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Santo Nino Council has Four Priests

On September 29, 2002, two priests joined the Santo Nino Council #12415 in a first degree exemplification at the Holy Trinity Parish Hall. Fr. Danilo Rafael, pastor at St. Joseph Church in Balgonie and Fr. Arnulfo Sison, assistant pastor at the Christ the King Church in Regina became the third and fourth priests to become members of the council.

Fr. Rafael, 42, came to Saskatchewan from the province of Camarines Sur, Philippines in April, 2002. He was ordained there in 1986. Fr. Sison, 43, came from the province of Samar, Philippines where he was ordained in 1986. They joined our Chaplain Fr. Emmett Morrissey, pastor at the Blessed Sacrament Church, and Fr. Eusebio Tubale, pastor at the Notre Dame College in Wilcox to form a quartet of priests rarely found in any council in Canada or the United States.

Fr. Morrissey joined the Knights of Columbus of Council # 9713 in Rama in 1959, transferred to Msgr. Jannsen Council # 4959 and then to our council as the Charter Chaplain in 1999. He is an Honorary Life Member of our council. Fr. Tubale came to Canada from the Philippines in 1995. He joined the KC in Windthorst Council # 3802 and transferred to our council last year after stays at Grayson and Weyburn.

As State Membership Director Gilles Doiron says, recruiting a Catholic gentleman is important and recruiting a priest is a premium.

Chaplain's Message

As I write this message I am preparing to return to Blessed Sacrament Parish after a lengthy recuperation from surgery. I plan to return on Christ the King Sunday—November 24, 2002. By a



Father Emmett

wonderful coincidence that is the Fourth Sunday of the Month and therefore members of our council will be performing virtually all the roles in the liturgy. Needless to say the presence of my fellow Knights will make my homecoming even more special since you have been so supportive of my ministry at Blessed Sacrament.

On Monday, November 11, 2002—Remembrance Day, I noted with pride that there was a 4th Degree Honour Guard at the service at the cenotaph in Ottawa and also at the service at the Agridome here in Regina. Their presence was a wonderful tribute to our Brother Knights who gave their lives in the two great wars. I would remind you that the entire month of November is the month of the Holy Souls. So, during this month let's remember to pray not only for our deceased veterans, but

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

The Importance of the Rosary in Our Faith

In a Papal Address on September 29, the Holy Father Pope John Paul II said:

"The rosary is a contemplative view of the face of Christ carried out, so to speak, through Mary's eyes. Therefore, it is a prayer that is at the very heart of the Gospel, and is in full harmony with the inspiration of the Second Vatican Council and very much in keeping with the indication I gave in the apostolic letter *'Novo Millennio Ineunte'*. Therefore, I wish to suggest the recitation of the rosary to individuals, to families and to Christian communities.

"I wish to entrust once again the great cause of peace to the prayer of the rosary. We are faced with an international situation full of tensions, of incandescent dimensions.

"It is more necessary than ever that, prayers for peace be raised to Him throughout the world. Precisely in this perspective, the rosary reveals itself as a particularly appropriate prayer. It constructs peace also because, while appealing to God's grace, it sows in the one reciting it the seed of good, from which fruits of justice and solidarity in personal and community life can be expected."

On October 16, in his apostolic letter *Rosarium Virginis Mariae*, the Holy Father proclaimed the addition of five new mysteries to the rosary. He calls them the "luminous mysteries" and they are 1) The Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan, 2) His self-manifestation at the wedding in Cana, (3) His proclamation of the Kingdom of God, (4) His Transfiguration, and finally, (5) His institution of the Eucharist. These mysteries are to be recited on Thursdays.

In his letter, which was released on the 24th anniversary of his election to the pontificate, he explained the significance of these mysteries of light. He placed them following the joyful mysteries of Annunciation, Visitation, Nativity, Presentation and Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple. This is just wonderful. They fill a gap between

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Chaplain's Message (continued)

for the repose of the souls of all our deceased relatives and friends

During the next few weeks we will be bombarded with commercial messages in the media urging us to buy this or but that in preparation for Christmas. There is nothing sinful about these messages except that they give a very false message about Christmas. My fellow Knights, I implore you to remember that Christmas is, first and foremost and above all else, Christ's Birthday! So unless we make Christ the centre of our Christmas Preparation then every other preparation that we make for Christmas will be rather hollow and meaningless!

