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TYPHOON HAIYAN FUNDRAISING

On November 13 -17, 2013, Council put up tables at the malls in Regina to solicit donations for victims of the typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda) which devastated central Philippines, especially Samar and Leyte in the week of November 8, 2013. There were 6,155 killed, nearly 2,000 more missing, 28,626 people hurt and about 3.5 million families were left homeless. Some 550,000 homes were totally destroyed and about 600,000 were partially damaged according to the National Disaster Commission of the Philippines.

International response to the Philippine disaster was immediate and truly heart-warming.

Santo Nino Knights and families made their personal donations and manned the various tables. The funds totalling \$125,000 CAD were turned over to the Saskatchewan K of C Charitable Foundation which in turn sent them to the Dioceses of Borongan, San Jose de Antique, Capiz, Kalibo, Tagbilaran (Bohol) and Taytay (Palawan) and the Archdioceses of Jaro and Cebu. To date the foundation has collected from throughout the province and sent a total of \$98,000.00 Canadian or \$14,000.00 to each Diocese.

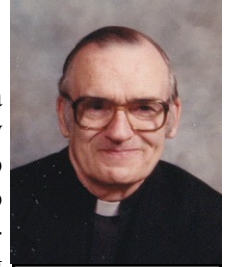


Knights and families manning the table

Chaplain's Message

Fellow Knights,

We have a wonderful new pope! I struggle to find adjectives to describe Pope Francis. As a young man he served as a bouncer in a bar in Argentina. Perhaps he doesn't really need the Swiss Guards anymore.



Fr. Emmett Morrissey

He is a Jesuit, but somehow he doesn't fit the mold of the Jesuit priests who taught me at Campion High School here in Regina many years ago, or the Jesuit professors who taught me at Fordham University in New York years later.

When a reporter asked him what he thought of homosexuals he replied, "Who am I to judge?" And when a right-wing broadcaster accused him of being a Communist he replied, "Some of my best friends are Communists."

In our modern vernacular I think we would say – Pope Francis thinks and acts "outside the box." And although Pope Francis is arguably the most popular Pope with non-Catholics since the so-called Protestant Reformation of the 16th century, he hasn't wavered one iota from solid God-given Catholic doctrine.

Fellow Knights, Pope Francis will be a mighty hard act to follow. God bless!

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

Christmas Caroling

Caroling being a part of Christmas tradition was once again done by council members, their spouses and friends on December 3 through 6. As always, the goals are to raise funds for worthy causes and to raise the spirits of the shut-ins. The number of carolers per visit ranged from 13 to 24. Choir director was PGK Jim Alvarez who was also the guitarist.

The carols were in English, Pilipino and Spanish, namely, Joy to the World, O Holy Night, Silent Night, Jingle Bells, Mary's Boy Child, We Wish You a Merry Christmas, Ang Pasko'y Sumapit, Namamasko, Kami ay Paskuhan, Himig Ng Pasko, Feliz Navidad and O Come All Ye Faithful.

Caroling was at some family homes, the Wascana Rehab Center and care homes Martha House, Sunset Extencicare, Elmview Extencicare, Courtesy Care Home, Cherished Heart Care Home and Santa Maria Senior Citizens Home.

The carolers were Jim and Susan Alvarez, Gerry and Isa Abao, Seb Koh, Reuben and Cecile Mercado, Gregg and Chelo Ravasco, Vine Serrano, Heintze and Sheila de Sosa, Cris and Rowena Masaoay, Melchor Andes, Mody and Shirley Escanlar, Dophy and Norrie Alvarez, Joe Alejandria, Richard Alejandria, Amor Alejandria, Hennesey Hernandez, Stephanie Rodriguez, and Kristine Alvarez.

The Caroling Committee consisted of Bros. Jim Alvarez, Reuben Mercado, Gregg Ravasco, Gerry Abao and Aaron Alarcon who booked the hosts.

Soup Day

On Sept. 7, 2013 Council organized the Soup Day at the Marian Centre. Volunteers were Amor Alejandria, Efren and Paz Alejandria, Dophy and Norie Alvarez, and Pete and Annabelle Escanlar.



Kitchen help at Marian Center (l to r): Dophy, Amor, Annabelle, Pete, Norrie, Hugo, Efren and Paz

Council Free Throw

The Santo Nino Council Basketball Free Throw Competition was held last Friday, January 17 at the Massey Elementary School. Almost thirty children participated with about ten moving on to the district level. Donuts were served. Thanks to Youth Director Azel Siapno for coordinating the event with help from Bros. Jim Alvarez, Rio Mercado, Ian and Aaron Alarcon, and GK Joe Alejandria.

Prolife Chain Rally

Council members and families led by Council Pro-life Director Terry Abadiano participated in the Regina Prolife Chain on Sunday, October 6, 2013 at the Saskatchewan Royal Museum at the corner of Albert St. and College Avenue.

