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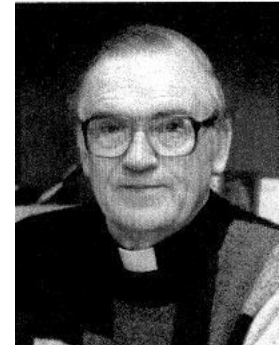
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The Supreme Council in Connecticut recently announced that the Santo Nino Council #12415 based at the Blessed Sacrament Church has been awarded the Star Council Award for 2000-2001. A plaque with the name of our Grand Knight for the Columbian Year, Bro. Terry Abadiano is on its way. This marks the second year in a row that council was so honored.

The award is the highest council award and recognizes excellence in volunteer activities, membership recruitment and insurance promotion. Some of the activities are

1. Council served at the Corpus Christi Mass in June, Canada Day Mass in July, Assumption Mass in August, Holy Thursday Mass during lent, and Easter Mass.
2. Council provided liturgical ministries every fourth Sunday Mass at the Blessed Sacrament Church.
3. Christmas Caroling at homes around Regina and senior homes during Advent.
4. Council held an annual family picnic at the IMAX Science Center grounds with games and contests.
5. Council was involved with weekend tennis games year-round and sponsored an Annual Doubles Tennis Tournament.
6. Council participated in the Charities Appeal Drive, the Shamrock Drive for Camp Monahan for the Youth, and the Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Drive.
7. Council started a four-page quarterly newsletter in November, 2000.



Chaplain's Message

First of all I would like to wish Efen Alejandria, and his better half Paz, my warmest wishes as they depart for a few months to their beloved Philippines. They deserve a wonderful holiday with family and friends.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you Efen for the marvelous job you did in framing and hanging our Knights of Columbus pictures in our parish Club Rooms. They look beautiful! Thanks also for the cabinets you built for the Catholic Women's League and for the Santo Nino Council. They are so professionally done!

Secondly, on another topic I would encourage all Members of our council to attend Mass with their wife and family on the 4th Sunday of each month prior to our monthly

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

Come one! Come all!

A warm welcome is extended to the ladies of the Philippine community to join the members of the **Catholic Women's League** at our next meeting. It will be held on November 13, 2001 after the noon Mass, in the meeting room downstairs. Getting to know one another would be a benefit to all. Bring a bagged lunch. Coffee will be served.

The C.W.L. appreciates the opportunity extended by the Knights to post this in their newsletter.

Upcoming Events

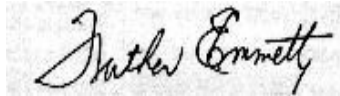
- November 7, 2001 — Regina Chapter Meeting
- November 11, 2001 — Members Appreciation Night
- November 12, 2001 — Remembrance Day Mass
- November 13, 2001 — CWL meeting (Ladies, note!)
- November 15, 2001 — Fourth Degree Meeting
- November 25, 2001 — Eucharistic Celebration and Monthly Council Meeting
- December 1 to 20 — Sto. Nino Christmas Caroling
- December 5, 2001 — Regina Chapter Meeting
- December 13, 2001 — Fourth Deg. Christmas Dinner
- December 15, 2001 — PAS Christmas Party
- December 23, 2001 — Eucharistic Celebration and Christmas Potluck Dinner
- December 25, 2001 — Christmas Mass and Potluck at Sacred Heart Church with Philippine Rosary Group
- January 2, 2002 — Regina Chapter Meeting
- January 17, 2002 — Fourth Degree Meeting
- January 27, 2002 — Eucharistic Celebration and Monthly Council Meeting

Chaplain's Message (continued)

witness to our Parish.

Finally, Congratulations to all our Council Members on once again winning the coveted Star Council Award. Needless to say I am proud to be the Chaplain of such a marvelous Council of the Knights of Columbus!

God Bless!



Council Happenings

Tennis: The third annual Santo Nino Doubles Tennis Tournament was held on August 17-19 followed by a steak barbeque. Jack Gonzales and Marc Sison came out champions. Bros. Boni Sison and Seb Koh were runners-ups and Susan Alvarez and Gary Lazo, third. Thanks to the able organization of our DGK Rio Mercado.

Tree-banding: On two weekends in September, Council and a group of young men went tree-banding to combat the Dutch Elm disease as a service to community. Thanks to banders Rio, Eugene and Rec Mercado, James Madrilejos, Jim and Susan Alvarez, Jovil Paez, Chris Herreria, Joseph Perez, E. J. Paraiso, Nathan Abadiano, Mon Salva, Mody Escanlar, Ferdie Feliciano, Gregg Ravasco, Allan Ngui, and Mariano Pesigan. Council netted over a hundred and sixty dollars.



The Tree Banders: Bros. Mody Escanlar, James Madrilejos, Allan Ngui, Rio Mercado, Jim Alvarez, Mariano Pesigan, and Ferdie Feliciano. Inset: Bros. Allan and Mariano in action.

Council Composition as of Nov. 1, 2001:

Age	No.	
under 20	1	X
20 to 29:	6	XXXXXX
30 to 39:	19	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
40 to 49:	15	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
50 to 59:	14	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
60 to 69:	3	XXX
70 to 79:	2	XX
80 to 89:	3	XXX
Total	63	

Some Numbers ~

- Average age: 45.0**
- Youngest: 19**
- Oldest: 86**
- Honorary Life: 2**
- Fourth degree: 8**
- Third degree: 41**
- First degree: 14**
- Happy Knights: 63**

The Average Age

Last year, at this time, our average age was 44.4. This year it has gone up to 45.0, not 45.4. The reason is that an older member Bro. Fel Ventocilla had passed away (May he rest in peace!) We have also added six new members, four of whom are under thirty five. Our total membership has increased from 58 to 63.



