

Companions & Sir Knights:

The York Rite in Bellflower consisting of Triple Tau Chapter No 33; Shekinah Council No. 35 and Golden West Commandery No. 43 on Christmas Eve at 2:00 PM cooked a meal for the needy people in Bellflower. This is an update on what happened.

We fed about 185 people. Our Commander Jim Sunseri and Gerry Easton did the cooking. There were 35 of our members together with several wives and children who came to help set up tables, serve and also clean up. For this we are most grateful. It was a chance for many to meet each other for the first time, and more important for their wives to meet.

A Royal Arch Mason from Mexico, Alex Calderon who now lives in Los Angeles and wants to join our York Rite brought 200 toys for the kids. Each child was given a plastic candy cane filled with Hersey kisses and a toy of their own choice. You should have seen their faces light up when they were told they could pick any toy they wanted.... IT WAS PRICELESS !!!!!

Bob Kirklin was there with Christmas pins of trees, wreaths, Santa Claus, etc., which he gave out to all who wanted one.... and just about everyone was wearing one of his pins. A wonderful and typical Bob Kirlin gesture.

The Master of Bellflower Lodge, John Lange (who will join the York Rite this year) was there, even though he was sick ! The High Priest Elect Manny Pagaduan was there (Our High Priest was in the Philippines); Our Illustrious Master Brett MacDonald was there and of course our Commander James Sunseri.

Jim Sunseri came up with this idea to feed the hungry at Christmas.... we thought it was a great idea and pitched in and did what was necessary to make this an outstanding success.

Companions & Sir Knights, this was a WIN - WIN event - the needy got fed, the kids got toys and we got together like Masons and did what we always claim to do - help others. All of us went home that afternoon with a warm glow within each of us knowing we did something good..... It is a good feeling.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to all of you who could not make it. God bless.

Kenneth Hope
Secretary-Recorder