



Knights of Columbus

Immaculate Heart Council No. 5899

December 2003

Grand Knight's Column

As another year is coming to a close and everyone is rushing around getting ready for the holidays and the children are waiting for Santa Clause to come, let us not forget the less fortunate and the men and women in the armed forces and keep them in our prayers. Most of all at this time of year lets not forget the true meaning of Christmas, the birth of Jesus, always try to remember to keep Christ in all of our preparations for Christmas.

To cut down on the cost of new letter mailings, such as stamps, envelopes and printing, if you could please send me your e-mail address I can e-mail them to you instead of mailing them. My e-mail address is remanua@columbus.rr.com.

Wishing everyone has a save and Happy Holiday.

Yours in Christ,

Richard Emanuel
Grand Knight

Breakfast for Vocations

Our monthly breakfasts are going very well and we are raising money for a good cause. Teams 1 and 2 did very well and we are beginning to get the process down, which helps limit our expenses. Thank you to both teams for the great effort t so far. There is no breakfast scheduled for December, so Team 2 will be responsible for January 18. The teams are as follows:

TEAM 1: Mark Hunter, Al Beatty, Rich Brienzi, Frank Gattas, Mark O'Loughlin, Rich Emanuel, Tom Lindsey, Marcus Beatty, Christian Dumont, Troy Herron, Brian Budd, Mark Williams.

TEAM 2: Mark Caito, Frank Gattas, Mark O'Loughlin, Paul Kramer, Tom Bergman, Tom Lindsey, Christian Dumont, Troy Herron, Steve Chivington, Randy Hirsch, Phil Herron.

Where is this money going? Our council actively supports a Seminarian attending the Pontifical College Josephinum. Currently, Stash Daily, a member of our council, is that Seminarian. The council provides a monthly check of \$100 to Stash. Also this year, we

are helping to send two Seminarians to the Right to Life March in Washington D.C. Recently, the council sent a check to the State Council for the 'Pennies From Heaven' campaign, which provides money to each Diocese in Ohio for their vocations activities (the members of the council raised \$60 and then \$240 was provided out of the Council's General Fund to make the check to the State Council \$300). These are just some of the ways that the council is spending the money that we raise from these breakfasts.

Membership

At the November Business Meeting, our District Deputy asked us to put on a First Degree in February. An effort is being undertaken to revive the council in West Jefferson. They have a Church Drive scheduled for the end of January. Our Council will then hold a First Degree on February 5 at 8 PM for any prospective members that they sign up. This will also be an opportunity for us to send our prospective members through the First Degree as well. The First Degree on February 5 will be held in the School Hall. Degree Team, please mark your calendars!!!!

Charity Tickets

The Charity Ticket campaign did not do as well as we have over the past couple of years. To qualify for additional rebates from the State Council, we needed to turn in 210 books at the First Phase Turn-in, which we achieved. At the Second Turn-in, we turned in an additional 229 books. Last year, members bought or sold 311 books and St. Cecilia School and CCD sold 235. This year, members bought or sold 190 books and St. Cecilia School and CCD sold 254. The original plan was to turn-in 420, which we did. But the plan was for 270 of those to be from members, this did not happen. Unfortunately, the council does not make as much from the books sold by the school and CCD. Thank you to all that did participate!!!!

Christmas Party

This year's Christmas Party is scheduled for Friday, December 19, at 6:30 PM in the St. Cecilia School Hall. We are hoping that by changing it from a Saturday to a Friday that more families will be able to attend. Following is the plan for the evening's festivities:

6:30 to 7:00 PM - Activities for the Family (Christmas Cookie Decorating, Gingerbread House Decorating, etc).
Hors d'oeuvres will be served during this time.

7:00 PM - Dinner

Menu: Salad
 Lasagna
 Rigatoni
 Green Beans
 Hot Dogs (for kids)
 Mac & Cheese (for kids)
 Applesauce (for kids)

Drinks
Dessert

After Dinner - Book Exchange (see details below)

Visit from Santa

Children's book exchange (this is where we ask each child to bring a wrapped book, each child then sits in a circle and listens to a story being read, when a certain word come up in the story the wrapped books are passed to the right, at the end of the story the children then open the book that they have). As we did last year, the council will buy a small gift for each child in attendance to be presented by Santa. We did not have a problem with this last year, but you will need to RSVP in order for a gift to be presented to your child. Also as we have done over the past couple of years, if you would like to bring an unwrapped toy to be donated to the Toys for Tots program, feel free to bring it to the party and we will get it to the firefighters. RSVP by December 14 by calling Mark Hunter at 871-8467.

Christmas Food Baskets

We have been asked by St. Vincent de Paul to help with their Food Baskets again this year. They are looking for the Knights of Columbus to help in the delivery. They will be assembling the baskets on Friday, December 19 and they will be delivered on December 20. The delivery will probably happen in the morning hours but at this time we don't have that time, as they are still waiting to find out when their turkeys will arrive. They are planning on assembling and delivering 75 baskets. If you can help in this effort, please call Mark Hunter at 871-8467. When you call, please leave your phone number so that we can get you details on the time for December 20.

Scholarship

On November 17, we presented the Immaculate Heart Council 5899 Memorial Scholarship for the second year. This year's winners were Jessica Hanley - 8th Grade and Carlie Biggs - 4th Grade. A check for \$250 each was presented to St. Cecilia School on their behalf. Congratulations to the winners.

On November 7, we held a Fish Fry to raise money for the scholarship. We raised approximately \$520. Overall, we served 245 dinners. Thank you to everyone that either worked or baked a dessert for this event.

Mark Your Calendars

Free Throw Shoot - Saturday, Jan. 24 St. Cecilia Parish Center

Euchre Tournament - Saturday, Jan. 31 St. Cecilia Large Meeting Room

Ladies Night - Saturday, Feb. 21 St. Cecilia Large Meeting Room

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Congratulation to those Recognized for Special Services

November **Knight of the Month**

Mark O'Loughlin and Mark Hunter

Family of the Month

Tom Bergman Family
Troy Herron Family
Paul Stone Family

Isabella of the Month

Rene Hunter
Mandy Herron

Volunteer of the Month

Brian Budd

Happy Birthday

James Capretta	12-03
Thomas Perone	12-06
Thomas Boerger	12-09
Troy Herron	12-13
Matthew Keyes	12-16
Stephen Edmister	12-18
Mark Hunter	12-19
Billy Hundley	12-21
Wallace Sprague	12-23
Paul Beatty	12-23
Thomas Higgins	12-24
John Morgan	12-26
John Fargo	12-27