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Our Lady of Lebanon Church

(Maronite Catholic Rite)

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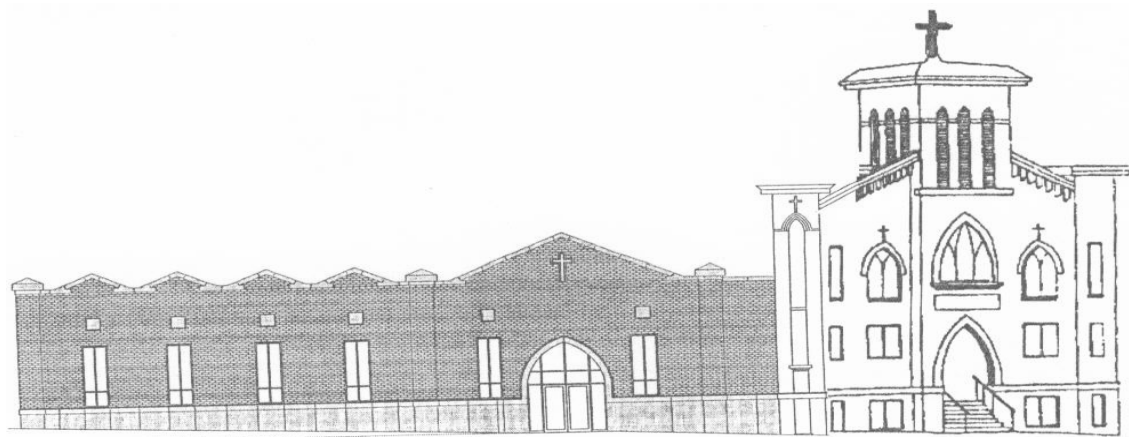
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1st Sunday after Epiphany



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, 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



- ***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.
- ***Cedar Hall Rental Fees:** Call the Church Office 304-233-1688.
- ***Parking:** Saturday & Sunday, both parking lots are for parishioners. Monday through Friday – park ONLY in the 3 ALLEY spaces.
- *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.

Gospel Reflection

Readings: 2Cor 10:1-11 and Jn 1:29-34

After thirty years of hidden growth, here is a surprising happening, and one full of consequences. Here, among the crowds of people called to repentance by John, Jesus undergoes an indescribable experience. The Precursor's baptism becomes for Jesus, the sinless One, a kind of door through which he passes in search of sinners. He will share in their lot and redirect toward God a creation, now, at last, on its true course. So Jesus descends into the Jordan to "***Do all that righteousness demands.***" (Mt 3:15).

To this humble inauguration of a new and purified future, the very heavens open and reveal divine secrets. The Holy Spirit comes down on Jesus and a voice speaks: "***You are my Son....***" (Mk 1:11) Jesus has always been the well-beloved of the Father, but today he finds himself established in his role of Servant –like a new Isaac ready for sacrifice. Jesus will show himself to be truly the Son and Servant of his Father as, under the impulse of the Holy Spirit, he forms step by step a new and entirely filial humanity.

"***There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over.***" (Lk 12:50) Do you, a Christian, not realize that "***baptized as you are in Christ Jesus, you are also baptized into his death, so that you may live a new life?***" (Rom 6:3) Attuned, like him, to the invisible, you must keep to your baptismal promise or fail from Grace.

Mass Intentions

THIS WEEKEND, January 9-10: First Sunday after Epiphany

Saturday, January 9 at 4:00 p.m.:

Larry Gibbons by Sue & Jim Brubach

Special Intention

Sunday, January 10 at 10:30 a.m.:

Nancepe Saseen (on his Anniversary) by his daughter Rosella Saseen

Kenneth Hill by his wife Joan Hill

Weekday Masses

No Masses from Monday, January 11 through Friday, January 15: Maronite Clergy Retreat

NEXT WEEKEND, January 16-17: Second Sunday after Epiphany

Saturday, January 16 at 4:00 p.m.:

Intentions of Lucille Gibbons by her sister Eva Moffat (FL)

Lou Elias by his Family

Sunday, January 17 at 10:30 a.m.:

Louis Joseph by his daughter Joan Hill

Helen Fielding by her husband Don Fielding (FL) & his special intentions

Donate to the Church Maintenance Fund

Help with the Endowment Fund to Keep Our Church Open and Active. (Total Raised: \$3,283.00)

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. Deposit my donation in the Endowment Fund account designated to maintain and support the church. Also, I wish to be enrolled in the daily Mass intentions as a benefactor.) Many thanks to January donors: ???

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.

Many Thanks to January donors: ??

