

## Annual Membership Dues and Bishop's Seminarian Raffle Tickets

At this time, only 64% of our annual membership dues have been collected. If you are one of the 30+ members who still have not submitted your dues, please get them in as soon as possible. They were due at the beginning of January so your quick response will be appreciated. For reference, regular membership dues are \$30.00 and Honorary member dues are \$10.00. Second Notices have been prepared and are being included with the mailing of this newsletter. For those who receive those notices, please submit your dues to the Financial Secretary immediately.

In addition, we are currently in the process of selling tickets for the annual Seminarian Education Fund Raffle. Two booklets of tickets have been previously forwarded to all council members. So far, our sales are between 600 and 700 tickets, which is only about 50% of last year's total sales. This also means that, to date, only about 25% of the tickets that were mailed have been sold. This is a very important statewide fundraiser, so everyone's support is critical. Our Council can do much better than we have in the past, so please get out there and sell your tickets or purchase them yourself. Ticket stubs and money should be submitted as soon as possible, but no later than the last week of April. If you need additional tickets, please let us know, and we will get some more to you.

## Council Tidbits

Approximately 35 Brother Knights have not yet paid their 2005 membership dues (\$30 for regular members and \$10 for Honorary members). We also still have four members who have not yet paid their 2005 dues. Second notices are being forwarded along with this edition of *Oasis Knightline*. You are reminded that dues are supposed to be paid by the first regular business meeting in January, so **please submit your dues to FS Jim Shurtliff as soon as possible.**

Brother's Maurice Hanifan and Bernard Condon were recently transitioned to the status of "Honorary Life" members. Honorary Life membership requirements are age 70 with at least 25 consecutive years of service or 50 years of service, regardless of age. All members who are full-time clergy are also Honorary Life members, by default. As a further tidbit of information, Council 4828 currently has 18 Honorary Life members, including three priests and three 50-year members. We honor these members and express our gratitude for their many years of service and commitment to the Order.

Once again, Council 4828 is coordinating this year's annual Parish Blood Drive, which is scheduled for 1 April. If you would like to help by volunteering your services, please contact Br. Pat Laca at 423-2436.

As mentioned in previous editions of *Oasis Knightline* and the weekly church bulletin, Council 4828 is now sponsoring a bi-monthly Living Rosary prayer service at St. Patrick's in Fallon. 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. These Living Rosary prayer services are held at 9:00 a.m. on the First Saturdays of each month and at 7:00 p.m. on the third Wednesdays of each month, just before our regular Council business meeting. All Brother Knights and parish members are encouraged to bring their families and support these important prayer services. For those who have never participated in this type of Living Rosary prayer service, it is a wonderful experience and it takes less than 30-minutes of your time. If you have any questions, or want more information, contact Br. Jeff Scholz at 423-4771 or Br. Jim Shurtliff at 423-6911.

Our list of sponsors for our newsletter has been dropping off. To make the newsletter be self-sustaining, we need between ten and twelve sponsors, but we currently have only five. If you own a business or know of anyone who would be interested, please contact FS Shurtliff at 423-6911. Sponsorships are only \$25.00, which includes advertising in four quarterly editions of the *Oasis Knightline*. The sponsor's page is also published on our Council web-site.

The Council's annual Report of Fraternal Service was submitted to the Supreme Office on 30 January. Our totals were as follows:

20	Regular Meetings
8	Socials
25	Special Meetings/Gatherings (includes our Living Rosaries)
\$3537	Fraternal Activity Expenses
\$2072	Charitable Church Activities
\$3789	Charitable Community Activities
\$1103	Charitable Youth Activities
403	Visits to the Sick (403) and Bereaved (71)
6	Blood Donations
7440	Hours of Community Service (Church - 1705, Community - 2458, Youth - 1675, Habitat for Humanity - 255, and Misc. - 1347)
318	Hours of Fraternal Service (Sick and disabled members and their families)

The overall results for the Fraternal Service hours (the last four categories) are based on reports from only 40 of our 130 members (only 23%), who responded to this year's survey. This is one of the most important surveys that all Councils have to submit each year because it is the one, single survey that represents what the Knights of Columbus are all about. Therefore, we need a response from 100% of our membership, not just 23%. Even if your totals are minimal, or even zero, we still need your response, so if you did not respond to the survey this year, please start tracking your charitable activities for next year. We can certainly do much better than a 23% response.

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 couple of 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@cccomm.net](mailto:shurtfam@cccomm.net). Addresses will only be used for official Knights of Columbus business.

If you haven't visited our Council website, yet, the address is <http://www.kofc4828.org>. It is full of information, such as a calendar of events, current and past issues of *Oasis Knightline*, officer information, photos from recent events, Council history, and lists of charter members, deceased members, past grand knights, and past chaplains, as well as links to other sites of interest.