

## Council Tidbits

**Tootsie Roll Drive** - Our annual Tootsie Roll Drive was held on 24 and 25 October at Safeway, Raleys, and Wal-Mart. Despite the current economy, the people of Fallon and Churchill County provided us with more than \$2274 in donations. These funds will be used to support intellectually challenged people of the local area and across the state. The Council wishes to thank Br. Brad Jackson for chairing this year's event and we congratulate him on a job well done!

**Newsletter Sponsorships Needed** - Please note that our newsletter's Sponsor's Page is still no longer included as part of *Oasis Knightline*. As stated in previous newsletter editions, this is not because the sponsorships are no longer needed, but rather, because all of our previous sponsorships expired several months ago. Therefore, we are still looking for a Br. Knight to step up and volunteer to contact our previous advertisers and reestablish their advertisements for us and also to help us look for some new advertisers to finish filling up our advertising slots. Our goal is to have the newsletter be completely self-sustaining, so we need to have approximately twenty sponsors. If you are available to assist in contacting our previous sponsors and/or other local business owners, or if you actually 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 will also be published on our web-site. The Council reserves the right to review all advertisements prior to publication. (NOTE: we cannot accept advertisements from insurance companies other than K of C insurance agents.)

**Mass for the Deceased** - Our annual Mass for our deceased Brother Knights will be held at St. Patrick's Church on November 1st during the 8:00 Mass. As always, this will also be a Corporate Communion, so please wear your green jackets.

**Blood Drive** - Council 4828 will be sponsoring the semi-annual St. Patrick's Parish Blood Drive on 14 November. Br. Pat Laca is chairing this event, once again, 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 our annual Pork Feed dinner, which will be held later that evening.

**Seminarian Support** - As in past years, Council 4828 will be supporting a seminarian from the Reno Diocese through the Supreme Council RSVP program. This year we are planning to support Teo Rojas, once again. We will publish an updated article about Teo in a future edition of *Oasis Knightline*.

**St. Patrick's Confirmation Class** - It is Confirmation Class time again and, once again, Br. Tom Lukas will be hosting the lunches for the students and the teachers this year. There will be a total of 5 lunches and they are the combined classes so Br. Tom expects to feed about 35 people each meal. The first one will be on October 25 with others in December, January, March, and April. If you are interested in lending a helping hand for 2 hours on a Sunday from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., or so, please contact Br. Tom at 427-1751 or at one of our Council meetings.

**2009/2010 Calendar of Events** - Several Brother Knights have claimed that they either lost or never received the Calendar of Events for the 2009-2010 Columbian year, so a new copy being forwarded with this newsletter. Please put the calendar in a safe place so that you can reference it throughout the following year. If you can't make it to our regular council meetings, please try to volunteer to help with one of our many special events and fund-raisers. Your help is greatly needed and appreciated.

**2009 Membership Dues in Arrears** - 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 eight members who haven't submitted their annual dues. Notices of Intent to Suspend have already been forwarded, so if you are one of these Br. Knights, please forward your payment, immediately, in order to avoid pending suspension in December. If you are having financial difficulties, please let us know so that other arrangements, such as a payment plan, can be made. Thanks! The new Billing Statements for 2010 will be forwarded in December.

**On-line Data Access** - 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.

**Council Web-Master Needed** - Due to other commitments, Financial Secretary Shurtliff has been unable to properly maintain and update the Council's web-site for over a year. Therefore, he is still looking for another Br. Knight who might be interested in taking over as the web-master for the web-site. If you are interested, please contact FS Shurtliff at 423-6911 or [shurtfam@ccomm.net](mailto:shurtfam@ccomm.net).

**Living Rosary Services** - Br. Knights are reminded that Council 4828 is still sponsoring Living Rosary prayer services on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month. The services are held at 9:00 a.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Fallon. Unfortunately, due to lack of past participation, this year we have discontinued our similar prayer services that used to be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of each month. Remember, these services are peaceful, prayerful recitations of the Rosary, to pray for an end to abortion and for the support of life in all stages. Our turn-out has been quite low during the past year or more, so all Brother Knights and parish members are encouraged to bring their families and support these important prayer services. If you have any questions, or want more information, contact Br. Jeff Scholz at 423-4771 or Br. Jim Shurtliff at 423-6911.

**Personal Contact Information Updates Needed** - In order to be a successful organization it is critical that we be able to properly communicate with all of our membership so that everyone remains aware of our meetings, events, etc. In order to do that we must have accurate contact information for all of our Br. Knights. However, we have recently found that our telephone and/or EMAIL contact information, and even a few mailing addresses, are no longer valid. Therefore, all Brother Knights are asked to please send any updates to the Financial Secretary so he can accurately maintain our records.

**Annual Fraternal Surveys for 2009** - The annual survey of Fraternal Activity will be forwarded within the next few weeks. This survey is very important to our Order, so it is critical that we receive a response from each Br. Knights. Therefore, please start thinking about the services you have provided to the church, the council, the community, your own family members, local youth groups, etc. during the past year and be prepared to complete and submit your Fraternal Survey when you receive it.