

# Fish Frydays: A Review of Long John Silver's

For any good Roman Catholic, Fridays during the holy season of Lent mean giving up one of the most important and tasteful things in one's life: meat. Though eating meats such as beef, poultry, and pork on Lenten Fridays is seen as taboo, the church has made an exception in the case of fish, leading many fast food restaurants to increase advertising of their respective fish sandwiches.

Enter Long John Silver's, the nationwide fast food chain that specializes in its infamous greasy concoctions of battered fried fish, chicken, onion rings, hushpuppies, corn on the cob and coleslaw, among others. Once Ash Wednesday comes around, the parking lots at the the two restaurants are as packed as a can full of sardines with dozens of Catholics looking to get their fish fixings on.



To find out what makes the place such a hit with the Catholic community during the holiest of Church seasons, I got together with four of my fellow *Rambler* staff writers and sat down for a quality deep-fried meal at the West 26th Street location on Friday, Feb. 26. Due to the Lenten holiday being in full swing, Long John Silver's had a decent sized queue waiting to order. However, after dividing up the various coupons senior Tanner Ziatic's dad was

kind enough to lend us (We happened to run into him at Long John's as he was ordering a huge family box of fish to-go), we were able to order and had our food on hand within 10-15 minutes.

Long John's rookie and Prep senior Joe Sala had the fried fish and onion rings. With regards to his meal, Sala commented, "I would like to visit the boat that supposedly catches their fish to see if it's real or not because whatever the heck I ate did not taste like fish."

Senior Josh Kurczewski was also a first-timer to the fish joint. "The shrimp was good. It was probably the most edible thing on the menu. However, the onion rings were terrible," he stated. "I ordered the fried fish, but I think they gave me chicken instead."

Tim Evans was a former regular of the nautical-themed restaurant but decided to make the return for the evening following a long hiatus. "The coleslaw was a nice little palette cleanser compared to the rest of the fried slop they serve. The corn on the cob was quality."

"The food is great but the fish has enough grease to feed 5,000," stated Tanner Ziacik, who had a positive experience at the restaurant.

Though many question the quality of the fried fish Long John Silver's serves, the company assures the public that their fish is real and meets local health department standards. According to an employee at the 26th Street location who wished to remain anonymous, the fish that they use is made of Alaskan White Tail, which she described as being the most generic fish found in the state, though the fast food chain does not advertise this on the menu. For an extra fee, the restaurant also serves cod upon request for those who actually want to be certain of what type of fish they are ingesting.

Another bestseller on the menu are Long John's famous hushpuppies. Hushpuppies can best be described balls of fried cornbread, according to the anonymous source. No, they are nothing like donuts.

The restaurant is also known for it's fried "crunchies" that

are attached to the surface of any of their fried foods. When asked about the crunchies, the fast food worker explained they are actually “fried pieces of nothingness,” and are simply byproducts of frying the foods in grease. She said they are actually so popular that people will show up asking just for a box or two of crunchies, which they will happily give out free with no questions asked. “It’s gotten to the point where we will only give them out if they promise to buy something,” she explained. Long John Silver’s crunchies are widely known for their outrageously long half-life and have the ability to last weeks on end and still be consumed.



Overall, I didn't mind the taste of the food, and considering how cheap the food was with the coupons, I could not care any less about whether or not I was eating was even remotely beneficial to my body. My satisfaction in the experience could best be described in the ten seconds I spent obnoxiously ringing The Captain's Bell on the way out. For anyone who plans on eating Long John's food

for whatever reason, I highly recommend avoiding any activity for the following 24 hours because you will likely suffer from a grease hangover and may run the risk of vomiting during this time.

As a souvenir from my experience, I did take a box of crunchies home to share with my family, though I was saddened to find that someone had thrown the untouched full box into the garbage before I had the opportunity to try them.

If you are ever in the middle of nowhere and dying of starvation with not another food source in site, I highly recommend you stop by Long John Silver's for a sure-to-be unforgettable experience.

