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Council 4828 - Fallon, Nevada**

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## Installation of Officers and Awards Ceremony Dinner

This year, Council 4828 held our annual Installation of Officers Ceremony and Awards Dinner on 18 July at the Fallon Elk's Lodge. 53 Knights and family members were in attendance, including Father Oliver Curran and District Deputies Bob Wallace and Tony Stephensen and their wives.

After dinner was served, Past Grand Knight Dennis Kathrein presented various awards and certificates, including Family of the Year, Knight of the Year, and several Knights of the Month for the 2004/2005 Columbian Year.

**Knight of the Month** certificates were presented to Brothers, Jerry Keener, Cliff Cramer, Bob Greer, Marty Maffi, Pat Laca, and Elmo Dericco.

**Knight of the Year** was presented to Br. Tom Lukas for all of the many Council and church activities he either coordinated or participated in throughout the year. The Council appreciates Tom for everything he does, and

this award was well deserved.

**Family of the Year** was presented to two families, Jeff and Sheila Scholz and their daughter, and Jim and Monica Shurtliff and their family. The honor was presented to these families for their participation and support in various church and Council functions throughout the year, especially the Council-sponsored semi-monthly Living Rosary services.

This year's Grand Knight, Bob Greer, also shared a few words about the current and on-going Columbian Year. The Council wishes to thank Br. Elmo Dericco for chairing this event.

For reference, our new officers are listed in the column to the left of this article. Congratulations to each of them. Please provide them with your full support throughout the on-going Columbian Year.

## Remember to Keep Christ In Christmas

Once again, the holiday season is rapidly approaching and Christmas will be here before we know it. Therefore, since this is the Council's last newsletter before the onset of the holidays, it is time to remind all Brother Knights, their families, and everyone else to remember to "**Keep Christ in Christmas**" this year, as always.

In Spring of 2002, upon the recommendation of Brother Knight and Deacon Kurt Carlson, Council 4828 submitted the following resolution to the Nevada State Council and it was subsequently passed. Not much has changed since that time and, in many ways, our Christian beliefs and customs are being attacked more and more every year, often on a daily basis. Therefore, as we all begin to think about our Christmas giving, let us remember to keep the intent of this resolution in mind:



**Whereas, there is a known Knight program of "Keeping Christ in Christmas"**

**and Whereas, there is a progressive incrementalism of American society that continues to erode any Christian root of Christmas, except for the purchase of gifts**

**and Whereas, younger generations are in danger of not knowing, through "political correctness," the true meaning of Christmas.**

**Be it resolved that: All Knights and their families, to the best of their conscience, support those businesses, or those communities, that have the courage to continue to display appropriate Christmas images**

**and be it further resolved: That all councils read this resolution at their meeting closest to Advent.**

Similar to the past few years, throughout Advent, a series of "Keep Christ In Christmas" posters will be displayed in the Council's two poster frames, adjacent to the Church bulletin board. Our large "Keep Christ In Christmas" yard banner will also be displayed somewhere on the church grounds.

## Council Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Knights Celebrating Birthdays:

#### October

Dr. Kurt Carlson, Carl Defilippi, Elmo Dericco, Oscar Garcia, John Grainer, Medardo Halog, Carl Hipsley, Alan Kalt, Patrick Laca, Paul Loop, Alexander Scherr, and John Stewart

#### November

James Banzali, Arthur Cardone, Bernard Condon, Clifford Cramer, Gary Gieratz, Thomas Lukas, John Matarazza, Dennis Mills, Kevin Pasquale, Robert Smith, and Christopher Tomlin

#### December

Vincent Benavidez, Kurt A. Carlson, Glenn Jacobs, Benicisio Leynes, Edward Louie, Joe Melancon, Aloysius Pelly, Jr., Gregorio Rabina, Joseph Schramm, and Jack Ward

### Spouse's Celebrating Birthdays:

#### October

Edna Beyer, Mary Elizabeth Castro-Mendoza, Candy Cramer, Tina Grainer, Jaye Herr, Susan Imelli, Laura Ulrich, and Carol Walsh

#### November

Sherry Black, Lillian Condon, Angelita Delosreyes, Mickey Flores, Sondra Hillery, Elizabeth Hipsley, Barbara Kathrein, Danette Laca, Terri Laca, Linda Larson, and Lolly Leynes

