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SENIOR HOUSING UPDATE

Dr. Don Billings, Vice President for Financial Affairs at SNU, will give a progress report on the senior housing project at the Annual Meeting. Thanks to the efforts of Elbert Overholt, Director, and James Falkner, Chairman of our Senior Housing Committee, we will get some answers to our questions about this project. I hope everyone can attend this meeting and hear this report. I think you will like what you hear.

MEMBERSHIP

Last spring our Membership committee, under the leadership of Mabel Sonnevik, challenged each member to enlist one new member to join at the Annual Meeting. Several of us met that challenge. More of us invited guests during the year and encouraged them to join. Thus our membership increased by 16 couples and 7 singles, more than one-third of our total of 92.

You have been talking with friends about the Academy. Why not encourage them to join at the Annual Meeting. Let's enlist fifteen or twenty by April 12.

Initiation fees for new members are: \$15, single; \$25, couple.

ANNUAL MEETING--APRIL 12

The Annual Meeting of the Academy of Senior Professionals at Southern Nazarene University will be April 12, 1993, at 11:45 a.m. in the Heritage Room of The Commons. After lunch, a business session will feature reports from chairpersons of standing committees, the Treasurer, and the President of the Academy, election of officers, Senior Housing Update, and the Administrative Council recommendations.

From "The Reality of the Resurrection"
The Glorious Galilean by Arthur E. Barkley

". . . He showed Himself alive after His passion by many infallible proofs"(Acts 1:3).

Jesus is dead! In the dense darkness when the sun hid its fact at the passing of Light, friends at the foot of the cross whispered, "He's dying." Later they sighed, "He's dead." To make certain of His death a Roman centurion pierced His heart with a lance. How wonderfully effective is a Roman execution! Nothing can survive a crucifixion.

As the lengthening shadow of the three crosses cast their sinister sadness over the retreating figures, many a man and woman in Jerusalem that day took away sweet memories of Him. Two men who lacked courage to declare their affiliations while He was living, Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus, brought perfume and spices to embalm the body of Jesus for burial.

The apostles kept the memory of a beautiful kingdom, which it seemed that they, like Moses, were to see in their mind's eye but never to enter. Now that death had come, and the Light of the world had gone, back to their nets and boats they decided to go. Three years before this, the Great Master had called them from fishing to become fishers of men; now they once more would become fishers of fish. Had not He whom they hoped would restore the throne of David died on a tree, with only thorns for a crown, nails for a sceptre, and a yelling mob for His subjects? There was just one word to express their attitude--a human word with a human implication: Christ is DEAD! Their ship of hope had gone to pieces on a hidden rock called the tomb.

And now a week has passed. . . It was evening on Galilee. The lake was flecked with white from the shimmering light of the stars, and the moon sent down its rays like silver grappling hooks to move its tides. In the harbor of Capernaum, several fishing boats with their slanting sails, high rudders, and worn seats lay at anchor waiting to put out on a fishing trip. (Continued on Page 2)

Simon Peter called down the shores to Thomas, Nathaniel, James, John and two others, "I go a fishing!" And they answered back, the hills echoing it again, "We also go with thee." Entering into the boat, they put off, labored all night and caught nothing. At early morn, as the sun came forth in the golden chariot of the dawn, and began to crimson the Galilean mountains, they started to row to shore. As they came near, they saw a stranger standing on the shore. He seemed to be waiting for them, but they "knew not who it was."

His voice rang out like a silver trumpet: "Children, have you any meat?" They answered, "No!" They might have added, "It you're planning to do some fishing, you might as well not come; we haven't had any luck at all!" Then the Stranger said, "Cast the net on the right side of the ship." And when this was done a great multitude of fish filled the net until they were unable to draw it in.

They all began to tremble as the memory of other days awoke within them. "It is the Lord!" whispered John to Peter. Instantly the warm-hearted enthusiast leaped into the water and swam to shore, casting himself at the feet of the Master. The others followed in the boat bringing their strained net, which was yet unbroken, but filled with 153 fishes.

A wood fire was burning on the strand, lighted by the Light of the world. On its glowing embers were some broiled fish and bread--a meal prepared by the Creator of the Universe in the midst of His creation. . . . Jesus said to them, "Come and dine, and none of them durst ask Him: Who art Thou? knowing that it was the Lord."

Christ was alive! He had shattered Death's kingdom of skulls with one single blow. . . . Men had to learn that what they called life was only death, that bodily life is not true life, that he who gives up his life for the sake of Christ shall find his fullest life in Christ, and that "Whosoever shall save his life must lose it."

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL REPORT

At its March meeting, the Administrative Council voted to submit for consideration at the Annual Meeting the following recommendations:

1. That dues for the 1993-94 year be waived, since the Academy has sufficient funds in the treasury for the year's operating expenses.

2. That the Academy support the SNU Endow-Fund Project with contributions to the Fund (suggested amount of \$25 per member).

3. That the President of the University, the President of the Academy, and the Director of the Academy make up the committee to select the insured. Qualities to be considered in the selection process are perseverance, scholarship, Christian commitment, potential for service. The student chosen will be a representative model of SNU's motto: Character/Culture/Christ.

The Academy membership will have the opportunity to vote on these recommendations at the Annual Meeting, April 12. Pending the outcome of the vote, we suggest that you not pay your dues. If the membership approves these recommendations, dues already paid for '93-'94 will be refunded or credited toward '94-'95 dues.

Checks made out to Southern Nazarene University for the Endowment Fund are tax deductible. Upon approval of the report, the Treasurer and the Director of the Academy will act as agents of the University to receive contributions to the Endow-Fund.

LOOKING AHEAD

At our May 10th meeting, Dr. Ed Overholt, son of Elbert and Esther, will talk to us about Heart-To-Heart ministries. This group's current project is providing garden tools for Somalia.