



Santo Nino Council News



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Christmas is Around the Corner

Nativity Scene at Blessed Sacrament

Several Knights of the Santo Nino Council rolled up their sleeves and helped set up the Nativity Scene last Saturday, November 27 in front of the Blessed Sacrament Church. But for a slight breeze, weather was cooperative at -6 deg. C. Thanks to the following volunteers: Art Vanderzalm, Rio Mercado, Pete Escanlar, Allan Ngui, Rodrigo Chiu, Brendo Arrojado, Gil Feliciano, James Madrilejos, Armand Rivero, Dophy Alvarez, Joe Lanz, Gord Pilon and his sons Ross and Scott. They were treated to soup at the Little Saigon Restaurant later.



The men at the Nativity Scene they set up

Council Christmas Party

The Santo Nino Christmas Party is on Sunday, December 5, 2010 at the Best Western Seven Oaks. Special guests are Fr Emmett Morrissey, Fr. Barry Anwender, Fr. Dan Rafael, DD Kevin and Patty Roche. A surprise number is planned for the program.

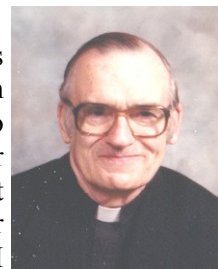
Christmas Caroling

Council is bringing Christmas carols to care homes and families from Tuesday, December 7 to Tuesday December 14. Scheduled for caroling (Please continue to page 2.)

Chaplain's Message

Fellow Knights,

Sincere thanks to all the Knights, in our council, who helped to erect our Blessed Sacrament Parish outdoor Christmas crib. I always feel that our outdoor crib is a silent sermon to all the pedestrians on Scarth Street, during Advent about the true meaning of Christmas.



Fr. Emmett Morrissey

The fifteen Filipino Mass servers will serve the 10:00 a.m. Mass, here at Blessed Sacrament, on Christmas Day. Needless to say, I am very proud of the Filipino servers. They serve so devoutly and add such dignity to the liturgy. Sincere thanks to Dr. Eusebio Koh, who trained the boys and continues to be their mentor.

The Santo Nino Council Christmas Choir brings joy to the residents of many care homes in Regina by singing Christmas carols for them. I'm sure that many seniors look forward for months to hear the choir. We at Blessed Sacrament will be blessed on Sunday, December 26, 2010, the Feast of the Holy Family. Prior to the 10:00 a.m. Mass the choir will sing Christmas carols for the congregation.

May I wish all my fellow Knights and your families a Blessed Christmas and a Holy and Happy New Year in 2011! God bless.

Fr. Emmett

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

Soup Kitchen at Marian Centre

Last October 23, 2010, some knights and their spouses prepared and served soup to the homeless and transients at the Marian Centre. Volunteers were PGK Efren and Paz Alejandria, GK Pete and Anabelle Escanlar, DGK Gregg Ravasco, IG Gil Feliciano, and Jasmine Sun.



Kitchen help Bro. Gil and GK Pete



Anabelle & Paz bookend the workers

Memorial Mass

A Memorial Mass was held last November 24, 2010 at St. Mary's Church for our brother knights who passed away. In the last 12 months, three of our brother knights died: Bro. Mario Sison on December 15 2009 at the age of 89, Bro. Ralph Kessler on February 17, 2010 at the age of 88, and Bro. Frank Ursaki on August 14, 2010 at the age of 89. In honor of the departed members, the Santo Nino Council either made a monetary donation to the charity chosen by the family or presented a memorial plaque as in the case for Bro. Mario Sison shown here.



Pro-Life Chain



Santo Nino Council Knights at the Pro-Life Chain

Council participated in the Pro Life Chain held on October 3, 2010 along Albert Street, south of College Avenue from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. In attendance from the Santo Nino Council were Council Pro-Life Director (PLD) Clayton Hall, Carl and Nettie Folk, Ben and Olive Zatylny, Rio and Cecille Mercado, Terry Abadiano, Sung Yong Park, Eden Rose Ferrolino and GK Pete Escanlar



PLD Clayton Hall

Christmas Kettle Drive

The Santo Nino Council is helping the Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Drive by manning the kettle on Saturday, December 4, 2010 at the Golden Mile Shopping Mall, near the food court, from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Volunteer Knights are Allan Ngui, Dophy Alvarez, Rey Dimaano, James Madrilejos, Gerry Abao, Art Vanderzalm, Carl Folk and Pete Escanlar.

New Year's Resolutions

That we may strive to be true Christians by our loving concern for others
 That we may proclaim the dignity of work by doing our own work conscientiously
 That we may forgive from our heart those who have wronged us
 That we may share our talents with others for the good of the community
 That we may accept our responsibility in the community in a spirit of genuine service
 That we may be aware of our dependence on God in the midst of human achievements
 That we may grow in the love of God and neighbor by frequent communion

(Excerpted from the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help)

Christmas caroling (continued)

visits are Santa Maria Senior Home, Extendicare Sunset and Parkside, Martha House, Courtesy Care Home, Campbell Care Home, and Cherished Heart Care Home. Ten to fifteen Knights and their better halves have been practicing with guitarist / music director PGK Jim Alvarez

Happy Birthday Brother Knights!

December

01- James Johnson
06- Ferdinand Sta. Maria
06- Carl Folk
07- Peter Thacyk
11- Noel Quinton
12- Ferdinand Feliciano
14- Constantin Buehler
14- Gabe Seiferling
16- Metro Rybchuk
20- Ding Inocalla
20- Lito Lopez
25- Chris Elpa
25- Jess Feliciano
26- Sam Tranquilino
27- Joepet Cabugao
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
28- James Descallar
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. Ed Concepcion and family

for the death of his dear wife,
Zenaida "Zeny" Concepcion



on October 26, 2010
In Regina, Saskatchewan
She was 63 years old.

