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Our Lady of Lebanon Church

(Maronite Catholic Rite)

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4th Sunday after the Holy Cross



Schedule of Divine Liturgies

- *Weekend Masses: Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m.
Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. [Rosary & Litany start at 10:10 a.m.]
 - *Weekday Masses: **At Noon.** Please refer to the Mass schedule on page 3 of this bulletin for Mass times and changes due to special events. Thank you for your cooperation.
 - *Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament: Every 1st Saturday of the month at 3:30 p.m. & 1st Sunday after Communion
 - *Confession: Saturday: 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. or any other time by appointment
 - *Baptism: Kindly phone the Pastor as soon as the baby is born. Godparents must be Catholics.
 - *Weddings: Please make arrangements at least six months in advance before any other plans are made.
 - *Sick Calls & Anointing of the Sick: Please notify the pastor any time at 304-233-1688
 - *Parish Council: Lou Khourey 304-277-3230, Linda Duffy 304-242-6853, Tom George 304-336-7142, P.J. Lenz 304-242-5606 and Carol Dougherty 740-782-0146
 - *Choir Members: Rita Thomas Strawn, Shirley George, Allison Duffy, George Thomas, Ted Olinski, Earl Duffy, Lou Khourey, Robert Vawter, Jody & Abbie Seabright, Tracey Dierkes
 - *Altar Boys: Louie Khourey & Dalton Haas
 - *Cedar Club: Linda Duffy, President 304-242-6853
 - *Women's Society: Sandra Dusick, President 304-232-7395
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- *Remember the Church in your Last Will – Her prayers will accompany you to heaven
 - *Please support Our Lady of Lebanon Church by patronizing our Advertisers
 - *If you support the Church and need a Bulletin mailed to you, please call the Rectory
 - ***Bulletin Announcements:** Submit all Bulletin Information to Fr. Bakhos. Deadline is: Every Tuesday by Noon
 - ***New Parishioners:** We welcome you with great joy and invite you to be officially listed as one of our parishioners
 - ***Parking:** Saturday & Sunday – both parking lots are for parishioners; Monday through Friday – park ONLY in the 3 ALLEY spaces

Gospel Reflection: 4th Sunday after the Holy Cross

Readings: 1 Thes 5:1-11 & Mt 24:45-51

Oh that you would tear the heavens open and come down' ... Once again, at the beginning of Advent, this cry reaches towards God, borne up by the assurance that our salvation has been achieved, though not yet fully worked out. This is because our God is a God who comes, and Jesus Christ is fully involved in this coming: 'he is, he was and he is to come' (Apoc 4:8).

But we must adopt a reasonable attitude before this mystery of the coming of our Lord. It would be quite useless to start speculating about the time of the Second Coming and the end of the ages. This is a regular temptation for any society which happens to be shaken to its foundations! In our own day there are various religious sects who set themselves up as prophets of doom. It is not the unpredictable date of the Second Coming which should take up our attention, but rather the decisive nature of the judgment it will entail, not only upon the whole course of human history, but upon each of our personal lives as well. Faced with the prospect of this Second Coming of the Son of Man, which can be neither predicted nor prevented, faced with this lengthy vigil in the night of this world, whose end remains in darkness, the best thing for us to do is to remain always on the alert. We must accept fully our responsibility with regard to our times and invest each moment with its full weight of eternity.

Above all we should, like St. Paul, never cease to give thanks. It is true we still live sparingly among the riches which God has given us in Christ. But thanksgiving is not an expression of smug self-satisfaction. It is, rather, an expression of gratitude to him who is the beginning and the end of everything, in the full realization of what we have failed to be and do, but promising that we will take up whatever promotes and repudiate whatever impedes his Advent. Christians thus become the watchdogs of the world, a thorn in their century's side, overcoming sleep and igniting hope; 'Come, Lord Jesus!' (Apoc 22:20).

Mass Intentions

THIS WEEKEND, October 10-11: Fourth Sunday after the Holy Cross

Saturday, October 10 at 4:00 p.m.

