last November 15th, the annual Memorial Mass was held at St. Mary's Church for our brother knights who passed away this year. The mass, officiated by Fr. Dan Rafael, was followed by coffee and donuts at the Church's Meeting Room. In memory of Brother Pablo Ayuban Sr, Council made a \$50 donation to the Red Cross. Similarly, Council donated \$50 to the Alzheimer Society in memory of Brother Mike Volk. Thanks to Fr. Rafael for helping make this a success, in spite of the short notice.



Coffee and Doughnuts after the Memorial Mass With Norm and Elaine Reinhardt and Lorraine Huber, son-in-law and daughters of Brother Mike Volk

More Photos of Volunteer Fund-raisers for Flood Victims



Nurses Anne Dimaano & Marissa Malang



Chang Sun, Romeo & Carmen Manalaysay and J. Juancito helping Donors



Bro. Jim & Gina Johnson with their girls Gelli, Genina & Geraldine



Fannie & PGK James Madrilejos



PGK Terry Abadiano and Treasurer Art Vanderzalm handing checks to Richard Kies of Canadian Red Cross

Happy Birthday Bro!

December

01- William Maloughney
 01- James Johnson
 06- Ferdinand Sat. Maria
 06- Carl Folk
 07- Peter Thacyk
 11- Noel Quinton
 12- Ferdinand Feliciano
 14- Constantin Buehler
 14- Gabe Seiferling
 16- Metro Rybchuk
 20- Peter Dielschneider
 20- Lito Lopez
 25- Chris Elpa
 25- Jess Feliciano
 26- Sam Tranquilino
 28- Fr. Felipe Faustino

January

01-Cecil Schnurr
 01-Gabriel Katas
 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
 17- Armand Rivero
 20- Simon Finesz
 22- Frank Lang
 22- Allan Regonas
 23- Henry Kwasnitza
 24- Peter Francis Siapno
 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
 25- Ibn Dionisio
 28- Rey Grapa

Our deep condolences

to

Bro. Sam Tranquilino
 for the death of his father,
Patricio B. Tranquilino
 on September 23, 2009 in
 Manila, Philippines.

He was 86 years old.
 He was a 4th degree Knight
 and had honor guards at his
 funeral. His body was carried
 in an Arabian horse-drawn
 carriage amid hundreds of
 mourners.

Our Deep Sympathy

To the
 Family of
Michael Jacob Volk



Who passed away
 on September 10, 2009 in
 Regina, Saskatchewan.

He was 87 years old.
 Brother Mike was
 an honorary life member
 and
 a 4th degree Knight.

If you can help with Bingo
 please call me at **584-3156**.

Art Vanderzalm
 Fundraising Director

Chaplain's Message (continued):

In 1994 and 1995 the outdoor crib was very bare. In later years lights were added and when the Santo Nino Council began to assemble the outdoor crib each year the ever green trees were added and the Pilon family added an angel to the crib scene.

I am very grateful to the Santo Nino Council of the Knights of Columbus for continuing to erect the crib each year. Amid all the commercialism surrounding Christmas, our outdoor crib is a silent sermon to all who pass our church during the Advent season that Christmas is first and foremost and above all else Christ's birth-day.

God Bless.

John G. Smith

Upcoming Events

November 29: First Sunday of Advent

December

01: Bingo for Charity at Bingo Palace, 6-12 pm
 02: Regina Chapter meeting
 08-12: Santo Nino Christmas Caroling
 08: Immaculate Conception
 13: Council Christmas Party at St. Mary's
 15-23: *Simbang Gabi* (Christmas Masses), 7 pm at St. Mary's
 19: Christmas Kettle at Golden Mile, 10 to 6 pm.
 25: Christmas Day
 26: Boxing Day
 27: Mass with Council doing liturgy and caroling
 29: Bingo for Charity at Bingo Palace, 6-12 pm

January, 2010

06: Regina Chapter Meeting
 06: Epiphany, Three Kings
 17: Council Free Throw Competition (tentative)
 24: Mass and Council Meeting
 26: Bingo for Charity at Bingo Palace, 6-12 pm

February

03: Regina Chapter Meeting
 04-05: Sask. Indoor Games in Saskatoon
 08: Chaplain's Day
 14: Valentine's Day, Ladies Night
 17: Ash Wednesday, first day of Lent
 23: Bingo for Charity at Bingo Palace, 6-12 pm
 28: Mass and Council Meeting
 Altar servers Appreciation in February (TBA)

New Knights of Columbus

Following the Membership Information Night, the Santo Nino Council hosted the First Degree Exemplification on October 15 at the Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall. Five of the 7 candidates were from the Santo Nino Council. They were Derick Ceredon, Nico Cruz, Ibn Dionisio, Arnaldo Marcelino, and Noel Quinton. Their class patron was PGK Rio Mercado.



PGKs Rio & Seb, Ibn Dionisio, GK Pete, Derick Ceredon, Nico Cruz, Arnaldo Marcelino, Noel Quinton

Brothers

Arnaldo and Noel went on to become Third Degree Knights during the Major Degree Exemplification at St. Peter's Parish Hall on November 1st. Class patron at the Major degree was Father Brad Fahlman, pastor of the Holy Family Parish.