Happy Birthday, Brod!

November

- 1 - Edgardo Alejandria
- 1 - Ariel Madrid
- 2 - Inigo Mislang III
- 5 - Aris Siapno
- 9 - Bryan Concepcion
- 23 - Danny Nagrampa
- 24 - Ramon Salva
- 25 - Rochus Klein
- 28 - Rolly Herreria
- 29 - Ferdinand Marcial
- 30 - Bonifacio Ibalio

December

- 6 - Ferdinand Sta. Maria
- 12 - Ferdinand Feliciano
- 26 - Sam Tranquilino

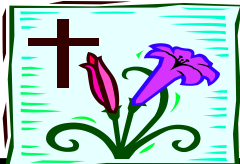
January

- 4 - Boni Borricano
- 6 - Mel Santos
- 9 - Nol Ventocilla
- 14 - Rodrigo Caluza
- 14 - Raphy Molano
- 16 - Paul Castillo
- 22 - Allan Regonas



Congratulations to Aubrey and Ethel Steadman on the birth of their third son Emmett on August 24 and his baptism on October 7 at the Cathedral. Emmett is Bro. Seb Koh's eighth grandchild.

Our Deepest Sympathy to the family of Bro. Ferdie Sta. Maria for the passing of his mother, Mrs. Josefina Sta. Maria on Saturday October 13, 2001 in Manila,



Bro. Efren Alejandria-Knight of the Year

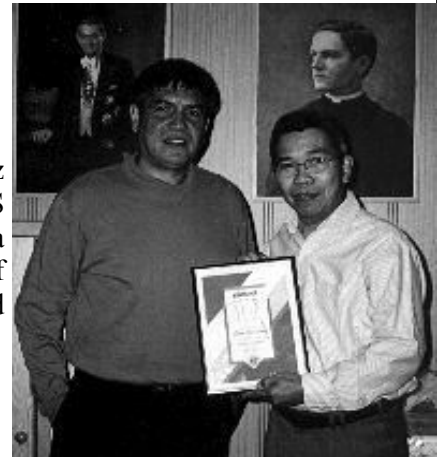
On Saturday, October 6, 2001, Council had a potluck dinner at the Council Chamber at the Blessed Sacrament Church to honor Bro. Efren Alejandria on the occasion of his retirement from his position at the University of Regina and the conclusion of his term as Council Financial Secretary.

Grand Knight Jim Alvarez presented Bro. Efren with the "Knight of the Year" award for the Columbian Year 2000-2001 as voted unanimously by the Executive.

Bro. Efren is a charter member of the Council. Besides keeping the records of membership, assets and proceedings, he has shared his talent in carpentry and construction. He built the frames for the Charter, the awards certificates, the portraits in the Chamberroom as well as the stands for our banner and the crucifix. He has just completed a set of large cabinets, one for our council and another for our sister organization, the Catholic Women's League based at the Blessed Sacrament Church.

Efren and his wife Paz are from Plaridel, Bulacan in the Philippines. Council wished them a happy trip soon to the Philippines.

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GK Jim Alvarez presented FS Efren Alejandria with "Knight of the Year" award on Oct. 6, 2001.

Council extends its deep condolence to the family of Fr. Emilio Saribong of our diocese who passed away on October 20, 2001 at the Aquinas Hospital in Legaspi City, Philippines after a lingering illness.

Editorials

***** With this issue, we extend a warm welcome to our sister organization, the Catholic Women's League (CWL) here at the Blessed Sacrament Church. On page two is a invitation from the CWL. On a number of occasions (Canada Day Mass, for example), our Council and the CWL have worked together towards the same goal and we are quite elated at our joint success.

***** For the second full year of our existence, our Council won the Star Council Award. When State Secretary Bert West asked me how we did it, I off-handedly said, "Three words...Attention to Details." True, without our hard-working officers paying close attention to the smallest detail, many of our activities would fall flat. But those three words could just as well be "Our Financial Secretary" or "Our Grand Knight" or "Our Council Chaplain". Everyone of these gentlemen deserves the accolade. I would like to add another three words... "Our Field Agent". Not everyone knows that to win the Star Council Award, we have to fulfill the insurance quota. This is where our indefatigable agent Bro. Mark Lewans quietly helps us win the award. Way to go, Mark! Way to go, Council!

Message from our Grand Knight

Greetings to all Brother Knights!

We're halfway through our fraternal year and looking towards the end of this calendar year. It seems like it was just the other day that we were planning the Canada Day celebrations, or the Tennis Tournament, the tree banding and other activities. Wow! It's remarkable to see how much we have accomplished. Congratulations and a big thank you for your exemplary dedication to our Council.



Looking ahead, we have more exciting activities coming up, like the planned membership appreciation night in November, Christmas caroling in December, and hopefully ballroom dancing. We may also have a volleyball night and/or a bowling night. All these together with our ongoing support of our own Blessed Sacrament Church Masses and Devotions. Let's all plan to attend and participate in these upcoming events.

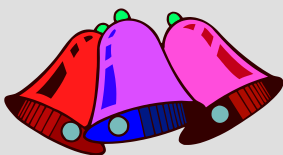
Finally, I leave you with this message, *"Everytime you do something for someone, no matter how small or unimportant it may seem, you are lifting high the Cross of our Lord, Jesus."*

May the blessings and wisdom of Christ be with you always.

Your servant,

Reminder:

Christmas will be here soon and Council is going Caroling . If you are interested to carol or to host, please call either Jim Alvarez (949-3207) or Seb Koh (586-9386).



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