



Valencia Council #80 Milford MA 01757
Message from the Grand Knight

Dear Sir Knights:

It has been three months since my last update on events that happened by the Valencia Council #80. Here is what we have been up to these last three months.

November – 2007

Veterans Drive – November 10th through the end of the November we collected for the Veterans. Both St. Mary's and Sacred Heart Church helped us collect enormous amounts of supplies for the Veterans. They were delivered to the Veterans by John and Paul Harrington of the McSweeney Assembly. Thanks again for everyone's support in this endeavor.

Setting up Creche on Common – didn't happen this year, it seems that the crèche was in need of repair. Hopefully by next November / December there should not be any reason why the crèche will not be placed on the common, we will be sure that someone checks early in the year to see that the repairs are made.

December – 2007

Setting up the Christmas Trees at Sacred Heart Church. Was an awesome display of the Knights working together to get this done. Everyone involved deserves applause. Beautiful job, trees look great.

Council Christmas Party – This years Christmas party was held at Carbone's restaurant on Hopkinton. We had our own private room. We had a very good turn out, Knights, wives and friends. Everyone said the food was delicious, the service was great. The Yankee swap went over well. We just about closed the restaurant. We were the last to leave. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. It was nice to get together and enjoy each others company and to be able to wish everyone a very Blessed Christmas.

Toys for Tots – We worked for the Toys for Tots on the 14th of December to help unload trucks filled with toys. It was lot of work, but it was rewarding to know we helped out.

Pick up Toys – The 21st of December we picked up the toys from the warehouse and brought them to Sacred Heart Church to be stored until January 4th.

January – 2008

A few good men (Knights), helped bring the toys from storage near the Bell Tower Room to the lower church hall on Friday January 4th. Thank You to everyone that participated.

Wrap Session – The 5th of January from 11:00 am to 3:00pm we wrapped all the presents. Wonderful attendance, nice to see families participating and even greater to see the teens helping out. Great job, lots of fun, took a pizza break while looking at the pile of presents we wrapped and wishing we were kids again to enjoy some of these toys. Delivered them to the church after 4:00pm Mass. Pictures of wrap session are on-line on our website: www.kofc80.org.

Epiphany – The 6th of January at the 10:30am Masses at both St. Mary's and Sacred Heart Church the Knights. At St. Mary's (Tom Giblin, Gordon Goodwin, Dennis Amrose played the Kings and Michael Bourie, Bill Kapulka, Joe Sanniandro and Jim Burke were the runners, also helping as runners were Alice Giblin and Judy Burke.) At Sacred Heart Church (Jeff Niro, Steve

McVey, David Ruscitti the runners were Bob and Rob Morrison. Great time and great fun. We gave out approximately 500 gifts to the children.

If anyone asks you where we get the gifts? We receive them from the Toys for Tots Organization. The Valencia Council #80 also gives the Toys for Tots a check each year to help purchase gifts that they need for older teens. People ask who receives the toys that we get from Toys for Tots? We give them out at St. Mary's and Sacred Heart Church, some parishioners are in need of toys and there are some families who cannot provide toys for their children. When we have the Epiphany Mass, it is for all children in need or not. The left over toys are then given out at the Easter Egg Hunt on the town common. If there are toys left over after that, we bring them to Milford Daily Food Bank and to the McCauley Nazareth Home for Boys. Everyone profits from this, the children who receive the gifts, and us the Knights to be able to see the joy it brings to all of the children.

Foxwood Trip – On Friday January 11th we had another Foxwood trip. We made \$150.00 towards our scholarship fund. Everyone seems to enjoy these trips. We had quite a few winners on the bus this trip. Everyone is looking forward to our next trip on May 16th.

On January 19th we had our pot luck supper and pound raffle. This was very successful. Food was great, again thanks to all our wives and out fellow knights for cooking. Good food, great company, and a lot of fun with the raffle. We made \$132.00 from our pound raffle. Fr. Richard Scioli who attended the supper and raffle was given the money that we made. Father always appreciate what we do, and I'm sure will put the money to good use.

It has been a busy last three months and I know with your support we will have another fun filled, rewarding three months.

Look for my next report in April.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Burke".

Jim Burke
Grand Knight