New Financial Secretary

On September 19, 2013 Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson appointed Bro. Heintje Noel L. de Sosa as the new Financial Secretary of Santo Nino Council #12415. The appointment is for three Columbian years. Bro. Heintje is a third degree Knight who joined the Santo Nino Council in March, 2012. He is an engineer who works as a steel detailer with the Avanti Steel Fabricators. He is married to Sheila and they have a daughter Valerie.

Nativity Scene

Council set up the Nativity Scene in front of the Blessed Sacrament Church on the weekend before Advent. Its dismantling was done on Saturday, January 11th by Jim Alvarez, Pete Escanlar, Rodrigo Chiu, Gil Felicano, GK Jeff and Richard Alejandria, Azel Siapno, and Father Barry Anwender.. "Arroz caldo" and "empanadas" were served afterwards courtesy of Amor Alejandria.



The dismantlers (l to r): Rodrigo, Gil, Jim, Richard, Fr. Barry, Joe, Azel, and Pete

Happy Birthday Brothers!

December—2013

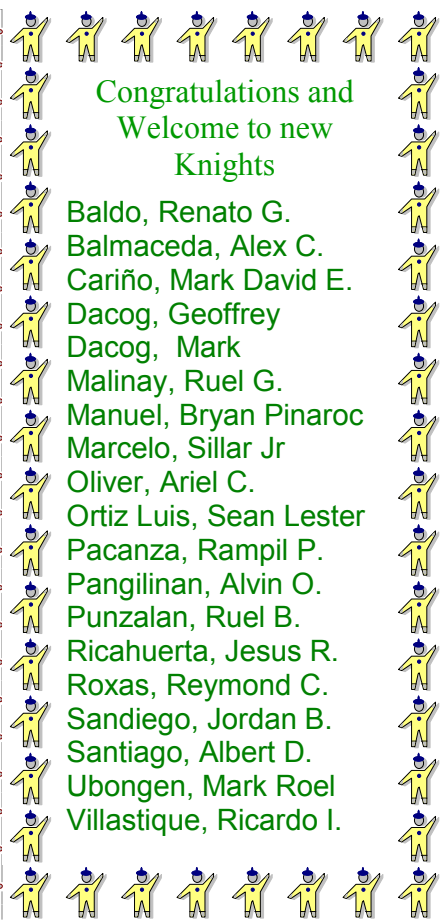
- 01– James R. Johnson
- 06– Carl J. Folk
- 06– Ferdinand D. Sta. Maria
- 07– Peter Thacyk
- 10– Heintje L. De Sosa
- 12– Ferdinand Q. Feliciano
- 14– Gabriel Seiferling
- 14– Elmer K. Sayat
- 16– Metro C. Rybchuk
- 16– Melchor M. Andes
- 18– Jordan B. San Diego
- 20– Fernando Z. Inocalla
- 20– Jesus S. Lopez
- 25– Christopher D. Elpa
- 27– Joepet C. Cabugao
- 28– Felipe S. Faustino
- 29– Ruel B. Punzalan
- 31– Umberto S. Gonzales
- 31– Ricardo I. Villastique

January—2014

- 01– Cecilio Corpuz
- 02– Dante G. Quintos
- 04– Bonifacio A. Borricano
- 09– Arnulfo A. Ventocilla
- 09– Glenn N. Empleo
- 11– Reynaldo M. Dimaano
- 14– Rodrigo B. Caluza
- 16– Anthony W. Selinger
- 16– Eumir Mercado
- 17– Amado G. Paligan
- 17– Mark Noel Q. Esguerra
- 20– Simon W. Firmesz
- 22– Frank M. Lang
- 22– Allan V. Regonaz
- 23– Henry Kwasnitza
- 24– Peter Francis Siapno
- 28– James Descallar
- 30– Matthew P. Robinson

February –2014

- 01– Walter W. McLashan
- 01– Joseph C. Fahlman
- 06– Sean L. Ortiz Luis
- 08– Emmett P. Morrissey
- 10– Gladwin D. Siapno
- 14– Ruel G. Malinay
- 16– Ian Angelo Q. Alarcon
- 17– Mark D. Dacog
- 19– Michael Kuffner
- 19– James R. Pageot
- 20– Ferdinand L. Sampaga
- 25– Ibn F. Dionisio
- 28– Rey V. Grapa



Congratulations and
Welcome to new
Knights

- Baldo, Renato G.
- Balmaceda, Alex C.
- Cariño, Mark David E.
- Dacog, Geoffrey
- Dacog, Mark
- Malinay, Ruel G.
- Manuel, Bryan Pinaroc
- Marcelo, Sillar Jr
- Oliver, Ariel C.
- Ortiz Luis, Sean Lester
- Pacanza, Rampil P.
- Pangilinan, Alvin O.
- Punzalan, Ruel B.
- Ricahuerta, Jesus R.
- Roxas, Reymond C.
- Sandiego, Jordan B.
- Santiago, Albert D.
- Ubongen, Mark Roel
- Villastique, Ricardo I.

Our deep condolences to the
family of
Bro. Rochus Klein
Who passed away on
November 13, 2013.
He was 91 years old.