Our Deep Sympathy To

Bro. Armand Rivero
for the demise of his father

Ernesto Rivero

on October 26, 2010 in
Manila, Philippines
He was 78 years old.

A Hearty Welcome to new council members!

Bro. Joseph Pukal
Who transferred
from

Our Lady of Lourdes
Council #9713 of
Rama,
Saskatchewan.
He is a third degree
Knight.

And

Bro. Ding Inocalla
Who transferred
from

San Lorenzo Ruiz
Council #9468 of
Camarines Norte,
Philippines.
He is a first degree
Knight.

Upcoming Events

November

28: Fourth Sunday Mass and Council Meeting
28: First Sunday of Advent
30: Bingo for Charity at Bingo Palace, 6-12 pm

December

01: Regina Chapter meeting
04: Christmas Kettle at Golden Mile, 10 to 5 pm.
05: Council Christmas Party
07 to 14: Santo Nino Christmas Caroling
08: Immaculate Conception
15-23: *Simbang Gabi* (Christmas Masses), 7 pm
at St. Mary's
25: Christmas Day
26: Boxing Day
26: Mass with Council doing liturgy and caroling
28: Bingo for Charity at Bingo Palace, 6-12 pm

January, 2011

01: New Year's Day
05: Regina Chapter Meeting
16: Council Free Throw Competition (tentative)
23: Mass and Council Meeting
25: Bingo for Charity at Bingo Palace, 6-12 pm

February

02: Regina Chapter Meeting
08: Chaplain's Day
12: Ladies Night -Casino Regina Telegraph Room
14: Valentine's Day
22: Bingo for Charity at Bingo Palace, 6-12 pm
27: Mass and Council Meeting
Altar servers Appreciation in February or March
(TBA)

Our Deep Condolences to PSD Arden Andreas whose father

William Andreas

passed away on November 16th with his
funeral being held on November 27th at
St. Patrick's Church.

Fr. Long Vu was the main celebrant with
SC Bishop Bryan Bayda and
Fr. Emmanuel Azeke concelebrating.

In attendance were SD Ed Gibney,
SS Gilles Doiron and PSD Marvin
DeSchryver. Mr. Andreas was 81 years
old and was a life long farmer from
Lancer, Saskatchewan.

Editorial

Our Wintry Christmas

It seems like we're getting more than our fair share of winter and all that comes with it this year. I think I've had to shovel my driveway about 8 times already (a couple of times twice the same day)...traffic seems to be a little heavier and slower and there seems to be more people driving who don't seem to know how to drive....and to top it off, the Christmas season is fast upon us which means that all of the above will be doubled or tripled in intensity.....a season to test our patience and endurance. Perhaps if we reflect on the history of our faith, we can remember the difficulties and challenges that the early Christians endured and draw some strength from their courage and perseverance, to help us overcome our own challenges. A good time to strengthen our faith and make sure we take the time for some reflection and prayer as we draw closer to the birth of our Lord.

JLA

Message from our District Deputy

My Brother Knights,

As we begin this wonderful Advent season, it is important that we reaffirm our faith and our foundation as Knights by recalling the reasons that we chose to follow in the footsteps of Father McGivney. The recognition of the value of faith, family and community will allow us to enjoy the true benefit of the Season. As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ, notice the warmth of an extended hand, the awe and excitement in the eyes of the children, and the comfort in a friend's greeting. We lead and inspire by our example; this is a responsibility and a noble calling. Wear it proudly Brothers.

On behalf of myself and my family, may the peace and love of Christ be with you and your family this joyous Christmas Season. VIVAT JESUS!

Kevin Roche
District Deputy #3



Kevin Roche

Message from our Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

December is always a busy time for families – schoolchildren have Christmas concerts and parents are busy with Christmas preparations - gift buying, Christmas parties, and family get together, to name a few.



Pete Escanlar

As we approach the end of the calendar year and the midpoint of our Columbian Year, it is good to pause for a moment to reflect on how we did on our various Council activities and aim to do better in the future.

Our council has been steadily growing in membership over the years and it is encouraging to see many younger knights gradually taking on greater responsibilities and developing their potential of becoming future leaders. Every organization, however, has its share of members who, over time, have become inactive due to other priorities, commitment, and responsibilities. Our council is not exempt from that. Many of our brother knights are busy raising their young families, but I believe that these duties and being an active knight can go hand in hand and can actually enhance the family life.

We have several upcoming fun events such as the Christmas Party on December 5th, Free Throw Tournament in January, the Ladies Night on February 12th, the Santo Nino Council 12th Anniversary in March 2011, and the Easter Egg Hunt on April 24. There are also necessary fundraising activities like the monthly Bingos, and the Canada Day Pancake Brunch, that regularly need volunteers. I would like to reach out to our brother knights who have become inactive to renew our friendship and brotherhood as the Knights of Columbus - join us on at least one council activity.

Lastly, my wife Anabelle and I, along with our sons, Vince and Rocky, wish you all a Merry and Blessed Christmas and all the best in the coming New Year. I look forward to seeing you on our various Council activities.

Pete Escanlar

Calling All Members

Our Financial Secretary **Rey Dimaano (757-4521)** invites all members to pay their 2011 dues and pick up their Knights of Columbus membership cards for 2011. Thanks.