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# Event Review: Lakeshore Beatdown 3

Roughly two weeks ago, on March 5th, I got to experience an event that made me feel more at home in the Erie Fighting Game Community than ever before. I got to experience Lakeshore Beatdown 3, a local fighting game tournament. It was one of, if not the, largest events of its type in the area. The main tournament organizer, Jason Baney, has been the driving force behind this tournament. Baney has run all of the weekly events at Game Corps for the past few years as well as the big events such as Lakeshore Beatdown and helping with regional tournament qualifiers.

My own personal involvement began around 9:30 a.m. on Saturday with setup, although setup really began the night before with moving and arranging tables after the weekly Friday Night Magic Standard Tournament ended. Unfortunately I was unable to attend; however, the real work began in the morning. For large tournaments like this there is a need for many setups. A setup consists of a TV or other monitor and a video game console as well as the necessary accessories (game discs, controllers, etc.) In all, there were more than 50 setups, as well as guest setups provided by tournament goers. This aspect is often overlooked. Every setup needs to be assembled, powered, and tested before any of the actual tournament play begins. So for two and a half hours a team consisting of 10-14 people, including myself, worked to assemble each individual station.

Once noon hit people began trickling in, slowly at first, but eventually coming in droves as registration got underway. The venue was absolutely packed with a large group of players coming from as far as Rochester, New York to compete. Online

streaming was also a major factor as online viewership reached almost 3,000 active viewers. Overall, this tournament shaped up to be the largest fighting game tournament in Erie and the most well attended so far. Now that Lakeshore Beatdown has ended, regional qualifying league has begun with alternating weekly tournaments. This week is Super Smash Bros. Melee on Saturday, March 26, and next week will be Street Fighter 5.

If you have any interest, please come down to Game Corps in Harborcreek.

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## **A Look Under the Hood of The Rambler: Webmaster explains re-designed look of The Rambler**

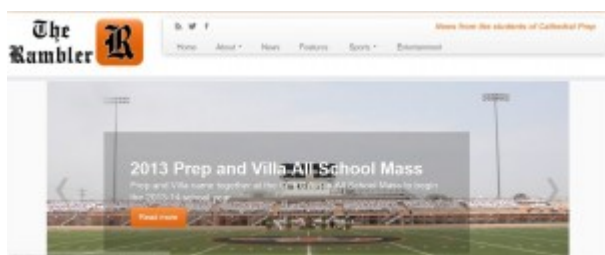
Website Development is one of the more sought-after skills in the world right now. Companies all over the world have started to turn away from the more traditional methods of public relations, such as newsletters and physical mail, to use more modern methods of getting their information out to the public. The most common form of this is through a website.

*The Rambler* has done this exact same thing. Starting out as a program where articles were written and distributed to the students of Cathedral Prep on newsprint paper, students in the journalism program today produce articles online here at TheRamblerNews.com. *The Rambler* experimented with digital productions, publishing PDF and iBooks versions of the student newspaper before launching the website in September 2013. The web presence allows the content that we write to be released

to the public even outside of Cathedral Prep.

Throughout my three years as part of the student staff of *The Rambler*, I personally have been given the pleasure of working with the website. As webmaster, I have worked on everything from general site maintenance and bug fixes to changing the layout of the website in order to make it look a little different, more accessible and visually pleasing.

We publish using a blog wrapper called WordPress, one of the most popularly used engines for journalism websites, or blogs in general. This has given us a very good base framework to create what *The Rambler* is today. Thankfully, the WordPress staff constantly release updates, letting us turn our attention away from security to focus on the content that we distribute to the people who click on to our page to check out the articles that we post online.



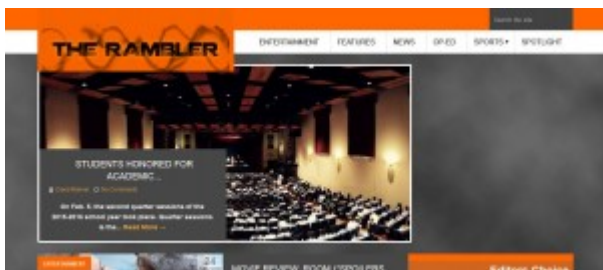
Screenshot of TheRamblerNews.com from October 5, 2013

In 2013, the visual layout of the website was changed to something called Hueman, a theme developed by a WordPress user by the name of nikeo. Changing a few colors to the Prep orange and black, we went with the layout given to us by that developer. It was clean and neat. It has undergone a few minor changes since then.



