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Caroling Cheered Seniors

The 2001 Christmas caroling, our third year as a project, brought cheers not only to homes of members and friends but also to several senior homes in Regina. In particular, our council carolers sang at the Santa Maria Nursing Home, the Sunset and Parkside complexes of Extencicare, Albert Park Lodge, Campbell Care Home, Friendly Circle Care Home, Southland Manor, and Walsh Acres Lodge. There were around seventy residents and visitors at the Extencicare-Sunset. Other large congregations were at the Santa Maria and the Extencicare-Parkside. The carolers sang at the Msgr. Janssen Council Christmas party to about 150 guests.

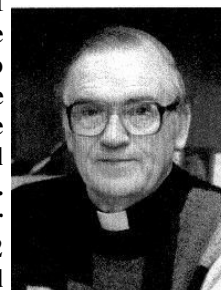
Caroling was from 6:00 p.m. to around 9:00 p.m. on December 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18 and 21. Eight to twelve English and Philippine carols were rendered at each host.

On Tuesday, December 25, the carolers sang at the Rosary Group Christmas Party at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall. On Saturday, December 29, they sang at the Blessed Sacrament Church before the 5:10 p.m. Mass.

Sixteen council members were joined by Council Fraus Susan Alvarez, Cecile Mercado, Shirley Escanlar, Fannie Madrilejos, Sonya Sampang and Leonor Sison, and prospective candidate Boomer Quangtakoune. Our GK Jim Alvarez

Chaplain's Message

First of all I would like to take this opportunity to wish all the members of the Santo Nino Council a Happy New Year. My hope and prayer is that the year 2002 will be a year filled with God's abundant blessings for you and your families.



Father Emmett

In the past I wrote of the outstanding accomplishments of our Council in the short years of its existence. Today, I would like to reach beyond our Council and draw your attention to some coming events involving our Catholic Fraternity here in North America.

1. On March 25, 2002, the Feast of the Annunciation, our Fraternity will celebrate the First International Day of the unborn child. It is a day when all Knights and their families will give witness to the sanctity of life "from the womb to the tomb".

2. On June 22-23, 2002, the first Knights of Columbus Eucharistic Congress will be held at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. The theme of the great event will be "to serve the Gospel of Jesus Christ for the hope of the world".

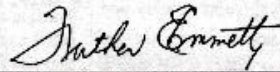
3. On July 23-28, 2002, the 17th World Youth Day will be held in

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Chaplain's Message (continued)

Toronto. At an International meeting on January 10-13, 2002, in preparation for the world youth day, Supreme Grand Knight Carl Anderson presented a cheque for \$1 Million to Bishop Meagher of the Canadian conference of Catholic Bishops to help defray the costs linked to the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the World Youth Day. Reverend Thomas Rosica CSB, Director of World Youth Day, 2002 said: "Today's donation will ensure that thousands of young Catholics will rediscover the riches and blessings of the Sacrament of Reconciliation".

Hopefully the above three events will make us proud of the tremendous leadership that our Fraternity is providing to help spread the Gospel message to young and old alike.




Santo Nino Carolers at the Campbell Care Home



The carolers at the home of Aubrey and Ethel Steadman



Carolers put on their Sunday's best to sing some Philippine and English carols at the Holy Mass at the Blessed Sacrament Church

Upcoming Events

- February 6, 2002 — Regina Chapter Meeting
- February 9, 2002 — PAS Valentine Party
- February 13, 2002 — Ash Wednesday (1st day of Lent)
- February 21, 2002 — Fourth Degree -Ladies Night
- February 24, 2002 — Mass and Council Meeting

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- March 25, 2002 — Feast of the Annunciation
- March 28, 2002 — Holy Thursday
- March 29, 2002 — Third Anniversary of the Council
- March 29, 2002 — Good Friday
- March 31, 2002 — Easter

- April 3, 2002 — Regina Chapter Meeting
- April 7, 2002 — Major Degree --- Christ the King
- April 19-21, 2002 — Saskatchewan State Convention

Council Happenings

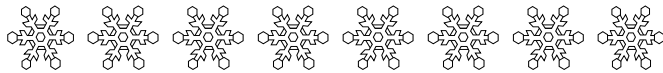
Christmas Kettle. On Saturday, December 2, 2001 Council members helped the Salvation Army with the Christmas kettle at the Northgate Mall.

