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## Fall Festival Dinner

On November 17th, Council 4828 held our annual Fall Festival Dinner. This year, we returned to our customary Pork Feed, consisting of roast pork and all the trimmings. We had a wonderful turnout and served well over 100 people and, as usual, the meal was delicious and a good time was enjoyed by all.

Special thanks go to Brothers Cliff Cramer and Ron Rudden for chairing the event and to all Brother Knights and family members who were involved in purchasing, preparing, and cooking the food and to those who served as waiters and as part of the set-up and clean-up crews.

As in previous years, Br. Tom Lukas' efforts paid off in obtaining complimentary dinner tickets, overnight

lodging, and other donations from various hotels, casinos, and restaurants throughout Northern Nevada. Once again, these items were used as door prizes and raffle prizes, with the raffle proceeds going to the Council's seminarian support fund. The Council wishes to thank the businesses that provided these door prizes for their generosity. We also have several other prizes that will be used as raffle and door prizes at some of our future events.

Overall, the Council took in approximately \$1633 in proceeds (\$888 in profit) and collected another \$418 for our Seminarian support fund through the raffle ticket sales.

## **Reason for the Season: Keep Christ In Christmas**

(Extracted, in part, from a Supreme Council website and an article dated 12/04/07)

In a time when all things religious are being discouraged and swept away, it's refreshing to know that the Knights of Columbus established the "Keep Christ in Christmas" campaign to remind people that Christmas is, above all, a holy day celebrating the birth of Christ. Keeping Christ in Christmas is keeping the very heart and meaning of the Christmas celebration alive.

The Knights have been producing Keep Christ in Christmas public service announcements since the 1980s. Each year, these announcements reach more than 40 million television viewers and up to 37 million radio listeners. This year, millions of people in North America received the message to "Keep Christ in Christmas" thanks to these public service announcements which were aired in the United States and Canada during the Christmas season. Radio spots encouraging people to "Keep Christ in Christmas" in various ways – including by helping the less fortunate – were also aired in English and Spanish. A public service announcement for television was also sent to TV networks and hundreds of local broadcast stations and cable television systems and hundreds of billboards with the same message were also put up by local Knights of Columbus councils.

"In the midst of an increasingly materialistic and secular society, it is all too easy to lose sight of what Christmas really means. We give gifts to each other because it is the day on which we celebrate the ultimate gift: the Christ child, the savior of mankind," said Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson. "Even those who do not share the Christian faith can and do appreciate the message of peace and hope that this Christian holiday – holy day – brings to the world. It is a message that the world needs now more than ever."

Council 4828 has been actively supporting this program for several years by setting up the Nativity Scene at St. Patrick's Church, hanging a large "Keep Christ in Christmas" banner in front of the church rectory, and displaying various posters in the Council's poster frames, near the church bulletin board. In addition, the following resolution, which was originally written by Brother and Deacon Kurt Carlson, has been included in our Council's annual Fall and Winter Editions of *Oasis Knightline*, since 2002.

**Whereas, there is a known Knight program of "Keeping Christ in Christmas"**

**and Whereas, there is a progressive incrementalism of American society that continues to erode any Christian root of Christmas, except for the purchase of gifts**

**and Whereas, younger generations are in danger of not knowing, through "political correctness," the true meaning of Christmas.**

**Be it resolved that: All Knights and their families, to the best of their conscience, support those businesses, or those communities, that have the courage to continue to display appropriate Christmas images**

**and be it further resolved: That all councils read this resolution at their meeting closest to Advent.**

Remember that, although Christmas Day is when we celebrate Jesus' birth, the overall Christmas Season continues through the Epiphany, which will be on 6 January this year. Also remember that the gift of God, Himself, in the person of Jesus Christ, is the one true gift that never stops giving.