<i>Our Lady of Lebanon Community Calendar</i>	
Date	Event
Monday, January 11	Cedar Club Meeting – 7:00 p.m. in the old basement hall
Friday, January 15	Cedar Club after Holiday Dinner – 6:30 p.m.-??at the Tikki Bar & Restaurant
Thursday, January 21	Bible Study – from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Lebanese Language – from 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.
Sunday, January 24	Women’s Society Meeting – following Sunday Mass
Sunday, January 31	50/50 Monthly Raffle Drawing – following Sunday Mass
Sat., Feb. 6–Fri., Feb. 12	Week of Faithful Departed Masses
Thurs., February 11	Reverse Raffle & Dinner – cocktails & hors d’oeuvres at 6 & Dinner at 7 p.m.
Monday, February 15	Ash Monday
Wed. & Thur., Feb. 24 & 25	Soup & Hoagie Sale – 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.



Community Events

Cedar Club Meeting (Monday, January 11, in old basement hall)

The next Cedar Club meeting is on at 7 p.m. in the old hall. Try to attend. Hostesses will be Alison Duffy & Nini Miller.

Maronite Clergy Retreat (January 11 to 15, 2010)

Fr. Bakhos will attend the Maronite clergy retreat in Phoenix, Arizona, so no masses will be scheduled from Monday, January 11th to Friday, January 15th.

Cedar Club “After Holiday Dinner” (Friday, January 15, at Tikki Bar Restaurant)

The Cedar Club “After Holiday Dinner” starts at 6:30 p.m. at the Tikki Bar & Restaurant. Everyone is welcome. Wear your Hawaiian attire and order from the menu – pay as you go. Reservations required; call Nini 304-243-0057 or Allison at 304-242-6853.

Bible Study and Lebanese Language Classes (Thursday, January 21st)

Classes resume as follows: Bible Study – from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. and Lebanese Language – from 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

Women’s Society Meeting (Sunday, January 24th, after Mass)

Plan to join the Women's Society for their next meeting scheduled for Sunday, January 24th, after Mass. We will complete our plans for the upcoming events.

Women’s Society Monthly 50/50 Raffle (Drawing: Sunday, January 31)

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 next drawing from entries received for the **January 50/50 Raffle Tickets**, which can be found at the church entrance and in the Weekly Church Bulletins, will take place in the Cedar Hall after Mass on **Sunday, January 31.**

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. Congratulations to L.B. Thomas who won the December prize.

Week of the Faithful Departed (Saturday, February 6th, to Friday, February 12th)

It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead. Think of how anxious you'll be to be remembered in the Masses and prayers of your relatives and friends when you die. All of us hope and pray that we'll never be forgotten and that our loved ones will pray to God for us every day. Your deceased relatives and friends are just as anxious for you to offer for them a Mass which is the best offering pleasing to God the Father because it is the pure Body and Blood of His Son. They are depending upon God's mercy and your good works to bring about their union with the Holy Trinity, our Blessed Mother and all the saints. The Church is here to remind you to pray for your parents and beloved ones who are deceased. Remember them and pray for them, so that your children and friends will pray for you after your death. You can be sure that your prayers and your sacrifices for the dead will be rewarded when they join the Community of Saints and speak to God in your behalf. Please complete the attached **Mass Form** and return it via the collection basket.

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

Deceased family members of Fr. Bakhos Chidiac

Deceased members of the Habib Khourey family by Virginia Khourey Bryan

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

Deceased members of Kay Garvey Family by Kay Garvey

Deceased family members of Thomasina Geimer

Chuck Ferrell by Fr. Bakhos & his brother Garry & Pauline Ferrell

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

Deceased of the Bentz, Sengewalt & Werner Families by Millet & Susie Fadoul

Deceased of the Fadoul, Cybulski & Bentz Families by Millet & Susie Fadoul

Second Maronite Reverse Raffle Dinner (Thursday, February 11, 2010)

Our 2st Maronite Reverse Raffle and Dinner is scheduled for Thursday, February 11, 2010, at the Wheeling Country Club. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres begin at 6:00 p.m.; a sit-down dinner at 7:00 p.m. (each dinner purchase includes 2 drink coupons). Come and experience the excitement of the night. Everyone who attended last year really enjoyed the event – especially those who always work at our events. They were able to enjoy the event while being waited upon by the courteous, efficient staff at the Wheeling Country Club. Winners need not be present. Plan now to attend.

