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THE FUTURE OF FRATERNALISM

At the 109th Annual Meeting of the National Fraternal Congress of America held in Washington, D.C., executive vice-president Jonni L. Miklos announced she was leaving NFCA to join the staff of Royal Neighbors of America.

When Delores J. Ghys retires on March 30, 1996, Ms. Miklos will succeed Mrs. Ghys as national president of RNA.

David A. Tetzlaff, corporate secretary of National Mutual Benefit has been named to succeed Ms. Miklos as executive vice-president of NFCA. He assumes that post on February 1, 1996.

In her closing address at the meeting in Washington, D.C., Ms. Miklos reviewed her 25 years with NFCA.

"The future of fraternalism is exceptionally bright", she said, "the need for the good works of fraternalists has never been greater."

She noted that 75% of fraternalists have celebrated at least 75 years of existence and we're seeing huge expansion of society home offices, many relocations and mergers all which tend to strengthen these societies.

In comparing statistics from 1970 to 1995, Miklos noted insurance in force rose from \$22.9 billion to \$225.5 billion and the volume of life insurance written annually went from \$3.5 billion to \$24.5 billion.

She also pointed out that charitable contributions increased from \$1.0 million to \$20.8 million

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthday greetings go out to Anne Simkonis Gerosky, 58 Tenth St., Wyoming, Pa, 18644. Anne will be celebrating a birthday February 12. She is a long-standing member of Lodge 7.

A VOICE FROM BEYOND
MY CRIME — I WAS CONCEIVED
MY TRIAL - NONE- MY JURY - NONE- MY DEFENSE - NONE
MY JUDGE ——— MY MOTHER!
MY SENTENCE ——— DEATH

On November 1, 1995, the House of Representatives passed H.R. 1833, the Partial Birth Abortion Act by a 2 - 1 margin.

From there it was sent to the Senate where it was referred to a committee and for some time stood on hold.

Both Houses have now approved the bill and in spite of the approval of these 2 great bodies of men and women, one man, the President of the United States of America says he stands ready to veto the bill when it reaches his desk which should be some time in late January or early February.

President Clinton is recognized as a man who changes his stand at the blink of an eye and comedians and newscasters take stabs at his day to day changes of position.

Why is it then, that abortion seems to be the only position on which he stands firm? He never, ever, wavers on his stand on abortion. Why? Why?

Why would a man who is a father stand up for such brutality? Why would he say it's O.K. for a physician to thrust the tips of surgical scissors into the base of the skull of a baby's head and insert a catheter through the opening and remove the brain while the child is still alive? WHY?

Once you know the truth about these brutal, inhumane acts being performed on helpless living babies you will surely be moved to take some kind of action. When we view animal cruelty on the evening news there is immediate response and the innocent animals are adopted and cared for after receiving comfort and medical treatment at the animal shelter. Why any less for God's little humans?

Where do you start? Try prayer. Prayer parted the Red Sea and prayer can stop the sea of blood pouring out of the abortion mills. Don't be set back by ridicule. They laughed at Noah while they continued in their Godless ways. American morals have reached the depths of Hell and as in Noah's time and that of Sodom and Gomorah it may be that we are beginning to see the wrath of God.

This past week-end the Northeast was hit by \$100 million in flood damage following two extremely heavy snow-falls. How much more will the Father have to punish His children before they wake up to the fact that He won't allow this brutality on his little innocents to

continue?

Most women in America and the world are loving and caring individuals and if this procedure was shown on TV it would be stopped immediately. Whenever inhumane experimentation is performed on animals and this is exposed on TV the public immediately reacts and these experiments are stopped. No questions are asked and no justification for the acts is given. The cruelty is the only consideration.

Below is a description of the Partial Birth Abortion Act.

Can any human in his/her right mind find justification for such a violent crime?



The partial-birth abortion procedure is usually used after 20 weeks (4 1/2 months) of pregnancy. At 4 1/2 months, the baby - as shown by the medical model above - is about 7 inches long. The procedure is sometimes performed as late as 40 weeks (9 months).

The procedure requires a physician to extract a fetus, feet first, from the womb and through the birth canal until all but its head is exposed. Then the tips of the surgical scissors are thrust into the base of the fetus' skull, and a suction catheter is inserted through the opening and the brain is removed. (Los Angeles Times, June 16, 1995, report on House Judiciary hearing).

