

themselves at the Last Supper with Jesus Christ. Fr. Lawrence Gould, St. Francis Cabrini pastor, celebrated Mass and invited our Cub Scout "Choir" to perform the "Awesome God" song using hand signals after the beginning of Mass. Cub Scouts assisted by presenting the gifts during the Sunday readings, and bringing their Last Supper poster boards forward and placing them on the altar.

Patches and awards were presented recognizing the Pack with the most attendees (Pack 434), those who drove the farthest (Penny Webb - Burkburnet; Nystrom family – Muenster), and a plaque of appreciation thanking the congregation of St. Francis Cabrini for the use of their facilities.

Lone Star Trade O Ree (LST)

When David threw the moneychangers out of the temple in the Old Testament, the concept of money became an instant dilemma – Was it good or was it bad? The CCS has always been politically correct and answered, we don't know because we don't have any! However, the rise of other scout programs competing for the same pool of boys has required the CCS to "put our best foot forward" with a clear, concise message in order to retain and increase participation. Since there is a cost to educating new Cub Scout families, reaching Boy Scouts active in non Catholic units, and communicating the high spiritual quality of a retreat program, the board of the LST agreed to change the direction of its fund raising dollars to that of religious Scouting programs.

What is a Trade O Ree? During the year 2001, this event will celebrate its 14th year of successfully raising funds. Initially, the LST was founded by John Ryan to help ease the burden of local boys traveling each summer to Philmont Scout Ranch. Since 1987, boys from twenty troops, twenty-two packs, and a couple of scouts flying in from Japan have all benefited. Although scout memorabilia is its primary interest, the LST has expanded to provide eleven years of Cub Scout Akela Conclaves, memorabilia coaching sessions, a youth auction (giving away \$300 worth of patches), Beanie Baby

Extravaganza (1999-2000) and a Pokemon Night during this last year. During the last two years, funds have provided a Cub Scout Retreat Video featuring every participant at our 1998 event. This video serves as a promotional tool to educate families (new to Scouting) on what a retreat is. Cloth for 200 neckerchiefs, retreat camperships, Jubilee 2000 Patch, and assisting in the cost of publishing this history are among the many uses of our hard earned dollars.

The LST and the CCS owes a debt of no small proportion to Fr. Ken Robinson and the St. Francis of Assisi Community (Grapevine) for its willingness to provide a location for this event. In addition, free advertising from the American Scouting Traders Association (A.S.T.A.), a nationwide club of scout memorabilia collectors, continues to be another key factor in the success of our mission. Finally, Troop 7 must be thanked for providing tasty grilled hamburgers "with all the fixin's" for over a decade of service to the Roadrunner District and the CCS.

The Sign of Peace for the 1999 Boy Scout Retreat was barely given when thoughts of the Year 2000 40th Anniversary Retreat began coming to mind. Scouter Pat Burke came forward and began work on the concept of our next retreat with the theme "Faith Through the Ages." Early church development (Mike Wuller/Daniel Scott), "Flaming" Board, symbols of the church (James Ramsey/Mike Thornburg), history of the Bible (Pat Burke), Retreat Jeopardy, and a Living Rosary were all being finalized by the Boy Scouts while a Cub Scout "Reconciliation" script (Jay Krail), healing re-enactment (Chris Sohn) and selecting music for mass were all a part of a



Circa 1996. Scouter Pat Burke (top left), joins Yvette Crumley, Molly Carr and Genni Sayers in preparing the music for retreat mass.

summer planning meeting. Mrs. Terry Spitler volunteered her guitar accompaniment as the CCS practiced the "Children of God" song and discussed a few ideas for the anniversary dinner on Saturday night of the retreat.

This is not the end, it is only a signpost on the highway we are all traveling to improve and enrich our own understanding of our faith. Like the words of Thomas Jefferson, "Dreams of the future are better than the history of the past." Our optimism and the ability to reach scouters across the universe of the web, the inspired program innovations from new scouters to the CCS, the solid foundation and tradition of those gone before us, and the excitement that a new century promises are all indicators that what we approach before us is greater and brighter than what we have left behind us. Carpe Diem.

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