Special Intention of a good friend of Fr. Bakhos and a benefactor of our church
Good health & recovery of: Lil Butler, Rose Kelly, Mary Helen Cliser, Stephanie Radik,
Ronnie Kaminsky, Harvey Tennant, & Arthur McKitrick by Sue & Jim Brubach

Sunday, October 11 at 10:30 a.m.: Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Louise N. & Louis H. Khourey, Sr., by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena & Louie Khourey
Msgr. Paul Abraham by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena & Louie Khourey

Weekday Masses

Monday, October 12: No Mass. Pastor's Day Off

Tuesday, October 13: No Mass. Pastor's Day Off

Wednesday, October 14: No Mass. Pastor's vacation day

Thursday, October 15 at Noon:

Lou Elias by his daughter Debbie Kull & Family
Sandra Ziolkowski by Liz George

Friday, October 16 at Noon:

Matilda George & Family by Rev. Richard & Lourice Tinker (NY)
Alma Jackson (sister of Martha Thomas) by Latif Thomas

NEXT WEEKEND, October 17-18: Fifth Sunday after the Holy Cross

Saturday, October 17 at 4:00 p.m.

Charles, Jimmy & Sophie Amien by Rev. Richard & Lourice Tinker (NY)
Martha Ruggiero by Joe & Ethel Joseph

Sunday, October 18 at 10:30 a.m.:

Dale Seidler Sr., by his wife Nettie & Family
Juline DeMuth (on her 10th Anniversary) by her Family

Donate to the Church Maintenance Fund

Help with the Endowment Fund to Keep Our Church Open and Active (Total Raised: \$1,708.00)

Please donate toward the Endowment Fund CD account that is meant exclusively for our church maintenance for the years to come. Only the yearly interest will be withdrawn and spent to pay for church utilities and general maintenance. All benefactors will be enrolled in the daily Mass offering. Please put into writing in your will the following wording:

(I, , hereby give, devise and bequeath the sum of \$..... (or specify described real or personal property) to the Church of Our Lady of Lebanon, a non-profit organization located at 2216 Eoff Street, Wheeling, WV 26003, Phone (304) 233-1688. I want my donation to be deposited in the Endowment Fund account designated to maintain and support the church. I also wish to be enrolled as benefactor in the daily Mass intentions.)

We thank each of the following individuals for their generous contribution to this Endowment Fund. They will be remembered in every Mass: *Bill & Mary Stees (\$200), Tom Ferris (\$325), Sylvia Long (\$100), Catherine Arthur (Memorial) (\$100), Women's Society Fundraising total (\$916), Donation (\$67),*

Donate to Our Parish Families Assistance Fund

A special account called "**Parish Families Assistance Fund**" had been opened to help exclusively the families of our parish who are in dire need. You can make a donation to the church earmarked toward the "Poor of the Parish" or drop your donation in the Poor Box located at the back of the church. The Poor Box money located at the back of the church will be divided between the poor of our parish and the "Poor of Wheeling" through cooperative effort with the 18th Street Catholic Neighborhood Charity Center. All donations are tax deductible. May God reward those who share their blessings with the brothers and sisters of the Lord.

Our Lady of Lebanon Community Calendar

Date	Event
Sunday, October 11	Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament after 10:30 Mass
Monday, October 12	Cedar Club Meeting – at 7:00 p.m. – in old Basement Hall
Wednesday, October 14	No Mass. Fr Bakhos day of vacation
Thursday, October 15	Bible Study – from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Lebanese Language – from 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.
Sunday, October 18	Fall Harvest Picnic – from 1:30 to 6 p.m.
Sunday, October 25	Women's Society Meeting & 50/50 Monthly Raffle Drawing – after Sunday Mass
Fri., Oct. 31,-Fri., Nov. 6	Week of All Souls Masses
Saturday, November 14	Movie Night: "Mama Mia" – at 5:45 p.m. – following Saturday Mass
Sunday, November 29	Parish Christmas Party – 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. – see note below
Sat. & Sun., Dec. 12-13	Christmas Cookie, Candy, etc., Exchange & Sale
Sunday, December 13	Parish Children's Christmas Party – following Sunday Mass
Sunday, December 20	Fr. Bakhos' Anniversary to the Priesthood Luncheon – following Sunday Mass