God Bless!



the birth and early life of Jesus in Nazareth in the joyful mysteries and His passion, crucifixion and resurrection in the sorrowful and glorious mysteries. They narrate the public life of Jesus, His mission, His call of sinners to conversion and, of course, His breaking of bread and drinking of wine as the sacramental expression of the Paschal Mystery.

In the same letter, the Holy Father proclaimed the period from October 16, 2002 to October 16, 2003 as the Year of the Rosary. This is very interesting as we are currently on a year-round devotion to Our Lady of the Rosary. Apparently, the Knights of Columbus was unto something. At its annual Supreme Convention at Anaheim in August (predating the Holy Father's announcement by two months), the K. of C. announced the year-round devotion to Our Lady of the Rosary. Icons of the Lady were distributed to go throughout every council of every jurisdiction for an hour of Marian Devotion.

Seb Koh

Council Composition as of Nov. 15, 2002:

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70 to 79: 80 to 89:	$\frac{2}{3}$	XX XXX
Total	73	

Some Numbers ~					
	Nov, 00	Nov, 01	Nov, 02		
Average age:	44.4	45.0	44.8		
Youngest:	18	19	19		
Oldest:	85	86	87		
Honorary Life:	2	2	2		
Fourth degree:	8	8	8		
Third degree:	42	41	45		
First degree:	8	14	20		
Happy Knights:	58	63	73		

The Average Age

Although we are all a year older, our average age actually went down from 45.0 to 44.8. That's because of the ten new members between November 2001 and November 2002, two are nineteen, one 28, three in their thirties, three in their forties and one 52.

Happy Birthday, Brod!

November

- 01- Edgardo Alejandria
- 01-Ariel Madrid
- 02-Inigo Mislang III
- 05-Aristotle Siapno
- 09- Bryan Concepcion
- 23-Danny Nagrampa
- 24- Ramon Salva
- 25- Rochus Klein
- 28- Rogelio Herreria
- 29- Ferdinand Marcial
- 30- Bonifacio Ibalio

December

- 06- Ferdinand Sat. Maria
- 12- Ferdinand Feliciano
- 26- Sam Tranquilino

January

- 04-Bonifacio Borricano
- 06- Melchor Santos
- 09- Arnulfo Ventocilla
- 14- Rodrigo Caluza
- 14- Raphy Molano
- 16- Paul Castillo
- 16- Eumir (Rec) Mercado
- 22- Allan Regonas
- 30- Matthew Robinson

February

- 08- Fr. Emmett Morrissey
- 14- Roland Logan
- 24- Mariano Pesigan









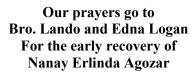
Congratulations to new Knights! Welcome!

Fr. Danilo Rafael

Fr. Arnulfo Sison

Bro. Thomas Ventocilla

Congratulations to new 3rd degree Knight! **Bro Jav Tria-Tirona**





Upcoming Events

November

- 23: Members Appreciation Night
- 24: Mass and Council Meeting
- 29: Bingo Night (with Msgr. Jannsen Council)
- 30: Christmas Kettle at Golden Mile

December

- 02: Mass by Archbishop Mallon, Sacred Heart Church
- 04: Regina Chapter Meeting
- 6-8: State Midterm Meeting at Lanigan
- 8 to 20: Sto. Nino Christmas Caroling
- 21: PAS Christmas Party
- 22: Mass, Council Christmas Potluck Dinner
- 25: Mass & Potluck at Sacred Heart with Rosary Group

- **03**: Bingo Night (with Msgr. Jannsen Council)
- 08: Regina Chapter Meeting
- **16**: Fourth Degree Meeting
- 26: Mass and Council Meeting

February

- 05: Regina Chapter Meeting
- 07: Bingo Night (with Msgr. Jannsen Council)
- 08-09: Council Bowling
- 15: Valentine's Party
- 23: Mass and Council Meeting

Council Happenings

Christmas Craft Extravaganza

Council had its second annual crafts sale on Sunday November 17, 2002 at the Christ the King Parish Hall. There were twenty five tables of handicrafts, from Christmas décor to jewelry to clothing to stained glass. Ethnic food including lumpia and pancit was available. Thanks to the organizers Susan, Chelo, Anna Mae and Cecile. Muscle help came from their good husbands plus Bros. Aurelle Jalbert, Jay Tirona, Boomer Quangtakoune, Rodrigo Chiu, Ernie Alarcon, Boni Borricano and Jovil Paez.

