



# Santo Nino Council News



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## Fifteenth Anniversary and Awards Night

On Sunday, June 22, Council celebrated its 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary and awards night at the Travelodge Inn with a dinner and dance. The awards for deserving members were followed by a speech by our guest speaker, the State Deputy Gilles Doiron.



SD Gilles Doiron addresses Council

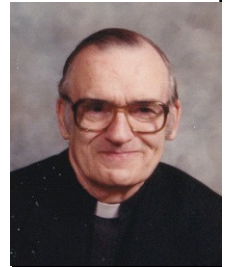
Knight of the Year 2014 was Chancellor Azel Siapno. Certificates of Merit were given to Bros. Aaron Alarcon, Ian Alarcon, Joseph Alejandria, Richard Alejandria, Melchor Andes, Rodrigo Chiu, Heintje de Sosa, Jim Johnson, Cris Masaoay, Pedro Onza, Armand Rivero, and Arnel Urbiztondo.

Certificates of Appreciation, especially for coordinated efforts in raising funds for the victims of Typhoon Haiyan, were given to Kof C Charitable Foundation (Harvey Grenatier, Martin Wrubleski), Couples for Christ (received by Joel & Jo Ong), Philippine Nurses Association of Sas  
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## Chaplain's Letter

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July 6, 2014

Grand Knight Joseph  
Alejandria  
Santo Nino Council  
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Fr. Emmett Morrissey

Dear Joseph,

I regret to inform you that because of continuing poor health I am resigning as Chaplain of the Santo Nino Council.

Needless to say this is a very difficult decision because of my tremendous love for the Council.

Our Council with its many Star Council Awards has become one of the most successful councils in our province. In fact it is arguably THE most successful council in the entire Province of Saskatchewan.

We have had many very competent Grand Knights. However, I think our Charter Grand Knight Dr. Eusebio Koh deserves special mention. It was under his leadership that the Council was first established and he has been with us every step of the way editing our award winning newsletter and inspiring our council members to strive to achieve excellence.

May I wish you and all my fellow Knights continued success in all future endeavours.

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

**Council Tennis Tourney –a Success**

The 2014 Council mixed doubles tournament got underway the weekend of July 19-20 at the Lakeshore Club with 32 players thanks to the organizing committee headed by PGK Rio Mercado. Thanks also to Cho Andes and Gerry Abao for preparing materials, trophies, etc. needed for the tournament and to Gina Escanlar for handling the scheduling and matching. Barbeques and pancit noodles were delicious, thanks Cecille.

First place trophies went to Rodd Jersak and Morgan Waller while runners-up were Gregg and Thomas Ravasco. The B side trophy went to Henry Ganitnit and Lorraine Lawrence.



**The Champs**  
Rodd and Morgan

2nd place  
Thomas & Gregg

B-side Champs  
Henry & Lorraine w Gina

**Family Picnic**

The annual Council family picnic got underway at the Wascana Park on Sunday August 31 postponed from the day before due to bad weather. Special thanks to Family Program Director Ian Alarcon and PGK Pete Escanlar for setting up the tent on both days. Thanks too to the Philippine Association of Saskatchewan for the barbeque, to Amor Alejandria for the spaghetti and to the Co-op Bakery courtesy of Bro. Jose Santiago for the hot dog buns. Games were organized by Bro. Ian.



Some picnickers—yummy!

**Pro-Life Chain**

On Sunday, October 5, 2014, the Pro-Life Chain will be held from 2– 3 p. m. with refreshments to follow. Participants are to assemble at the Museum of Natural History on Albert Street. Registration begins at 1:30 p.m.

**Major Degree Exemplification**

Father Burns Council is hosting a 2nd and 3rd Degree Exemplifications on Sunday, November 9th at St. Cecilia Parish. First degree Council members are urged to take this opportunity towards full Knighthood and you will be glad you did. For more info, call our GK or the Membership Directors.

