



THE KNIGHT LETTER

SACRED HEART COUNCIL #2842

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Jan/Feb 2005

Brothers All,

You men have accomplished so many great things during the past Christmas season.

Year after year the bar seems to be raised just a little higher, yet you continue to reach the goal.

The battles we fight as knights doesn't get easier or fade away. There will always be the poor, lonely and sick. The road goes on forever. I salute your stamina and open hearts.

You are men with many responsibilities; family, work and personal commitments. With these busy lives you still maintain single-mindedness to our commitment to charity.

I warn you there's plenty of hard work ahead, let no one walk alone in this endless journey for the greater good of all. May we be blessed with continued strength and vision towards our goals of charity and unity.

*Respectfully,
Bill Courtney
Grand Knight*

RECENT EVENTS

Through generous donations and countless man-hours, our council was able to achieve the following accomplishments this holiday season:

- **Adopted a Thanksgiving family.**
- Purchased food coupons from Shop Rite for Thanksgiving and Christmas for the Department of Welfare's "Caring is Sharing" program.

- **Shared in a gathering at our council with Father Norbert leading us in prayer at our ceremony "Light up for Christ" and the lighting of our Advent Wreath.**
- A new nativity was set up and new nativity figures purchased for the Sisters of Charity in Harlem.
- **Purchased and set up a very noticeable banner displayed at our own Sacred Heart church lawn on Rochelle Ave. asking us to Keep Christ in Christmas and to bless our soldiers and families.**
- Donated \$150 in toiletries to the Sisters of the Poor who run a senior citizen home.
- **Adopted a family for Christmas – supplying them with the holiday dinner as well as gifts for the family.**
- Gave aid to the students at our own Midland School by donating \$250 to help ship care packages the students put together for our troops at Christmas.
- **Donated \$200 to Trinity Council in Hackensack to purchase phone minutes for our servicemen to call home at Christmas.**
- Ran a teen dance for 6th, 7th and 8th graders. Every child received a gift before leaving (CDs, boom box, radio or CD player).
- **Ran Breakfast with Santa for the CCD children of our parish. We had arts and crafts, food and a visit from Santa who had gifts for all the children.**
- Held a clothing drive for the homeless.
- **Donated \$1,000 to Salt of the Earth to help feed and clothe the homeless in Hackensack.**
- On December 26th, we fed 80 homeless people in the church auditorium complete turkey and ham dinners with dessert.
- **Working all the days leading to Christmas, we ran our Christmas tree sale that will lead to helping so many others in these trying times.**

Youth Night – Our Youth Group participated in a Skate Night at the Rink in Montvale on January 9th. We had 32 skaters attend and raised \$180. This will be donated to Father Matthew at St. Philip's Church for the South Asia Relief effort. Thank you

to our worthy Grand Knight for arranging the use of the rink and getting employees to work the event.

Free Throw Contest – The council hosted a free throw contest on January 29th chaired by Rich Bosi at Sacred Heart gym. The winners will go on to compete on **February 5th** in the district competition at Assumption Church in Wood Ridge at 9:00AM.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Dean Hardish, Phil Sergio and Brad Beyer who made their first degree on January 11th.

UP COMING EVENTS

Eucharistic Adoration – Any interested Knight may sign up for Friday night adoration by calling Chuck Mucci at 201-843-3497 or Ray Murphy at 201-843-9275. It is a sacrifice and a powerful gift to God.

The next 2 First Fridays are **February 4th** and **March 4th**.

Atlantic City Trip – Our council is running a bus trip to the Taj Mahal in Atlantic City on Saturday, **February 5th**. The cost is \$25 per person with \$15 cash back at the casino. The bus will leave Rochelle Park at 10:00AM and return at 9:00PM. For reservations call Pete Crespo at 201-712-9101 or Rich Conte at 201-669-1352. The proceeds of this event will go to Father Matthew Fonseka of St. Philip’s Church in Saddle Brook for the Tsunami Disaster Relief.



20-Week Club – The 20-Week Club is getting set to kick off on Super Bowl Sunday. We are a little more than half way to our annual goal of 700 tickets. With an additional charitable cause having been elected as the Supreme Collection for the Tsunami relief, we would ask every Brother to try and support this worth while event. Brian and Steve would like to thank all the Brothers who have helped already.

Super Bowl Party – **February 6th**. Doors open at 6:00PM. Cost will include food, soda and open bar. \$25 for Adults, \$5 for kids 14 and under if paid before hand. Anyone paying at the door, the cost is \$30 and \$10 respectively. Open bar will commence at 6:00PM and end at the



final whistle. All other times will be cash bar. Any profits will go towards another donation to Father Matthew of St. Philip’s for the Tsunami Relief. Any questions call Steve Lazarus at 201-851-2445 or Brian Smith at 201-965-2052.

Blood Drive – Knights of Columbus #2842 4th Annual Blood Drive, Saturday, **February 12th** 9:30AM to 12:30PM. Lower Hall. Call Sergio Gonzalez at 201-845-3638 for an appointment or walk-ins are certainly welcome.

Spelling Bee – PGK Rich Onorevoli will chair the annual Guido Sylvester Spelling Bee on **February 13th** at Sacred Heart Council. The winners will go on to compete at the next level on February 19th in Bloomfield.



Wine Tasting - Look out for a possible wine tasting in March at a cost of \$100 per head, LIMITED TO 34 PEOPLE. See the Grand Knight or Steve Lazarus if interested. Date TBA.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
Feb. 4	Eucharistic Adoration & Youth Dance
Feb. 5	Atlantic City Taj Mahal Bus Trip
Feb. 6	20-Week Club Starts & Super Bowl Party
Feb. 7	General Meeting 8:30PM
Feb. 12	Blood Drive
Feb. 13	Spelling Bee
Feb. 14	Officer’s Meeting & Columbian Club 8:00PM
Feb. 21	General Meeting 8:30PM
Mar. 4	Eucharistic Adoration

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In the event of sickness, distress or death of a Brother Knight or a member of his immediate family, it is the responsibility of the family to notify any of the following officers:

- GK Bill Courtney 201-843-0266
- DGK Pat Ferrara..... 201-493-7138
- Financial Secretary Brian Mahon 201-995-9487

If you would like to have something appear in this newsletter, please call Pete Crespo at 201-712-9101 or e-mail to crespotkd@aol.com