Community Events

Lebanese Folklore Dance Troupe "Dabke" Classes Forming

Our Lady of Lebanon Church is willing to establish a Lebanese Folkloric Dance Troupe under the guidance of trainer, Natalie Committee. The troupe will be able to perform at our 2010 Mahrajan and at local events in the greater Wheeling area. Fr. Bakhos is willing to order a traditional folkloric costume from Lebanon for each age. Please register first by calling Fr. Bakhos at 304-233-1688. Training day (either Saturday or

Sunday) and time will be decided when 6 or more candidates have expressed interest. **Please encourage your children or grandchildren, nieces and nephews to participate.** Call Fr. today and sign up so we can begin.

Dance Troupe students: *Emmalena & Louie Khourey, ??*

Cedar Club Meeting (Monday October 12, at 7:00 p.m.)

The Cedar Club will meet in the old basement on Monday, October 12th, at 7:00 p.m. New members are always welcome. Give us a try and come to our meeting. Activities and fun ideas are on the table for discussion. Refreshments will be served by our hostess Mary Stees. Special Events Coordinators are now Nini Miller and Allison Duffy.

One Day Vacation for Fr. Bakhos (Wednesday, October 14th, No Mass)

Bible Study & Lebanese Language Classes (Thursday, October 15th)

Bible Study – from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Lebanese Language – from 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

Fall Harvest Picnic (Sunday, October 18th, from 1:30 to 6:00 p.m.)

The Fall Harvest Picnic hosted by the Cedar Club is to be held at Oglebay Park's "Circle" Picnic Area on Sunday, October 18th, from 1:30 to 6 p.m. Bring a covered dish to share and a beverage of your choice. If you have an outdoor game, bring it along with your lawn chair.

40-Day Mass for Teresa Joseph Shea (Sunday, October 25th at 10:30 a.m.)

Women's Society Monthly 50/50 Raffle Drawing (Sunday, October 25)

The Women's Society continues to sponsor the Monthly 50/50 Raffle. Tickets cost \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Proceeds now will benefit the maintenance of our church through the "Endowment Fund."

The drawing from entries received **for the October 50/50 Raffle Tickets**, which will be provided at the church entrance and in the weekly Church Bulletins, will take place in the Cedar Hall after Mass on **Sunday, October 25.**

Please check the ticket sheets carefully to be sure you are completing the correct ticket stubs. All raffle tickets are now printed on white paper only. Buy or sell the tickets, and return the completed stubs as soon as possible in the collection or mail to: Our Lady of Lebanon Church, 2216 Eoff Street, Wheeling, WV 26003. Please write as "Memo: 50/50 Raffle."

For more information or additional tickets, contact the church office at (304) 233-1688. May the Blessed Mother reward you manifold and we ask for your continued support. The anonymous winner of the September 50/50 drawing donated the prize of \$67 back to Our Lady of Lebanon Church. May they be blessed many fold.

Women's Society Meeting (Sunday, October 30, after Mass)

Plan to join the Women's Society for their next meeting scheduled for Sunday, October 25th, after Mass. We will complete our plans for the upcoming events.

Commemoration of All Souls – November 2nd

Please Remember Your Parents & Beloved Ones during the Week of All Souls: *All Masses from Saturday, October 31st, until Friday, November 6th, 2009, will be offered for the repose of their souls.* Forgotten souls are those parents and grandparents whose un-grateful children and grandchildren chose not to offer at least a yearly Mass for the repose of their souls. The church is reminding you to bring happiness to the souls of your parents who carried you in their arms and loved you unconditionally. Please complete the attached Form.