**Important Notice to Knights**

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**Please pay your dues asap to our Treasurer Art Vanderzalm (306-584-3156) or Financial Secretary Heintje de Sosa (306-751-0089). We need you to function.**

**Fifteenth Anniversary** (continued from p. 1)

katchewan (received by Anne Dimaano & Anabelle Escanlar), Philippine Association of Saskatchewan (received by Pete Escanlar), Filipino-Canadian International Travel (received by Jim & Gina Johnson), Fr. Dan Rafael who coordinated with the Archdiocese in the Philippines and K of C Santo Nino Council (received by GK Joe, Gary Lazo, and Jose Santiago).

Knight of the Year Azel Siapno works at the Ministry of Agriculture – Lands Branch. He served as Youth Director for three years and as Chancellor of Council this year.



Bro. Azel Siapno with GK Joe



## Happy Birthday Brothers!

### September

01- Bing Alejandria  
 03- Mody Escanlar  
 04- Daniel Moquin  
 06- Rampil Pacanza  
 07- Joseph Alejandria  
 09- Scott Kuffner  
 13- Art Venderzalm  
 20- Francis Tolentino  
 24- Arnaldo Marcelino  
 25- Ray Schmidt  
 26- Edward Reiss  
 27- Daniel Nagrampa  
 29- Gary Dionne  
 29- Fr. Raymundo Rodriguez

### October

04- Ervin Cruz  
 04- Richard Wasserle  
 04- Seb Koh  
 05- Jose Santiago  
 10- Cris Masaoay  
 11- Eddy Alvaro  
 13- Sam Anonas  
 13- Eddie Concepcion  
 13- Pedro Onza  
 14- Derick Ceredon  
 15- Terry Abadiano  
 16- Gerry Abao  
 16- Mark-Roel Ubongen  
 17- Fr. Arnulfo Sison  
 18- Jay Tria-Tirona  
 20- Irineo Alarcon  
 21- Gary Plazo  
 21- Matceko Sillorar  
 21- Fr. Eusebio Tubale  
 22- Diony Elpa  
 22- Albert Santiafo  
 23- Jaime Alvarez  
 24-Romeo Manalaysay  
 27- Paul Canlas  
 27- Fr. Callistus Ibe  
 31- Don Poncsak

### November

01- Hubert Schaeffer  
 01- Bill Kuffner  
 01- Ariel Madrid  
 02- Alex Balmaceda  
 02- Inigo Mislang III  
 03- Marianito Fornes  
 04- Pepito Escanlar  
 05- Aristotle Siapno  
 05- Andy Domokos  
 08- Aaron Alarcon  
 09- Bryan Concepcion  
 09- Jack Leibham  
 10- Archie de la Cruz  
 11- Phillip Schaeffer  
 14- Glenn Lopez  
 15- Edwin Casing  
 16- John McAlister  
 18- Robert Picard  
 20- Adolfo Alvarez  
 24- Ramon Salva  
 28- Rogelio Herreria



## *Time's Person of the Year 2013 – Pope Francis*

Since his ascension to the papacy on March 13, 2013, Pope Francis has done some incredibly progressive things to lead our Church

1. He spoke out against frivolous spending by the Church.
2. He invited a boy with Downs Syndrome for a ride in the Popemobile.
3. He embraced and kissed Vinicio Riva, a man scarred by a genetic disease and is often mocked in public.
4. He denounced the judgment of homosexuals.
5. He held a major ceremony at the chapel of a youth prison where he washed and kissed the feet of 12 inmates.
6. He urged the protection of the Amazon Rainforest during a visit to Brazil.
7. He personally called and consoled a victim of rape.
8. He snuck out of the Vatican to feed the homeless.
9. He auctioned his motorcycle to benefit the homeless.
10. He acknowledged that atheists can be good people.

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## *Upcoming Events*

### September

01: Labour Day  
 03: Regina Chapter meeting  
 08: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
 28: Fourth Sunday Mass and Council meeting

### October

01: Regina Chapter meeting  
 13: Thanksgiving Day  
 26: Fourth Sunday Mass and Council Meeting

### November

01: All Saints' Day  
 05: Regina Chapter meeting  
 09: Major Degree Exemplification at St. Cecilia  
 11: Remembrance Day  
 13: Council Memorial Mass at St. Mary's(TBA)  
 23: Fourth Sunday Mass and Council Meeting  
 29: Nativity set-up at Blessed Sacrament  
 30: First Sunday of Advent

