



Santo Nino Council News



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Council and PAS Joined in Valentines Party

For the first time, Council held its Ladies Night/ Valentines Party jointly with the Philippine Association of Saskatchewan (PAS) at St. Anne's Parish Hall on February 13th. It was another opportunity for us Knights to honor our spouses and to show our appreciation for their support and encouragement.



DGK. Gerry and Isa Abao, Fr. Emmett and PFS James Madrilejos

GK Pete Escanlar and Chaplain Fr. Emmett Morrissey gave felicitations during a short program. Brother Gregg and Chelo Ravasco arranged several games for couples including a Valentine Couples Feud.



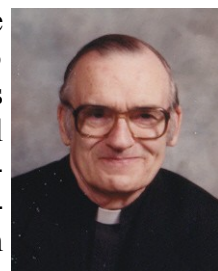
Bro. Gabriel and Perina Katas, Bro. Jim and Gina Johnson playing Couples Feud; Chelo emceeing



PGKs Seb Koh and Rio Mercado, Nettie Folk, Fran Schaeffer, and PGK Carl Folk

Chaplain's Message

On the weekend of Mar 13 -14, 2010 members of our Council will be selling shamrocks at the Sunday Obligation Masses at Little Flower Church, St. Anthony Church, St. Mary's Church and at Blessed Sacrament. Proceeds of the sale will be donated to Camp Monahan. I thought I would give you a few details regarding Camp Monahan.



Fr. Emmett Morrissey

Camp Monahan is named after Archbishop Peter Joseph Monahan, the third Archbishop of Regina who was Archbishop from 1935 to 1947. In September, 1945, fifty acres of land was purchased by the Archdiocese of Regina on the South shore of Lake Katepwa. Then Archbishop Monahan authorized Father A. J. Gocki, the parish priest at St. Anthony Parish in Regina to spend \$500.00 per year to develop the site. In 1946, a well was dug to provide drinking water. The same year (1946) at the Archbishop's suggestions the development of Camp Monahan became a project of the Knights of Columbus.

Beginning in 1949 and for many years later the Knights of
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The Knights of Columbus are dedicated to the four pillars of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism

Brother Art Vanderzalm Received the Benemerenti Medal

On Tuesday, January 5, 2010, Bro. Adianus (Art) Vanderzalm, our Treasurer, was conferred the Benemerenti Medal by Archbishop Daniel J. Bohan at the Holy Rosary Cathedral. He was one of nine people given this Papal honour.

The Benemerenti Medal was instituted by Pope Gregory XVI in 1832 and is conferred on those who have exhibited long and exceptional service to the Catholic Church, their families and community.

Bro. Art joined the Msgr. Janssen Council #4959 in 1979, became its Treasurer in 1987 and continued on as Treasurer of Santo Nino #12415 when the two councils merged. He is a fourth degree Knight. He works the Bingos from day one. He is also the Council Fundraising Director.



Bro. Art and Archbishop Bohan after the conferment

Council Christmas Party – a Big Bash

The Santo Nino Council Christmas Party was held Sunday, December 13th at the West Harvest Inn with about 160 in attendance.

Special guests were Council Chaplain Fr. Emmett Morrissey, Fr. Raymond Rodriguez from St. Mary's, and Fr. Barry Anwender from Little Flower Church. Fr. Dan Rafael came later in the evening, after serving his duties at Church. Also present were brother knights from other councils and their spouses, including our State Warden Brian Schatz and wife Lois.

Food was prepared by Chef Mario Melendres and music was provided by Jude Misleng. The Santo Nino Caroling Team led by PGK Jim Alvarez kept everyone in the yuletide mood with a medley of Christmas songs. More songs were provided by Kendrick Sta. Maria, Joshua Ravasco, and Thomas Ravasco. Brother Jim Johnson was the MC. Below are photos from the party.



Bro. Gil Feliciano, Bro. Arman & Richie Rivero, Bro. Dophy & Norrie Alvarez, Weng Masaoay (MC Jim Johnson at back)



PGK Efreñ & Paz Alejandria, Fr. Emmett, GK Pete & Anabelle Escanlar, PGK Rio Mercado, SW Brian & Lori Schatz



PGK Carl and Nettie Folk, Bro. Mike and Elaine Kuffner, Bro. Bill and Maryann Kuffner



The Santo Nino Carolers under the direction of PGK Jim Alvarez on the right

Fr. Emmett's Birthday

The Santo Nino Council celebrated the Year of the Priests by honoring our chaplain, Fr. Emmett Morrissey on his birthday with a brunch at Hotel Saskatchewan last Sunday, February 7th. Council thought a Santo Nino K of C shirt would improve Father's wardrobe.



