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NEWSLETTER

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4 DECEMBER 2013

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR MEMBERS AND COMPANIONS--

The Priory hopes that everyone had a great Thanksgiving wherever they were, and that the emphasis on family and our blessings has struck a sympathetic chord. And now that the Thanksgiving turkeys, hams and multitudes of other goodies have been digested, the Priory would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas. As we begin to prepare for the hectic activities demanded by the season, it is appropriate that we remember WHY we celebrate Christmas and honor Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

FAIRHAVEN AFTER ACTION REPORT

Our major charitable project at Fairhaven Ministry is now completed. The Priory sponsored event was held on **Saturday, November 16, 2013 at 8:30 am and we departed after dark.** Many priory members attended and each pitched in as they were able. Specially to be congratulated are the ladies of the priory who did a Herculean job of getting the painting done. Not that our guys didn't also bust butt with rollers and brushes. This little outing easily served to satisfy our annual 8 hour sweat equity charitable commitment.

Many members also brought food and desserts. There was truthfully an over abundance, and the remainder was left for Fairhaven to enjoy another time.

Special thanks go out to the wonderful donations of paint made by HELM PAINTS who furnished bunches of wall and ceiling paint. Special thanks go also to GLIDDEN PAINTS via Home Depot who furnished us with 5 gallons of "Gripper" primer, a better and more expensive product than KILZ. Another great contribution was the inflatable trampoline and Mini Putt Putt Golf play ground, provided for the kids by FUNTASTIC. I am going to try to name all participants who contributed labor, materials, food and love... **Ray (Event Honcho) and Cheryl Egan and friend Eugene "Pat" Phillips, Prior Bernie and Georgia Baisier and grand daughter Olivia, Russ and Susan Copping, Patricia and Warren Marse with grand daughter Sophie, Beth and Reggie Zeringue, Bob Ramhofer, Ed Runci, Bill Neubauer, Roger and Donna Villere, Ryan Smith, Blake Coleman, and last but not least, Hugh Robertson** came by with some very welcome and generous financial assistance for Fairhaven besides making a quick paper product and supplies run.

We arrived at 8:30 AM and after a few glitches in materials and organization, we got going. Lunch was handled by "Burger" Bernie Baisier and Roger "Hot Dog" Villere. I can't even remember all the food items. We finished up, cleaned up, and departed well after dark.

A more complete contributor list...

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| 1. GLIDDEN PAINT | One 5 gallon bucket of Gripper ceiling primer |
| 2. HELM PAINTS | Three 5 gallon buckets of tinted paint (for the walls),
One 5 gallon container of white ceiling paint
Two 1 gallon containers of bathroom ceiling paint
Sandpaper, paint thinner and other misc. paint tools |
| 3. FunTastics | Inflatable Jumping Jack and Putt-Putt golf course |
| 4. Hugh Robertson | \$250.00 donation check, PLUS, he ran out and got Paper Products (napkins,cups, plates, eating utensils and bar soap.) |

- 5. Bob & Sheila Disney \$ 50.00 donation check
- 6. Ray & Cheryl Food (donuts, hamburgers, buns, cupcakes, cookies) and paint supplies (spackling compound, brushes, drop cloths, misc. paint tools)
- 7. Susan & Russ Food (potato salad & barbecue beans) brushes misc. painting tools
- 8. Georgia & Bernie Food (hot dogs, buns, lemonade, condiments, pickles, relish, tomato, lettuce, cheese, chili, chips, pretzels and cookies) and paint supplies
(paint rags, drop cloths)
- 9. Donna & Roger Villere Brownies and Rice Krispie treats
- 10. Pat & Warren Marse Coconut cake
- 11. Emmett Dufresne Ice
- 12. Ed Runci Six bottles of misc. soft drinks

.....Some photos
 follow.....







SECOND MEDAL OF COURAGE TO BE PRESENTED --

The Priory will present its second award of the Medal of Courage to **Master Ty Edward Crowninshield** of Abita Springs, LA. **Cheryl Egan** located this deserving youngster son of a friend who's story appeared on a FOX 8 news cast recently. (See <http://www.fox8live.com/story/24087802/6-year-old-abita-springs-boy-sees> for the story and video clip.) Ty is celebrating 5 years cancer free after his courageous battle with *retinoblastoma*, a cancer of the eye which cost him an eye. You really should visit the FOX 8 web site and view the short news story.

