



# ***THE CHRISTOPHER***

**December 2003**

COUNCIL #1847  
P.O. BOX 465  
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GRAND KNIGHT

## **News and Notes**

Best Wishes for a Peaceful and Blessed Holiday Season to All Our Brother Knights and their Families.

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### **Sacrament of Confession** **St. Mary's Church, Franklin:**

Confessions for Christmas will be heard on Thursday, December 18, beginning at 7: 00 PM.

Additionally, each week Confessions are heard Saturdays beginning at 3:00 PM and on Mondays beginning at 7:00 PM. All Confessions are heard in the lower Church.

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### **ART AUCTION**

The Council will hold its second annual Art Auction September 11, 2004. We will be forming the Auction Committee in February.

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### **Please Note:**

We would like to get this newsletter out to members in a more timely fashion and we need to reduce the overall cost of copying and mailing of this newsletter.

To have the newsletter sent to you via **e-mail**, please send an email to [jkohutanycz@yahoo.com](mailto:jkohutanycz@yahoo.com) and we will then put you on our exclusive list. We will send it out in such a way that your e-mail address is kept confidential and does not go out freely on the internet. **THANK YOU!**

Thanks to all that have already responded!!

## **This Month's Main Event:**

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The 39<sup>th</sup> Annual **Exceptional Children's Christmas Party** will be held on Sunday, **December 14**, 2003 from 2 PM to 4 PM at the Council Hall.

Come join Bob Simmler, Charlie Oteri, and their families and friends in hosting what has to be the Council's most outstanding event of the year. Once again, we will have the pleasure to have as our guest God's most special children for a day of music, dancing, snacks and that most awaited visit from Santa himself.

To volunteer your time to make this event the huge success we have always had in the past, or for more information, call Bob at 508-528-6907 or Charlie at 508-528-6090.

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The 4<sup>th</sup> Degree will be hosting a **Christmas Party** on **December 18<sup>th</sup>** at the Sacred Heart Council Hall. ALL Knights and guests are welcome to attend.

The social begins at 6:00 PM followed by Dinner (half Chicken) at 7:00 PM. The cost is \$8.00 per person and \$15 per couple. There will be a gift swap (green wrap for men; red wrap for women) and gifts must be at least \$5. You need to bring a gift to participate in the swap.

### **Reservations must be made by December 10.**

For information and reservations contact  
PFN Bob Brown at 508-528-4522,  
PGK Joe Roy at 508-528-1301 or  
Anthony Gromelski at 508-528-5653.



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### **Chaplain's Message**

Dear Brother Knights:

Christmas is about our desires; our deepest desires. As human beings, God created us in such a way that we want to have our deepest desires fulfilled. And we know that only God can fulfill our deepest longings and desires.

Saint Therese of Lisieux wrote in her autobiography that , "God has never given me the desire for anything which He has not given me." In other words, if we have desires and longings for good things that bring us closer to God, then these desires come from God. If God gives us these good desires, then of course He gives us the means to fulfill these desires and longings.

And this brings us to the great Feast of Christmas. Some may say that material things can fulfill our longings and desires. But that just isn't true. Material riches only provide us with fleeting happiness. The only One who can fulfill our infinite desires is the One who is infinite... Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Let us be thankful in a particular way for the gift of Christ this Christmas. And let us prepare ourselves in a particular way for the coming of Christ this Christmas. Let us remember the greatest desire that we have, to draw closer to Christ, can only be fulfilled by Him.

May God Continue to Bless You and Your Families,

Fr. David Goodrow  
Chaplain

### **1847 Association Report**

Things continue to get done! Frank installed posts at the entrance hoping to eliminate tractor trailers from coming into our parking lot. Also, posts were put around the air conditioning units for protection. This week we are planning to put a new door in for deliveries -hopefully this will eliminate beer cases in the members lounge from building up.

A special important note!! If you are using the members lounge, the EXIT door is only to be used for **EMERGENCIES!** Every time you open that door the alarm goes to a central location and the police are called! The police are going to start fining us \$150; they were called 3 times this week. Please be very careful!!

Thanks,  
John

### **BINGO**

**Monday Nights in the Council Hall  
COMPLETELY NON-SMOKING**

**Doors open at 5:30 PM.**

**Games start at 6:30 PM.**

We will be setting our worker schedule for 2004 in the next two weeks. Please contact Peter Kohutanycz (541-8215) and donate a few hours, once a month, to make this charitable endeavor more successful in 2004.

The 2003 annual report will be available upon request the 2nd week of January 2004.

## 2003 – 2004 Fraternal Year Officers

Grand Knight:	Greg Fontana	(508) 473-5933
Deputy Grand Knight:	Joe Roy	(508) 528-1301
Chancellor:	Bob Brown	(508) 528-4522
Warden:	Bob Jackson	(508) 528-7971
Inside Guard:	Anthony Gromelski	(508) 528-5693
Outside Guard:	Joe Yoder	(508) 493-8100
Recorder:	Frank Fontana	(508) 528-3104
Chaplain:	Father David Goodrow	(508) 528-0020
Financial Secretary:	Frank DeMiglio	(508) 520-3651
Treasurer:	Frank Fontana	(508) 528-3104
Advocate:	Bob Simmler	(508) 528-2727
Trustee 3 Year:	Peter Kohutanycz	(508) 541-8215
Trustee 2 Year:	Bob Brosseau	(508) 528-9382
Trustee 1 Year:	Joe Roy	(508) 528-1301

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The Sacred Heart Council is proud to conduct our  
*Annual Christmas Mass*  
*And*  
*Social Evening*

**On Wednesday, December 17 starting at 7:00 PM.**

**Come and take part in the celebration of Mass.**

**Afterwards, enjoy appetizers with fellow Knights and their guests.**  
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The Sacred Heart Council is thrilled to host a  
*Super Bowl Party*

**Sunday, February 1, starting two hours before kickoff.**

**Cost is \$20 for Shrimp Cocktail and full Prime Rib Dinner.**

Add \$5 (or market price) for an additional Steamed Lobster.

**Space will be limited and all reservations and money will be due by January 20.**  
**Contact DD Dennis Corrigan or Ed Vroman for information and reservations.**

## Events For December 2003/January 2004

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
Exceptional Children's Party	December 14	2 PM – 4 PM	Council Hall (See Page 1 "Main Event" article)
Christmas Mass Christmas Social	December 17 Following Mass	7:00 PM	Council Hall (See Page 2 for details)
4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Christmas Party	December 18	6:00 PM	Council Hall (See Page 1 article for details.)
1847 Association Meeting	TBD		Due to Christmas Eve
Business Meeting	January 7, 2004	8:00 PM	Members Lounge
Members Lounge Open	January 9, 2004	7:00 PM	Members Lounge
Rosary	January 21, 2004	7:30 PM	Members Lounge
Business Meeting	January 21, 2004	8:00 PM	Members Lounge
1847 Association Meeting	January 28, 2004	8:00 PM	Members Lounge
Super Bowl Party	February 1, 2004		Members Lounge (See Page 2 for details)