More recently, I have been trying to develop a unique theme of

our own before I graduate as something to leave behind for future *Rambler* writers. Taking the theme of 'Urban' created by the user MyThemes4WP – I have started to remodel a lot of the CSS and HTML code in order to change it into something unique. While this is a long job given the 43 minutes of class time I have daily, I am pleased to say that I have made sufficient progress. As the developer, I admit it's a little messy behind the scenes, but I have the goal of making it look completely presentable by the end of the 2015-2016 school year. There is still a large to-do list, though it certainly isn't anything that won't be completed.



Screenshot of TheRamblerNews.com on March 24, 2016

Beyond the visual changes, there has been the concern of what will happen when I leave after serving three years in this position as webmaster for *The Rambler*. As of right now, beyond the teacher/faculty advisor Mr. Hubert, there is no one else who has access the internal workings of the WordPress website. I have been slowly working on simplifying the things I have changed, so that hopefully when the next student steps in to take my position, things are not horribly convoluted.

As for the layout, I will be the first person to say that I am not an artist. Through the suggestions of my peers, I still strive to leave things behind in the best state that I possibly can.

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# Movie Review: Room (\*Spoilers Included\*)

*Room* is a 2015 movie that can hold a basis for many reality structures. This is a dramatic/terrorizing movie. I was creeped out and scared even though I was not in the movie.

This movie starts out with a woman and her son in a room. They have multiple things a house would have. It is filthy in the room. It is a small room. The audience has no clue of the story behind the room until halfway into the movie. The story behind it is that the woman has been abducted and locked inside the room for 7 years of her life and has a child with the abductor. The room they are in is a shed, and the only sunlight comes through the roof window. The woman has tried to hurt the abductor every time he comes in, but he just takes it out on them. He cuts the power off, which is hard because it is fall and there is no warmth in the shed.

How do they get out, you may ask? The woman comes up with a great plan of wrapping the child up in a carpet and teaching her how to roll out. So when the abductor comes in the child is suppose to be dead wrapped up in the carpet. However, he does not know it is a diversion. The abductor then takes the child out (still wrapped in a carpet) and puts him in the back of his truck. The mom taught the kid that when the truck starts to slow to a stop, to roll out of the carpet and jump out of the truck. The kid does so and a bystander is right there when the kid tries to run away.

The abductor then leaves the son and just takes off to keep his identity hidden. He is not seen the rest of the movie. The police come in during the next five minutes, and the son tells the police how many stop signs there were before he jumped out and that the room only has one roof window. The police take it from there and rescue the woman that was abducted at first. It



is one of those crushing moments in the movie where a girl that has been missing since high school has been found 7 years later. The movie ends with learning how to be normal again and teaching the young boy many things he has not seen before.

This is a touching movie that you can look back on and just think how disturbing this experience would be. It reminds me of the Cleveland in incident when Ariel Castro abducted three girls. You have to have lots of patience to watch this movie. I would not recommend for any teens or younger children to watch this movie.

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## **Interview With a Pro: John Dudley**



John Dudley, Erie Times-News

John Dudley is a senior reporter and sports columnist for the Erie Times-News. He also writes a monthly Lifestyle column. Recently he has written several editorials to help bridge the gap between the retirement of an editorial writer and the hiring of his replacement. Dudley is married with three kids

(a college student, a high school senior, and a high school sophomore). His family lives in Millcreek with two yellow labs named Juno and Moose.

Growing up, everything revolved around sports and academics for Dudley. He participated in football, baseball, and wrestling in high school. Then, he continued his wrestling career in college for a short time. Once his athletic career ended, Dudley remained in the sports world through his profession. Aside from that, his family did a fair amount of overseas travel, which inspired his passion for exploring new places. Even today, Dudley and his wife travel often with their children.

