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## Anniversary & Awards

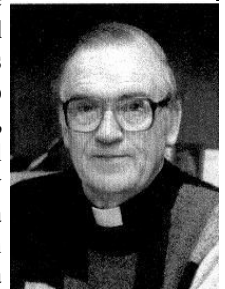
The Third Anniversary of the Santo Nino Council #12415 was celebrated on Sunday, April 7, 2002 at the Seven Oaks Inn in Regina with close to two hundred members, friends and families. GK Jim Alvarez welcomed the guests which included Faithful Navigator Walter Luchenski and several members of Fr. Hugonard's Assembly and their better halves.

A short program featured the Santo Nino singers (Jim, Susan, Mody, Rio, Cecille, James, Fannie, Gregg, Chelo, Jovil, Bootsie, Lyn, Ferdie F., Anna Mae, Sonny, Seb), the ID Dancers doing Reggae and Mambo #5, Susan and Wendy doing a Hula dance, and Karaoke. Many budding crooners were discovered, not the least of whom was Sir Knight Ed Larson.

Awards and certificates were handed out. Certificates of Merit were given to the following members for liturgical services as mass servers, bell ringers, greeters, lectors and/or participation in tree-banding, Shamrock drive, bingo, Christmas Kettle, caroling: Brendo Arrojado, Rodrigo Chiu, Eddie Concepcion, Sonny de Paz, Ferdie Feliciano, Jun Hernando, Junior Herreria, Rolly Herreria, Danny Nagrampa, Allan Ngui, Ernie Paraiso, Mariano Pesigan, Greg Ravasco, Reden Sampang, Aris Siapno, Mario Sison, Sam Tranquilino, Nol Ventocilla.

## Chaplain's Message

Sincere congratulations to all my brother Knights and their ladies who helped, in any way, to make our 3rd Anniversary Celebrations such a huge success! Seven Oaks Inn provided a wonderful meal, the



Father Emmett

entertainment was first class, and everyone from the smallest child to the oldest senior citizen had a wonderful time!

Of course, we in the Santo Nino Council had a great deal to celebrate. It's almost unbelievable what our council has accomplished in three short years. I am very proud of the way that our council members have participated in the liturgy at the 10 a.m. Mass on the 4th Sunday of the month here at Blessed Sacrament. Our council members have helped to make our July 1st Mass one of the memorable events of the year. And needless to say we are proud of winning not one but two Star Council awards.

We have had marvelous leadership under past Grand Knights Dr. Eusebio Koh and Terry Abadiano and under present Grand Knight Jaime L. (Jim) Alvarez.

May I wish you "Ad Multos Annos" (Many more wonderful successful years.)

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

**Anniversary (continued)**

Certificates of Appreciation were handed out to a number of people for their assistance in various council activities. They were Susan Alvarez, Shirley Escanlar, Anna Mae Feliciano, Fannie Madrilejos, Cecille Mercado, Bootsie Paez, Leonor Sison, Boomer Quangtakoune and Jonathan Madrilejos. Fr. Emmett Morrissey was given a special Certificate of Appreciation for his role as Chaplain and spiritual adviser. (See picture below.)

A number of members were cited as Knight of the Month for their leadership in organizing the activity opposite their names: Terry Abadiano - March, 2002 (Shamrock drive), Lalli Alejandria - November, 2001 (Member Appreciation Night), Efren Alejandria - August, 2001 (Carpentry), Mody Escanlar - February, 2002 (Liturgy), Seb Koh - December, 2001 (Christmas caroling), James Madrilejos - July, 2001 (Canada Day celebrations), Rio Mercado - September, 2001 (Tree-banding) and Jovil Paez - June 2001 (Family picnic).

A special present was given to Boomer Quangtakoune who passed RCIA and was baptized as a Catholic a week before at the Holy Rosary Cathedral. Boomer will have his first degree exemplification in May.

Fr. Emmett Morrissey said grace before the steak dinner. Pizza was provided free to children and all.

