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Sto. Nino Three-peats as Star Council

Winners of the various council awards for the Columbian Year 2001-2002 were announced by the Supreme Council Office recently. Santo Nino Council #12415 was awarded the Star Council Award for the third year in a row since its founding in 1999. Other Star Council awardees are Saskatoon #1517, Denzil #3920, Mother of Perpetual Help #9538, and St. Augustine #10587. Forty one other councils in Saskatchewan won one or two of the Columbian, Father McGivney and Founders' awards.

To win the Star Council Award, a council must have performed at least four projects in each of the activity areas pertaining to Church, Community, Council, Family, and Youth as well as satisfy the membership and insurance quotas.

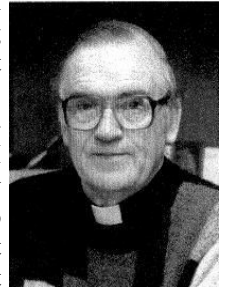
Most of the Council activities were reported in this newsletter, including the Council liturgical services every fourth Sunday Mass at Blessed Sacrament Church, the Family Picnic, Christmas Caroling, the Canada Day Mass service and pancake breakfast, all sorts of fund-raising drives, tennis tourneys, basketball games with the youth, blood donation, hospital visits and ferrying of seniors for masses and novenas and publication of this paper (of course).

Council has added seven new members which exceeded the quota of five. As to insurance, enough new policies were bought to fulfill the quota of three.

Thanks for the leadership of GK Jim Alvarez and DGK Rio Mercado.

Chaplain's Message

As I write this I am still recuperating from my open-heart (five by-pass) surgery. I miss Blessed Sacrament Parish and I miss my fellow Knights in the Santo Nino Council. But from a positive point of view, this recuperation period has provided me with a wonderful opportunity to pray and to do some spiritual reading and to count my blessings.



Father Emmett

Among those many blessings is the Santo Nino Council. The Council has added a beautiful dimension to Blessed Sacrament Parish. So many parishioners have told me what a beautiful witness the members of our Council give when you perform the various Liturgical Roles at the 10:00 A.M. Mass on the fourth Sunday of every month.

I shall never forget the day –shortly after my surgery– when a group of Knights from our Council, accompanied by their wives, came to visit me at the General Hospital bringing a fruit basket and a huge beautiful get well card. The card is in my living room and family members have remarked to me on the beauty of the card and its message.

Please pray for me that I will continue the healing process. I look forward to the day a few weeks from now when I will be back with you again.

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

The Anaheim Supreme Convention

The 12th Annual Supreme Council Meeting was held on August 6 to 8 at the Hilton Anaheim in California. The convention began with a concelebrated Convention Mass on Tuesday morning, August 6. Supreme Knight Carl Anderson opened the business meeting in the afternoon and the State Dinner was in the evening, attended by nearly two thousand Knights, ladies and guests. The Convention Masses in the mornings of August 7 and 8 were also attended by thousands. Dozens of priests, bishops and cardinals joined in the procession leading to the altar. The main celebrants for the three masses were Bishop Tod Brown of Orange County, His Eminence Roger Cardinal Mahony, and Supreme Chaplain Bishop Thomas V. Daily of Brooklyn. Homilists were Bishop Brown, His Eminence William Cardinal Keeler and His Eminence Bernard Cardinal Law.

There were about 500 delegates from Canada, the United States, Mexico, the Philippines, Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, Cuba, and Guam. Our delegation consisted of State Deputy Bert West (with Judy), Past State Deputy Nestor Trach (with Liz), State Chaplain Fr. Tonny Dizy, Representatives Albert Provost (with Pauline) of Prince Albert, Conrad Painchaud of Davidson, Seb Koh (with Dony) of Regina, Joe Nosbush (with Joyce) of Lake Lenore and Jeremie Mathieu (with Cecile) of Spiritwood.

On Monday, August 5, the delegation attended the meeting of the Canadian Association of K. of C. We came wearing the red and white maple leaf tie made by Judy West. After a roll call by provinces, there were reports and speeches. A motion of Deputy Supreme Knight Jean Migneault stating that the president be limited only to the three Canadian Supreme Directors was passed.

Numerous propositions were passed during the Convention sessions. These include resolutions in support for victims of clergy sexual abuse, in solidarity with bishops and priests, in support of vocations, in gratitude for contributions to the Heroes Fund for victims of the September 11 attacks, for Crusade for Life, in opposition to human cloning and on disputes regarding financial benefits.