He became involved in coaching his two sons in football and baseball when they were younger. Although they've both wrapped up their high school careers, he continues to coach middle school football, which is something he dearly enjoys and is a great way to help develop young athletes while satisfying his competitive juices.

Dudley first became interested in journalism during high school. The editor of a local weekly newspaper, on the recommendation of his English teacher, approached him about writing stories about their sports teams. As a three-sport athlete, he would often be writing about games or wrestling matches he had been involved in. It was a little awkward at times, but it helped him develop a love for the craft.

Dudley will have been a professional journalist for 20 years in June. He likes to discuss the NFL and the Erie BayHawks, so writing about those topics consume a good deal of his time. "Covering the NFL has provided me with some of my most memorable professional opportunities," Dudley said. He has been to three Super Bowls, numerous playoff games and approximately 300 regular season NFL games. He enjoys hearing from the passionate, strongly opinionated NFL fans, and often talks football with fans that he runs into at the gym or the

grocery store.

Dudley also writes four columns per week on a variety of newsworthy topics. A day of work in his shoes is not always a routine. No two days are ever the same, which keeps his job fresh. During a typical week in the fall, he will cover a high school game on Friday night, a college game on Saturday afternoon, and then travel to Cleveland, Buffalo or Pittsburgh on Sunday to cover an NFL game. In between, he writes columns or feature stories on an athlete or coach or an enterprise piece about a trend or an issue. On top of the stuff that the Erie Times-News can anticipate or plan, there's always breaking news that needs to be covered, and it's impossible to predict when that will happen and how much time it will consume.

When asked if he would you change anything about the Erie Times News or his job, he said, "I think I speak for pretty much all journalists when I say I would love to have more space to write."

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## **March Madness 2016: Best First Weekend of All Time?**

The first two rounds of the 2016 NCAA Tournament gave fans some of the best moments, endings, and heartbreaks that we have ever seen. There were a total of 13 upsets in the first round, and even though three of those were victories by 9th seeded teams, it was still a dramatic year for upsets. The most surprising upset was obviously 15 seed Middle Tennessee beating 2 seed Michigan State, who was one of the most popular picks to win the whole thing. Hawaii won their first ever

tournament game against a California team who went from a sleeper pick to go far to a mediocre team filled with injuries. Yale took advantage of their first ticket to the dance in 54 years by beating Baylor in a bizarre finish. The two teams in the field with the least amount of losses, Kansas and Arkansas Little Rock, both won as well. ALR upset a Purdue squad with three 7-footers in a classic 12-5 seed victory.

Two double digit seeds remain in the Sweet Sixteen (Gonzaga and Syracuse), and they will be playing each other. Two other teams, Northern Iowa and Stephen F. Austin, came incredibly close to moving on, only to have their hearts broken late. Northern Iowa won on a miracle half court buzzer beater by Paul Jesperson against 6 seed Texas in the first round. In the round of 32, they collapsed and suffered one of the worst collapses in sports history. Down 12 points with 33 seconds left, Texas A&M looked like the next team to be upset by the Panthers. Then, madness ensued. A series of bad inbound passes and impressive three pointers and lay ups got the game into overtime with a 14-2 run. The Aggies looked like the better team moving forward with key injuries and foul trouble for Northern Iowa and won in double overtime.

The Stephen F. Austin Lumberjacks were not given any respect before their first match up with West Virginia. WVU was a sleeper Final Four pick for many, and even a championship pick for some. They were able to out-press "Press Virginia" and played with impressive speed and shooting. Led by floor general and all-around player Thomas Walkup, SFA continued to prove their ability against Notre Dame. The Irish were barely winning for most of the game, but SFA always kept it close. Up 5 with less than a minute left, they seemed to be ready to continue their NCAA-leading 21 game win streak and move on to their first ever Sweet Sixteen. However, freshman Rex Pflueger crushed their dreams, tipping in a lay-up with 1.5 seconds left. Those two points were the first tournament points of his career, and they might end up being the most important points

of his career.