All Masses will be offered for the Repose of the Souls of:

Living & Deceased members of the Nicholas & Nimnoom Ghaphery Family & the David Abraham Ghaphery

Family by the Ghaphery Family

Helen Fielding by her husband Don Fielding (FL)

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Deceased of the Chidiac Family by Fr. Bakhos Chidiac, Pastor

Deceased of the Habib & Nabiha Khourey Family by Virginia Khourey Bryan

Deceased of the Khourey & Howard Families by Lou & Charlotte Khourey, Emmalena & Louie

Deceased members of the Jacobs & Dusick Families by Sandra Dusick

Siham Frenn & LaVerne Thomas (mothers of Adel & Diane Frenn) by Adel, Diane, Andreah & Justin Frenn

Deceased grandparents of the Frenn & Thomas Families by Adel, Diane, Andreah & Justin Frenn

Deceased family members of Thomasina Geimer

Deceased members of the Habdo & Dougherty Families by Carol & Bill Dougherty

Charles & Anna Przelenski & Daniel & Adelaide Schuler by Irene & Paul Schuler

Deceased of the Schlog & Saseen Families by Bob & Fran Saseen

John F. Kukula by his wife Mary Rose Kukula

Sarah & Earl Magruder by Denny & Barbara Magruder

Janet & Harry Voitle by Denny & Barbara Magruder

Joseph A. Saseen by Joe & Susie Saseen

Elmer & Virginia Blust by Joe & Susie Saseen

Deceased of the Huffman & Oser Families by Mark & Debbie Huffman

Suzanne Linton by her husband Mike Linton

Frances Linton by her son Mike Linton

Mary & Keith Linton by their grandson Mike Linton

Joanne & Tony Male by their son-in-law Mike Linton

Robert L. Rose by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt & Family

Cathy Sharp Howard by the Sengewalt Family

Simon & Fannie DiDomenico & Thomas Jalad by Anna Jalad

Joe & Nell Duffy & George & Rose Fadoul by Earl & Linda & Allison Duffy

Jim Garvey by Kay Garvey

Deceased of the Kay Garvey Family by Kay Garvey

Deceased Family Members of Albert & Anita Weisner by George & Jean Weisner & Family

Deceased Family Members of Nimon & Mariam Joseph by their children & grandchildren

George & Mary & Mike Elias by Joe Elias

Bessie & Ann & Lou Elias by Joe Elias

Abdo Habita & Mary Zaid Ferris by Tom & Denise Ferris

Teresa Joseph Shea (Austin, TX) by Frank & Mary Lish & Family

Our deceased dear ones of the Camille & MiMi Rohanna Families by Frank & Mary Lish & Family

Roland Tappe & members of the John Family by Julia Tappe

Living and Deceased Members of Joseph Linton Family by Joseph Linton

Movie Night (Saturday, November 14th, at 5:45 p.m.)

Movie Night scheduled for Saturday, November 14th, will feature "Mama Mia" on the big screen in our Cedar Hall at 5:45 p.m. (after the Saturday Mass). The Cedar Club is sponsoring the movie and will provide soft drinks and popcorn. If you wish, bring an appetizer to share before the movie.

Christmas Party (Sunday, November 29th, from 5:30 until 9:30 p.m.)

Singer George Suhon is booked to provide the entertainment for our parishioners on Sunday, November 29th, from 5:30 until 9:30 p.m. in our new Cedar Hall. Join us to celebrate this year of blessings in our new Cedar Hall. Everyone in attendance will be entered for Door Prizes. (Women's Society members may bring the door prizes anytime – they can be stored in the church office).

All parishioners and their guests are welcome to attend and join together for a great time! The menu will be: *Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans Almandine, Mixed Greens Salad, Rolls & Butter, a choice of Pies for Dessert and Coffee, Iced Tea or Lemonade.* Pop and beer will be available a la carte.