Russ Copping and Blake Coleman, repeating their C&I medieval avatars, will dress up in their medieval Templar costumes and make the presentation this Saturday December 7th at Ty's 8th Birthday Party. It should be a nice surprise for Master Ty.

SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK THANK YOU LETTER --



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November 14, 2013

Priory of St. Bernard de Clairvaux
c/o Mr. Bernard L. Baisier
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Dear Mr. Baisier,

It is a privilege to express my sincere appreciation for your recent generosity, and to thank you for your ongoing support of our mission. Second Harvest is committed to providing nutritious food and services that empower our neighbors to live their lives to the fullest, and your gift of \$950.00 from Priory members who donated \$5.00 during the year is instrumental to our ability to reach more hungry people across southeast Louisiana.

I wanted to share with you how Second Harvest is celebrating fall, a true season of harvest, and preparing for the Thanksgiving holiday. In the greater New Orleans area, we are investing in two special programs that meet the unique needs of seniors and children in an innovative way.

Through Senior Cafe, we are aggressively trying to satisfy the demand for nutritious meals among older adults in our community by serving hot and healthy lunches each day to seniors at risk of hunger. While this is a pilot program, meals for seniors are an important component of our Community Kitchen mission, and we look forward to bringing the Senior Cafe concept to more locations in the coming year.

When school is out and parents are still at work, Kids Cafe is another standout program that brings hot dinner meals directly to children enrolled in afterschool programs. Kids Cafe provides meals and snacks that draw children and teenagers into constructive activities that are safe, fun and filled with opportunities for learning. The food gives them the nutrition they need to learn and grow, and I cannot think of anything more impactful than that.

While we reap the benefits of the fall harvest, Second Harvest is also planting seeds for the future. Our progress is the direct result of gifts like yours, and we thank you again for your generous gift.

Sincerely,

Mr. Baisier -

Nancy We are so thankful to you and members of the Priory for helping us fight hunger.

Natalie Jayroe
President and CEO

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT --

The Boy Scouts of America, Southeast Louisiana Council and The Pelican District are proud to announce that Mr. Roger Villere has agreed to serve as the 2014 Pelican District Friends of Scouting Chairman!

Mr. Villere has a long-standing connection with Scouting and Louisiana, and is perfectly suited to help the district achieve its Friends of Scouting goals. His family has resided in Louisiana for seven generations and his great-great-great grandfather was governor. Mr. Villere graduated in 1967 from Archbishop Rummel High School in Metairie. He lives in Metairie with his wife of 44 years, Donna. They have three adult sons, who all went through Scouting and one earned the rank of Eagle, and four granddaughters.

Mr. Villere served two non-consecutive terms as Scoutmaster totaling nine-years at Troop 70, located @ St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Metairie.

Outside of family and his business "Villere's Florist", Mr. Villere has also served in the political arena, and was first elected to the Republican National Committee in 1997, serving as National Committeeman and later for four terms as State Chairman & currently is Vice Chairman of the RNC. Mr. Villere also served on the Louisiana Bicentennial Commission, and is a current member of the Battle of New Orleans Bicentennial Commission & the Society of the War of 1812. This is Mr. Villere's first District role and he is very excited to promote the timeless skills, values and family experiences of Scouting.

We appreciate Roger coming on board to serve the Pelican District and thank him for his future service!

RONALD McDONALD HOUSE REMINDER--

We remind the membership to keep all the pull tabs from the top of soda cans, beer cans, etc to give to Ronald McDonald House. I will be glad to pick them up, collect them and bring them to the House as a Priory donation. In addition, remind the Priory members who are travelers that those sample bars of soap, shampoo, hair conditioner and hand lotion found in hotel rooms are also needed at the House. These donations take absolutely NO money just a little time to accumulate the items and to make a telephone call to me to have the items picked up. I would like the donation to be made by the Priory as opposed to an individual, a la Silent Knight! --- **Prior Bernie.**

Fraternally yours,
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Russ W. Copping, KSG, GCTJ
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