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## Glorious 2007 Canada Day Celebrations

Archbishop Daniel J. Bohan celebrated Holy Mass on Canada Day at the Blessed Sacrament Church with Fr. Emmett Morrissey, Fr. Joe Firkola, Fr. Len Albers and Fr. Ben Fiore concelebrating. In his homily, he dwelt on the role of our faith in strengthening our character as Canadians.



Archbishop Daniel Bohan celebrating Mass

The Knights of Columbus provided Honor Guards, the KC Choir, eucharistic ministers, lectors, greeters, mass servers and gift bearers. FN Eugene Achtemichuk of the Fr. Hugonard Assembly was the Master of Ceremonies. Sir Knights William Chevalier, Lou Caza, and Jean Duperreault were the lectors in English and French. Gift bearers included SD Marvin and Pat DeSchryver, CWL President Marge Szabo, and GK James and Fannie Madrilejos.

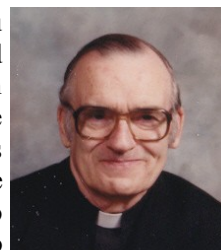
Council served pancake brunch immediately after Mass to over seven hundred churchgoers at the church lawn. There was music supplied by Skin and Bones, and also free face-painting and popsicles for children. (Please see p.2 for more photos.)



FN Eugene emceeing

## Chaplain's Message

Did you know that Blessed Sacrament Parish has twelve little apostles? Yes, that's what I call the twelve little Filipino - Canadian boys who serve Mass in our Parish on the second and fourth Sundays of every month. The boys have won the hearts of our parishioners because they serve so reverently and so devoutly.



Fr. Emmett

I would like to thank Dr. Eusebio Koh who trained the boys and a very special thanks to the parents of the boys who give them guidance and encouragement. I said to Dr. Koh that the emergence of the boys, as first class servers, is one of the best things that has happened during my thirteen years in the Parish. It is very touching to see the boys serving with their fathers. Dads, that is one of the best "silent sermons" that you will ever preach to your sons!

Most of the boys own their own red cassocks and we are now in the process of having black cassocks made for the boys. The black cassocks will be worn during Advent and Lent.

May I wish our new Grand Knight James Madrilejos and my fellow knights God's abundant blessings as we resume our many council activities after the Labour Day weekend.

God bless!

*Fr. Emmett*

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



## More Photos of the Canada Day Celebration



Color guards marching towards Blessed Sacrament



Young Sacristans ready for start of Mass



Archbishop Bohan and Fr. Morrissey greeting after Mass



Canada Day Crowd at the Council Pancake Brunch

## Six Star Council Awards in 8 Years

The August 22 issue of KnightLine listed the winners of the 2006-2007 awards from Supreme. Santo Nino Council #12415 is one of three Star Council Awardees from Saskatchewan. The other two are Martensville Council #9690 and Resurrection Council #13214.

PGK Jess Feliciano is thrilled that this makes it six Star Council Awards in eight years since Council was chartered in 1999. The award is given for excellence of service in the areas of church, community, council, family and youth together with achievements in membership and insurance.

## Fr. Dan Rafael at St. Mary's Church

Fr. Dan Rafael, council member, will be officially installed as parish priest of St. Mary's Church on Sept 9, 2007 by His Grace, Archbishop Daniel J. Bohan. Holy mass is at 10:00 AM and following the mass is a free (donation only) brunch at the parish hall. Brother knights who are 4th degree, please wear your tuxedo with baldric to form an honor guard to the bishop. Calling all knights and their family and friends. Please attend this occasion and show our support to Fr. Dan.

## Council Happenings

### Family Picnic

On Sunday, September 2, Council had its annual family picnic at the Southeast Leisure Center. Theme for the day was *Palarong Pilipino* (Philippine Games) which includes *Tumbang Preso* (Knock the prisoner), *Sipa* (Kickball), *Luksong Tinik* (Jumping Thorns), *Karera* (Races), etc. Lunch of hot dogs, KFC chicken, spaghetti and desserts was served to about a hundred guests half of whom were children. Thanks to Bro. Gregg and Chelo Ravasco for organizing the affair.

### Centennial Weekend

The Knights of Columbus Centennial Celebration on the weekend of August 17-19<sup>th</sup> was held at Sherwood Forest with a barn dance, a golf tournament, Mass and picnic. Council organized the Sunday Mass with Fr. Stephen Bill celebrating and Bros. Mody Escanlar and Efren Alejandria as sacristans.



