

Council Tidbits

The Calendar of Events for the 2007-2008 Columbian Year is being forwarded with this newsletter. Note that there are several changes as compared to last year. For example, we have added both an extra rummage sale and a Bratwurst luncheon, in September, plus we will be hosting the annual State Convention and Year-End meeting in May. Please put the calendar in a safe place so that you can reference it throughout the following year. If you can't make it to our regular council meetings, please try to volunteer to help with one of our many special events and fundraisers. Your help is greatly needed and appreciated.

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. Our turn-out has been getting low, so 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.

The sponsorships for our newsletter have all expired, so **we are in need of someone to step up and volunteer to contact our previous sponsors for their renewals and help find some new sponsors**, as well. Our ultimate goal has always been to make the newsletter become self-sustaining by having 15 to 20 sponsors, but we have never had more than eight at any given time, and recently we have only had five or fewer. If you are available to help get advertisement renewals and new sponsors, or if you own a business or know of anyone who would be interested in an advertisement space, please contact FS Shurtliff at 423-6911. Sponsorships are \$25.00 for four quarterly editions of the *Oasis Knightline*. In addition, the sponsor's page is also published on our Council web-site. The Council reserves the right to review all advertisements prior to publication. (NOTE: we cannot accept advertisements from insurance companies other than K of C insurance agents).

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 50th 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!

We still have ten members who haven't submitted their annual membership dues, which are now six-months in arrears. The "Knight Alert" notices are being forwarded along with this copy of the newsletter. Therefore, if you found a notice in your envelope, please submit your \$30.00 payment to the Council address or directly to the Financial Secretary at 4712 Benson Lane, Fallon, NV, immediately. If you are having financial difficulties, please let us know so that other arrangements can be made. Thanks!

This year, Council 4828's submittal for annual Bishop's Seminarian Raffle ticket sales were up by nearly 40% from last year, for a total of \$1225. Our submittal for the state-wide "365-Club" was also up from last year, totaling \$198.50. Although both of these totals were higher than the previous year, we can still do better as a Council. Therefore, all Br. Knights are encouraged to support these two causes in the coming year. Raffle tickets will be forwarded in either December or January and sales will run through the end of April. Your individual donations for the 365-Club can be forwarded to the Financial Secretary, along with your annual dues, or placed in a collection jar at our regular Council meetings.

On 5 April Council 4828 coordinated the semi-annual St. Patrick's Parish spring blood drive again, and more than 30 useable pints of blood were collected by United Blood Services. Thanks to Br. Pat Laca for coordinating the blood drive, once again, and thanks also to those who assisted Br. Pat and also to those who provided the blood donations. Our next scheduled blood drive should take place sometime in November.

For the second year, Council 4828 purchased several dozen carnations and distributed them to the mothers and grandmothers of St. Patrick's parish on Mother's Day weekend. Once again, this function was a great success, so it has been included on our annual calendar again for the upcoming year.

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 and will also help the council save money in mailing and copying fees, plus it will allow you to stay better informed of the Council activities and those of the Supreme and Nevada State Councils and other councils across the state. Submit your EMAIL address to FS Shurtliff at shurfam@eccomm.net. Addresses will only be used for official Knights of Columbus business. Br. Knights are also encouraged to visit both our Council website at <http://www.kofc4828.org> and the Nevada State Council's website at <http://www.kofc-nv.org>, both of which contains lots of useful information and interesting links, including links to the Council's newsletter, our calendar of events, etc. The Supreme Council also has a very informative website at <http://kofc.org>.