



The Circuit Rider

Life in the Big Bend Episcopal Mission – February 2005

Jeffrey Steenson Consecrated 1000th Bishop

On Saturday, January 15, 2005, The Rev. Canon Jeffrey Steenson was consecrated Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of the Rio Grande by The Most Rev. Frank T. Griswold III, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church. The Rt. Rev. Dr. Steenson is the 1000th bishop of the Episcopal Church. The service of consecration took place at The Cathedral Church of St. John in Albuquerque, NM. The church was filled to capacity in the nave and in several adjoining rooms where the service was broadcast by closed circuit TV.



Terence Kelshaw - Frank Griswold - Jeffrey Steenson



The Rt. Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Steenson



The Rt. Rev. Anthony Burton



The Rt. Rev. Richard Llewellyn

The co-consecrating bishops were The Rt. Rev. Anthony Burton, Bishop of the Diocese of Saskatchewan (also the preacher), The Rt. Rev. Dr. Terence Kelshaw, Bishop of the Diocese of the Rio Grande, The Rt. Rev. Richard Llewellyn, Bishop at Lambeth, retired, The Rt. Rev. Mark L. MacDonald, Bishop of the Diocese of Alaska, and The Rt. Rev. Clarence C. Pope, Bishop of the Diocese of Fort Worth, retired. The Rt. Rev. Richard Llewellyn came to represent the Archbishop of Canterbury and presented a letter of greeting to Jeffrey Steenson from the Archbishop. Richard Llewellyn's official presence marked the first time since the 1700's that the Archbishop of Canterbury has participated in the consecration of an American bishop. *(continued on page two)*



The retreat at Terlingua Ranch is almost upon us. Make your lodge reservations now. This year's theme will be **"Give it up and get a life - Discovering New Life in Community."** During the retreat we will explore how giving up our own "agendas" can free us to see other peoples perspective, and strengthen our community of

Tentative Retreat Schedule

Friday, February 11th

5:00-6:00pm Arrival & Happy Hour

6:00pm Dinner

7:00pm-9:00pm First Session

Saturday, February 12th

8:00am Breakfast

9:00am-noon Second Session

12:00 noon Lunch

Afternoon - Natural Horsemanship demonstration or free time.

6:00pm Dinner

7:00-9:00pm Third Session

Sunday, February 13th

8:00am Breakfast

9:00-10:30am Final Session

11:00am Holy Eucharist

faith. The Saturday afternoon Natural Horsemanship demonstration will take place outside. If you plan to attend, you may wish to bring your own seating. Be sure to dress for the weather.

Except for any charge you may incur for lodging and meals, there is no cost to attend the retreat. Rooms at Terlingua Ranch Lodge are available for \$48.00 per night. Call 432-371-2416 for room reservations. RV. spaces are available. For scholarship assistance contact the Vicar.

In Memory of Maxine Haislip

Maxine Haislip, manager of the Big Bend Mission Otra Vez Thrift Shop, died unexpectedly on January 20th of unknown



causes. A memorial service was held at the church in the Terlingua ghost town on Saturday January 29th. Maxine's husband, Cliff Haislip, has expressed his wish that Otra Vez continue as a memorial to Maxine. The Thrift Shop volunteers will be reorganizing to take on the duties. Maxine lived in the Big Bend for over twenty years and has been widely respected and loved for her tireless work in the community. Prior to her involvement with Otra Vez, Maxine taught amnesty classes and assisted members of the community with other immigration matters. She will be missed dearly by a large number of people.

Last Month's Question: What do we mean by heaven and hell?

Answer: By heaven, we mean eternal life in our enjoyment of God; by hell, we mean eternal death in our rejection of God.

This Month's Question: What is the communion of saints?

The questions in this series are from "An Outline of the Faith" on page 845 of The Book of Common Prayer.

Christmas Donations for the Youth Club

The annual Big Bend Mission Christmas collection for community needs was designated for the Big Bend Youth club again this year. Donations totaled \$1475.00. The money will be used for special projects and operating expenses. Thanks for supporting this important ministry.

Consecration (continued from page one)

Seven people from the Big Bend Mission attended the consecration, Gene and Aurie West, Jack and Greta Murray, Seth and Judy Burgess, and Elaine Ponton. DVD's of the entire service will be available. Each church will receive one copy free of charge. Copies will be available for purchase at \$20 plus \$5 shipping. To order, email consecration@stjohnsabq.org for details. The deadline for ordering is February 16, 2005.



Youth Club Applies for UTO Grant

The Big Bend Youth Club has applied to the United Thank Offering (UTO) for a grant to purchase a van. The van will be for transporting club members on field trips and to special events. The UTO is a ministry of the Episcopal Church. A UTO grant paid for furniture in the Big Bend Library at the Terlingua School a few years ago.



Renovated Foyer at St. James' Dedicated

The recently completed changes to the entrance to St. James' have been dedicated to the memory of Les Spoons with a special commemorative plaque. Les was an air force pilot and a member of St. James'. He is survived by his widow Georgette who now lives in San Antonio.



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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"The best things in life are not things."

from *The Joyful Noiseletter*
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Christmas at St. James'



The new crèche donated by Jack and Judy Probst was the center piece of the Christmas decorations at St. James' this year. Thanks to everyone who helped decorate the church for Christmas.



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