Syracuse and Wichita State were both bubble teams on Selection Sunday, and the argument could be made that there were teams more deserving than either school. Led by Ron Baker and Fred VanVleet, the Shockers easily won their play-in game with Vanderbilt and then upset 6 seed Arizona. However, they fell to a very good Miami team despite a furious late game comeback attempt. Syracuse had the worst record out of all the tournament teams that did not win their league title. However, they had early wins against Duke, Texas A&M, and UConn that many people must have forgotten about. The committee remembered, and Dayton and Middle Tennessee were reminded of how good they are en route to another Sweet Sixteen appearance.

Gonzaga has made two upsets this year in terms of seeding, but really their success should not come as much of a surprise. They beat a hot and favorable Seton Hall team in the first round and then "upset" 3 seed Utah, winning 82-59. With Kyle Witjter and Domantas Sabonis, the Bulldogs have arguably the best duo in the country. In most of the games Gonzaga lost this year, Sabonis was in foul trouble throughout the game. He has been able to stay on the floor, and if he does the same against Syracuse, the Zags have a good chance of moving on to the Elite Eight.

When looking at the remaining teams in the bracket, the seeding is actually somewhat predictable. In the South, 1,2,3,5 (Kansas, Villanova, Miami, and Maryland) are left while 1-4 (Oregon, Oklahoma, Texas A&M, and Duke) all survived in the West. In the East, a 6-7 match up between Notre Dame and Wisconsin is a very intriguing game. Wisconsin beat Pitt in the opening round, and then they beat a very athletic and big Xavier team on an amazing fadeaway 3-pointer by Bronson Koenig. Koenig and Nigel Hayes will look to continue their journey with their first year coach against an experienced Irish team led by Demetrius Jackson and Zach Auguste. Indiana

took down Kentucky, who looked like they were getting better and probably deserved a higher seed than Utah or someone else. A Hoosiers vs. Tar Heels game could end up being one of the best all year.

The Midwest bracket is clearly the most surprising and contained one of the biggest upsets ever when Michigan St. checked out early. Virginia and Iowa State have quietly done what is necessary to put themselves in this position. Georges Niang scored 28 against Iona and did the same to Little Rock to get the Cyclones here. 1 seed Virginia scored 31 more points in the second half than in the first (54 compared to 23) to survive a scare against always dangerous Butler. This upcoming game and all the rest that will decide spots in the Elite Eight will continue to write their own stories and are set to help make this year one of the best Tournaments ever. The first weekend was packed full of excitement, and fans can't wait for what the rest of March Madness has in store.

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## **Interview With a Pro: Valerie Myers**



Valerie Myers, Erie Times-News

Erie Times-News writer Valerie Myers never expected that one day she would become a professional journalist. Her vocation as a journalist was one that she wouldn't discover until her college years studying engineering at Penn State University. "I was an engineering major. Then they started paying me to write in the paper," Myers stated. She never looked back.

Myers then transferred from State College to the University of Pittsburgh where she majored in journalism. During this time, Myers learned the necessary skills and formal training required of any professional journalist, such as how to maintain objectivity in writing and how to cater to the multiple viewpoints that are present in any news event.

While studying at Pitt, she maintained a job at the now defunct Pittsburgh Press. Upon graduation, she went on to become a publicity writer for the Chautauqua Institution in upstate New York before she eventually got a job at Girard's weekly newspaper, the Cosmopolite Herald. Following buyouts and consolidations in the newspaper industry, Myers began working for the Erie Times-News where she has worked as a reporter for the past fifteen years.

Myers greatly enjoys her occupation as a journalist and

expressed her love of interacting with the diverse group of people she gets to meet in her line of work. "It is different. You meet different people every day, and you get to leave the desk and mingle," she explained.

However, interacting with people regularly can also present some challenges during interviews. Often, those who wish to hide something from the press tend to be hard for reporters to work with. Myers explained that in cases of misappropriated funds by local officials, they will attempt to hide their involvement despite it being relevant public information.

