



Santo Nino Council News



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The Knights of Columbus is a family-oriented fraternal service society of practical Catholic men.

QUOTES FROM POPE FRANCIS

“Although the life of a person is in a land full of thorns and weeds, there is always a space in which the good seed can grow. You have to trust God.”

“Every man, every woman who has to take up the service of government, must ask themselves two questions: 'Do I love my people in order to serve them better? Am I humble and do I listen to everybody, to diverse opinions in order to choose the best path?' If you don't ask those questions, your governance will not be good.”

“The worship of the golden calf of old has found a new and heartless image in the cult of money and the dictatorship of an economy which is faceless and lacking any truly human goal.”

“An example I often use to illustrate the reality of vanity, is this: look at the peacock; it's beautiful if you look at it from the front. But if you look at it from behind, you discover the truth... Whoever gives in to such self-absorbed vanity has huge misery hiding inside them.”

“We must restore hope to young people, help the old, be open to the future, spread love. Be poor among the poor. We need to include the excluded and preach peace.”

From my point of view, God is the light that illuminates the darkness, even if it does not dissolve it, and a spark of divine light is within each of us.”

“Human rights are not only violated by terrorism, repression or assassination, but also by unfair economic structures that creates huge inequalities.”

Easter Triduum at Blessed Sacrament

Easter Triduum is the three-day period during the Holy Week that begins with the Holy Thursday evening Mass and ends with Easter Sunday. Church Director Terry Abadiano has arranged Council's involvement in the liturgy with our Chaplain Fr. Barry as listed below.

On April 2, at the Holy Thursday evening Mass at 7:00 p. m., the twelve participants for the Washing of the Feet are: Joseph Alejandria, Richard Alejandria, Janelle Nagrampa, Helen Ball, Irene Maclean (alternate Ernesta Pagaduan), Jimmy Johnson, Arnel Urbistondo, Allan Ngui, Ron Girard, Rey Dimaano, Dophie Alvarez, and Todd Pilon. The altar servers are Melchor Andes, Frances Andes, Angela & Andrea Paz, and Todd Pilon.

On April 3 at 3 p. m., at the Good Friday Celebration of the Veneration of the Cross, mass servers are Melchor Andes, Frances Andes, Angela & Andrea Paz, and Todd Pilon.

On April 4, at the Holy Saturday - Baptism of Water and Fire - Lighting of Easter Candle, the altar servers are Melchor Andes, Frances Andes, Giuseppe Yaun, Giovanni Yaun and Giulanne Yaun.

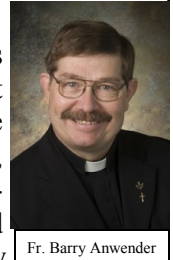
On the Easter Mass, the altar servers are Cristo Katas, Abigail Siapno, Angela Paz, Andrea Paz, and April Torres.

Council members are urged to bring their families and attend all masses during the Easter Triduum.

Chaplain's Letter

Brothers in Christ:

My attention is drawn to the statement in this newsletter since 2000 A.D.. It reads, “The Knights of Columbus is a family-oriented fraternal service society of practical Catholic men.” It seems to me, the newer members of our council need to discover how they can be practical Catholic men for their families and our parish.



Fr. Barry Anwender

My reflections begin with Jesus' action of washing the disciples' feet on Holy Thursday. ‘Jesus said to them, “Do you know what I have to you? ... For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.”’ Jesus came to serve, not to be served! Pope Francis recently recalled, “the vocation of the laity found particular expression in principles of faith, fraternity and service that guided the establishment of the Knights of Columbus.”

Jesus' actions must be a living reality in our parish family, together with the Holy Father's call to maintain Father McGivney's principles as practical Catholic men. Thus, our Holy Week liturgies will further the implementation of the Protocols for Responsible Parish Ministry by inviting twelve disciples, men, women and youth, who have completed their protocol documents and who actively lead by example in serving the parish with their time, talent and treasure.

Sincerely in Christ,
Rev. Barry J. Anwender

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

PANCAKE BRUNCH AT ST. MARY'S PARISH

On March 15th, the Santo Nino Council prepared and served pancake brunch at the St. Mary's Parish Hall. The brunch was followed by the annual general meeting of the St. Mary's Parish Council.