Reservations are required and should be made by Sunday, November 22nd, to guarantee that enough food may be ordered. If you have not paid or made a reservation to be included in the fun and festivities yet, call the church office at 304-233-1688.

Tickets are only \$10.00 each for the complete meal, entertainment and door prizes. **Advance Payment is greatly appreciated.** Make checks payable to: Our Lady of Lebanon Church and mark the Memo line: "Christmas Party."

Christmas Cookie, Candy, etc., Sale & Exchange (Sat.-Sun., Dec. 12-13)

Children's Christmas Party (following Mass on Sunday, December 13)

Lunch to Honor Fr. Bakhos' Priesthood Anniversary (Sun, December 20)

Women's Society Gift Basket Raffle (Drawing, Sunday, December 20th)

The Women's Society's next Gift Basket Raffle drawing will be held on Sunday, December 20th, at the luncheon to honor Fr. Bakhos' anniversary to the priesthood. It will include several bottles of wine and other items and may help make your Christmas and New Year's holidays merrier. Look for more information in future bulletins.

The Gift Basket Raffle proceeds benefit the maintenance of our church through the "Endowment Fund." **Won't you take a chance ... or two ... or eighteen!** Tickets cost \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 **or triple your chances of winning by sending in 18 ticket stubs (3 sheets of tickets) at one time for only \$10.00. All Gift Basket and 50/50 Raffle Tickets are now printed on white paper in the bulletins so please check the ticket sheets carefully to be sure you are completing the correct ticket stubs.** Tickets should be available in next week's bulletin and at the entrance to the church at that time also.

Buy or sell the tickets, and return the completed stubs as soon as possible in the weekly collection (with Gift Basket Raffle noted on the "Memo" line of your check and on the front of the envelope) or mail it to: Our Lady of Lebanon Church, 2216 Eoff Street, Wheeling, WV 26003. Congratulations to Richard Ryncartz who won the October Gift Basket.

Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List

Please Remember Those Hospitalized Recently In Your Prayers:

Dick Shibben (brother of John Shibben), Bob Dougherty (brother of Bill), Alice Holmes (sister of Eva Powell), Tammy, Kathleen George, Richard Ryncarz, Joe Gonot, Edith Fahey, Frank Lish, Millie Hoskinson, Pat McNeil (FL) niece of Kay Garvey

Also please pray for those who asked us to pray for them:

Rosella Saseen, Barb Sobota, Laura Wellman, Virginia Khourey Bryan (aunt of Lou Khourey in Toledo, OH), Mary Ryncarz (Shadyside, OH), Manell Brice (Arlington, VA), Rose Mary Bris-Roybal (Albuquerque, NM), John Vawter & Pat (brother & mother of Dr. Rob Vawter)

Happy Birthday

October 12: Gina Haas
October 15: Nini Miller
October 18: Bobbie Kupchak
October 16: Natalie DeMuth, Karen John
October 20: Sylvia Long, Courtney Sengewalt
October 24: Jonathan D. Fadoul
October 26: Joe Linton, Jared Voellinger
October 29: George Thomas, John Wurtzbacher
October 30: Michael Duffy, Andrea Frenn

Your Church Support Last Week

\$1,110.00	Collection
86.00	Candles
87.00	Utilities
320.00	Parking
500.00	Donation to Church
2,304.00	Spaghetti Dinner
158.00	Endowment Fund from Women's Society 50/50 Raffle
\$4,565.00	Total. <i>May God reward you many fold</i>

*What's New?**Fall Spaghetti Dinner Financial Report*

\$2,883.00	Income
\$ 761.27	Expenses
\$2,121.73	Net Profit

Generous Sponsor Needed: Baby Changing Station

A baby changing station had been mounted between the men's and women's restroom. If any generous, big hearted benefactor is willing to donate \$225.00 to cover its cost it will be highly appreciated. Please contact Fr. Bakhos at 304-233-1688.