Deadline to purchase tickets is: Sunday, February 7, 2010. Costs are:

\$ 50.00 1 Raffle Ticket **only**

\$ 75.00 1 Raffle Ticket & 1 Dinner (with 2 drink coupons)

\$100.00 1 Raffle Ticket & 2 Dinners (with 2 drink coupons for each dinner)

For tickets call Mickey (Joseph) Morgan at 304-277-1642, Lois Rutter at 304-242-3922;

Linda Duffy at 304-242-6853 or

- 1) complete the order form attached in this bulletin
- 2) Make your check payable to: **Our Lady of Lebanon Church** with "Memo Line:?" **Reverse Raffle**
- 3) Mail both the form and the check to:

Our Lady of Lebanon Church, "Attention: Reverse Raffle"
2216 Eoff Street, Wheeling, WV 26003

Soup & Hoagie Sale (Wed. & Thur., Feb. 24th & 25th, from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.)

Chase away the winter blues and take a break from cooking! The ladies of Our Lady of Lebanon have scheduled a **Soup and Hoagie Sale** on Wednesday and Thursday, February 24th and 25th, from 10:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. You will be able to purchase and pick up from our church hall an assortment of delicious hoagie sandwiches and homemade soups to eat at home or freeze to enjoy another day. We will also have an assortment of desserts (*cake, pie, brownies, cookies, Lebanese treat, etc.*) available from our **Bake Sale Table** for you to take home to enjoy them with your soup and hoagies. (Donors are asked to bring desserts Tuesday, February 23rd, between 9:00 a.m. and Noon or on Wednesday or Thursday, February 24th and 25th, between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m.)

Soups will be available by the quart (32 oz. container) or by the pint (16 oz. container).

The famous hoagie sandwiches made by Don Henning, retired owner of Don's Corner Market, will include (1) *Ham & Swiss Hoagie*, (2) *Italian Hoagie* and (3) *Turkey & Cheese Hoagie*

Men and women of the parish can help make this sale a success by sharing your time, talents and treasure. Call the office at 304-233-1688 to volunteer.

(1) **Volunteer to cook and donate your favorite soup**; (2) **Volunteer to make and donate a dessert** for our **Bake Sale Table**; (3) **Volunteer Tuesday, February 23, to prep ingredients for the hoagies** from 9 a.m. to Noon; (4) **Volunteer Wednesday or Thursday, Feb. 24th or 25th, during the sale:** 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; (5) **Distribute or post flyers** announcing our event; (6) **Purchase some** of Don's delicious, famous Hoagies, some of our scrumptious homemade soups and/or some of our mouth-watering desserts from our Bake Sale Table; (7) **Get orders** from your friends, neighbors and co-workers

Look for more information and order forms in future bulletins.

Women's Society Gift Basket Raffle (Next Drawing at our 2010 St. Maron Dinner)

The Women's Society's next Gift Basket Raffle drawing will be held at our 2010 St. Maron Dinner which has yet to be scheduled. The "Wine and Chocolate" Gift Basket will include various wine and chocolates. (NOTE: Ladies, if you have an item to donate, please bring it to Carol as soon as possible so the basket can be displayed as soon as she can assemble it.)

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 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 are available in our weekly 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 (note Gift Basket Raffle on "Memo" line of your check and front of envelope) or mail to: Our Lady of Lebanon Church, 2216 Eoff Street, Wheeling, WV 26003. Congratulations to December's winner – Peggy Justice.

Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List

Please Remember Those Hospitalized Recently In Your Prayers:

Rasaline Saseen, Lottie Elwartoski, Larry Breiding, Barb Sobota, Josephine Joseph, Theresa Snedeker,

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

Dolores Palotay, Charles Gibbons, Mary Custer, Bob Dougherty (brother of Bill), Edith Fahey, Frank Lish, Dolores Oser, Rosella Saseen, Sam Elias, Justin Frenn, Gary West, Louis John, Laura Wellman, Virginia Khourey Bryan (aunt of Lou Khourey in Toledo, OH), Manell Brice (Arlington, VA), Rose Mary Bris-Roybal (Albuquerque, NM), Pat & John Vawter (mother & brother of Dr. Rob Vawter)

Happy Birthday

January 10: Marjorie John, Mary Petros
January 11: Jennifer Klein
January 17: Richard Elwartoski
January 18: Marge Saseen
January 22: Nick Bedway

Your Church Support Last Week

\$1,982	Collection
62	Candles
35	Utilities
200	Fundraising to Paint Altar
40	Ads
82	Reimbursement
125	Donation (Poor Families)
\$2,526	Total. <i>May God reward you many fold</i>

What's New?

To “Maronite Voice” Subscribers: Urgent Reply Needed!!!