Thanks to the following who volunteered: DGK Arnel Urbistondo, FS Heintje de Sosa, Treasurer Art Vanderzalm, Recorder Pete Escanlar, Advocate Rodrigo Chiu, OG Richard Alejandria, Church Director and St. Mary's Round Table Liaison Terry Abadiano, Community Director Gerry Abao, Brother Knights Arman Rivero and Newton Miranda. Special thanks to the following ladies: Ritchie Rivero, Shiela and Valerie de Sosa, and Linda Abadiano.

State Convention at Prince Albert

The Saskatchewan Knights of Columbus 93rd State Convention will be held in Prince Albert for the first time in years. It will be at St. Mart High School in P. A. on April 17 to 19, 2015. At the February regular meeting, Council selected Membership Director Jim Johnson to represent our Grand Knight who is unable to attend. Bro. Johnson is a fourth degree Knight and is our Field Agent.

Religious Thuggery from the Middle East

Benedictine Sister Joan Chittister is a regular contributor to the National Catholic Reporter (NCR). In the recent March 20 issue of NCR, she wrote on the barbarism of people driven by a kind of primitive energy devoid of thought, philosophy or human compassion. She was bewailing the razing of ancient cities and the destruction of ancient artifacts based apparently on the will of Allah.

“But without a culture, a history, a catalogue of art and music, a panoply of religious ideas and ideals to turn to in times of crisis and doubt, what are we as civilizations? Where do we go in the universe then to find our way and have it confirmed? What questions shall we ask, and where can we even begin to have them answered? What history of ideas shall we depend on to give us direction? To what ancestors shall we look for courage, for integrity?” as Chittister put it.

Which reminds me of a saying in Tagalog: Ang hindi lumingon sa kanyang pinanggalingan ay hindi makakarating sa kanyang pupuntahan. (He who doesn't look back where he comes from will not arrive at his destination.) Destruction of the past does affect the growth of the present and the the direction of the future.

We seem to have entered the age where the evil doers, the propagators of hate have their ways claiming religious guidance. From the beheading of innocent people to the insistence of anti-women regulations, these misguided religious fanatics seem to get their way through. Perhaps, governments around the world should be more aware of their insidious growth like bacteria in an epidemic. In the meantime, we can depend on our God of Love to carry us through this difficult time.



Newton, Urbiz, Gerry, Rod, Terry, Richard, Arman & Ritchie



Bros. Newton and Arman displayed their kitchen talents

Congratulations and Welcome to new Knights

**Joselito Lagmao
Edmer Cabrera
Teddy de la Cruz
Crispin Talon
Jordan San Diego**

Happy Birthday Brothers!**March**

01- Henry Dielschneider
 01- Constantine Folk
 03- Romeo Decena
 04- Efren Alejandria
 04- Joseph Pukal
 05- Marianito Estrada
 09- Ronald Yabut
 14- Edmer Cabrera
 16- Mark Carino
 19- Ellery Ong
 21- Ben Zatylny
 28- Marvin Crizaldo
 29- Jeffrey Santos

April

02- Joseph Prokop
 07- Vincent Baryluk
 07- Jesus Ricahuerta
 08- Mario Espino
 11- Isaac Caburao
 13- Pablo Ayuban, Jr.
 16- Gerardo Agustin
 17- Jovil Paez
 18- Ricardo Maraneta
 19- Gener Dimalanta
 20- Vinedic Serrano
 21- Fr. Dan Rafael
 22- Bryan Manuel
 23- Nathan Abadiano
 23- Menardo Gotoc
 26- Rodrigo Chiu
 30- Raymond Lekcharoen

May

04- Leonard Wentz
 05- Francis Israel
 05- Noel Lim
 07- Odhner Ong
 13- Dale Nagrampa
 14- Boni Sison
 14- Clayton Hall
 15- Sid Castillo Sr.
 16- Geoffrey P. Dacog
 18- Fr. Ramon Claro
 21- James Fogarty
 21- Ron Alvaro
 24- Arnel Urbiztondo
 25- Albeen Alarcon
 25- Gregg Ravasco
 27- Sonny de Paz
 31- Alexander Eberle

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Important Notice to Knights

**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.**

Upcoming Events**March**

04: Regina Chapter meeting
 07, 08, 14 & 15: Shamrocks sale for St. Patrick's Day
 17: St. Patrick's Day
 22: Mass with Council doing liturgy; meeting
 24: First degree Exemplification @ Holy Trinity
 29: Palm Sunday