#### December

Kate Asjes, Mary Ann Gomes, Georgia Hanifan, Maricon Matarazza, and

Monica Shurtliff

### Couples Celebrating Anniversaries:

#### October

Victor Manuel and Elizabeth Festin, John and Tina Grainer, Dennis and Barbara Kathrein, Tom and Carolyn Lukas, Dennis and Trudy Mills, Nover and Arlene Nicolas, Jeff and Sheila Scholz, and Richard and Josephine Wiersma

#### November

David and Kate Asjes, Robert and Cecilia Bricker, Roland and Purita Encarnacion, Michael and Pamela Golding, Ernest and Ann Heying, Gary and Danette Laca, Patrick and Terri Laca, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Steckbauer, Henry and Carol Trujillo, and Jack and Sandra Ward

#### December

Louis and Mary Erquiaga and Alexander and Judy Scherr

**SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS** go to Br. Ernest and Ann Heying who will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on 9 November. A special Certificate of Commendation from Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson, has been ordered and will be presented by Council 4828 as Ernie and Ann celebrate 50 years together. CONGRATULATIONS!!!

**NOTE:** If we have missed any birthdays or anniversaries, please accept our apologies. Corrections should be provided to our Financial Secretary so he can update the council's records.

## Possible Council Name Change ???

During recent Council meetings, there has been a small amount of discussion concerning the possibility of changing the Council's official name from "Fallon Council" to something else.

Article I, Section 1 of the Council's By-Laws currently states: "This Council shall be known as Fallon Council, No 4828, Knights of Columbus." Therefore, in order to change our name, it would require a corresponding amendment to the By-Laws.

Amendments to the By-Laws are described in Article IX, Section 1. This section states, "These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at a regular business meeting held subsequent to a regular business meeting at which a resolution in writing providing for such amendment shall have been read and notice of the proposed amendment shall have been given to the members in writing or in the Council publication at least five days prior to the second meeting."

As a result, the following schedule has been established for this discussion, resolution, and Council vote:

- 7 November: Discussion and nomination of names (if you have any suggestions, please let us know).
- 5 December: Reading of any proposed resolution(s).
- Late December: Posting of any proposed resolution(s) and notification of subsequent voting in the Winter edition of *Oasis Knightline*.
- 16 January: Voting on any proposed resolution(s).

Note that there is no guarantee that a Council name change will take place, at this time. This is only a notice that the discussion and possible nomination of names will take place. Any other amendments to the By-Laws that may be proposed/needed, will also follow the above schedule for notification and subsequent voting

## Labor Day Parade

On 3 September, Assembly 2739 and Council 4828 participated in Fallon's Labor Day Parade. Approximately 10 members from the Assembly and Council participated, which made a nice number and a good showing for the trailer. Special thanks to those Br. Knights who participated and special thanks to Br. Ed Kraker for coordinating the event, to Br. Wayne Bonde for providing the trailer, and to Br. Dennis Kathrein for providing the tractor.

## Annual Pork Feed Dinner and Fundraiser

This year's fall dinner and fundraiser will consist of the Council's standard Pork Feed Dinner. Note that this event, has been rescheduled for 17 November instead of 14 October, as originally scheduled. Cocktails will be served, beginning at 6:00 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are currently on sale (contact Br. Tom Lukas) or they can be purchased at the door. The cost for the dinner will be \$12.00.

As in the past few years, we will also be holding a door prize raffle in support of our annual RSVP Seminarian fund. This year, we have received numerous donated certificates from various casinos, restaurants, and hotels in northwestern Nevada. Items include lodging for two, dinners for two, show tickets, etc., so come prepared to purchase some raffle tickets. As in past years, the tickets will cost \$1.00 each, or six for \$5.00. The money we collect will be used to help support a seminarian from our diocese.

## In Your Corner – Insurance Agent News

Knights of Columbus - Protecting Families for Generations  
KC Fraternal Benefits....."Where you have Ownership"!!!

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"It is a strange anomaly that men should be careful to insure their houses, their ships, and their merchandise, and yet neglect to insure their lives; surely the most important of all to their families and more subject to loss." - Benjamin Franklin

-- News Release: 8/2/2007 --

### Standard & Poor's Reaffirms Knights of Columbus AAA Rating

For the 15th consecutive year, the Knights of Columbus has earned the highest rating: AAA (Extremely Strong) from Standard & Poor's. With more than 140 years experience, Standard & Poor's is the financial industry's foremost independent rating bureau, providing investment, credit and risk analyses of financial institutions around the world.

-- News Release: 8/2/2007 --

### Knights of Columbus Introduces New Annuity Product

In a continuing effort to offer its members and their families convenient, reliable, and stable ways to enhance their financial security, the Knights of Columbus has introduced a new annuity product: the Vantage Single Premium Deferred Annuity. Vantage is designed to provide Knights with a safe and simple way to save for retirement.