First and Major Degrees Exemplifications

Nine Santo Nino KCs traveled to Moose Jaw for the major exemplification of Bro. Jay Tria-Tirona last October 20, 2002 at the Church of Our Lady. Bro. Jay was among 32 Knights dubbed by State Deputy Bert West who was also the Guest Speaker. Hosts were DD Al Rossler of District #8 and GK Al Thiessen of Fr. Gilpin Council 9760. Outstanding work, Al and Al!

On November 11, 2002, Bro. Tom Ventocilla had his first degree exemplification at St. Jean Baptiste Hall in Regina hosted by the Langevin Council 4280. Bro. Tom is the first third generation Council member following charter member grandfather Fel Ventocilla (RIP) and dad Nol Ventocilla.

Editorial

Now is the Time for the Great Catch

This is the catch phrase of our order for the Columbian Year 2002-2003. It is also the theme for our upcoming State Convention. It is clearly an exhortation to gather people to join our Church, an appeal for Catholic men to join our order.

Undoubtedly, the Knights of Columbus is the most vibrant organization of service-oriented men with over 16 million members world-wide and growing. Our charitable works to help the needy, the handicapped, the underprivileged and the disenfranchised are well-known. We are also devoted to our Church and the vocations, to our families and our communities. Now then, membership should not be a hard sell.

Indeed, it should not be. I invite candidates the way our Council Advocate Ed Alejandria does. He approaches a good Catholic friend with this offer, "You know, I'm involved with a group that's doing a lot of good for the family, our community and country. I thought you might want to do the same."

A Word from our Program Director

November to Remember

Another month is almost gone which leaves us with good memories to ponder. November is a time when we remember the brave heroes responsible for Canada's freedom. Council ladies Susan Alvarez, Chelo Ravasco and Anna Mae Feliciano spearheaded a Christmas Craft Extravaganza Nov. 17, 2002 at Christ the King Hall. It is a time of year when we acknowledge our members and their spouses/families contribution through our members-appreciation night on Nov. 23, Our regular assistance to Msgr. Jannsen Council monthly Bingo is on Nov. 29. Let me take this opportunity to thank our brother Knights who have volunteered in these endeavors. For those who have not we would like to ask you to extend your valuable services (once a year for each member) to work Bingo (9 PM to 12 Midnight). Proceeds of your volunteer work goes to a charity of our council's choice. It is not hard, it's fun, come and try it. On Nov. 30, 2002 our council shall man the Salvation Army Kettle Drive at Golden Mile from 10 AM to 5 PM. Thanks to our volunteers, Christmas will be spread to less fortunate Regina families.

An interesting move initiated by our G.K. was the division of our Council into four groups with the objectives of speeding communication among members, delegate responsibilities and to promote a healthy competition among groups. The four groups are: North West with leaders Sam Tranquilino, Boomer Quangkatoune and Paul Castillo; North East with leaders Ferdie Feliciano, Jovil Paez and Boni Borricano; South West with leaders Gregg Ravasco, Junior Herreria and Bebot Diana; and South East, with leaders Ernie Alarcon, Ernie Paraiso, and Bing Alejandria. Expect a call from these Team Leaders on activities that our council will undertake. On our monthly general meeting, the teams are having a bet on the highest sector attendance.

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Message from our Grand Knight

Greetings to all Brother Knights!

It's been a while since I've had the opportunity to speak to all of you and first of all, I would like to extend my best wishes to all and thanks for the outstanding support and dedication from all of you. You may or may not be aware, but our Council is once again given the coveted "STAR COUNCIL" award by the Supreme Council. This award is



given those who have met all the requirements, including activities in all areas such as family, council, membership, church and youth. It is certainly a good time to celebrate and YOU are the reason for this.

We have several activities to look forward to and I hope to see you all there. I would also ask everyone to make an effort to attend our last meeting for this calendar year which will be on November 24, 2002.

Yours in Christ, Jim Alvarez

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Congratulations!
To Bro. Herb Muma
On his appointment as Master for the
Fourth Degree District of Saskatchewan

Shifting to the next month, 'tis the season to be jolly, fa la la la la, la la la la. Our Christmas caroling will be in full swing with Boomer, Greg and Ferdie F. making arrangements. As we send Christmas cards to our loved ones, shop for presents for our family and friends, decorate our homes and set up the colorful lights and attend Christmas parties, let us always remember that **Jesus Christ is the reason for the season.**

From Cecille, Rec, Eugene, Eunice and myself, "Maligagang Pasko sa inyong lahat."

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