Dear parishioners, My computer has lost the file with the names of those who paid \$10.00 to obtain the 2010 Maronite Voice. Please let me know immediately at 304-233-1688 if you sent the \$10.00 so that I can create a new file and so that you can receive the Maronite Voice on time. I am sorry for any inconvenience this causes you. --Fr. Bakhos

The following names remain on my new list. If you paid \$10 and your name is not listed here, please call Fr. Bakhos immediately: *Betty Shia, Donzil & Theresa Gain, Eva Moffat, Evelyn Ghaphery, Joe Dager, Lou & Charlotte Khourey, Dr. Nabil & Nesrine AlKhouri, Nettie Seidler, Jim & Shirley George Sr., Kay Garvey, Bill & Carol Dougherty, Earl & Linda Duffy, Mike Linton, Gary Weisner, Latif Thomas, Charles Sleeme, Julia Tappe*

Fundraising Project to Paint the Altar of the Church

Dear Parishioners and friends of the Blessed Mother,

The Parish Council and I decided to emphasize the beauty of our original altar. As it is now painted, the color of the altar and the color of the wall behind it are nearly the same. The architect and the painter drew a beautiful design that allows the beauty of the decorative main altar to stand out. We are sure that everyone will be pleased to see the painting of the church brought to perfection. We have started a fundraising project toward this purpose. Please be a part and see your name engraved on the designated plaque:

\$4,000 In Memory of Chuck Ferrell (friend of Fr. Bakhos) from Valley Grove family

\$200 from Dr. Joe & Susie Saseen

Do You Need Lebanese Citizenship?

If you were born in the USA and your parents were originally from Lebanon and you want to obtain a Lebanese citizenship for yourself and your family members, please contact Fr. Bakhos for details by calling him at 304-233-1688.

Wisdom: I'm Awfully Well

I have arthritis in both my knees; and when I speak, then I speak with a wheeze.

My pulse is weak and my blood is thin; but I'm awfully well for the shape that I'm in.

I need arch supporters to strengthen my feet; my ankles are swollen. I'm white as a sheet.

I toss in my bed without sleep every night; no wonder each morning, I look like a sight.

My memory is failing, my heart's in a spin; but I'm awfully well for the shape that I'm in.

Diverticulitis is a word that's hard to spell; Ulcers that keep me on a diet of Maalox;

prevents me from resting in a funeral box. but I'm awfully well for the shape that I'm in.

The moral is -friends- as this tale I unfold; that for you and for me who are fast growing old.

It is better to say "I'm fine," with a grin; than to let people know of the shape that we're in.

--Cardinal Cushing.

Maronites = Catholic of the East

Lebanon In The Holy Scriptures 15

By Cornelia B. Horn

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F. Lebanon in Eschatological Texts

Psalm 104:16 "Well watered are the trees of the Lord, the cedars of Lebanon, which he planted."

Isaiah 33:9 "The land mourns and languishes; Lebanon is confounded and withers away; Sharon is like a desert; and Bashan and Carmel shake off their leaves."

Isaiah 35:1-2 "The desert and the parched land will exult; the steppe will rejoice and bloom. They will bloom with abundant flowers, and rejoice with joyful song. The glory of Lebanon will be given to them, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon. They will see the glory of the Lord, the splendor of our God."

Isaiah 40:16 "Lebanon would not suffice for fuel, nor its beasts be enough for holocausts."

Ezek 31:15 "Thus says the Lord God: on the day he went down to the nether world I made the abyss close up over him; I stopped its streams so that the deep waters were held back. I cast gloom over Lebanon because of him, so that all the trees in the land dropped on his account."

Zechariah 10:10 "I will bring them home from the land of Egypt, and gather them from Assyria; and I will bring them to the land of Gilead and to Lebanon, till there is no room for them."

At the end of times, God will manifest His awesome power. The scriptures can use the strength of the cedars of Lebanon in order to illustrate that the Lord's power and might when He comes will level those majestic trees. The blessings to be poured out on God's people in the end of times are only comparable to the natural blessings that the inhabitants of Lebanon. Lebanon will be part of the area to which God will bring back His people who had been scattered over distant lands.

Not only is Lebanon land where the Theophany of the Lord God occurred in Old Testament times, but the New Testament accounts bear witness to the fact that the Lord Jesus Christ himself set foot onto soil that is now part of the state of Lebanon. He made his glory manifest there and sanctified the land. *(To be continued)*

Story: God's Pattern in Our Lives

A poor but honest jeweler was arrested for a crime he never committed. He was placed in a secure and well-protected prison in the center of the city. One day, after he had been imprisoned for months, his wife came to the main gate. She told the guards how her husband, the poor jeweler, was a devout and prayerful man. He would be lost without his simple prayer rug. Would they not permit him to have this single possession? The guards agreed that it would be harmless and gave him the prayer rug. Five times daily he would unroll his rug and pray.