-- October Article --

### Orderwide Membership "Blitz"

A wise man once told me that time surely flies in the life insurance business. Without doubt, time flies in the "membership business," as well. Even though our

fraternal year is not yet half over, June 30 will be here before we know it. Since we all have our sights set on the Star Council Award, now is the time to work towards that goal. The purpose of my column in this issue is to remind you of the wonderful opportunity we have to help our Order grow, and to offer a couple of suggestions on how we can best do that.

The month of October is the *Orderwide Membership "Blitz"* recruitment campaign. Now is the time to follow through with all the interested prospective members we spoke with. Let's make them members during November. I can help, not only in explaining our outstanding insurance products, but also on the many other benefits of joining the Order. Even better, I can help you feel more comfortable in making the membership "sale" yourselves. In an earlier column, I asked you to "give me a seat at the table" when laying out the council agenda for the fraternal year. I reiterate that plea here. I'll help in any way that I can.

Fraternally, Your Brother,

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## Upcoming Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Where / When</u>
10/08	Columbus Day	Remember our Order
10/17	<i>Living Rosary Prayer Service</i>	<i>St. Patrick's Church / 7:00 PM</i>
10/17	Business Meeting	Moiola Hall / 7:30 PM
10/20-21	<b>Tootsie Roll Drive</b>	<b>Raley's, Safeway, Wal-Mart / 9:00-5:00</b>
11/03	<i>Living Rosary Prayer Service</i>	<i>St. Patrick's Church / 9:00 AM</i>
11/03	<b>Semi-Annual Parish Blood Drive (K of C Sponsored)</b>	<b>Moiola Hall / All Day</b>
11/04	<b>Mass for the Deceased Br. Knights/Corp. Comm.</b>	<b>St. Patrick's Church / 8:00 AM</b>
11/04	<b>Father Curran's Installation by Bishop Calvo/Lunch</b>	<b>St. Patrick's Church / 11:00 AM</b>
11/07	Business Meeting*	Moiola Hall / 7:30 PM
11/11	Veteran's Day (There will be a special Mass at St. Pat's)	Remember Our Veterans
11/13	<b>Pork Feed Dinner</b>	<b>Moiola Hall / 6:30 PM (Cocktails at 6:00)</b>
11/21	<i>Living Rosary Prayer Service (NOTE: new date)</i>	<i>St. Patrick's Church / 7:00 PM</i>
11/21	Business Meeting	Moiola Hall / 7:30 PM
11/22	Thanksgiving Day	Enjoy your time with family and friends
12/01	<i>Living Rosary Prayer Service</i>	<i>St. Patrick's Church / 9:00 AM</i>
12/01 to 12/02	<b>State Mid-Year Meeting</b>	<b>To Be Announced</b>
12/05	Business Meeting*	Moiola Hall / 7:30 PM
12/19	<i>Living Rosary Prayer Service (Note changed time)</i>	<i>St. Patrick's Church / 5:30 PM</i>
12/19	<b>Christmas Family Pot Luck</b>	<b>Moiola Hall / 6:00 PM</b>
12/24 to 12/25	Christmas Masses (Ushers Will be Needed)	Remember to Keep Christ in Christmas
12/30	<b>Corporate Communion</b>	<b>St. Patrick's Church / 8:00 AM</b>
1/02	Business Meeting*	Moiola Hall / 7:30 PM
1/05	<i>Living Rosary Prayer Service</i>	<i>St. Patrick's Church / 9:00 AM</i>

\* Officer's meetings are held 1/2-hour prior to the regular Council meetings on the first Wednesdays of each month, as necessary.

## 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 altar area at St. Patrick's Catholic Church. It will remain there throughout the month of October.

On September 19<sup>th</sup>, 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 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 13<sup>th</sup>, 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:shurtfam@ccomm.net). Addresses will only be used for official Knights of Columbus business.

In celebration of our upcoming 50<sup>th</sup> 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!