In her experienced time spent in the field, Myers has covered a very wide range of news pieces. Recalling the 1985 Albion tornado, she explained the one year anniversary feature she helped cover, telling the stories of those who died in the disaster and the rebuilding of the community, as well as the subsequent quest by local officials to acquire federal money to overhaul Erie County's emergency response system.

Myers also enjoyed writing a recent profile on an amateur wildlife photographer from Titusville who worked with his son who had autism, "It was a feelgood piece, but it was a good story." She explained that in any good journalism piece, a reporter will write the story through the eyes of those they talk to. In the case of the photographer, Myers explained how through his very well-spoken interactions with her, he essentially wrote the story based on what he had to say. "Get to know the person and get them to come out of their shell. Then they can tell the story and you often take a back seat."

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# Jesus Christ Superstar opens Thursday

This Thursday, March 17, marks the opening night of Cathedral Prep and Villa Maria Academy's production of Jesus Christ Superstar. The rock opera with music composed by Andrew Lloyd Weber and lyrics written by Tim Rice opened on Broadway in 1971, but it was originally recorded as a concept album in 1970. Since then it has become a favorite among musical theater and rock fans alike. This is the third time Prep has put on this production, because as director Fr. Mike DeMartinis simply states, "This is the greatest musical of all time."



That is a big, yet arguable statement. The show chronicles the days before and through Jesus' arrest and crucifixion with a fantastic rock score. With characters whose stories have been told throughout the ages, this musical proves to be more than just a story, and a

story that is told in the best way possible: with rock n' roll.

Jesus Christ will be played by senior Jacob Mays, and he delivers with intense acting and soaring vocals. Playing Jesus has been "a spectacular experience for [him]." He states that he was surprised to get the part, but "after all of the hard work, help from Father Mike, and encouragement from the rest of the cast, I am thoroughly excited to put on this show."

The role of Judas Iscariot is being played by sophomore Alexandra Karlinchak, performing vocal excellence throughout the whole production. On playing the role of Judas, she stated

that “It has been a great experience. I love portraying such a complicated character and working with the entire cast to put on yet another great production.” Judas is tortured by his betrayal, and Karlinchak dives into these emotions.

The caring friend of Jesus, Mary Magdalene, is played by sophomore Mary Catherine McGovern, who possesses her own set of pipes. On her character, Mary says, “All the songs that she sings really show how much she has been touched by Christ’s love and mercy. I hope that I can convey that love in the upcoming performances.”

The two plotting priests, Caiaphas and Annas, are portrayed by Prep seniors Seamus Clerkin and Thomas Hoffman. Pontius Pilate is played by junior Brian Buseck and King Herod is played by junior David Roach. Apostles Simon and Peter are played by brother and sister Rachel Lyons (’16) and Elijah Lyons (’19).

Directed by Fr. Mike DeMartinis and choreographed by Carolyn McIntyre, Prep’s production of Jesus Christ Superstar brings Christ’s passion, death, and resurrection to the stage in an awe-inspiring spectacle of song and dance. With a talented cast and a brilliant score, this show is worth seeing.

Showtimes are Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 7 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m.

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## **Opinion: Reacting to KKK Grand Dragon’s endorsement of**

# Hillary Clinton

Endorsements are a key component of having a successful campaign. They can provide a candidate with another support base in which they may not have previously have gotten. Big endorsements that are typically welcomed are Presidential endorsements like Bush, Obama, Clinton or big Congresspersons like Nancy Pelosi, Paul Ryan, Diane Feinstein, or Mitch McConnell. Sometimes even groups can be great endorsements, like the Heritage Foundation, ACLU, or the multitude of Super PACs. Candidates welcome these endorsements because they provide substantial amounts of money, and are typically positive endorsements.

On the other hand, Hillary Clinton, the Democratic front runner, received a nomination she may not have been too proud to get.