A highlight of the convention was the award of the International Family of the Year 2002 to Stanley and Marilyn Lautsch and their children, Christine, Eric, Emily, Theresa and Theodore of Swift Current Council #3031. The whole family is involved in Church and community activities too many to mention. Brother Stanley is the DD for District 31 and has served all council offices in his 20 years as a KC.

Another highlight was the Marian Hour of Prayer led by the Supreme Chaplain Daily who later presented a framed icon of Our Lady of the Rosary to each State Deputy and his wife. This was to initiate the Prayer Program in every jurisdiction, a program centered on the rosary and prayer for peace.

The fun parts of the Convention were an ongoing exchange of state pins, a series of hospitality periods given by various delegations where visitors had a sample of local drinks, snacks and knickknacks. The State Dinner was also a fun occasion when each

Bert West Elected State Deputy

At the State Convention last April, Albert Frederick (Bert) West was elected State Deputy for 2002-2003.

Bert joined the Knights of Columbus of the Windthorst Council #3802 in 1978, had been with Lafleche #3878 and Msgr. Janssen #4959 before becoming Charter Grand Knight of the Christ the King Council #9278 of Regina. As a District Deputy in 1988-1989, he received the Star District Award. He joined the Fr. Hugonard 4th degree Assembly in 1990 and was elected its faithful Navigator in 1994.

Bert was elected to the position of State Warden in 1994 and has moved through all the State Board offices. He has been active with the Regina KC choir (which he helped form) and major degree teams, and has chaired the Charity Appeal Draw the last three years.

Bert was born in Kipling, Sask., schooled through high school in Langbank and earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Saskatchewan.

In 1976, Bert married Judy Deshaies of Kennedy. They are blessed with two sons Fred and Patrick. Bert is a family man who supports his sons in their sports endeavors.



The International Family of the Year 2002: The Lauthsches

State Chaplain Very Rev. Tonny Dizy in procession at the Convention Mass



Supreme Chaplain Thomas Daily presents the Icon of Our Lady of the Rosary to SD Bert West and his wife Judy



The Saskatchewan Delegation and their better halves with the Lauthsch family at the black-tie Convention State Dinner

Happy Birthday, Brod!

August

- 4- Lorne Kehrig
- 5- James Madrilejos
- 9- Rey Mariano
- 13- Reden Sampang
- 27- Pedro Quintero



September

- 1- Albino Alejandria
- 3- Mody Escanlar
- 7- Joseph Alejandria



October

- 4- Seb Koh
- 13- Sam Anonas
- 13- Eddie Concepcion
- 13- Pedro Onza
- 15- Terry Abadiano
- 15- Jun Hernando
- 18- Julius Tria-Tirona
- 20- Irineo Alarcon
- 21- Fr. Eusebio Tubale
- 23- Jaime Alvarez
- 24- Leonardo Diana



Upcoming Events

September 4, 2002 — Regina Chapter Meeting
 September 22, 2002 — Mass and Council Meeting
 September 29, 2002 — First degree Exemplification at Holy Trinity Council #10401

October 2, 2002 — Regina Chapter Meeting
 October 7, 2002 — Our Lady of the Rosary Feast
 October 14, 2002 — Thanksgiving Day Mass
 October 27, 2002 — Major Exemplification, Moose Jaw
 October 27, 2002 — Mass and Council Meeting

November 1, 2002 — All Saints Day
 November 6, 2002 — Regina Chapter Meeting
 November 11, 2002 — Remembrance Day Mass
 November 25, 2002 — Mass and Council Meeting

Council Happenings

Jim Alvarez Returned as Grand Knight

GK Jim Alvarez together with most of his officers were returned to serve another year. The new faces in the Executive are Advocate Ed Alejandria, Lecturer Brendo Arrojado and Outside Guard Roland Logan. The GK also appointed Bro. Mody Escanlar as Church/Vocations Director, Bro. Mariano Pesigan as Council Director, Bro. Ramon Salva as Community Director, Bros. Jovil Paez and Allan Ngui as Family Directors, and Bro. Boomer Quangtakoune as Youth Director.

Bros. Boni, Boomer, and Rio—Tennis Champs

The 2002 Santo Nino Open Tennis Tournament got underway with singles on June 29, 2002 at the Lakeview courts and doubles on August 9-11 at the Douglas Park courts. Bro. Boni Sison won the singles final over runner-up Bro. Sam Tranquilino. GK Jim Alvarez was third and Bro. Gregg Ravasco fourth. There were 16 players.

In the doubles final, winners Bros. Boomer Quangtakoune and Rio Mercado edged runner-ups Bro. Boni Sison and Norman Lopez in a thrilling tie-break three set-ter. Third place went to Ro Euroba and Richard Lopez; fourth to Mario Melendrez and Bro. Roland Logan. Fifteen pairs competed.