### December

03: Regina Chapter meeting  
 06 to 18: Santo Niño Christmas Caroling (TBA)  
 14: Council Christmas Party (TBA)  
 25: Christmas  
 26: Boxing Day

11. He became the first Pope to take effective action against child abuse.
12. He redirected employee bonuses to charity.
13. He spoke out against the Church's 'obsession' with abortion, gay marriage and contraception.
14. He called for cooperation between Christians and Muslims.
15. He invited homeless men to his birthday meal.
16. He refused to send away a child who had run on stage to hug him during one of his public appearances.
17. He condemned the global financial system for tyrannizing the poor and turning humans into expendable consumer goods.
18. He took part in a selfie with some young people.

*Editorial*

**Father Emmett Resigns as Council Chaplain**

Due to his continuing health problems which have prevented him from being actively involved in our activities, Father recently sent his letter of resignation as Chaplain.

Father Emmett is our Charter Chaplain and from day one he has been a tremendous inspiration to Council's growing vibrancy and devotion to the pillars of the Knights of Columbus. Through Father's suggestion, Council has provided almost all the liturgical and other ministerial services every fourth Sunday Mass and special Masses at the Blessed Sacrament Church. The Canada Day Mass and Brunch may also be traced to Father's initiative.

As Chaplain, Father has painstakingly attended all our regular meetings and many of our functions. His advice and opinions have greatly helped Council, especially the Grand Knight, in tackling certain issues and knotty problems. As well, Father has listened to brother Knights' personal problems and has given us his blessings and guidance.

It is with deepest regret, that Council will be losing the beloved Father Emmett as its Chaplain. May the Lord keep him in good health and spirit!

ELK

*Message from our District Deputy*

**Hello Brother Knights,**

Santo Nino Council has a long history of success. One only needs to look at your Wall of Fame, to see the numerous Star Council awards. Your involvement in the churches that you serve, the Knights of Columbus and Regina Community are exemplary. I wish you continued success this year, and I am proud to serve you and your council as District Deputy for one more year. I hope to see you at your meetings.

God Bless...  
Vivat Jesus!



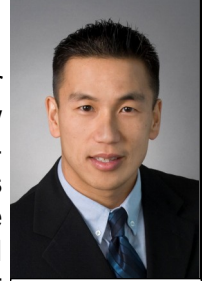
**Glen Piotrofsky**

**Glen Piotrofsky  
District Deputy**

*Message from our Grand Knight*

**Brother Knights,**

I would like to welcome Father Barry Anwender as our council's new Chaplain. Sadly, our Charter Chaplain Father Emmett Morrissey, has given us his retirement letter (see page 1). The Santo Nino Council would like to thank Father Emmett Morrissey for all his help and guidance to our council since its charter.



**Joe Alejandria**

We started our Columbian year with a Canada Day Mass at Blessed Sacrament Church celebrated by His Grace, Archbishop Daniel Bohan, Unfortunately our annual pancake brunch was cancelled due to inclement weather.

Our 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Invitational Mixed Doubles Tennis Tournament at Lakeshore Tennis Club was a success. Congratulations to our tournament champions. Special thanks to Gina Escanlar and our Council's tennis committee for organizing the tournament.

Council Family Picnic was held on August 31 at Wascana Park. Special thanks to our brother Knights and their families who helped set up and brought food and drinks. I would also like to thank the Philippine Association of Saskatchewan for their donation of the delicious barbecues. Special thanks to our Family Director Ian Alarcon for organizing the picnic.

Our council and Holy Rosary co-hosted the First Degree on September 15 at the basement of Blessed Sacrament. The event was well attended. Special thanks to Father Barry for letting us use the church facilities.

Council strives to provide a helping hand to our parish, Blessed Sacrament. Thanks to all the brothers that helped move the side pews for the contractors to work on the heat registers in the church.

We will soon be planning more activities for this fiscal year 2013-2014. We encourage everyone to get involved and assist in coordinating future activities. This will be a great opportunity for every member to learn and experience the mission and vision of the Knights of Columbus founder Father McGivney.

Vivat Jesu!

**Joseph Alejandria  
Grand Knight**