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Saint Patrick's Day Corned Beef Dinner



Council 4828 held our annual St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef Dinner on Saturday, 13 March, at Moiola Hall. This year's dinner was well attended, with approximately 150 people in attendance. As usual, everyone in attendance enjoyed a delicious meal and had a good time visiting with one another and reminiscing about old times.

As in other recent years, door prize raffle tickets were also sold and drawings were held throughout the night for various prizes, including dinners for two, hotel rooms, etc., which had been donated by various restaurants, hotels, and casinos throughout northwestern Nevada. The raffle proceeds totaled \$529, which will go toward our annual scholarship fund and to support our Council's seminarian, Teo Rojas, through the RSVP program. Special thanks, once again, to Br. Tom Lukas and his wife, Carolyn,

for sending out all of the letters requesting the raffle prizes, last fall.

Proceeds from the dinner ticket and beverage sales came to approximately \$1770, which was just slightly less than last year. After expenses, our overall profit was about \$1040. The Council will put these proceeds to good use in support of our various charitable works.

Thanks to Br. Pat Laca and to Br. Marty Maffi, who were this year's event chairmen. Thanks also to all of the Br. Knights and everyone else who served as cooks, waiters, and bartenders and who helped with set-up/tear-down, ticket sales, etc. This event could not be possible without all of your help. Special thanks also to the youth members of this year's Confirmation Class, who came to help out in the kitchen and serve the guests.



Knights of Columbus wins Pledge of Allegiance case in Federal Appeals Court



Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upholds constitutionality of "under God" in Pledge

(SAN FRANCISCO, CA - March 11, 2010) -- The Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled today that the words "one nation under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance "do not violate the Establishment Clause" of the First Amendment to the Constitution.

The Knights of Columbus led the campaign to add the words "under God" to the Pledge in the early 1950s, and the trial court agreed to allow the Knights of Columbus to join the present case as defendants when it was originally filed in 2005.

"This decision is a victory for common sense," Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson said. "It is also a welcome reversal of the Ninth Circuit's 2002 decision in a similar case that was ultimately thrown out by the Supreme Court on technical grounds. Today, the Court got it absolutely right: recitation of the Pledge is a patriotic exercise, not a religious prayer. Best of all, the Court said that the words 'under God' add a 'note of importance which a Pledge to our Nation ought to have and which in our culture ceremonial references to God arouse.' Every reasonable person knows that, and today's decision is a breath of fresh air from a court system that has too often seemed to be almost allergic to public references to God. This is a very good day for America," Anderson concluded.

In today's ruling, the Court noted that, "Among the 'self-evident truths' the Framers believed was the concept that all people are entitled to certain inalienable rights given to them by the 'Laws of Nature and Nature's God' and that the purpose of government should be to 'secure those rights.'" Such beliefs provide the context in which the words of the Pledge must be understood, the Court said.

The Knights of Columbus and several individual Knights and their families were defendant-intervenors in the case, and the court's 2-1 decision incorporates many of the arguments presented to the Court by The Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, a public interest law firm that represented the Knights in the case. Oral arguments before the Ninth Circuit panel had been heard in December 2007. Other defendants in the case included the United States government and a Sacramento-area school district.