

Council Tidbits

Membership Dues and Assessments - Once again, it's that time of year when we collect our annual membership dues. The annual billing statements for 2010 were forwarded to all members during the last week of December. Membership dues are \$30 for Regular members and \$10 for Honorary members. Note that there was also a \$2.00 assessment for continuation of the Supreme Council's "Culture of Life Fund" that was initiated a year ago. This fee is mandatory for Regular members, but optional for Honorary and Honorary Life members. All members can also include an additional voluntary donation of \$5.00 to go toward the Nevada State Council's 365-Club fund. If you haven't already forwarded your payment, you can save the Financial Secretary a lot of extra work, by submitting your fees as soon as possible. Send them to the council address or mail/pass them directly to FS Jim Shurtliff.

Fraternal Survey - Also included the December mailing was the annual Survey of Fraternal Activity forms, which needs to be returned to the Financial Secretary, immediately. Each year, our response to the Fraternal Survey seems to be going down. Returning this form is very important to both our Council and the Order, so please take a few minutes right now to complete your Fraternal Survey and send your response to FS Shurtliff, immediately. All responses need to be received by 24 January so the Council's overall response can be submitted to the Supreme Council before the end of the month.

Personal Questionnaire Updates Needed - In order to be a successful organization it is critical that we be able to properly communicate with all of our members so that everyone remains aware of our meetings, events, etc. In order to do that we must have accurate contact information for all of our Br. Knights. However, we have found that our telephone, mailing address, and/or EMAIL contact information for several members are no longer valid. To help us collect corrections/updates for the database, individual copies of the information that we have on file for each member was forwarded in the form of a Personal Questionnaire, as part of the December mailing. All Brother Knights are asked to please send review the information on the form that you received and provide any changes to the Financial Secretary so he can accurately update our records. All members are asked to respond, even if no changes are required. That way we will know that our records are correct for all members.

Bishop's Seminarian Raffle Tickets - Included with the mailing of this newsletter, all Br. Knights should receive their ticket booklets for the annual Bishop's Seminarian Raffle. Our response to this raffle has also been going down over the past few years. Supporting our seminarians is very important to our Catholic faith, so all Br. Knights are encouraged to either sell or purchase their Seminarian Raffle tickets and submit the ticket stubs and proceeds to the Financial Secretary by late April. The statewide drawing will be held at the annual State Convention on the first weekend in May.

Lenten Fish Fry - Brother Knights, instead of the usual soup supper we are going to try something different for the parish this year. The council will be hosting a free fish fry on the first Friday of Lent, which is on February 19th. Please plan on attending the Stations of the Cross first. Then join us for some fish, fries, and coleslaw in the hall. If you are available to lend a hand with this, contact Br. Tom Lukas at 427-1751.

Rummage Sale - Council 4828 will be hosting another parish rummage sale this spring. More information will follow but the sale will be the same basic format as in prior years. Brothers Tom Lukas and Bob Greer will be the ramrod guys this year.

Filipino Night - Council 4828 will be hosting a special Filipino Night and potluck dinner for our Br. Knights and their families. The event will be held on 23 January at Moiola Hall, beginning at 6:30. Br. Knights are asked to bring a potluck side dish or dessert.

Living Rosary Services - Br. Knights are reminded that Council 4828 is still sponsoring Living Rosary prayer services on the 1st Saturday of each month. The services are held at 9:00 a.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Fallon. Remember, 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. Our turn-out has been quite low during the past year or more, 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.

Blood Drive - Council 4828 sponsored our semi-annual St. Patrick's Parish Blood Drive on 14 November. It was held throughout the day in Moiola Hall and we had a fairly good turn-out. The Council would like to thank Br. Pat Laca for chairing this event, once again. The next blood drive is tentatively scheduled 17 April.

Memorial Mass - Council 4828 held our annual Memorial Mass in honor of our deceased Brother Knights on November 1st. Sadly, this year Brothers Art Cardone, Guy Regan, Al Facha, Ernie Carlucci, and Elmo Dericco were added to our list of departed Brothers. Special thanks to the 4th Degree honor guard and to Brother Ed Kraker for doing the annual reading of names.

On-line Data Access - 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 shurtfam@cccomm.net. Addresses will only be used for official Knights of Columbus business.

Council Web-Master Needed - Due to other commitments, Financial Secretary Shurtliff has been unable to properly maintain and update the Council's web-site for quite some time. Therefore, he is looking for another Br. Knight who might be interested in taking over as the web-master for the web-site. If you are interested, please contact him at 423-6911 or shurtfam@cccomm.net.

Newsletter Sponsorships Needed - Please note that our newsletter's Sponsor's Page is still no longer included as part of *Oasis Knightline*. As stated in previous newsletter editions, this is not because the sponsorships are no longer needed, but rather, because all of our previous sponsorships expired several months ago. Therefore, we are still looking for a Br. Knight to step up and volunteer to contact our previous advertisers and reestablish their advertisements for us and also to help us look for some new advertisers to finish filling up our advertising slots. Our goal is to have the newsletter be completely self-sustaining, so we need to have approximately twenty sponsors. If you are available to assist in contacting our previous sponsors and/or other local business owners, or if you actually 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 will also be published on our 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.)

New Members Needed - There always many new faces in our parish and many of these men have probably never been asked to join our Order. Both our Council and the Order depend on recruiting new members, so all Brother Knights are encouraged to take the initiative to ask another Catholic gentleman to join the Knights of Columbus.