GK Jim thanked Bro. Lalli Alejandria for building the Logo and Name, Bro. Gregg Ravasco for the Photo Gallery, Bro. James Madrilejos for the display of awards, Bro. Ferdie Feliciano for the Program, the In-Demand Dancers (IDD) and Susan Alvarez and Wendy Ayuban for the dance performances, Bros. Rio Mercado and Seb Koh for emceeding and Bro. Sonny de Paz for arranging the venue and the 50-50. A great time was had by all.



Recipients of Certificates of Appreciation from Council

*Upcoming Events*

May 1 to 31 —Rosary Month  
 May 1 (Wed.)—Regina Chapter Meeting  
 May 3 (Fri.)—Msgr. Janssen Council bingo, 9-12 pm  
 May 12 (Sun.)—Mother’s Day  
 May 13 (Mon.)—1st Deg. Exemplification (Holy Family)  
 May 21 (Tues.)—Sta. Maria Nursing Home Bingo  
 May 26 (Sun.)—Mass and Council election meeting

June 5 (Wed.)—Regina Chapter Meeting  
 June 6-7-8—Regina MOSAIC  
 June 7 (Fri.)—Msgr. Janssen Council bingo, 9-12 pm  
 June 15 (Sat.)—Family Picnic (w/ Treasure Hunt)  
 June 23 (Sun.)—Mass and Council meeting  
 June 29 (Sat.)—Sto. Nino Singles Tennis Tournament

July 1 (Mon.)—Canada Day Mass/Pancake Breakfast  
 July 3 (Wed.)—Regina Chapter Meeting  
 July 20(Sat.)-3-on-3 Youth basketball tourney, 8am - 9pm

*Council Happenings*

**St. Pat’s Shamrock Drive-**

On two consecutive weekends, March 2-3 and 9-10, Council sold shamrocks at Blessed Sacrament, netting more than \$400 for Camp Monahan. PGK Terry Abadiano coordinated the drive with help from Bros. Jovil Paez, Gregg Ravasco, Ferdie Feliciano, Mody Escanlar, Rodrigo Chiu, Aris Siapno, Sam Tranquilino, Gener Dimalanta, and Brendo Arrojado, and Susan Alvarez.

**Holy Week-**

Council participated in the Holy Week activities at the Blessed Sacrament Church last month. On Holy Thursday, twelve council members had their feet washed by Fr. Morrissey. Other members served at the Holy Mass.

**Saskatchewan State Convention-**

Council Church Director Mody Escanlar has assigned mass servers and Eucharistic ministers for the 2002 State Convention Mass to be held at the Regina Delta Hotel at noon on Sunday, April 21. The Holy Mass will be celebrated by State Chaplain Fr. Abbott Peter Novecosky. Six wives of Council members have volunteered to serve with various activities.

*Happy Birthday, Brod!*

- May** 14- Boni Sison
- 15- Sid Castillo Sr.
- 18- Chad Abadiano
- 18- Edison Mercado
- 18- Jun Pamintuan Jr.
- 25- Gregg Ravasco
- 27- Sonny de Paz
- June** 9- Allan Ngui
- 15- Brendo Arrojado
- 20- Junior Herreria
- 20- Rio Mercado
- July** 6- Richard Alejandria
- 7- Dennis Charette
- 7- Gerhard Kiefer



Knights of the Month: Terry Abadiano (March 02), Lalli Alejandria (November 01), Mody Escanlar (February 02), Seb Koh (December 01), Jovil Paez (June 01), James Madrilejos



The Santo Nino Singers did Philippine songs, "Mahiwaga" and "Hindi Kita Malilimutan" and a hit "I'm going Out of My Head" at our Third Anniversary celebrated on April 7, 2002.

**Boomer Q Becomes a Catholic**

Council members have seen him on many occasions. He is a tennis instructor and has given tennis pointers to several of us. He served as umpire for the Final game in our 2001 Tennis Tournament.

He had completed his Master's degree in Indian Studies at the University of Regina and was planning to go back to his old country Laos to enter a monastery and become a Bhuddist monk.

