

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 ten members who have not yet paid their 2006 dues. Second notices were forwarded in February and "Knight Alert" notices will be going out in the near future. 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.**

Once again, Council 4828 is coordinating this spring's Parish Blood Drive at Moiola Hall. It is scheduled for 21 April. If you would like to donate or would like to help by volunteering your services, please contact Br. Pat Laca at 423-2436. Note that the Council's annual Adult Steak Social will also be held that same evening at Moiola Hall.

As mentioned in previous editions of Oasis Knightline and the weekly church bulletin, Council 4828 is still sponsoring a semi-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, especially if we have enough people to use the Council's large wooden Rosary, 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.

Please note that our newsletter's Sponsor's Page is back and that we added several new sponsors. Special thanks to Br. Jerry Keener for finding these new sponsors back in late December and early January. Council 4828 wishes to express our thanks to all of our sponsors and all Br. Knights are encouraged to support these sponsors in any way possible and, if nothing else, just thank them for their support, if you get a chance. Also note that in order to make *Oasis Knightline* be self-sustaining, we need at least ten to fourteen sponsors. Therefore, we still need several more, so if you own a business or know of anyone who would be interested in a sponsorship, please contact FS Shurtliff at 423-6911 or Br. Keener at 423-2184. 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:

22	Regular Meetings
6	Socials
35	Special Meetings/Gatherings (includes our Living Rosaries)
\$2873	Fraternal Activity Expenses
\$2469	Charitable Church Activities
\$3569	Charitable Community Activities
\$1054	Charitable Youth Activities
808	Visits to the Sick (657) and Bereaved (151)
39	Blood Donations
9203	Hours of Community Service (Church - 4670, Community - 1415, Youth - 20, Habitat for Humanity - 1853, and Misc. - 1245)
454	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 44 of our 128 members (only 34%), 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, in the future, we need a response from 100% of our membership, not just 34%. 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 34% response.

On 23 March, Council 4828 sponsored and coordinated the weekly Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper at St. Patrick's church. In honor of the Day of the Unborn, which is always on 25 March, an artificial wreath of red roses was used as part of the introduction to the Stations of the Cross and the station prayers and readings also had a pro-life theme. Approximately 70 people were present.

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. Addresses will only be used for official Knights of Columbus business. You are also encouraged to visit our Council website at <http://www.kofc4828.org/>.

Upcoming Bi-Annual Council Rummage Sale

Council 4828's bi-annual rummage sale is scheduled for the weekend of 2-3 June. This is typically a very large sale which completely fills Moiola Hall, with additional larger items being moved outside, in front of the hall. This is one of the Council's biggest fund-raisers, so we need all of the help we can get to help collect items, move them to and from storage at Br. Ron Rudden's large garage, set up the tables, sort through the items and get them on display, and conduct the two days of sales. If you have any items to donate or you have time to help support the fundraising event in any way, please get in touch with this year's coordinators, Br. Tom Lukas at 427-1751 or Br. Bob Greer at 423-6782. If you know anyone else who has items they would like to donate, please have them get in touch with Br. Tom or Br. Bob, as well. In addition, please help pass the word to our fellow parishioners and to your family, your friends, and your neighbors.

NOTE: We do not want any clothing items and we will not accept items that are not in good enough shape to sell.