Membership Appreciation Night. November 11 saw 50 to 60 members, better halves, friends and prospectives gather at the Copper Kettle Restaurant for a night of Council information, dinner and drinks and karaoke (thanks to Lalli Alejandria).

Council Craft Sale. Sunday November 18 was a successful fund-raiser through craft sales. There were over twenty tables at the Odd Fellows Hall at the Cathedral area. Council made over \$300 thanks to Mae Feliciano, Susan Alvarez, Chelo Ravasco and Cecile Mercado.

Saskatchewan State Convention

The 2002 State Convention will be held at the Delta Hotel in Regina on April 19, 20 and 21. Past DD Martin Wrubleski is chairing the organizing committee for the convention. Santo Nino Council Church Director Mody Escanlar is chairing the liturgy committee with the Holy Family Council and the Bishop Budka Council. The opening Mass on Friday the 19th is Byzantine to be celebrated by Eparch Michael Wiwchar while the closing Mass at noon on Sunday the 21st will be celebrated by State Chaplain Fr. Abbott Peter Novcosky.



Happy Birthday!

February

08- Fr. Emmett Morrissey

14- Roland Logan

24- Mariano Pesigan

March

04- Efren Alejandria

11- Ernie Paraiso

April

09- Mario Sison

11- Isaac Caburao

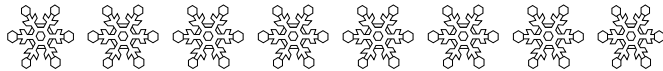
13- Pablo Ayuban Jr.

17- Jovil Paez

19- Generoso Dimalanta

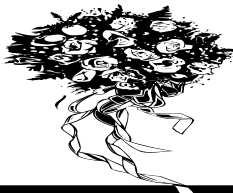
23- Nathan Abadiano

26- Rodrigo Chiu

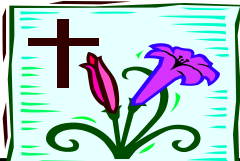


Congratulations to Brother Gener and Venus Dimalanta on the birth of their first-born son Gerone Dominique on November 27, 2001. He was 6.3 pounds. Mom and baby are doing fine.

Council extends its condolence to the family of Bro. Gener Dimalanta on the passing of his father Dominador on December 6, 2001 in Porac, Pampanga, Philippines



Our Deepest Sympathy to the family of Bros. Efren, Edgardo, and Albino on the passing of their sister Emily on Tuesday December 4, 2001 in Olongapo, Philippines.



Memorial Mass for Fr. Emilio

A Memorial Mass was celebrated by Archbishop Peter J. Mallon on October 30 at the Holy Rosary Cathedral for Fr. Emilio Saribong who died in Legaspi, Philippines on October 20.

In his homily, His Grace said, "Every Eucharist celebrates the life and death and glorification of Christ our Lord. This liturgy is a celebration of joy and gratitude for the life of Fr. Emilio Saribong, a life enhanced by sacramental grace, enriched by virtues and spent in generous pastoral service.

"Fr. Emilio had faith, hope and prayer and loving support from fellow priests, religious and friends. Many had an influence on Emilio Serrano Saribong – his parents, his brother Antonio, his teachers, his pastors and the community of St. James the Greater Parish in Libon, Albay. But the greatest influence in his life was Jesus Christ, whom he discerned was calling him to priesthood.

"Fr. Emilio was ordained in St. Gregory the Great Cathedral, Legaspi City in 1973. He was named pastor in 1974 of Mt. Carmel Parish in the new Diocese of Virac. Father's last parish in the Philippines was in St. Ignatius of Loyola parish, Pandan, Catanduanes from 1986 to 1996.

