

## **Seminarian - Mark Hanifan**

**For the past several years, Council 4828 has been supporting Br. Mark Hanifan as our Seminarian. He is in his final year at the seminary and he recently forwarded us the following letter of appreciation and update on his studies. Please keep Brother Mark in your prayers as he continues his path towards priesthood this coming June.**

Dear Jim and brother Knights,

It is always a pleasure to update you on my progress in the seminary. It gives me the opportunity to feel connected with those whom I plan to journey alongside with as a fellow disciple of Christ. It also gives me the opportunity to begin to understand and live my role as your servant in Christ as I get closer to entering into my priestly office under the bishop of Reno.

First I wish to send my condolences concerning the death of Brother Jack Waldeisen. I understand that he contributed greatly to the "hands on" efforts of the Fallon Knights. I send my prayers for the repose of his soul and the consolation of his family and loved ones.

Secondly I want to acknowledge the great things that I have been hearing about, and receiving the benefits of, concerning the Fallon Knights. I understand that your Octoberfest dinner was a success and the raffle proceeds from that event went toward the support of seminarians. As a direct beneficiary of your efforts to raise funds for seminarians I greatly appreciate the support this brings. Thank you!

I also want to acknowledge the great work of charity (Tootsie Roll Drive) that came about through the hard work of many Knights, especially Br. Tom Lukas, and friends and family of knights. I understand this work of charity brought \$2,800 to Fallon Industries, who run a community thrift store and job training center for the disabled in Fallon. This is truly the kind of work that changes the world and causes onlookers to say, "So that is what a Christian looks like?"

Finally I wish to update you on my progress. It is with great honor and humility that I tell you how privileged it is to finally be a member of the clergy of the Diocese of Reno. Bishop Randy Calvo ordained me a transitional deacon on November 4, 2006 here in Redwood City. I was ordained along with 9 other seminarians from various dioceses. Bishop Calvo was one of the few bishops present, which I believe attests to his desire to be truly present to the needs of the diocese and of individuals. We are truly lucky to have a man of his caliber as bishop. I will be ordained, God willing, to the priesthood Saturday June 2, 2007 in Carson City at St. Teresa's Catholic Church at 10:00am. I hope all of you can attend this day of celebration.



My time at the seminary is coming to a close. Please pray that the remaining time here will be fruitful. Please also pray that my transition from seminary into priestly service will be as smooth as possible.

With the Love of Christ,

Deacon and Brother Mark Hanifan

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

At this time, only 67% of our annual membership dues have been collected, plus ten individuals still haven't paid their 2006 dues. 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 were forwarded in a separate mailing back in February. If you received one of these notices, please submit your dues to the Financial Secretary immediately. "Knight Alert" letters will be prepared and forwarded, shortly.

In addition, we are currently in the process of selling tickets for the annual Seminarian Education Fund Raffle. Two booklets of tickets were forwarded to all council members in February and ticket stubs and proceeds have started to be turned in. So far, our sales are at about \$650, which is only about 65% 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 if you haven't already submitted your stubs and proceeds, please get out there and either 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. We still have approximately 50 booklets and we can get more if we need them.