



NEWSLETTER



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| 13 | 14 MEETING CALDWELL 7:00 P.M. | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 CHRIST THE KING—FALLOUT CALDWELL 10:00 A.M. | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 THANKSGIVING | 25 | 26 |
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YOUR 2012 DUES ARE NOW DUE. YOU CAN BRING THEM TO THE MEETING, OR MAIL THEM TO MARTIN ELMAN AT THE ADDRESS LOCATED IN THE TOP RIGHT CORNER OF THIS NEWSLETTER.

THE K.J.T. SOCIETY #12 IN FRENSTAT IS AGAIN SPONSORING A FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT THE CLERGY RETIREMENT FUND FOR THE DIOCESE OF AUSTIN. THE DANCE WILL BE ON JANUARY 14, 2012. HAMBURGERS WILL BE SERVED STARTING AT 6:00 PM, AND THE DANCE WILL BE FROM 7 TO 11, WITH MUSIC BY THE RED RAVENS.

THE NEXT MEETING IS IN CALDWELL, WITH THE FOOD LINE OPENING AT 7:00 P.M. SHARP.

OUR NEXT FALLOUT WILL BE ON NOV. 20, IN HONOR OF THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING, AT ST. MARY'S. WE WILL MEET AT 9:30 A.M.

THANKS TO RICHARD NEAL, HUBERT POLANSKY, JAMES YENDRY, MATIAS ARRENDONDO, AND TO TOMMY GRIMES, WHO CAME ALL THE WAY FROM ROCKDALE TO FALL OUT FOR THE FUNERAL OF MARTHA WALKER OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH IN OLD WASHINGTON.

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

I guess it was coincidence that Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving Day happen to be in the same month, but when you think about it, that is where they belong. What more could we be thankful for, than for the sacrifices of our men and women, who risk their lives every day to protect our freedom. Who exemplifies the Fourth Degree Knights commitment to Patriotism, more than these true Patriots. While most of us think of holidays as a day off from work, these people never get a day off from protecting our country. If we really want to be thankful for something, we can be thankful for these people who live around us, work with us, are members of our churches, communities, and organizations, and have done more for our country in a few years, than most of us have done in our entire lives. Let us be thankful for the freedoms we have, while we still have them, and thankful for the members of the Armed Forces that made these freedoms possible and continue to protect them today.

Happy Thanksgiving

Partial Birth Abortion

WHAT IS PARTIAL-BIRTH ABORTION?

Partial-birth abortion (PBA) is the term Congress has used to describe a procedure that crosses the line from abortion to infanticide. The doctor delivers a substantial portion of the living child outside his mother's body --- the entire head in a head-first delivery or the trunk past the navel in a feet-first delivery --- then kills the child by crushing his skull or removing his brain by suction.

WHY WOULD ANYONE USE THIS PROCEDURE?

Some abortion doctors use PBA in the middle and last months of pregnancy, when dismembering a child becomes more difficult due to the child's stronger bones and ligaments. After the mother undergoes two to three days of cervical dilation (increasing her risk of infection and subsequent preterm births), the doctor in minutes can partially deliver the child "intact" before killing him or her and completing delivery. In the more commonly used dismemberment method, the mother's cervix is dilated manually only enough to remove the child's severed body parts; dismemberment and removal takes the doctor longer to complete.

DOES ROE V. WADE PROTECT AN ABORTION METHOD AS EXTREME AS PBA?

In *Carhart I* the Supreme Court treated PBA as just another method of abortion, largely ignoring the fact the the child is almost completely delivered when he or she is killed. Yet even when the Court struck down Texas's abortion statute in *Roe*, it had left standing a provision of Texas law that prohibited killing a child in the process of being delivered.

WHY WAS A BAN ON THIS PROCEDURE NEEDED? DON'T MOST STATES ALREADY HAVE LAWS AGAINST LATE-TERM ABORTIONS?

Such laws exist in most states but they generally have two deficiencies. First, they apply only after "viability" --- when the child if delivered could survive indefinitely outside the womb --- and PBA is used to kill mostly-delivered children before this stage. Second, as required by *Roe* and *Casey*, even laws restricting abortion after viability allow abortion when it is deemed necessary to preserve the mother's "health" and "heath" was defined in *Roe's* companion case *Doe v. Bolton* to include "all factors" --- emotional, familial, age, and so on --- related to "well-being." This "heath" loophole allows abortions to be performed on request during all nine months of pregnancy for virtually any reason.

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