Our deep sympathy
To
Bro. John McAlister and family
For the demise of his wife

Elizabeth

On October 10, 2013.
She was 84 years old.

And to

Bro. Henry Kwasnitza and family
For the death of his wife

Marianne

On October 4, 2013.
She was 81 years old.

Upcoming Events

December

- 03—06: Christmas Caroling
- 04: Regina Chapter meeting
- 07: SFC Christmas Event
- 14: Paskong Pinoy sa Regina @ Holy Child
- 16: December
- 04 to 08: Santo Niño Christmas Caroling
- 05: Regina Chapter meeting
- 08: Immaculate Conception
- 14: Christmas Kettle inside Wal-Mart 10 to 5 pm.
- 17: Simbang Gabi–Holy Child Parish
- 21: PAS Christmas Party @ Delta Hotel
- 25: Christmas Day
- 26: Boxing Day

January, 2014

- 01: New Year's Day
- 08: Regina Chapter Meeting
- 17: Council Free Throw
- 26: Mass and Council Meeting

February, 2014

- 05: Regina Chapter Meeting
- 08: Chaplain's Day
- 14: Valentine's Day
- 21: Ladies Night
- 23: Mass and Council Meeting

Congratulations to
PGK Seb Koh
For the arrival of grandson
Viardo Eusebio Koh
On October 9, 2013!
Mother Denise and baby
Are in good health

Simbang Gabi

On December 17, 2013 Council co-ordinated the "Simbang Gabi" mass in the evening at Holy Child Church. Readers were Bros. Joseph and Richard Alejandria while Altar Servers were Bro. Arnel Urbis-tondo and his two sons. Arroz caldo soup was served by Council members after mass.

Editorial

Message from our Grand Knight

Christmas Thoughts

During this holy season of great expectation for the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ, we are beset by so many events and activities that we are likely to overlook a very important aspect of advent. Our prayers for a peaceful and tranquil world.

Through all the celebrations and holiday gift-giving, let us give our brothers and sisters all over the world, our gifts of prayers and extend our support as best we can to those who are in difficult circumstances.

Let us be thankful that we live in a country where we can do most anything and strive to become better citizens of the world. Through our work with the Knights of Columbus, and especially within our council, we continue to provide some measure of assistance, comfort and joy to all.

Be the best that you can be and have a safe and merry Christmas.

Vivat Jesu!

JLA

Message from our District Deputy

Dear Brother Knights,

As we enter the second half this Columbian year, it is a time to reflect upon the last 6 months, and to plan to meet the challenges of the balance of the year.

Santo Nino Council is a large, vibrant, active council with 222 members as of January 17, 2014. You have achieved many notable accomplishments over the past 6 months, none more outstanding than your leading role in fund raising for relief work in the Philippines, as a result of the horrific typhoon disaster. I offer my congratulations on your heroic efforts. The Knights of Saskatchewan, citizens of Regina and elsewhere is Sk have noticed. It is with gratitude that I too, send my thanks for your efforts.

Keep up the many good works that you do, and continue to recruit. Your recruiting efforts are unequalled. Your council leads all others in Regina for New Knights this year... great job.

Congratulations and Best of Luck in the future.

**Glen Piotrofsky
District Deputy
District 3**



Glen Piotrofsky

Brother Knights,

In 2013, we've been blessed with the efforts of everyone who has contributed their time and talents to serve God and others. Thanks to our veteran officers for helping smooth the transition of new officers, like myself, into their roles heading into 2014.

We had 19 new members joined this past September, and 7 candidates for the major degree exemplification. Special thanks to bro. Jimmy Johnson for his energetic recruitment and to our new Financial Secretary, bro. Heintje de Sosa for his assistance.

Over 200 people were in attendance to support the ProLife Chain Rally, which is a peaceful expression of solidarity in quest of ending abortion. Special thanks to bro. Terry Abadiano and bro. Rodrigo Chiu for all their efforts.

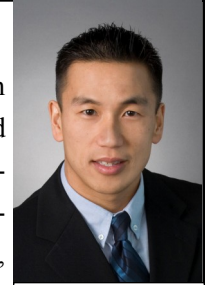
This past November, the Philippines was hit with a disastrous typhoon (Haiyan). More than 12 million people were affected by the typhoon which left scenes of destruction and despair in its wake. Entire communities were without immediate access to food or medical care. Our council, friends and relatives, showed their support by volunteering to collect donations at 5 Regina shopping malls. Special thanks to all those who volunteered.

Our annual Christmas caroling went well. Thanks to bro. Gerry Abao and bro. Aaron Alarcon for their efforts in coordinating. Special thanks to bro. Jim Alvarez for his leadership and coaching the new carolers.

Our council continues to be active with the church where our brothers and their families perform all the liturgical services at Blessed Sacrament Church every 4th Sunday of the month. Thanks to Council Church Director Terry Abadiano.

We are planning more activities for 2014. We encourage everyone to get involved in them. Wishing you all a safe Christmas and a Happy New Year!

**Joseph Alejandria
Grand Knight**



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