Like St. Paul on his way to Damascus, Bounlap (Boomer) Quangtakoune had a change of mind. A few things did happen. He broke a wrist, delaying his trip to Laos. He got to chat and play tennis with members of our council. (Don't you agree that living an exemplary Christian life is witnessing for Christ?) He met Wendy Ayuban, cousin of Bro. Pablo Ayuban Jr. He found some interesting job prospects here. He indicated an interest to join our council but we advised him that he had to be a Catholic. He decided to take RCIA (Rites of Christian Initiations for Adults) with Fr. Louis Kubash at the Holy Rosary Cathedral. He completed the course and was baptised by Archbishop Peter J. Mallon at the Cathedral on March 30, 2002. At his option, he had a full-body baptism. On Monday, May 13, 2002, he will join our council in a first degree exemplification at the Holy Family Church.

Welcome, Boomer! The Lord Bless you and bless us!



GK Jim Alvarez and council members were at the Holy Rosary Cathedral to congratulate Boomer (center, in white) on his baptism.

***Congratulations to the Knights of Columbus who transferred to our Council! Welcome!***

- \* Rev. Eusebio T. Tubale from Esteban
- \* Samuel C. Anonas from the Philippines
- \* Lorne B. Kehrig from Tisdale

Editorial

**A Gathering of Knights and Dames**

Once a year in spring, the Knights of Columbus and their ladies get together to discuss and pass resolutions and to renew acquaintances. Last year, a resolution regarding taxation policies to make family farms viable was passed. So was one supporting a Saskatchewan Heart Center. This year we look forward to sessions that will also redound to the benefits of our community and family.

The State Convention is an opportunity to network with councils throughout the province. Our delegates GK Jim Alvarez and DGK Rio Mercado will find their attendance an edifying experience.

We know that the Convention will be a success under the leadership of SD Nestor Trach and the State Board and with a steering committee chaired by PDD Martin Wrubleski. Godspeed, Sir Knights!

*A Word from Our Program Director*

**From the Inside Looking In by Bro. Rio Mercado**

Year three of the Council was marked with events teeming up to the brim., undertaken by a reservoir of talents among the membership. This was stirred up by GK Jim Alvarez who focused on members carrying out services to God and to community. The Council is out in the deep with its activities, among which are the Canada Day mass and pancake breakfast, tennis clinic, fourth Sunday liturgical service at the Blessed Sacrament Church, a quarterly newsletter, doubles tennis tournament, tree-banding, craft sales undertaken by the Sto Nino ladies, Christmas kettle drive, caroling at senior homes, Shamrock drive, blood donation at the Canadian Blood Services, involvement with the Holy Week Tridium celebration at the Blessed Sacrament, membership appreciation night, bingo nights, awards night, Anniversary celebrations and family picnic.

It has been a busy year, yet Council is not off track as regards its goals. Presently, Council is working on potential members and is looking forward to the first degree exemplification on May 13. In the meantime, Council is involved with the liturgy during the State Convention.

As our GK Jim once said, "It's nice to have a Star (Council Award) but I already have a Milky Way" referring to the many Council members who are enthusiastic and on fire in carrying out our mission.

*Message from our Grand Knight*

Greetings to all Brother Knights,

First of all, let me just say thank you to everyone who has been proactive these past months. Our third Anniversary was certainly well attended and I have received a lot of compliments about the program, the decor, the display and the entertainment. Thanks to everyone for your contributions and efforts.



Other activities and functions in the past few months were Fr. Morrissey's birthday dinner, bingos, Shamrock drive, Holy Thursday's events, the baptism of Boomer, blood donor clinic, all participated by you and me. Looking forward, on April 19-20-21 is the Annual State Convention. Our Council is in charge of liturgy during the convention. I hope many will be able to attend. We have some more exciting activities planned for the coming months. So be ready with your thoughts, ideas, and participation.

Finally, on the spiritual side, let me invite each and every one to bring our families to the celebration of mass at the Blessed Sacrament Church on Sunday, April 28, 2002. God bless to all!

**Jim Alvarez  
Grand Knight**

*Reminder:*

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