



Knights of Columbus

Immaculate Heart Council No. 5899

December 2004

Grand Knights Column

Dear Knights and Families,

Another year is almost over. Thanksgiving has come and gone, hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving. As you can see below there is a lot going on and we will be in need of help. Any help will be very much appreciated in making everyone have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. From my family to yours, have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours In Christ,

Rich Emanuel
Past Grand Knight

Council Website

Did you know that the Council has its own website?? Check it out at www.kofc5899.org. Newsletters can also now be received via e-mail.

Have an e-mail account? Why not receive the monthly newsletter via e-mail and help the council save money for postage and printing. If you would be interested in receiving the newsletter via e-mail; send Mark Hunter your e-mail address at mahunteroh@aol.com.

Breakfast For Vocations

The Breakfast For Vocations went very well on Sunday, November 21. Our next breakfast is slated for Sunday, January 29.

Council Christmas Party

The Council Christmas Party will be held on Friday, December 17 in the School Hall at St. Cecilia. This year's party will start at 6:30 pm with dinner being served at 7:00 pm. There will be entertainment for the kids, such as crafts, cookie decorating, etc., before dinner. After dinner, children can take part in the book exchange. Santa Claus will be paying us a visit to share some presents with the children.

The dinner menu is still being prepared, but it will include salad, a couple of meat selections, side dishes, rolls, dessert and drink. There will probably also be some kid favorites such as hot dogs and macaroni & cheese.

Children are asked to bring a wrapped book for the book exchange. Also, if you so choose, you can bring an unwrapped new toy to be donated to the local firefighter's Toys For Tots. Please RSVP by December 11 by calling Mark Hunter at 871-8467. If you leave a message, please tell us how many will be attending and what the names and ages of the children are. Gifts will be provided for children 12 and under that have RSVP'd. This RSVP will help us not only buy the gifts but also plan for dinner.

Food Baskets For Local Firefighters Program

Last year, the Council provided some Christmas Baskets to several local fire houses that serve the area that most of our members live in. We are going to do this again this year, but we would like to add something to these baskets this year. We are looking for some individuals that would be willing to bake cookies to go along with these baskets. We are going to be delivering 5 baskets and are looking for approximately 3 dozen cookies per basket. The baskets will be delivered sometime during the week of December 20.

If you or your spouse would be interested in baking cookies for this program, please contact Mark Hunter at 871-8467. This program was well received by all of the firefighters that were visited last year.

Money Matters

A few months ago, an Investment Committee was formed to determine if there was a better way to get more out of the funds sitting in the Council's account. This included looking at options for the funds that are currently sitting in the account that are allocated to the Immaculate Heart Memorial Scholarship, which at the time was \$5000.

The committee at the last meeting reported its recommendation to the council. But in order to act on this recommendation, the recommendation needed to be first publicized and the date of the vote announced to the whole membership. The vote on this recommendation will be held at the December Business Meeting, December 9 at 8:00 pm. The recommendation is as follows:

Set up 2 additional accounts in the Immaculate Heart Council's name in addition to the current checking account where all funds are currently located and allocate the funds as follows:

The current checking account after this is enacted would be kept at a balance at or near \$3000. This account would continue to be used to pay the Council's expenses.

The second account would be set up as a savings account to

allow the remaining funds to earn some type of interest. This type of account would also allow for transfers to and from the checking account as needed.

The third account would be set up to house the funds in the Immaculate Heart Memorial Scholarship. At the current time, the recommendation is for this to be a 9-month CD, since the Scholarship is awarded annually and will be awarded in approximately 9 months from now. The committee is also recommending that an additional \$3000 be allocated to the scholarship fund, bringing the total in the fund to \$8000. The goal of the Immaculate Heart Memorial Scholarship is to have the funds become sufficient that the interest off of said funds would be enough to cover the two \$250 scholarships currently being awarded and potentially to increase the number and or amount that is being awarded each year. At the current rate for a 9-month CD, one of the 2 scholarships for next year would be funded from the interest on the \$8000.

Upcoming Events

Free Throw Shoot will be held on Saturday, January 22 in the St. Cecilia Parish Center. More details in next month's newsletter.

Habitat for Humanity

My name is Tim Gifford and I am a parishioner of St Cecilia. I am organizing a group to volunteer for Habitat For Humanity. I am looking to involve as many people as I can. I was wondering if the Knights would be interested in helping. It would consist of helping build homes around the Columbus area for the less fortunate. The volunteers don't need to be skilled in any way. Even if people want to come and learn how to do a task for their own homes any help would be welcome.

The date is going to be Sat. December 18th from 9am to 3 or 4pm. It looks like our first build site will be out near Joyce Ave. I need volunteers to build as well as cook if you know any one that would enjoy preparing a meal outside that would be great. Please call me for more information. I will keep you posted if anything changes.

Thanks,
Tim Gifford
614 562-7265

Tim's e-mail address is tim@happybeehoney.net if you are interested in helping.

Please let Tim know.

Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to the Scholarship Winners, Jeffrey Beatty and Alex Rubinic. They each received a \$250.00 Scholarship from the Knights of Columbus.

Christmas Baskets for the Needy

Christmas Baskets for needy families in our area will be assembled Friday, December 17 at 6:00pm in the gym at St. Cecilia's. The baskets are going to be delivered on Saturday December 18 at 10:00am. People to assemble baskets Friday night and drivers to help deliver Saturday are needed.

If anyone is interested in helping please call Janet Steadman (870-6201) or Teresa Pressler (851-9377).

Congratulations to those Recognized for Special Service (November)

Knight of Month

Randy Hirsh

Family of Month

Mark Hunter Family

Isabella of Month

June Bergman

Volunteer of Month

Rich Emanuel

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to the following members that have a birthday in December. (If I missed anyone let me know.)

December Birthday's

James F. Capretta	12-03
Thomas M. Perone	12-06
Thomas L. Boerger	12-09
Troy Herron	12-13
Matthew R. Keyes	12-16
Stephen P. Edmister	12-18
Mark A. Hunter	12-19
Billy R. Hundley	12-21
Wallace D. Sprague	12-23
Paul T. Beatty	12-23
Thomas A. Higgins	12-24
John P. Morgan	12-26
John Z. Fargo	12-27