

Memorial Day Remembrance

Over Memorial Day weekend, Council 4828 placed special Knights of Columbus flags on the graves of our deceased Brethren who are buried in the local Churchill County Cemetery. Similar to last year, several Council members met on Friday evening, 26 May, and prayed the Rosary together as we placed the flags on the 24 graves of our deceased brethren. The following individuals were present: Brothers Dennis Kathrein, Ed Arcineaga, Ed Kraker, Jr., Doug Lynch, and Jim Shurtliff, as well as the rest of the Shurtliff family. The flags were retrieved on the following Monday evening, 29 May, by Brothers Bob Greer, Alex Scherr, and Jim Shurtliff. The Council will be doing this annually on Memorial Day weekend, so please plan to join us next year.

Living Rosary Prayer Services

Over the past year Council 4828 has been sponsoring two monthly Living Rosary Prayer Services. The first services have been held on the first Saturdays of each month at 9:00 a.m. This corresponds to a similar Living Rosary service that is held across from the abortion clinic in Reno at the same time. The second Council-sponsored service has typically been held on the 3rd Wednesdays of each month, beginning ½-hour before our normal Council business meeting. Attendance has ranged from about ten people to as many as 35, but we typically have about twelve to fifteen. Although fifteen people are enough to use the large wooden Rosary that was made especially for this purpose a year ago, this type of Living Rosary is designed to have 60 people, with each person leading the prayer(s) on one of the 60 individual Rosary beads.

This coming year, the Council will continue sponsoring two of these special prayer services. The first one will remain on the first Saturdays of each month at 9:00 a.m. However, the second service is being moved, on a trial basis, to the third Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. We are hoping that this will encourage greater participation of our Brother Knights and their families, as well as other parish members. The services typically last less than 30 minutes.

For those of you who have never participated in this type of Living Rosary prayer service, it is a wonderful experience and all Brother Knights and parish members are encouraged to bring their families and join us as we pray for an end to abortion and for the preservation of life in all stages.

If you have any questions, or want more information, contact Br. Jeff Scholz at 423-4771 or Br. Jim Shurtliff at 423-6911.

Fire Relief Fund for Our Lady of Wisdom Church in Las Vegas

Over the weekend of 17-18 June, there was a fire at Our Lady of Wisdom Church causing considerable damage to the interior of the Church. Even though the fire department was able to hold the damage to the interior of the church, many of the Icon's were damaged, as were Father Vivona's vestments and the kitchen and office areas. In fact, State Deputy Wayne Bieniasz visited the Church and stated that the only area that did not receive any fire damage was the Altar/Sanctuary where the Holy Eucharistic was located. He also stated that this should serve as a strong sign of Our Lord's Presence on the Altar.

Since the insurance claim will not cover all of the expenses/damage, the statewide Knights of Columbus have been asked to help provide help to clean-up and remove the damaged items from the church, as well as to provide financial assistance for repairs and for replacing the damaged items. Therefore, on 21 June, State Deputy Bieniasz announced that the Nevada State Council has establishing a Fire Relief Fund by Brother Knights and their Families for Our Lady of Wisdom Church in Las Vegas. The Relief Fund will be generated from Brother Knights, their Families, Councils and Assemblies in Nevada. Then distributed by the Nevada State Council as a corporate body to Our Lady of Wisdom Church. Receipts will be issued by the State Council for any donation forwarded to them.

Council 4828 has already provided a \$200 donation to the fund, but if anyone is interested in making a personal contribution, checks should be made payable to Knights of Columbus Nevada State Council, marked with "Our Lady of Wisdom Fire Relief," and then forwarded to the following address:

Paul Dendary, State Secretary
Nevada State Council
2419 Balgavies Court
Henderson, NV 89044-8764

Receipts will be issued for tax purposes and the donations will be forwarded directly to Our Lady of Wisdom Church. This will allow the State Council to better understand the level of donations from the various Councils, Assemblies, and Individual Donors in the Nevada jurisdiction. Thank you for your generosity and prayers.