Congratulations to Winners at the Spaghetti Dinner

Gift Basket:	Richard Ryncartz
50/50 Prize of \$90:	Jim George
Door Prizes:	Kevin Scott (Valley Grove), Caroline Popicg (Benwood), and Dan Sullivan, MaryAnn Cater & Tom George (all of Wheeling)

Lamb Shish Kebab and Other Mahrajan Food for Sale

If you would like to purchase some frozen food items, and at the same time help our church recover the expense for these items, please ask Fr. after Mass or call the church office at 304-233-1688. Items available for sale include: **Shish Kebab**: \$17 pkg. of 5 skewers; **Spinach Pies**: \$2.00 each or \$7.00 pkg. of 4; **Zattar Bread**: \$1.50 pkg. of 2; **Wheat** (#1 fine and #2 medium): \$3.50 pkg. of 2 lb. and once again we now have more **Pita Bread**: \$3.00 pkg. of 10 large.

*Around Us**Gyro Sale* (Tuesday, October 13 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.)

Where: Greek Orthodox Church, 2215 Chapline Street, Wheeling
Cost: \$5.00 ea.; for information call 304-233-1766

St. Alphonsus Ladies Guild Card Party (Sunday, October 25th, from 1-4 p.m.)

What: Annual Card Party at St. Alphonsus Parish Hall from 1-4 p.m. on Sunday, October 25
Cost: \$6.00 includes light lunch and great prizes; for reservations call: 304-232-9810

Boatsie's Stockings for Soldiers (Due by Monday, November 16th)

What: Make a donation or make or buy a Christmas Stocking; list items and value; fill stocking and slip stitch top or secure it to prevent items from "spilling out." (Suggestions: variety of candy, gum, hot chocolate, DVD's, cards, travel toiletries, athletic socks, phone cards, black watch caps, etc. (Suggested value of stocking contents is \$20-25; checks or money is gratefully accepted).
When: Stockings or donations are due by Monday, November 16th. (See flyer at church entrance)
Contact: Janell 'Zoomie' Loh, Special Project Coordinator for Boatsie's Boxes at (304) 243-0675

Maronites = Catholics of the East

Lebanon in The Holy Scriptures

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III. Lebanon in the Old Testament

With their abundance in wood, towering heights and eternal snow, the mountains of Lebanon fascinated the ancient peoples. They left behind deep traces in the literature, theology and the world of symbols of the Israelites, and thus in the Old Testament. Lebanon was mentioned more than seventy times in the Old Testament and "more than ten times in extra-canonical literature." Lebanon was the single most flattered, venerated and desired region in the eyes of the authors of the Old Testament.

A. Lebanon as part or boundary of the Promised Land.

Kinet has made a clear distinction among three different viewpoints through which the Old Testament considers the territory of Lebanon as part of the Promised Land. As an idealization, in several instances the Old Testament claims the land of Lebanon as part of the territory of Israel (Deuteronomy 1:7, 3:25, 11:24; Joshua 1:4, 11:17, 13:6; 1 Kings 9:19 par; Chronicles 8:6; Zechariah 10:10). In other instances, the writers of the Old Testament think of Lebanon as the northern boundary of the land God promised to his people (Joshua 1:4, 9:1f., 11:17, 12:7, 13:5; Judges 3:3). In two instances (Joshua 13:5; Song of Songs 4:8), "Lebanon" is used to describe all the hill country in middle Syria.

For ancient peoples, passages like these may have been important as a basis for territorial considerations. The real significance of the claim of Lebanon as part of the Promised Land, however, only can be understood fully in a spiritual sense. Lebanon's mountains offered choice woods to build the sanctuary where the glory of God dwelt and was venerated: no other wood was precious enough for that purpose. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, traveled through Phoenician cities, nowadays part of Lebanon. The soil on which he walked is "holy ground."

Inasmuch as Christians see themselves as the people of God and as true followers of the Son of God, any place or material chosen by the Lord and set aside for His worship is sacred and any place that received the footprints of the Word Incarnate is sacred land, the sign of God's ongoing presence with His people.