The birthday celebrant with Well-wishers at Hotel Sask



Another table of Council well-wishers

Council Free Throw Tourney

The Council Free Throw Tournament was held last Feb 7th at the De Shaye School. Participants were Anjo Paez, 14; Renz Arram Rivero, Thomas Ravasco, Remiel Herreria, all 13; Luigi Herreria, 12; Pancho Paez, 11; and Patrick Ravasco, 10.

Special thanks to Brothers Rio Mercado, Rec Mercado, Arman Rivero, and Mauro Herreria Jr. for helping with the tournament.

The Santo Nino Council will sponsor the District Free throw tournament on March 6, 2010 at Riffel High School, 9:30 am to 11:30 am.

(See two photos on p. 3)

Happy Birthday Bro!

March

01- Henry Dielschneider
01- Constantine Folk
04- Efren Alejandria
05- Marianito Estrada
11- Ernesto Paraiso
13- Edwin Loos
15- Joseph Dionisio
19- Frank Ursaki
21- Ben Zatylny
23- William Berezan
29- Alvil Tayco

April

06 - Philip Halter
07- Vincent Baryluk
11- Isaac Caburao
13- Pablo Ayuban, Jr.
13- George de la Cruz
16- Gerardo Agustin
17- Jovil Paez
18- Marvin Kwasnitza
19- Generoso Dimalanta
21- Fr. Dan Rafael
23- Nathan Abadiano
23- Menardo Gotoc
26- Rodrigo Chiu

May

04- Leonard Wentz
05- Francis Israel
05- Noel Lim
08- Albert Ngui
13- Dale Nagrampa
13- Wayne Selinger
14- Boni Sison
14- Clayton Hall
15- Sid Castillo Sr.
18- Edison Mercado
18- Librado Pamintuan Jr.
18- Fr. Ramon Claro
21- James Fogarty
21- Ron Alvaro
23- Monty Sharber
25- Albeen Alarcon
25- Gregg Ravasco

Members!

Get your Membership Card for 2010.
And also your Santo Nino
Council Shirt.

Gregg Ravasco
Financial Secretary, 584-0856

Our deep condolences

to
Mrs. Leonor Sison
& family
for the death of her
husband,

Bro. Mario Sison
on December 15,
2009 in Regina

He was 89 years old.
He was a 3rd degree Knight
and had honor guards at his
funeral. His son **Bonifacio
Sison** is also a member of
Santo Nino Council



In Loving Memory
Mario Sison
1920 - 2009

Our Deep Sympathy

To the
Family of
Ralph Kessel
who passed away
on February 17, 2009
in

Regina, Saskatchewan.
He was 88 years old.
Brother Ralph was
A third degree Knight.



Chaplain's Message (continued):

Columbus held Tag Days in Regina for the camp. These Tag Days provided money to build a chapel and the dining hall. They later became an inspiration to sell shamrocks at the Catholic parishes in Regina close to March 17th - Saint Patrick's Day.

The programs at Camp Monahan run during July and August and include swimming, canoeing, outdoor education and Arts and Crafts.

The camp fees cover 64% of the operating costs of Camp Monahan. The camp depends heavily on donations from individuals and organizations in the Archdiocese of Regina. Hopefully this little background information will inspire members of our Council to urge Catholics in our parish to be generous in the sale of shamrocks.

Andrew Gault

Upcoming Events

March

03: Regina Chapter meeting
06: District free-throw tourney at Riffel High
13: Catholic Family Services Charity Gala
13&14: Shamrocks sale for St. Patrick's Day
17: St. Patrick's Day
20: Zone level free-throw tourney
21: Pancake Breakfast at St. Mary's Church
23: Bingo for Charity at Bingo Palace, 6-12 pm
27: Council 11th Anniversary at Seven Oaks Inn
28: Mass with Council doing liturgy; meeting
29: Palm Sunday
31: Annual Retreat at St. Michael's in Lumsden

April

01: Holy Thursday (Washing of feet at Mass)
02: Good Friday
04: Easter Mass; Easter Egg Hunt @ South Leisure
07: Regina Chapter Meeting
08: First degree at Holy Cross Church
16-18: State Convention in Saskatoon
20: Bingo for Charity at Bingo Palace, 6-12 pm
25: Mass with Council doing liturgy; meeting