Members!
 Get your Membership Card for 2010.
 Gregg Ravasco
 Financial Secretary, 584-0856

Editorial: A Blessed Decade

It was ten years ago on January 17, 1999 when twelve Catholic men of Philippine descent gathered at the Christ the King Parish Hall in Regina to listen to talks by Saskatchewan Knights of Columbus leaders including then State Deputy Martin Nienaber and then District Deputy Martin Wrublesky. They also watched a video showing the many activities of the world-wide service order. Two months later, the Santo Nino Council was instituted centered at the Blessed Sacrament Church with 38 charter members.

From the start, members were eager to serve in the areas of Church, Community, Council, Family, Youth and Recruitment. So much so that on its first year, the Council won the Star Council Award, as well as the Contest of Champions Award. Council went on to win the Star Council Award seven more times, making it eight in ten years.

In 2004, Council amalgamated with the Msgr. Janssen Council #4959 based at St. Mary's Church. Council retained the name of Santo Nino but membership doubled to over 150. The merged council carried on with renewed vigor adding to its ongoing activities the monthly bingo and the awarding of bursaries.

It's been a blessed decade, thanks to a continuing leadership and especially to the spiritual and moral guidance of Fr. Emmett Morrissey who has been Council Chaplain from day one.

ELK

Priests in Our Council

Father Ramon Ceasar Flordeliz Claro, Administrator of Saint Augustine's Parish and Chaplain of Athol Murray College of Notre Dame in Wilcox, came to the Archdiocese of Regina in October 2008. He was ordained to the priesthood on September 7, 1991 at the Saint Joseph Parish Church, Milaor, Camarines Sur, Philippines. From 1990 to 2008, Fr. Claro served the Prelature of Libmanan (now Diocese of Libmanan) Libmanan, Camarines Sur, Philippines in various capacities up to being the Chancellor.



Fr. Ramon Claro

Fr. Claro was born on May 18, 1967 in Milaor, Camarines Sur to the late Serapio Claro and Caridad Flordeliz. He finished his elementary education in Naga Parochial School in Naga City. All his succeeding education from high school, college and Theology were taken at Holy Rosary Minor and Major Seminaries in Naga City, Philippines. He holds a Master of Development Management from the Asian Institute of Management in Makati City, Philippines. He is proficient in English and has a basic knowledge of Spanish besides his native tongues of Tagalog and Bicol.

Upon his arrival in Regina, he served the Christ the King Church as Assistant Pastor until July, 2009. He joined the Santo Nino Council #12415 in April 2009. Here is Fr. Claro's message:

New in Regina in so many ways, I feel so welcomed by warm-hearted fellow Filipinos and people in the City and in this cold prairie province of Saskatchewan. I pray that I may be able to reciprocate this goodness to me by faithfulness and dedication in the ministry.

Message from our Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

After a brief September break, the Santo Nino Council was back in high gear in October and November.

We had a Membership Information Night and hosted the First Degree Exemplification in October. Also in October, Council joined the Nurses Association under the leadership of Anne Dimaano to raise funds for victims of typhoon floods in the Philippines. We raised over \$3600.

On November 7th, volunteers from the Santo Nino Council were at the Marian Center preparing and serving special wonton soup to about 70 visitors. The following day, we had the family bowling tournament at the Golden Mile. The annual Memorial Mass was held in St Mary's Church on November 15th, in memory of our brothers who died this year.

My special thanks to brother Art Vanderzalm who tirelessly look after the Bingo fundraising every month.

As we head towards December and the winter months, the Santo Nino Council continues to be active, starting with the setting up of the Nativity Scene in front of the blessed Sacrament Church on Nov 28th and the annual Family Christmas Party at the West Harvest Inn on December 13th.

All of these activities would not have been possible without the commitment and dedication of many of our brother knights, especially our program directors and officers. Thank you all. My wife and I would like to wish you and your families a meaningful Christmas and Blessed New Year.

Pete Escanlar



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Message from our District Deputy

Good day Brother Knights:

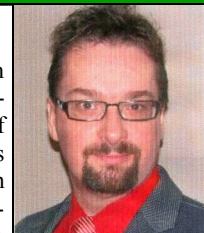
I would like to extend a thank you from all the Knights in our district for all the contributions and efforts you provided to the people of the Philippines after the destruction of Typhoons Ketsana, Parma, Lupit and Mirinae starting in late September. Your kind and generous endeavours are a testament to what it means to be a Knight of Columbus.

We had a very successful Major Degree on November 1st with 11 new Knights being added to our ranks. Congratulations to Arnaldo Marcelino and Noel Quinton from your council on becoming your newest third-degree Knights. Although we had a successful Major Degree, we still have work ahead of us to grow our membership. Our State Membership Director, Garnet Gramlich has indicated that he would like all councils to develop and maintain a "prospect list" that can be transferred from one administration to another. This is a list of all men in your parish that are not currently a Knight.

As we approach Christmas season, please remember to keep Christ in your hearts with all that you do and remember to go and view the "Keep Christ in Christmas" billboard located at the corner of Broad Street and Saskatchewan Drive. It should be up in early December.

Have a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Darren Hehn
District Deputy #3



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