

Seminarian Support

Each year, Council 4828 provides financial support to a seminarian from the Diocese of Reno through the Knights of Columbus RSVP program. This year, we are sponsoring Doroteo "Teo" Rojas, who forwarded us the following photo and letter about himself:

My name is Doroteo Rojas. I am from a small town in the center west of Mexico, called Villa Victoria, and I lived there until August of two thousand four. I am the number sixth of 16 brothers and sisters. Most of my family is living in this country, and most of them in the area of Dayton and Carson City.

At age sixteen I entered to the Manor Seminary in my home diocese, Apatzingan, Michoacán, in one thousand ninety seven. I finished my studies of humanities in three years and I graduated in two thousand.

After that, I started the studies of philosophy in the Mayor Seminary of the same place for four years. I finished it in two thousand four. At this time, my family started to immigrate to the United States, most of them. However, I decided to study theology where I could be closer to my family. I moved to Chicago, in the summer of two thousand four, to study English for one year.

In two thousand five I enter to the Seminary of Mundelein, in Chicago to study theology. I was there for one year and half and then, decided to move to the Diocese of Reno, where most of my siblings live. At this year, the Diocese of Reno accepted me as candidate to the seminary for the next year. Currently, I am studying English in the University of Reno. May God bless you!



Council Tidbits

Once again, it's that time of year when we collect our annual membership dues and our member's updated personal information. Therefore, either forwarded with this newsletter or previously sent via EMAIL, council members will receive the following items, as applicable: (1) the bill for your 2007 membership dues - \$30 for Regular members and \$10 for Honorary members and (2) a copy of the data contained in your personal council data base record. To help save the Financial Secretary a lot of extra work, please forward your dues and return personal data questionnaire, with corrections, as soon as possible., but no later than 27 January. Send them to the council address or pass them directly to FS Jim Shurtliff.

Also included with this newsletter are the annual Survey of Fraternal Activity forms and the annual Bishop's Seminarian Raffle tickets. Each year, our response to both the Fraternal Survey and the Raffle Ticket sales seem to be going down. These are both very important to our Council, so please take a few minutes either now or in the near future to complete your Fraternal Survey and return it to FS Shurtliff and to either sell or purchase the Seminarian Raffle Tickets. The fraternal Surveys must be returned by 26 January and the raffle ticket stubs and proceeds must be returned by late April.

This year's annual Tootsie Roll Drive was held on the weekend of 20 and 21 October. Advocate Jerry Keener coordinated the event this year, and, once again, it turned out to be one of our most successful ever. Through the extreme generosity of the people of Fallon and Churchill County, we collected a total of \$2352.49. The Council's proceeds from this fundraiser will be given to the Churchill Association of Retarded Citizens in Fallon. Council 4828 wishes to express our thanks to Br. Jerry for chairing this event and to all Brother Knights and family members who participated.

Council 4828 sponsored our semi-annual St. Patrick's Parish Blood Drive on 3 November. It was held throughout the day in Moiola Hall and we had a fairly good turn-out. The Council would like to thanks Br. Pat Laca for chairing this event, once again. The next blood drive will take place in the March or April time frame.

On November 11th, Council 4828 held our annual Memorial Mass in honor of our deceased Brother Knights. Sadly, this year Br. Glenn Jacobs and Br. Jack Waldeisen were added to our list of departed Brothers. Special thanks to Brothers Ed Kraker and Wayne Bonde for coordinating the service, and thanks also to the 4th Degree honor guard

In celebration of our upcoming 50th anniversary, Council 4828 is scheduled to host the Nevada State Council's annual convention and End-of-Year Meeting in the spring of 2009. 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, but he is in need of several volunteers 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. 2009 will be upon us quicker than we think, so let's get started, now!

Although the Council currently has several newsletter sponsors, we are still looking for some other advertisers to finish filling up our advertising slots. Our ultimate goal is to have the newsletter be completely self-sustaining, so we need to have approximately twenty sponsors. If you own a business or know of any businesses that might be interested in a sponsorship, please contact FS Shurtliff at 423-6911. Sponsorships are \$25.00 for four quarterly editions of the *Oasis Knightline*. The sponsor's page is also published on our 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 few 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 shurfam@ccomm.net. Addresses will only be used for official Knights of Columbus business.