Weeks passed, and one day the jeweler said to his jailers, "I'm bored sitting here day after day with nothing to do. I am a good jeweler and, if you will let me have some pieces of metal and some simple tools, I will make you exquisite pieces of jewelry. You can sell what I make in the bazaar and add to your low salaries as civil servants. I ask for so little -just something to fill the idle hours and keep my skill in practice."

The poorly paid jailers agreed that it would be a good arrangement. Each day they brought the jeweler some bits of silver and other metals, and a few simple tools. Each night they would remove the tools and metals and take home the jewelry that he had made for them.

Days grew into weeks, weeks into months. One bright morning when they came to the jeweler's cell, they found it empty! No sign was found of the prisoner or how he had escaped from this secure and well-protected prison.

Some time later, the real criminal was arrested for the crime of which the poor jeweler had been falsely accused. One day in the city's bazaar, one of the prison guards spotted the ex-prisoner, the jeweler. Quickly explaining that the real criminal was caught, he asked the jeweler how he had escaped. The jeweler proceeded to tell an amazing story.

The jeweler's wife had gone to the chief architect who had designed the prison. She obtained from him the blueprints to the cell door locks. She then designed a pattern and weaved it into a prayer rug. Five times each day he would pray, his head touching the rug. Slowly, he began to see that there was a design within a design, within yet another design, and it was the pattern for the lock of his cell door. From the bits of leftover metal and the simple tools, he fashioned a key and escaped!

Joke (575)

A Joyful Old Heart

On October 16, 1995, Jeanne Calment of Paris was inducted into the *Guinness Book of World Records* by becoming the oldest human on record-over 120 years of age. She was born on February 21, 1875, a year before the telephone was invented by Alexander Graham Bell.

Jeanne remembered the construction of the Eiffel Tower and remembered selling colored pencils to the famed Vincent Van Gogh. She survived twenty-seven French presidents during the course of her long life. When asked, "What's the secret to your long life?" she responded, "Laughter!" No wonder the Bible tells us "a cheerful heart is good medicine" (Proverbs 17:22).

Riding; Alone

A judge was horseback riding with a young lawyer when they came across an open stretch of country. They noticed a noose hanging from a tree. The judge turned to the lawyer and jokingly said, "If that gallows had its due, where do you suppose you would be right now?"

The young lawyer spurred his horse a few feet forward, then turned back to the judge and answered, "Riding alone."

Generous Big-City Lawyer

In a remote area out West, a rancher sued a railroad for the loss of his prize bull. The bull was missing from the section in which it had been grazing. The railroad called in a big-city lawyer to take the case against the rancher. The trial was scheduled to take place in the back room of the general store with the justice of the peace presiding. The big-city lawyer met with the rancher when he arrived and tried to get him to settle before going to court. He kept after the rancher with his best negotiating skills. The rancher kept telling the big-city lawyer that a settlement would not be right, it would not be appropriate; it would not be fair, and so on. But the big-city lawyer would not relent. Finally, the rancher gave up and agreed to settle with the railroad for half the amount he was asking to receive in damages. The big-city lawyer wrote out the check and handed it to the rancher. The rancher then signed the release statement for the railroad.

The big-city lawyer was immediately triumphant and could not contain his enthusiasm. He explained that the rancher would have won the case against the railroad. Case law would have favored the rancher, and even the justice of the peace would have known enough about the law to award the rancher with full damages. He put his arm around the rancher and said, "I hate to tell you this, old fellow, but I pulled a fast one on you. You could have won the case and received the entire amount you were asking for. That must make you feel a little disappointed."

The rancher was a bit embarrassed by all the fuss but said to the big-city lawyer as he stuffed the check into his back pocket. "To tell you the truth, I feel guilty enough about receiving any money from you at all. I was coming into court this morning to ask that we dismiss the case. But you kept on telling me to take your money, so I felt that I had better do it or you would never shut up. You see, that crazy bull showed up on the ranch late last night."

All Cut the Same Size

A young man was helping his mother serve pie to his father and their guests at the dinner table. Each time the boy brought another piece of pie to the table, he would set it in front of his father, who would then pass it on to the others at the table.

After watching his father do this several times, the boy leaned toward his father and whispered, "It's no use, Dad. Mom cut all the pieces the same size."