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## **Saint Patrick's Day Corned Beef Dinner -- It was a Record-Breaker --**



Council 4828's annual St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef Dinner was held on Saturday, 17 March, at Moiola Hall. Not only was it a great success, but it had a record-breaking attendance, with approximately 160 people, not counting the cooks and waiters. Everyone enjoyed a delicious meal and had a good time visiting with one another.

As a special treat, the ladies from the Lahontan Valley Concert Choir provided the evening's entertainment. The members of Council 4828 express our appreciation to the ladies for their support.

As usual, raffle tickets were also sold and throughout the night drawings were held for various prizes, which had been donated by various restaurants, hotels, and casinos throughout northwestern Nevada, as well as other parish members and groups. Br. Tom Lukas and his wife, Carolyn, coordinated the raffle and Br. Tom was also the Master of Ceremonies for the evening. The "Big" prize, which was a one-night stay and dinner show at Harrah's in Tahoe, was won by Br. Louie Erquiaga and the Second prize, which was for dinner and a show at the El Dorado, was won by Carolyn Lukas (no – the drawing wasn't rigged). Other prizes included five other dinners for two and ten bottles of wine, which were donated by the coordinators of the upcoming Mexico house-building trip for the St. Patrick's youth group. In addition, there was a

separate drawing for a special door prize of a St. Patrick's Day teddy bear, which was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Barnes. The winner was Br. Rob Davis.

Special thanks to the Br. Elmo Dericco for coordinating and "pushing" the dinner ticket sales and for helping to coordinate the purchase of the various food and other goods. Thanks also to Br. Tom and Carolyn Lukas for coordinating the raffle and for sending out the letters requesting the prizes, last fall. Thanks also to Br. Marty Maffi and Br. Ron Rudden, who were in charge of the event this year, and to all of the Br. Knights who served as cooks, waiters, and bar tenders. Special thanks also to Valley Distributors for donating the keg of beer, once again.

Proceeds of approximately \$2135 were collected in dinner ticket and beverage sales. After expenses, the overall profits came to about \$1440, which is more than double that of the past few years. These proceeds will be put to good use in support of Council 4828's various charitable works. An additional \$398 was collected in raffle ticket sales. These funds will go toward the Council's annual seminarian support fund.

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

## **Respect Life News**

(Extracted, in part, from various articles found at [www.lifenews.com](http://www.lifenews.com))

Many pro-life issues have been in the news lately. Among them is the fact that Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour has signed a bill that would prohibit abortions in the state should the Supreme Court ever overturn Roe v. Wade. Anyone who would do an illegal abortion if the law goes into effect would be sentenced to as much as 10 years in prison. Unfortunately, abortion would still be allowed in some specific circumstances, such as rape. Another part of the bill, which would become law on 1 July, 2007, would also require abortion businesses to allow women considering an abortion to see an ultrasound beforehand.

Mississippi is the eighth state to enact legislation relating to ultrasounds and abortion, joining Alabama, Arkansas, Indiana, Michigan, Oklahoma, Utah, and Wisconsin, which all have current laws that provide women the opportunity to review ultrasound footage before having an abortion. Idaho also has a similar ultrasound bill currently awaiting their Governor's signature, and similar bills have also recently been overwhelmingly passed in one house in each of the legislatures in South Carolina and Georgia.

In Texas, Sen. Dan Patrick, a state legislator has proposed his own idea on how to reduce the number of abortions in the state. Under his legislative proposal, the state would pay women \$500 apiece who choose adoption over abortion. Sen. Patrick says the proposal would provide more incentive for women to opt against an abortion. He stated, "We want that lady to have an incentive that makes her stop and think about having an abortion and that gives her a reason to put her baby up for adoption. My goal is to save as many babies as we possibly can."

In Arkansas, the state House has approved a measure that would help women avoid being forced or pressured to have an abortion. The bill would require abortion businesses in the state to tell women that it is illegal for someone else -- including a husband, boyfriend or parent -- to coerce them into having an abortion.