April

01: Regina Chapter Meeting
 02: Holy Thursday (Washing of feet at Mass)
 03: Good Friday
 04: Holy Saturday
 05: Easter Mass
 17-19: State Convention in Prince Albert
 26: Mass with Council doing liturgy; meeting

May

06: Regina Chapter Meeting
 10: Mother's Day
 12: Bingo at Santa Maria Senior Home 6:30 pm
 18: Queen Victoria Day
 24: Major degree Exemplification @ Holy Child (?)
 24: Mass with Council doing liturgy; meeting & election of officers for 2015-2016

Our Deepest Condolences

to
 the family of
Bro. Amado Paligan
 Who passed away



on March 3, 2015
 In Preeceville, Saskatchewan
 He was 83 years old.
 Amado enjoyed gardening.
 He was a third degree Knight

Editorial

Suffering

On Friday, February 6, 2015, the Supreme Court of Canada unanimously struck down the ban on doctor-assisted suicide. The nine justices agreed that ending the physical and mental suffering of terminally ill patients is just and compassionate.

Parliament has now a year to provide the legislation to put this into effect. The Harper government insisted that it would not change the status quo. The present law allows people to request palliative sedation, refuse artificial nutrition and hydration, or request the removal of life-sustaining equipment but denies the right to request a physician's assistance in dying.

Since we believe that taking one's life is a sin punishable by damnation to hell, are we trading earthly suffering for eternal suffering? Or suffering of the body for suffering of the soul?

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Message from our District Deputy

Dear Brothers in Christ.

With Easter just weeks away, it is a time of solemnity and joyfulness. We join in the sorrow and pain of Our Lord's suffering and dying on the cross for our sins, and celebrate Our Lord's victory over death. As a Catholic Fraternal Organization, it is our faith in Our Lord that keeps us grounded, as we attempt to follow the tenets of our Order: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

The Saskatchewan State Convention will be held April 17-19, in Prince Albert. It's a time for us to celebrate our accomplishments as awards will be presented to deserving councils, and a time to meet old friends and make new ones from around the province. I hope to see a delegation from this council there.

In May, Council will elect new officers for the 2015-2016 Columbian year. If called upon, please consider the offer. Being a council officer is a rewarding experience.

In June, the new officers elected will be installed. I encourage all members of Council to show your support for the new officers by attending the ceremony. This is my final year as your District Deputy, and I have been proud to serve you in that capacity. The Santo Nino Council is dynamic, and energetic, and I wish you the best in the future.

Glen Pietrofsky
District Deputy #3



Glen Pietrofsky

Message from our Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

We were blessed with bouts of warmer than normal winter temperatures in January, which helped us tremendously with the dismantling of the outside nativity scene in front of Blessed Sacrament Church. Special thanks go to our Brother Knights who volunteered their time and efforts.



Joe Alejandria

The Council and District Free Throw competitions were completed in January and February, special thanks to our youth director, Azel Siapno for coordinating both events.

Due to the blizzard that we experienced in the last half of February, the Santo Nino Council postponed our "Ladies Night" banquet. The "Ladies Night" is an annual event which falls near Valentine's Day to honour the ladies who have been an inspiration and provided strong support to our fellow Brother Knights. We will meet to discuss if we can have such an event possibly sometime in late April or May.

Our council sponsored the Pancake Brunch for St. Mary's Parish's Annual General Meeting (March 15). The event was a success. Approximately 100 people attended the pancake brunch. Special thanks to Newton Miranda for lending us his talent around the kitchen. Also special thanks to all the volunteers: Terry Abadiano, Armand Rivero, Richard Alejandria, Rodrigo Chiu, Ritzi Rivero, Sheila de Sosa, Heintje de Sosa, Gerry Abao, Art Vanderzalm, Pete Escanlar, and Arnel Urbiztondo. All your efforts are very much appreciated.

Our council continues to be active with the Church where our brothers and their families perform all the liturgical services at Blessed Sacrament Church every 4th Sunday of the month. Thanks to Bro. Terry Abadiano for his efforts coordinating.

We will soon be planning more activities for the upcoming months. Our Family Director, Bro. Ian Alarcon is planning to hold our annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt (April 5). We will be contacting people to help in coordinating this event in the next couple of days. We encourage everyone to get involved in future activities.

Joseph Alejandria
Grand Knight