

11-22-17 Grateful power

It happened again last month, at an Applebee's outside of Pittsburgh. A mysterious couple scanned the dining room. They spotted a table of 16 celebrating a little girl's birthday.

The couple then motioned for their waiter and said they wanted to pay for the entire birthday party dinner – drinks, desserts, the whole ticket – even though they were strangers. The couple's one condition? To remain anonymous.

Bernie Lewis, the restaurant's assistant manager, has kept that promise. She said that the couple comes into the restaurant two or three times a month, and each time they choose a table of fellow diners and pay for their meal.

When it comes to motive, though, the manager can only speculate. The generous man has only said "that I grew up poor, and now I'm not," but that's the only explanation he'll offer.

Well, here's to the power of a grateful heart in this Thanksgiving season.

Just a thought. I'm Sid Batts from First Presbyterian Church in downtown Greensboro, overlooking Fisher Park.