

## 2009 - Year in Review

### January

The brothers served at the Señor Santo Niño de Cebu celebration at St. Kevin's on January 18. The month ended on a somber note as the funeral for SK Boris Polanski's mother was held at St. Willibrord's Parish on January 31.

### February

The first of a new series of fellowship prayer evenings were held at SGK Rey Nacino's house on February 13 and at SK Greg Balagot's house on February 28. Nine new members were initiated in a ceremony held on February 20.



### March

The awards ceremony for the parol competition was held on March 1. Another fellowship prayer meeting was held at Vic Castillo's house on March 13. An excursion to a cabane à sucre at Mont St-Gregoire, Québec, on March 21 drew two busloads of attendees. Three new members were initiated in a ceremony held on March 29.

### April

The brothers cleaned up the grounds at St. Kevin's on April 5 and 25. The knights again acted as marshalls during the annual outdoor Way of the Cross procession on Good Friday, April 10. Another fellowship prayer evening was held at Rey Diez' house on April 18.



### May

The month began sadly as the knights attended a funeral service and visitation at the CDN Funeral Centre on May 3 for SK Virgilio Mangubat. The brothers were also busy cleaning up the grounds at St. Kevin's on May 9, 18 and 30.

### June

June was a very busy month as the grounds work at St. Kevin's continued on June 6 followed by a fellowship prayer evening at SK Peter Araneta's house. A colour guard of 10 knights participated in St. Kevin's Feast Day celebrations on June 7. The knights assisted in the Philippine Indepen-





dence Day Mass at St. Kevin's on June 12 and Gazelle Araneta was crowned Reyna Elena on June 13. Gatherings were held at brother Sonny Valdez old home on June 14 and new home on June 21. The catechist bible fundraising dinner/dance was held at St Kevin's on June 20.

### July

The knights acted as marshals for "Walk by Faith not by Sight" to Mount Royal on July 12, went on a camping trip to Glengarry Park in Lancaster, Ontario, on the weekend of July 17-19, participated in the second tri-council family picnic at Charlottetown Park in Cornwall, Ontario, on July 25, and had a booth at the Pista sa Nasyon celebration at Mackenzie Park on July 26.

### August

The knights acted as peacemakers for the FAMAS election at Van Horne Park on August 9. A bus trip to Ste. Anne de Beaupré and Québec City on August 22 drew 53 participants. A farewell party was held for outgoing pastoral assistant Father Jessie Dimafilis on August 23.



### September

Council 13881 celebrated its fourth anniversary with a council night at St. Kevin's on September 5. The knights offered hot dogs and corn cobs to several hundred attendees at the 7th annual Côte-des-Neiges en fête festival held on September 6. Council officers were installed in a ceremony at St. Malachy on September 20 and assembly officers were installed in a ceremony in St. Zotique on September 26. Brothers also participated in the PeñaFrancia Mass procession on September 20. They helped our chaplain SK Father Lyng celebrate his birthday with a pot luck dinner on September 27.

### October

Council 13881 received a double star award at the Montréal regional congress held in Côte St. Paul on October 3. A first degree initiation ceremony was held at St. Kevin's on October 24.



### November

Ex-financial secretary SK Jesus and wife Emerlinda Eugenio celebrated their 25th religious wedding anniversary and brother Sonny Valdez féted his retirement at the Valdez' home on November 8. The brothers put up the Christmas lights and the nativity mural at St. Kevin's on November 21. The knights served at the PBSSQ Thanksgiving Mass at St. Kevin's on November 22.

### December

SGK Rey and wife Alice Nacino celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary and brother Herminio Crisostomo féted his 50th birthday at St. Kevin's on December 12. The third nine-day Simbang Gabi novena was held at St. Kevin's. Christmas parties were held at St. Malachy on December 19 and at St. Kevin's on December 26.

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## Santo Niño de Cebu Celebration at St. Kevin's

Ten brother knights including 4 in regalia led the procession at the Santo Niño de Cebu celebration at St. Kevin's Parish on Sunday, January 17, 2010. More than 400 people attended the 26th anniversary Mass presided by SK Father John Lyng, Father Sunny Padinharedeth, Father Michael Leclerc, and Deacon Pedro Tapia. The Sinulog festival with a pot luck lunch and stage performances of song by the Panday Tinig choir and several former Fil-Can idol contestants and dance by Aklan At-atihan, Salinggawi, United Pilipino Seniors, Circle of Friendly Filipinos, People Helping People from the Philippines, and Lorenza Tolentino Dance Group took place in the parish hall afterwards. The Philippine ambassador to Canada, Jose Brillantes, was also in attendance and he made a short speech at the end of the festivities.



## Mina Family receives Family of the Month Icon



Council 13881 family director Flaviano Mina and his wife Linda were one of the 100 families drawn in November to receive an international family of the month icon from Supreme. The icon depicts the Holy Family.

## Member Profile



### Community Director Joseph Romero

Our community director was born in Pawik Magallanes Sorsogon Philippines and joined the Knights of Columbus in 2008. He has four brothers and two sisters, who all live in the Philippines. He is married to Belen Rosialda, his sponsor to Canada, and they have four children, two girls and twin boys. At the age of fourteen, Joseph started to work in his brother's garage as an auto painter apprentice. At night he went to school in southeastern College Pasay City Manila and earned his high school diploma. In 1986, he went abroad to Doha Qatar in the middle east working as an auto painter until December 1991. Upon arrival in Canada he worked in a factory, but he was determined to get his licence as an auto painter and decided to open his own garage business, Joseph Reparation d'Auto, established in 1996. The nature of his business is repairing cars, body painting, car accidents, and any kinds of cars.

## Prayer Service for SK Raquepo's Brother

More than 35 brother knights and family members attended a prayer service led by sister Alice Nacino in the green room at St. Kevin's after the 11:00 Mass on Sunday, January 24, to honour the memory of Mr. Rodolfo Raquepo, SK Bernardo Raquepo's brother, who unfortunately passed away recently.

### Calendar

Jan. 31 - Monthly general meeting  
 Feb. 17 - Ash Wednesday  
 Feb. 21 - Squires monthly meeting  
 Feb. 27 - 20th Anniversary of FCMM  
 Feb. 28 - Monthly general meeting

### Birthdays

Jan. 5 - Neil Balagot  
 Jan. 6 - Carlos Garcia  
 Jan. 14 - Benrick Todela  
 Jan. 16 - Sister Lissa Oriel  
 Jan. 19 - Squire Janessa Oriel  
 Benedict Valdez  
 Jan. 21 - Flaviano Mina  
 Jan. 29 - Bernard Olalia  
 Leopoldo Ramirez  
 Jan. 30 - Sister Linda Mina

### Family of the Month



Agustin Oriel with wife Anna Lissa Bigornia and son Alfred John and daughter Janessa Mari, a squire

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