A former pro-choice registered nurse described how she witnessed the end of the life of one six-month-old "fetus":

"The baby's body was moving. His little fingers were clasping together. He was kicking his feet. All the while his little head was still stuck inside. Dr. Haskell took a pair of scissors and inserted them into the back of the baby's head. Then he opened the scissors up. Then he stuck the high-powered suction tube into the hole and sucked the baby's brains out. I almost threw up as I watched him do these things." (Taken from Pennsylvanians For Human Life Bulletin The nurse never went back to work at Haskell's clinic.

COLD WEATHER RECIPES

LENTIL SOUP

- 1 cup dried lentils
- 3 stalks celery cubed
- 3 onions chopped
- 1 small can tomato paste
- 1 No. 3 can tomatoes
- 2 pkgs, chopped spinach (frozen)
- 1 tblsp. olive oil
- 1 green pepper sliced

Rinse and pick over lentils. Cook on medium heat about 20 minutes to 1/2 hour. Be sure water doesn't boil away.

When lentils are a bit tender pour in large stock pot and add celery, onions, tomato paste, tomatoes and green pepper.

Cook about 45 minutes or until lentils are done. Add the spinach in the last 15 minutes of cooking time and finish off with 1 tblsp olive oil and salt and pepper to taste.

If you are cooking for one, fill small containers and freeze. These home-cooked portions placed in the micro-wave far surpass any canned soups you can buy.

LITHUANIAN KOSHIE

- 6 large potatoes
- 1/4 lb. fat back or ham fat
- 1 medium onion chopped
- 2 eggs slightly beaten
- 1 tsp. salt (optional)
- 1/4 tsp. pepper
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/4 cup flour

Dice fat back in bite sizes and simmer until crispy then add onion and simmer until golden brown. In large bowl, grate potatoes and add hot drippings. Add eggs, seasonings, milk and flour and mix everything together.

Pour into an 8 x 8 x 2 baking dish slightly greased and bake at 400 degrees for one hour.

MEATLESS CHILI

- 3-4 stalks celery
- 1 onion
- 1-2 green peppers
- 2tblsps canola oil
- 1 can (28 oz.) crushed tomatoes
- 2 cans kidney beans
- 1 can whole kernel corn
- 1 pkg. your favorite-chili spices

Heat oil in large skillet and add diced celery, peppers and onion and cook until vegetables are tender but not soft.

Add tomatoes, kidney beans and corn and cook for 10 minutes or until heated through.

Serve with soda crackers, tortillas, or over pasta or rice.

SPINACH CASSEROLE

Cook frozen chopped spinach according to package directions. Butter a casserole dish, drain spinach and add to dish. Top with bread crumbs dotted with butter and top this with shredded cheddar cheese.

Bake at 350 until cheese melts.

Makes an excellent side dish.

HOME OFFICE NARROWLY ESCAPES A REPEAT OF AGNES

For a moment it appeared the Home Office was about to be inundated by flood waters as it had been in the flood of 72 and these were scary moments for all.

Valley residents held their breath Friday, January 19, as the skies seemed to open wide and rain poured on the remaining mounds of melting snow accumulated from 2 record snowfalls.

Small streams overflowed their banks in matters of hours and caught many unprepared and trapped. The Susquehanna river which measures flood stage at 22 feet, rose to 34.38 feet and all residents affected by the Agnes disaster of 1972 were warned to evacuate.

Volunteers worked tirelessly sandbagging around the Market St. Bridge and other areas of concern and it all payed off when the river crested on Saturday. The dikes held, and residents were allowed to return to their homes.

Unfortunately, those living in low-lying areas and near streams suffered major damage

OBITUARIES

JULIA ZEKAS DIES

Julia Zekas, 300 Courtright, R-101, Wilkes-Barre, PA died January 12, 1996 at the Riverside Ridge Retirement Home. Julia and her late husband John were the subject of a Feature Story in the March 1993 issue of Garsas at which time they were celebrating 67 years of wedded bliss. John died October 24, 1994.

A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated at St. Mary's Annunciation Church, Kingston, with interment at St. Mary's Annunciation Cemetery, Pringle, PA. Julia was a member of Lodge 7 for 60 years.

Sincere sympathy is extended to her three married daughters and their families.

SAVITSKY, Alfred.....Lodge 57
157 East 4th St.
Wyoming, PA 18644
Died: January 17, 1996
Buried: January 20, 1996
St. Casimir's Cemetery
Pittston, PA

DUTCHES, Anne Lodge 142
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Died: December 8, 1995
Buried: December 11, 1995
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"Did your teeth chatter?"

"I don't know. We don't sleep together."



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