### PGK Reuben Mercado New DD

SD Marvin DeSchryver appointed PGK Reuben Mercado as District Deputy #3 for the Columbian Year 2007-2008. Bro. Reuben was a charter member and our Grand Knight in 2003-2005. Godspeed, Rio.

## Happy Birthday Brother!!!

### September

01- Bing Alejandria  
03- Mody Escanlar  
07- Joseph Alejandria  
09- Scott Kuffner  
13- Art Venderzalm  
25- Ray Schmidt  
26- Edward Reiss  
27- Daniel Nagrampa  
29- Gary Dionne  
29-Fr. Raymundo Rodriguez

### October

01- Nelson Dolff  
04- Richard Wasserle  
04- Seb Koh  
09- Dionisio Orellana  
10- Cris Masaoay  
11- Eddy Alvaro  
11- Doug McCormick  
13- Sam Anonas  
13- Eddie Concepcion  
13- Pedro Onza  
15- Terry Abadiano  
15- Jun Hernando  
16- Gerry Abao  
17- Fr. Arnulfo Sison  
18- Jay Tria-Tirona  
20- Irineo Alarcon  
21- Fr. Eusebio Tubale  
22- Diony Elpa  
23- Jaime Alvarez  
24- Leonardo Diana  
31- Don Poncsak

### November

01- Hubert Schaeffer  
01- Bill Kuffner  
01- Ariel Madrid  
02- Inigo Mislant III  
03- Fr. Kasper Klein  
04- Pepito Escanlar  
04- Lorne Kehrig  
05- Aristotle Siapno  
05- Andy Domokos  
08- Aaron Alarcon  
09- Bryan Concepcion  
09- Gil MacDonald  
09- Jack Leibham  
11- Phillip Schaeffer  
15- Edwin Casing  
16- John McAlister  
18- Robert Picard  
20- Adolfo Alvarez  
24- Ramon Salva  
25- Rochus Klein  
25- Bernie Hernando

## Successful Tennis Tourney

The annual Council Tennis Tournament was held June 22-24 at the Lakeshore Tennis Club. The format this year was invitational mixed doubles with sixteen pairs entered. Champions were **Tim McMahon** and **Hemant Jerath**. Runners-up were **James de la Pena** and **Lace Brogden**.

Thanks in great measure are due to the Tournament Coordinator Gina Escanlar and the Tournament Committee consisting of Bros. Gerry Abao, Jim Alvarez, Rio Mercado, and Gregg Ravasco and Gina. Thanks too to PGK Jess and Marissa Feliciano for looking after the wind up barbecue. And a big thank-you to donors of trophies.

## New Regina Chapter Officers

The Regina Chapter consists of the fifteen councils in Regina, the Fr. Zimmerman Council in Balgonie and the DDs of Districts 1, 2, 3, and 31.

Chapter elected the following officers for 2007-2008: Bro. Brian Schatz of Resurrection Council as President; Bro. Greg Dozorec of Bishop Budka Council as Vice President; Bro. Yves Descottes of Langevin Council as Treasurer; and Ken Dumont of Holy Trinity Council as Secretary/Warden.

## Bingo!

Council members are requested to help out during our Charity Bingo Nights at the Bingo Palace on Tuesdays every four weeks. Please call Bro. Art Venderzalm at 584-3156. Help!

**Congratulations**  
To  
**Bro. Pete Escanlar**  
On passing the  
Accreditation Exam on  
Leadership in Energy and  
Environmental Design

## Upcoming Events

### September

02: Family Picnic  
03: Labour Day  
05: Regina Chapter meeting  
09: Installation of Fr. Dan at St. Mary's Church  
11: Bingo for Charity at Bingo Palace, 6-12 pm  
23: Fourth Sunday Mass and Council meeting

### October

03: Regina Chapter meeting  
07: First degree at Blessed Sacrament (tentative)  
08: Thanksgiving Day  
09: Bingo for Charity at Bingo Palace, 6-12 pm  
27: State Centennial Banquet at Conexus  
28: Fourth Sunday Mass and Council Meeting

### November

01: All Saints' Day  
04: Major Degree at St. Basil Parish Hall  
06: Bingo for Charity at Bingo Palace, 6-12 pm  
07: Regina Chapter meeting  
11: Remembrance Day  
12: Council Memorial Mass  
25: Fourth Sunday Mass and Council Meeting