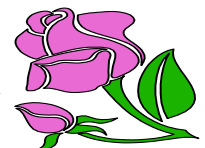
"Fr. Emilio came to Regina in 1997. He was Administrator of St. Stanislaw in Ituna and later of St. Lawrence in Maple Creek before coming to Martha House in Regina in the Fall of 1997.

"Fr. Emilio came to see me before leaving for his visit home. I asked him to convey my greetings and gratitude to Bishop Manolo de los Santos.

"I was deeply touched and grateful to God for the special grace given to Fr. Emilio just a few days before his death. The fourteen priests - who were his seminarians and now leaders- were able to gather with him and concelebrate the Eucharist together. *What joy that must have brought him!*

"May he rest in peace. And may God grant consolation and grace to his brother Antonio, to his relatives, to his brother priests, and to all who knew

Council grieves with Bro. Ferdinand Marcial and family for the loss of his brother Joey and seven-year-old niece in a scooter accident in Imus, Cavite in the Philippines on Thursday, January 3, 2002.



Editorial

Ubiquitous but Unobtrusive

When I was a kid, scouting was popular in the Philippines. I was not a boy scout but I seemed to see them everywhere - doing good, helping old ladies cross a busy street, removing debris from clogged sewers. I like to think that the Santo Nino Council, can be just as ubiquitous do-gooders as the scouts.

We seem to be everywhere - selling crafts, doing the Christmas kettle drive for the Salvation Army, caroling at homes and senior homes in Regina, doing the liturgy every fourth Sunday at the Blessed Sacrament Church, helping to take seniors to novenas and masses, playing tennis weekends, playing basketball with youths at St. Francis gym every Saturday. It is good to be visible, the easier it is in doing our charitable works and when soliciting funds for our activities and charity.

On the other hand, we do not wish to be obtrusive, to be "on your face" so to speak. Though it feels good to win the Star Council Award the last two years we take them with humility. We must realize that a combination of things go into winning the award. One of these is recruiting members. And we need active participating members.

Message from our Grand Knight

Greetings to Brother Knights, friends and family and Best Wishes for a Prosperous New Year!



The year 2001 proved to be a busy and fruitful one for us with all the fund-raising, community, church and family activities that we all enjoyed doing like the family picnic, the Canada Day Celebration, tree banding, volleyball and basketball games (which for any who are interested, are still on going), the craft sale, the bingo, our own Membership Appreciation Night, the Christmas Kettle Drive, and finally, the Christmas caroling.

Wow! "Thank You" for making it possible, and of course, our wives' support which made the second half of 2001 filled with fulfilling fun activities. I believe that with your continuing participation, this year will be even more fruitful for our council.

A major event coming up is the Annual State Convention to be held on April 19, 20 and 21st at the Delta Hotel in Regina. Our council is honored to chair the liturgy committee for this event. The ladies committee is requesting volunteers from our wives to assist during the luncheons and suppers. We are also hoping to finalize a "three on three" basketball tournament for youth. The Regina Chapter has expressed interest in participating and assisting in this event.

As a final note, I ask all of you Brother Knights, to consider sponsoring a candidate for membership to our council. Give someone else the opportunity to experience the rewards and spiritual fulfillment of being a member of the Santo Nino Council.

Yours in Christ,
Jim Alvarez

Reminder:

The new year 2002 is upon us. The Financial Secretary would like to ask members to pay their annual dues and get their new membership cards.

Congratulations to:

- ⇒ James Madrilejos on your appointment as Financial Secretary
- ⇒ Ernie Paraiso on your election as Council Advocate
- ⇒ Gerhard Kiefer on your exemplification to Third Degree

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We are deeply saddened by the passing of Nick Eberle, Grand Knight of the Msgr. Janssen Council on December 24, 2001. We extend our condolence to Marlene and family. We will miss you, Nick.



Council extends its condolence to Mrs. Gloria Rivero, Joel and Jon-Jon on the passing of Dr. Joe Rivero on Wednesday, January 16, 2002 at the Pasqua Hospital in Regina. Joe was 61 years old.