Joshua 13:1 When Joshua was old and advanced in years, the Lord said to him: "Though now you are old and advanced in years, a very large part of the land still remains to be conquered. This additional land includes . . . and the Gebalite territory; and all the Lebanon on the east, from Baal-gad at the foot of Mount Hermon to Labo in the land of Hamath." (To be continued)

Story: A Leader's Impact

In September of 1862, the Civil War tilted decisively in favor of the South. The morale of the Northern army dipped to its lowest point of the war. Large numbers of Union troops were in full retreat in Virginia. Northern leaders began to fear the worst. They saw no way to reverse the situation and turn the beaten, exhausted troops into a useful army again.

There was only one general with the ability to work such a miracle. That was General George McClellan. He had trained the men for combat and they admired him. But neither the War Department nor the rest of the Cabinet members saw the connection. Only President Abraham Lincoln recognized Gen. McClellan's leadership skills.

Fortunately, Lincoln ignored the protests of his advisors and reinstated McClellan back in command. He told the general to go down to Virginia and give those soldiers something no other man on earth could give them: enthusiasm, strength and hope. McClellan accepted the command. He mounted his great black horse and cantered down the dusty Virginia roads.

What happened next is hard to describe. Northern leaders couldn't explain it. Union soldiers couldn't explain it either. Even McClellan couldn't quite explain what happened. Gen. McClellan met the retreating Union columns, waved his cap in the air and shouted words of encouragement. When the worn out men saw

their beloved teacher and leader, they began to take heart once again. They were moved with an unshakable feeling that now things could be different, that finally things could be all right again.

Bruce Catton, the great Civil War historian, describes this excitement that grew when word spread that McClellan was back in command. "Down mile after mile of Virginia roads the stumbling columns came alive. Men threw their caps and knapsacks into the air, and yelled until they could yell no more ... because they saw this dapper little rider outlined against the purple starlight.

"And this, in a way, was the turning point of the war No one could ever quite explain how it happened. But whatever it was, it gave President Lincoln and the North what was needed. And history was forever changed because of it."

The story of Gen. McClellan illustrates dramatically the impact a leader can have on the human spirit.

Joke (562)

Preexisting Idiot

A man went on a ski trip and was knocked unconscious by the chairlift. He called his insurance company from the hospital, but they refused to cover his injury.

"Why is the injury not covered?" he asked.

"You got hit in the head by a chairlift," the insurance rep said. "That makes you an idiot, and we consider that a preexisting condition!"

Slow Laugh

He who laughs last thinks slowest!

Primate Intelligence

Question: If you are in a room with three monkeys, and one holds a banana, one has a book, and the other has a pencil, which one is the smartest primate in the room?

Answer: Hopefully, you!

Length of Life

Man can live without air for a very few minutes, without water for a number of days, without food for about two months, without a new thought for years on end.

Really a Blonde

A blonde went to the appliance store sale and found a bargain "I would like to buy this TV," she told the salesman.

"Sorry, we don't sell to blondes," he replied.

She hurried home and dyed her hair, then came back and again told the salesman, "I would like to buy this TV."

"Sorry, we don't sell to blondes," he replied.

"Oh, he recognized me," she thought. She went for a complete disguise this time-haircut and new color, new outfit, big sunglasses-then waited a few days before she again approached thi salesman. "I would like to buy this TV."

"Sorry, we don't sell to blondes," he replied.

Frustrated, she exclaimed, "How do you know I'm a blonde?"

"Because that's a microwave," he replied.

Anatomical Vowels

According to former line coach Pat Boland of the Iowa Hawkeyes, a football player taking an anatomy test wrote, "The anatomy is divided into three parts: the head, the chest, and the abdomen. The head houses the brain and eyes; the chest houses the lungs, heart, and liver; the abdomen houses the vowels, of which there are five-A, E, I, O, and U."