## Supreme Council News

**Pennsylvania Knight Installed as Member of Board of Directors - 10/6/2007:** Pennsylvania State Deputy Michael J. O'Connor was installed Oct. 6 as a member of the Board of Directors of the Order during the Board's quarterly meeting in Phoenix. He was elected to the Board by delegates to the 125th annual Supreme Convention of the Knights of Columbus in Nashville, Tenn., in August. O'Connor was elected state deputy for Pennsylvania in 2006, and is currently serving his second one-year term . . . Also installed as a member of the Knights of Columbus Board was Logan Ludwig, Phd a past state deputy of Illinois and associate dean of Library and Telemedicine Services at Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine. To read the entire article, go to <http://www.kofc.org/un/news/releases/detail.cfm?id=482010#>

**Virginia Knight Becomes Supreme Secretary - 10/7/2007:** Members of the Board of the Directors of the Knights of Columbus . . . elected Donald Kehoe as the new Supreme Secretary of the Order. Kehoe, who has served as Assistant Supreme Secretary since 2002, replaces Robert J. Lane, who retired upon reaching the mandatory retirement age of 70. Donald Kehoe joined the Knights of Columbus in 1978 and served as state advocate, state treasurer and state secretary prior to being elected state deputy of Virginia in 1990 . . . Current officers of the Supreme Council who were elected for another one-year term at the Phoenix Board meeting included Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, Deputy Supreme Knight Dennis A. Savoie, Supreme Treasurer John W. "Jack" O'Reilly, Supreme Advocate Paul R. Devin, and Supreme Chaplain Bishop William E. Lori of the Diocese of Bridgeport, Conn. To read the entire article, go to <http://www.kofc.org/un/news/releases/detail.cfm?id=482298#>

**Knights Lead New Haven's Columbus Day Celebration - 10/7/2007:** The Knights of Columbus were a big part of the 2007 Greater New Haven Columbus Day Parade. As a component part of its 125th anniversary celebration, the Order was the October 7 event's title sponsor. Former Supreme Secretary Robert Lane, a New Haven native and member of San Salvador Council 1, served as the parade's grand marshal, and more than 200 area Knights marched in the parade. The contingent included Fourth Degree Knights from Connecticut and Rhode Island, the first two states in which the Knights of Columbus was established, the Council 126 Pipe and Drum Band from Brooklyn, N.Y., the Connecticut State Council officers, and Knights representing councils throughout the state. To read the entire article, go to <http://www.kofc.org/un/news/releases/detail.cfm?id=482587#>



### Notes from the Faithful Navigator, Fr. Sam Tambourin Assembly 2739

Br. Knights:

First of all, I would like to thank you for selecting me to be your Faithful Navigator for the Columbian Year 2007-2008. The Assembly has already been busy, with Color Guard present at the Mass on August 15<sup>th</sup>, the Labor Day parade, and the annual audit. Coming events will be Color Guard at the Installation of Father Oliver as pastor of St. Patrick's at the 11:00 a.m.

Mass on November 4<sup>th</sup> and also at the 8:00 a.m. Mass on the same day for the annual Mass for deceased Council and Assembly members. In addition, preparation for the Thanksgiving Dinner for single base personnel and setting a date for our Installation of Officers. Our table is full, but with your help, we should have a good year. Please remember, our next meeting, scheduled for October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Faithfully Yours,

Edward Kraker, Jr., Faithful Navigator

### The Last Word - Grand Knight's Corner

Welcome to autumn, my Brother Knights. As you all know this is a busy time of year for us and I hope, if contacted, you will volunteer your time to some of our functions! The first one is September thirtieth which is corporate communion at the Eight O'clock Mass. Please attend if you can and wear your Green Jacket if possible. The next event is our annual Tootsie Roll Drive which will be the weekend of October Twentieth and Twenty-first. The last really big happening is a change on our annual schedule. It is our Pork Feed which has been moved from the Fourteenth of October to the Seventeenth of November. I know these things require a lot of time and effort but with all of your help, I know we can be just as successful as ever.

I would like to thank all of the Knights who attended Brother Wayne Crooks' Diaconate Ordination. There was a great turnout by all of St. Patrick's parishioners, but Fr. Oliver made it a point to tell me how special the Knights in green made the event and to thank us!

So far my term as your Grand Knight has been a busy one and I can honestly say that I didn't realize how much time and responsibility this would require, but I meet these challenges gladly in order to serve you my Brothers.

Vivat Jesus!

Bob Greer, Grand Knight

The next edition of the *Oasis Knightline* will be published in late December. If you have an idea for an article, please submit them to FS Jim Shurtliff at [shurfam@cccomm.net](mailto:shurfam@cccomm.net) or at 4712 Benson Lane, Fallon, NV 89406 or send them to the Council's address at PO Box 2545, Fallon, NV 89407. Submittals should be received by December 15<sup>th</sup> for inclusion in the newsletter. Photos (regular or digital) are welcome, too.