

Living Rosary Prayer Services and Pro Life News

October is Respect Life Month, as well as the Month of the Holy Rosary. Remember that Council 4828 sponsors two monthly "Living Rosary for Life" prayer services. The next one will be held on Saturday, 6 October, at 9:00 a.m. at St. Patrick's Church. This month's second service will be held on the 17th at 7:00 p.m., just before the Council's regular business meeting.

Remember, these services are simply a peaceful, prayerful recitation of the Rosary, to pray for an end to abortion and for the support of life in all stages. Also remember that, although these services are sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, they are intended to be a parish-wide service. Therefore, please mark your calendars and come join us. Also, please help spread the word to our fellow parishioners, as well. If you have any questions, or want more information, contact Br. Jeff Scholz at 423-4771 or Br. Jim Shurtliff at 423-6911.

As part of Respect Life Month, the Council's large wooden Rosary has also been hung on the wall of the alter area at St. Patrick's Catholic Church. It will remain there throughout the month of October.

On September 19th, Bishop Randolph Calvo was joined by Br. Knights and Catholic families in praying a special Pro-Life Rosary at Saint Thomas Aquinas Cathedral in Reno. This Mass was recorded by Immaculate Heart Radio and it will be broadcast many times in the future. Listen for it!

On October 7th, Bishop Calvo celebrated the annual Respect Life Mass for the Diocese of Reno at St. Thomas Cathedral. Following the Mass, he then led the annual Rosary Procession for Life along the Truckee River behind the Cathedral.

On October 13th, the Knights of Columbus conducted a nationwide "Public Square Rosary Campaign" in honor of the 90th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima's apparition in Fatima Portugal in 1917, where Mary asked us to pray the Rosary, do penance, and amend our lives. The campaign's goal was to have over 1000 Public Square Rosaries in front of state capital buildings and other public places across the nation, all on the same day. In Reno, two such services were held at 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. in the vacant field across from the West End Women's Medical Group (an abortion clinic). Similar services were conducted in Las Vegas, Henderson, and other Nevada communities, as well.

Council Tidbits

Our annual Tootsie Roll Drive will be held on 20 and 21 October. This year's chairman is Br. Jerry Keener. If you are available to help pass out Tootsie Rolls at Safeway, Raleys, and Wal-Mart, please contact Br. Jerry at 423-2184 and sign up for a location and time slot.

Although the Council currently has several newsletter sponsors, we are still looking for some other advertisers to finish filling up our advertising slots. Our ultimate goal is to have the newsletter be completely self-sustaining, so we need to have approximately twenty sponsors. If you own a business or know of any businesses that might be interested in a sponsorship, please contact FS Shurtliff at 423-6911. Sponsorships are \$25.00 for four quarterly editions of the *Oasis Knightline*. The sponsor's page is also published on our web-site.

Our annual Mass for our deceased Brother Knights will be held at St. Patrick's Church on November 4th during the 8:00 Mass. As always, this will also be a Corporate Communion, so please wear your green jackets. On the same day, Bishop Calvo will install Fr. Oliver Curran as the pastor of St. Patrick's Catholic Church during the 11:00 Mass. A luncheon will follow at Moiola Hall.

Council 4828 will be sponsoring the semi-annual St. Patrick's Parish Blood Drive on 3 November. It will be held throughout the day in Moiola Hall. Once again, Br. Pat Laca is chairing this event, so if you would like to sign up to donate or to help out, please contact him at 423-2436. Immediately following the Blood Drive, the Council will be setting the hall up for the special luncheon with Bishop Calvo and Fr. Oliver the next day.

As in past years, Council 4828 will be supporting a seminarian from the Reno Diocese through the Supreme Council RSVP program. This year we will be supporting a new seminarian named Teo Rojas. We will publish an article about Teo in a future edition of *Oasis Knightline*.

Once again, Council 4828 will be supporting this year's Confirmation Class by preparing a lunch for them on the various Sundays when they will be having their classes. If you would like to volunteer to help prepare these meals, please contact Br. Tom Lukas at 427-1751 for information.

Each year our Council incurs "per capita" fees for each of our members from both the Supreme and State Councils. We also incur "Catholic advertising fees" from Supreme. These fees are what a large portion of each member's annual membership dues go to, while the remainder is used for our various good works. At this time, we still have fifteen members who still haven't submitted their annual dues, some of whom also owe for the previous year, as well. Notices of Intent to Suspend were forwarded in early September and suspensions will take place in early November. Therefore, if you are one of these Br. Knights, please forward your payment, immediately, in order to avoid suspension. If you are having financial difficulties, please let us know so that other arrangements, such as a payment plan, can be made. Thanks!

If you have access to the internet and/or EMAIL and haven't yet provided the Council with your EMAIL address, please forward it to the Financial Secretary as soon as possible. He has been sending out routine EMAILs with prayer requests and tidbits of other information for the past few years, and you are missing out. In addition, use of EMAIL notification for certain announcements and reminders helps the council save money in copying and mailing fees. Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated. Submit your address to FS Shurtliff at shurtfam@ccomm.net. Addresses will only be used for official Knights of Columbus business.

In celebration of our upcoming 50th anniversary, Council 4828 is scheduled to host the Nevada State Council's annual convention and End-of-Year Meeting in the spring of 2009. This is not an easy task, so early planning is critical for success. As such, the Council has already begun to work on our initial planning. Br. Tom Lukas will be the overall Chairman, but he is in need of several volunteers to help coordinate such areas as finding a location, scheduling Mass, reserving blocks of hotel rooms, developing the convention booklet, coordinating events for the ladies auxiliaries, ordering shirts and convention pins, setting up evening and other special activities, and coordinating the various meals, snacks, entertainment, etc. If you are interested in volunteering to help out, please get in touch with Br. Tom at 427-1751. 2009 will be upon us quicker than we think, so let's get started, now!