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STATISTICS FOR MAY 30, 2008:

Presiding	Barry McCormick
Invocation	Buddy Acoach
Guest Slips	Dick Litzinger
Birthday Slips	Bill Engles
50/50 Tickets	Al Whitson and Paul Rivaldo
50/50 Winner	David Atkins

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Sign-up sheets for the PGM Golf Tournament are available in the foyer at noon meetings or you can contact Herb Couvillion. The event is on June 13 just after lunch at Taliano's.
- The District Convention will be held this week end in Oklahoma City. This is a great opportunity to get to know fellow Exchangites throughout the ARKLAHOMA District and also to see a great city. OKC is full of culture, shopping, sports and remarkable growth...a lesson we may be able to learn in Fort Smith.
- There is still a little time left to plan a trip to St Louis in July. Again, a great opportunity is at hand. It's a mere six hour drive with fun and information at the end.

PROGRAM:

Regardless of your political affiliation or actual views on issues, John Brummett put on a heck of a show. John predicted that by the end of this week, the democratic race would be over and that the national race would be between Obama and McCain. Well, as of this writing, John appears to be correct except that Clinton has refused to quit and is actually making demands. John's program then went on to explain the premise for how he expects the election to go. Elections are won and lost by either a prevailing mood in the voter base or a prevailing fear. Brummett's contention is that the voters will either fear Obama and elect McCain or their mood is sour with the republicans and vote for a change in the administration. He also had an interesting take on the Arkansas vote. It seems that those leaning left in Central Arkansas are cancelled out by the

generally right in western Arkansas. This leaves the farmers in Eastern Arkansas to decide just how the state goes. Like I said...it was a heck of a show!

HUMOR: Two men waiting at the Pearly Gates strike up a conversation.

"How'd you die?" the first man asks the second.

"I froze to death," says the second.

"That's awful," says the first man.

"How does it feel to freeze to death?"

"It's very uncomfortable at first," says the second man. "You get the shakes, and you get pains in all your fingers and toes. But eventually, it's a very calm way to go. You get numb and you kind of drift off, as if you're sleeping. How about you, how did you die?"

"I had a heart attack," says the first man. "You see, I knew my wife was cheating on me, so one day I showed up at home unexpectedly. I ran up to the bedroom and found her alone, knitting. I ran down to the basement, but no one was hiding there either. I ran up to the second floor, but no one was hiding there either. I ran as fast as I could to the attic, and just as I got there, I had a massive heart attack and died."

The second man shakes his head. "That's so ironic," he says.

"What do you mean?" asks the first man.

"If you had only stopped to look in the freezer, we'd both still be alive."

Covenant of Service

(Adopted as the philosophy which characterizes an Exchangite)

Accepting the divine privilege of single and collective responsibility as life's noblest gift, I covenant with my fellow Exchangites:

To consecrate my best energies to the uplifting of Social, Religious, Political and Business ideals;

To discharge the debt I owe to those of high and low estate who have served and sacrificed that the heritage of American citizenship might be mine;

To honor and respect law, to serve my fellowmen, and to uphold the ideals and institutions of my Country;

To implant the life-giving, society-building spirit of Service and Comradeship in my social and business relationships;

To serve in Unity with those seeking better conditions, better understandings, and greater opportunities for all.

FUTURE PROGRAMS:

June 6 --- Judge David Hudson, Sebastian County

What right does Congress have to go around making laws just because they deem it necessary?

Marion Barry