### December

02: First Sunday of Advent  
04: Bingo for Charity at Bingo Palace, 6-12 pm  
05: Chapter meeting  
07 to 16: Santo Nino Christmas Caroling  
08: Immaculate Conception  
09: Council Christmas Party at St. Mary's: Mass at 5 pm, dinner, program and dance to follow.  
15: Christmas Kettle at Golden Mile, 11 to 5 pm.  
23: Mass with Council doing liturgy and caroling  
25: Christmas Day  
26: Boxing Day

## Sis. Olive Commissioned Lay Minister

Olive Zatylny, better half of Bro. Ben and sister of FS Gregg Ravasco, was commissioned as a Lay Minister for Blessed Sacrament Church by Archbishop Daniel Bohan last June 10, 2007 at the Little Flower Parish. There were ten others commissioned for Regina and surrounding areas. **Congratulations, Olive!**

**Congratulations to**  
**Gil and Ruth McDonald**  
**on their**  
**Golden Wedding Anniversary**  
**on November 9, 2007**



## Editorial

### Six in Eight Years Since Charter

If you were ever wondering about the level of commitment of the Santo Nino Council membership, you can rest your concerns.....in eight years since the start-up of the council, there are five STAR COUNCIL AWARDS already presented, and one more which is to be presented to our past Grand Knight, Jess Feliciano, for a total of SIX awards. This is outstanding and we are most certainly blessed with the quality of stewards we have had to lead the council over the last eight years and of course, most importantly, the dedication and efforts of the members, who have made all this possible.

For those who may not be familiar with this highest of awards presented by the Supreme Council, this prestigious award is given for excellence of service in five areas of activities, namely: Church, Community, Council, Family, and Youth, plus achieving quotas in membership and insurance. Only a select few councils attain this per year and we are certainly blessed with garnering 6 awards in 8 years of council existence.

Special accolade goes to DD Martin Wrubleski and the Charter Members who had the foresight and the perseverance to bring this council together in 1999.

"Mabuhay" (Long Life) to the Santo Nino Council!

JLA

### Message from our District Deputy

#### Brother Knights,

Warm greetings to all of you, hope you all had a good summer. Let me congratulate the Council for jobs well done.

First was the Canada Day celebration. Again it was a blast. Secondly you had a very successful and well attended tennis tournament last June. Then Council participated at the Centennial celebration of the K of C Regina Chapter. Thanks to Bro. Mody for overseeing the Mass supplies and Bro. Efren for making the Altar table and both of them for serving mass.

With GK James Madrilejos at the helm, I know that Santo Nino Council is set for a busy and fun Columbian year.

Fraternally,  
Rio and Cecille



Reuben Mercado

### Message from our Grand Knight

#### Brother Knights,

As the new GK, I want you to know that I have ideas and plans that, with your help, we can achieve together. Let me tell you a story.

An angel met a man carrying a heavy sack and enquired what was in it. "My worries," said the man. "Let me see," asked the angel. When the sack was opened, it was empty. The man was astonished and said he had two great worries: One was of yesterday which he now saw was past, and the other of tomorrow which had not yet arrived. The angel told him he needed no sack, and the man gladly threw it away.

Here's my analogy. The angel is like our past Grand Knights. The man carrying the sack is your humble incumbent Grand Knight. Inside the sack are your concerns, your trust in me, and also my acceptance to do what is necessary to ensure that our council's efforts will be successful. Opening the sack would be the expectations we have of each other. I pray to God (our Supreme Grand Knight in Heaven) that, with His blessing, our beloved council will always be vibrant.

Thank you for your generosity and trust in putting me at the helm of the Santo Nino Council. For your kindness, trust and confidence, I personally pray: "All shall be well and all manner of things shall be well"

May God bless us all in this 125ths Anniversary year of the Knights of Columbus.

GK James Madrilejos



GK James Madrilejos

#### Coming Home

He was not quite twenty-two  
When he left Saskatchewan  
To answer the clarion call  
That brought him to Afghanistan.

He barely knew his comrades  
Or his nemesis in war;  
His knowledge of the mountains  
Was quite minimal so far.

He didn't expect the ambush  
Nor the bombs and the gunfire;  
His buddies dragged him to camp  
Where he sorrowfully expired.

The plane that brought his body  
Was met by a tearful throng;  
His mom hugged his draped coffin  
And whispered a quiet "So long."

by ELK