

## **Council Tidbits**

We still have 17 Brother Knights who have not yet paid their 2008 membership dues (\$30 for regular members and \$10 for Honorary members). Second notices have been forwarded in conjunction with this newsletter, as applicable. If you received one of these notices, 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. If you are having financial difficulty, please let us know so that other arrangements can be made.

Once again, Council 4828 is coordinating this spring's Parish Blood Drive at Moiola Hall. It is scheduled for 5 April. If you would like to donate or would like to help by volunteering your services, please contact Br. Pat Laca at 423-2436.

Council 4828's annual Adult Steak Social is scheduled for 26 April. The chairmen for this event are Br. Paul Loop and Br. Gary Laca. Please mark your calendars, invite your ladies, and make plans to come and join us for A Knight's Night Out.

Br. Knights are reminded that Council 4828 is still sponsoring semi-monthly Living Rosary prayer services 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. Services are typically 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. If you have any questions, or want more information, contact Br. Jeff Scholz at 423-4771 or Br. Jim Shurtliff at 423-6911.

As mentioned in the previous edition of *Oasis Knightline*, Council 4828 is scheduled to host the Nevada State Council's annual convention and End-of-Year Meeting in the spring of 2009, in celebration of our upcoming 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. 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, and some additional chairman have also been selected, but additional volunteers are still needed. These individuals are needed 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. May of 2009 will be upon us quicker than we think, so we need to get started, now!

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

19	Regular Meetings
6	Socials
32	Special Meetings/Gatherings (includes our Living Rosaries)
\$3707	Fraternal Activity Expenses
\$1683	Charitable Church Activities
\$3164	Charitable Community Activities
\$655	Charitable Youth Activities
644	Visits to the Sick (444) and Bereaved (200)
34	Blood Donations
9501	Hours of Community Service (Church - 3278, Community - 2999, Youth - 1619, Habitat for Humanity - 270, and Misc. - 1335)
520	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 119 members (only 37%), 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 37%. 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 37% response.

Please note that our newsletter's Sponsor's Page still has room for several more sponsors. All Br. Knights are encouraged to support our current sponsors in any way possible and, if nothing else, just thank them for their support, if you get a chance. 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. Jerry Keener at 423-2184. Sponsorships are only \$25.00, which includes advertising in four quarterly editions of the *Oasis Knightline* and publication on our Council web-site.

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 [shurtfjam@cccomm.net](mailto:shurtfjam@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/>.

## **Update on Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen's Cause for Canonization:**

(Extracted, in part, from an Easter Message received from the Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Foundation)

Father Andrew Apostoli, C.F.R. and The Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Foundation recently announced that, finally, five-and-a-half years after formally opening the Cause for Canonization in Rome, that they have now finished the diocesan phase of the investigation into Archbishop Sheen's life and works. On February 3<sup>rd</sup>, during a public ceremony known by the Latin name of *Postrema Sessio* or "next stage", all documents, books and personal testimonies that had been collected for the cause were certified and forwarded to Rome, where they will now be examined by the Vatican Congregation for the Causes of Saints. The documents that were certified included all reviews of Archbishop Sheen's books done by the cause's Theological Commission, all materials gathered by the Historical Commission, and the personal testimonies about the sanctity of the Archbishop given by more than 100 witnesses. Father Andrew stated, "It was truly a special experience to watch as the documents were being tied up with the traditional red ribbon and sealed with wax by the main movers of the cause . . . amidst a thunderous standing ovation by numerous bishops, priests and religious, members of the Sheen family and many of the faithful who were present. I could almost liken it to the applause of the people during one of the Archbishop's public talks when he was still alive. But this was even more special because we were celebrating Archbishop Sheen's life which was then taking an important step forward, God-willing, towards beatification and canonization. (NOTE: Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen was a member of the Knights of Columbus.)"