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Saint Patrick's Day Corned Beef Dinner



This year, Council 4828's St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef Dinner was a great success. The annual event was held on Saturday, 11 March, at Moiola Hall and we had one of the largest turnouts that we have had for the past several years, just slightly higher than last year.

More than 100 individuals attended, and everyone enjoyed a delicious meal and had a good time visiting with one another. As usual, dinner consisted of corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, dinner rolls, and sherbet.

Raffle tickets were also sold and throughout the night drawings were held for various prizes, including a blanket that had been donated by Br. Tom Lukas' mother, bottles of wine, and dinners for two, overnight lodging, etc. that had been donated by various Northern Nevada restaurants, casinos, and hotels. Br. Ed Kraker coordinated the raffle and was the Master of Ceremonies for the evening.

For the second year in a row, Br. Jim Shurtliff's wife, Monica, and their three daughters, Teresa, Laura, and

Bridget, provided the evening's entertainment. They sang several Irish and Scottish songs, the highlight of which, was a parody called "Rumors: Over the Rainbow," which was about a dream place for overweight people, where things like calories, waste-lines, and cholesterol simply don't matter.

Special thanks to the Shurtliffs, to Br. Tom's mother, and to all of those Brother Knights who helped set up the hall and prepare and serve the meal, and especially to Br. Pat Laca for chairing the event again this year.

Proceeds in the amount of \$1394 were collected in dinner ticket and beverage sales. After expenses, the overall profits came to about \$630. These proceeds will be put to good use in support of Council 4828's various charitable works. An additional \$295 was collected in raffle ticket sales. These funds will go toward the Council's Seminarian support.

Photos of the event are available on the Council's website at <http://www.kofc4828.org>.

Respect Life News

(Knights of Columbus Supreme Office News Release from 27 February, 2006)

South Dakota abortion law "based on solid foundation of modern medical science"

Supreme Knight praises legislature for acting to defend innocent human life

The South Dakota legislature, which approved a "Women's Health and Human Life Protection Act" by wide margins last week, "has done the entire nation a tremendous service," Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson declared today. "In carefully assembling the most current science in the field of molecular biology, they have blown a hole in the weakest and most disingenuous underpinning of Roe v. Wade – the notion that the question of when human life begins could not be answered."

In March 2005 the legislature voted to establish a South Dakota Task Force to Study Abortion, which received testimony from dozens of medical experts, abortion providers, women who have had abortions, crisis pregnancy counselors, government officials and legal experts. Leading scientists described in detail tremendous advances in technology over the past two decades, including new techniques that enable scientists to "observe human existence and development at a molecular level," which were not available when Roe was decided in 1973.

In December 2005, the Task Force found that "abortion terminates the life of a unique, whole, living human being," and that "the physician performing an abortion terminates the life of one of the physician's patients to whom the physician owes a professional and legal duty." The statute (HB 1215) approved by the State Senate (23-12) and State House (50-18) accepts the Task Force findings, and declares that "under the Constitution of South Dakota, a pregnant mother and her unborn child each possess a natural and inalienable right to life."

Anderson praised the work of the South Dakota legislature, and said that its legislation "is based on a solid foundation of modern medical science. Thirty-three years after Roe, it is no longer possible for any court to assert that medical science does not know when life begins, or whether a fetus is in fact a separate and distinct human being. The abortion license now rests solely on legal precedents built on a crumbling foundation."

The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest lay Catholic organization, with 1.7 million members. It has been among the most active pro-life groups for more than three decades.