A new feature this year was the Ladies Beginners category. The top four teams that emerged were 1. Cecile Mercado and Linda Dean, 2. Jessica Hernando and Wendy Ayuban, 3. Sheila and GERALYN Empleo, and 4. Zenda Israel and Diana Lazo.

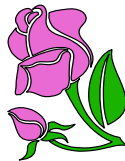
Trophies and awards were handed out to these players at the conclusion on Sunday. In addition, a Sportsmanship Award was given to Gary Lazo and a Most Improved Award was given to Bro. Mauro Herreria Jr.

Congratulations to new Knights of Columbus in our Council! Welcome!

- * Bro. Jorge de la Cruz
- * Bro. Rec Mercado
- * Bro. Boomer Quangtakoune
- * Bro. Matthew Robinson



**Our Deepest Condolence
 To the Family of
 Mrs. Gloria Sapalicio Liamzon
 who passed away in Regina
 on July 13, 2002. Mommy and
 her music will be sorely missed.**



Congratulations to Bro. Inigo and Marilou Mislang III on the birth of their second baby, Sheena Mae on July 29 at the Regina General Hospital. Baby was 7.14 pounds.



Editorial

A Hat Trick of Star Council Awards

It's truly a great honor to receive the Star Council Award three years running. It is also a great opportunity to exercise humility. We all know deep inside that we could not have done it without the help of so many.

We could not have done it without our Chaplain Fr. Emmett Morrissey's spiritual guidance. We could not have done it without everybody pitching in. We could not have done it without the inspired leadership of our officers and program directors. We could not have done it without Field Agent Mark Lewans' efforts. And certainly, we could not have done it without the Lord's blessings and direction.

The Award may give us some bragging rights with our friends and brothers from other councils. But remember, they should take some credit for participating and joining us in our activities.

Humbling? It sure is.

A Word from our Program Director

I hope everybody had a blessed and fun summer.

Our council had a busy summer of 2002. First the officers were installed last June by District Deputy Merv Kealey. Then we joined Msgr. Janssen Council at Bingo nights. We also did Bingo at Santa Maria Nursing Home. We helped at the Philippine Pavilion with Regina's Mosaic Festival on June 29. Our council organized its first Single's Tennis Tournament, and it was marked with a display of competitive athletic skills. A night of social gathering and karaoke singing at Copper and Kettle Restaurant capped the event.

On July 1, 2002 our council served the Canada Day Mass celebrated by his Eminence Archbishop Peter Mallon. (See pictures across.) We served pancake brunch after the mass. We thank the following for their valuable time: Bros. Inigo Mislang III, Pedro Onza, Bing Alejandria, Ed Alejandria, Efren Alejandria, Jovil Paez, Lorne Kehrig, Aris Siapno, Danny Nagrampa, Gregg Ravasco, Brendo Arrojado, Sonny de Paz and our Santo Nino Council Ladies: Bootsie Paez, Amor Alejandria, Chelo Ravasco, Teresa Tirona, and Cecille Mercado. Moreover, kudos to Mody Escanlar, Chairman of our Church Committee and to James and Fannie Madrilejos, Canada Day Celebration coordinators.

We also extend our thanks to Bros Jim Alvarez, and Mon Salva who helped in the preparation of our Chapter Float for the Buffalo Days parade.

Our annual Open Mixed Doubles Tennis Tournament was a remarkable success and fun experience for the participants and their family members. We had a good turnout for the tourney and the usual Sunday BBQ.

A million thanks to our Chaplain Emmett Morrissey for his untiring support of our membership. We thank God for his successful surgery and pray for his fast recuperation.

Ang inyo pong lingkod sa galan ni Jesus,

Rio Mercado

Message from our Grand Knight

Greetings to all Brother Knights!

It's about time to say so long to summer and to look forward to the fall season. It was great to see our members enjoying the summer activities (barbecues, tennis tournaments, karaoke sessions, etc.)



I hope to see most of you during the fall to spring activities as well as at the regular monthly council meetings. The Executive and the committee chairmen will be meeting very soon to plan the activities for the Columbian year. Any suggestions? Get in touch with any of the Executive if you have.

On a final note, please remember that we are all part of and very important to our Council. So if you have any ideas and/or comments, let us know. Thank you for the support you have shown in the past.

Yours in Christ,

Jim Alvarez



Canada Day Celebration. Clockwise from top:
 * Archbishop Peter J. Mallon, Fr. Vernon Engele and concelebrants
 * Santo Nino Mass servers
 * Pancake Brunch Chefs and assistants



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