May

06: Regina Chapter Meeting
09: Mother's Day
16: Major degree
18: Bingo at Santa Maria Senior Home 6:30 pm
23: Mass with Council doing liturgy; meeting & election of officers for 2010-2011
23: Pentecost Sunday
24: Victoria Day

Annual Twilight Retreat

St Michael's Retreat House, Lumsden
Wednesday, March 31, 2010

Supper—\$23 per person

Phone Art Vanderzalm @ 584-3156

Before March 27, 2010

Free Throw Tourney Contestants

Igi Herreria, left & Thomas Ravasco, right



Editorial: The Meaning of Lent to Us

On February 17, 2010, you may have noticed a few people with "dirty" foreheads walking around. I did and it reminded me that this day marked the beginning of the season of Lent which lasts for 46 days up to April 3, 2010.

So what does Lent mean to you? To many, it is a time of fasting and abstinence and a time when we recollect the time Jesus spent alone in the desert. This is a time for every Christian, of authentic conversion and intense knowledge of the mystery of Christ, who came to fulfill every justice. The Holy season of Lent provides us a time of sacrifice and reflection of our own relationship with God, with each other and Creation.

Let me suggest, then, that we take this time to review our lives in light of the teachings of the Gospel; endeavor to make some sacrifices in our daily activities; let us indulge in acts of voluntary self-denial and self-sacrifice that would in some small ways, mirror, the sacrifices that Jesus went through in the desert, and the ultimately dying on the Cross for us. This Lent, let us go forth into the desert with Christ, where along with Him, we deny ourselves out of love.

JLA

Council passed Resolution on Quota

Resolution: Membership Quota for Star Council Award

WHEREAS - At the beginning of the Columbian year 2009-2010, the membership quota to qualify for the annual Star Council Award is increased from five percent to eight percent.

WHEREAS - This increase makes it more difficult for councils to attain their goals. Large councils are especially affected, e. g. a council of size 160 has to recruit twelve (8%) instead of eight (5%) new members.

WHEREAS - Granting Star Council Awards is a small price to pay for the increased membership and increased revenues.

WHEREAS - Saskatchewan has had a very small percent of councils attaining the quota, averaging five out of 150 councils every year. Many councils have difficulty increasing membership by even one or two percent.

WHEREAS - This increase has a deleterious and discouraging effect on councils in their membership drives.

BE IT RESOLVED - That the State Board express our concern to the Supreme Council about the increase in the membership quota and that it be returned to five percent and that this condition be effective Columbian year 2009 -2010.

Passed at the regular Council meeting on the 28th day of February 2010. Knights of Columbus Santo Nino Council #12415, Regina, Sask.

Message from our Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

As we go through the last days of winter, the anticipation of the arrival of spring brings a feeling of rejuvenation and rebirth. It is a time for new beginnings.

Spring is the Season of Lent, a forty-day preparation beginning on Ash Wednesday and culminating on Easter Sunday, celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus.

Spring is also a time of renewed drive and energy, which we need as we prepare for the various activities scheduled for the coming months. For March, we have the District Free Throw Tournament, the Shamrock Sale, the Pancake Brunch at St. Mary's Parish, and the 11th Anniversary Dinner and Awards Night of our Council. For April, we have the Holy Week with washing of members' feet at Mass on Holy Thursday, Easter Mass, Easter Egg Hunt, First Degree Exemplification, State Convention in Saskatoon, and Appreciation Day for altar servers.

All these and other scheduled activities are accomplished because of the drive and energy of our program directors and brother knights, as well as the support and encouragement of our spouses. My special thanks to you all.

Pete Escanlar



Pete Escanlar

Message from our District Deputy

Good day Brother Knights:

We have entered the Lenten season and it is the time to think about digging deep and giving of ourselves during these 40 days before Easter. As Knights, it is our duty and privilege to help out those in need within our communities. I often get some great reflective information from a good friend and notable priest, Father Brendan McGuire.

In this week's reflection, he stated that "for our Lenten journey, we are called to reflect on how can we love better; how well do I love my spouse? How well do I love my children? How well do I love my siblings, my friends, my strangers and maybe even my enemies? And how would they know that I love them?"

I think this is an excellent message for this time of year and very relevant to us as members of the Knights of Columbus.

We have a district basketball free throw planned for March 6th and the zone free throw on March 20th. There is a first degree scheduled for April 8th at Holy Cross Church. We also have a major degree scheduled for May 16th. Please keep these dates in mind over the next few months while planning your upcoming activities.

Thanks and Vivat Jesus!

Darren Hehn
District Deputy #3



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