

Y's SHEET

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... TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE DUTY THAT ACCOMPANIES EVERY RIGHT...

On Higher Ground:

Forgive and Forget

*For I will forgive their iniquity,
And remember their sin no more.*

Jeremiah 31:34c

Many of us have experienced things that are easy to remember but hard to forgive. When I was young, a man spit on me because of my race, but I learned a long time ago that I had to rise above the level of the man who spit on me and forgive him.

If we do not forgive and forget, our health can be negatively affected by holding within us the bitterness we have toward others who offend us. Books have been written on the psychological and physical harm we suffer by not forgetting or forgiving. Jeremiah said, "The Lord will forgive or transgressions and remember our sin no more." God and God's Son, who even on the cross Jesus cried out, "Forgive them," exhibited the greatest expression of forgiveness. Jesus' words become our daily mantra, for if to err is human and to forgive is divine, then there is in each one of us a spark of divinity. Let it shine.

God, help us to let the world to see Jesus in us as we struggle with the pain in our lives. Amen

By: Norman Rates

All who attended: President Bobby Eagle – Vice President Bachman Brown – Treasurer Tom Hartis – Rene Hogan – Lucky Menius – Vicki Lozier – Secretary Frank Melton - Hannah Gray

President **Bobby Eagle** called the meeting to order. **Tom Hartis** lead the prayer and devotional. We celebrated the Time Of Fast meeting. We will send the \$ 200.00 we would normally spend on food to the Time Of Fast Program. **President Bobby Eagle** and Chief Flap Jack director **Tom Hartis** encouraged us to sell tickets and report for duty at 6:00 am on Saturday April 8, 2006!



ATTENTION:
South Atlantic Regional Convention!
September 29th-30th and October 1st
At
Lake Junaluska
More information to follow.

What is going on April 8th?

Easter Egg Hunt!



Healthy Kids Day!



Busan, Korea
August 3rd-6th 2006

God is the source of life; it is self-destructive to put our trust elsewhere.

If giving causes more pain than pleasure, it is not our money but our faith that is insufficient. Love measures our stature: the more we love, the bigger we are. There is no smaller package in all the world than that of a man all wrapped up in himself.

If indeed we love the Lord with all our hearts, minds and strength, we are going to have to stretch our hearts, open our minds, and strengthen our souls, whether our years are three score and ten or not yet twenty. God cannot lodge in a narrow mind. God cannot lodge in a small heart. To accommodate God, they must be palatial.

From Credo by
William Sloane Coffin (Westminster John Knox Press)

67th International Convention

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OUR CLUB VOTED NO TO MOVING INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTER TO PRAGYE

A Task Force was appointed by International Council 2004 to research alternative site locations for Y's Men International Headquarters, which currently are located, and mandated by International Constitution, in Geneva Switzerland. Some Y's Men/W omen felt that the administrative cost of operating in Geneva was

relatively excessive and that by moving to a 'less expensive' setting, monies saved could be used programmatically.

Coincidentally, just prior to the 2005 ICM in Vasteras, Sweden, then International President John Choa circulated several inflammatory accusations by email to all council members alleging Human Resource improprieties relating to the recent Youth Intern and his experience at IHQ.

The allegations were enough to persuade some of the International Council Members (ICMs) to vote in favor of moving to Prague, Czech Republic. Their vote, along with the block vote of Area Asia and Area India were enough to provide the 16-5 passage of a motion which was presented immediately following presentation of the TF Report. (Note: A 2/3 majority of ICMs is required to pass any constitutional change motion *plus* ratification by 2/3 of the eligible clubs *voting*.)

In the months since the International Council Meeting in Vasteras, the feeling of many of the International Executive Officers (IEOs) and ICMs has changed. The discussion at the International Mid Year Meeting was nearly unanimously in favor of NOT MOVING IHQ from Geneva.

The major concern is NOT of money saved, which would only be administrative staff salary (2 full time, 1 part time) and only for a short term gain (5-10 years), but rather, of CONTINUITY OF SERVICE/PRODUCTIVITY. Many of us feel that training Czech staff would take considerably longer than is proposed, that language would be a problem, and that international services would suffer causing potentially significant damage to the integrity of Y's Men International and its member clubs and service programs.

For these stated reasons we urge a "NO" vote on moving to Prague.

Respectfully submitted, Robert C. Wilby, AP

!To acknowledge the duty that accompanies every right"