Yesterday, the notorious, racist, Catholic-hating organization known as the Ku Klux Klan led by "Grand Dragon" Will Quigg voiced support for Clinton, inciting she has a secret agenda. Quigg was asked by Fox News how he knows about Clinton's supposed secret KKK-friendly agenda? "I cannot reveal my sources," he said. "It's my opinion – if you know what I mean, wink, wink. I don't want her to come back and say I'm slandering her."

Alright. Time to turn up here.

The first thing you should question about the endorsement is the fact that it is from the KKK. The KKK! The organization that has murdered more than 3,000 African Americans! Personally, I have no idea how they are allowed to be around anymore. I mean, they've committed multiple acts of domestic terrorism; that's just plain old wrong! Any instance of racism is unacceptable.

Since America has accepted the fact that racism is wrong and

extremely bad, the KKK's support had relatively fallen off the side of the world. They've really become a pointless organization, spewing radical, crazy, racist, and nutty phrases out that just sound unintelligible.

The second thing you should question about the endorsement is that Mr. Quigg here is referred to as a "Grand Dragon." Yes, his title as a leader is Grand Dragon. His superior is called a Grand Wizard. The Grand Wizard is in charge of ruling over the empire. Quigg is in charge of ruling over certain "realms." Under Quigg, are eight Hydras who serve as workhorses for the Grand Dragon. But that's not all, folks! The Grand Giant rules over provinces, and under the Giant...get this...are Goblins. Yes, if you serve under the Grand Giant you are a Goblin. Inspiring!

Not.

If the KKK was trying to hide their evil ways, they did not do a very good job with their hierarchical names. I mean it literally sounds like they want to be the bad guys from Spamelot! Maybe that's what they were going for. Not only do the names sound ridiculously cheesy, but the names on face value show that the people in the KKK want to be looked upon as bad dudes. Am I supposed to want to grow up aspiring to become a Hydra, dutifully serving my Grand Dragon?

I don't think so.

The last thing that really got me about Grand Dragon Quigg's interview was the usage of the phrase "wink, wink." I'm not going to lie; I utilize the phrase quite often. But when asked by a news source of Fox News's caliber why I'd support a candidate, I would never think of saying "wink, wink." It sounds really sketchy and really suggestive, especially coming out of the mouth of an ethnic cleansing supporter like Will Quigg. On a shade scale of 1-10, the "wink, wink" comment would definitely reach a 9.7.

It's hard not laugh when thinking about the words he used and his title is absurd. Veteran science teacher Mr. Wahlmark said, "It sounds like a game of Dungeons and Dragons." The usage of wizards, dragons, realms, empire, hydras, and giants just makes the KKK look even more illegitimate.

But what is not laughable is the disgusting acts which the KKK have perpetrated. They are despicable and unacceptable in our current American society. Murder and terrorism cannot be tolerated.

Expect a quick and decisive answer from the Clinton camp attempting to stray away from this endorsement.

One last tidbit regarding Will Quigg. He previously came out supporting Republican candidate Donald Trump in September. But in February he backed out from his support saying, "We don't like his hair. It's a toupee." Sound reasoning coming from the Grand Dragon...wink, wink.

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## **Swim/Dive team wins 14th straight D10 title**

On March 4th and 5th the Cathedral Prep swim team took to the Spire Institute's pool for the District 10 meet. All teams from both the AA and AAA division gathered to participate in the much anticipated meet.

The week before the swimming championships the diving championships were held at McDowell. Junior Ryan Garich took 4th place in the District 10 AAA division with a strong showing in his second year diving. Sophomore Race Nicolia in his first year diving for Prep took 6th in the championships.



Senior David Rahner celebrates his win in the 100 back with his favorite coach Colleen Parsons.

Going into the swimming portion of the championship Prep was 36 points down to McDowell. The quartet of David Rahner, Austin Hancock, Pat Steele, and Quinn Fischer started the weekend off right away with a bang, winning the 200 medley in a demanding fashion. Rex Riley kept the momentum going for Prep winning the 200 freestyle, breaking the meet record by more than 2 seconds. McDowell quickly fired back in the 50 freestyle, taking first and second place. McDowell kept going, winning the 100 butterfly next. Despite McDowell's win in the butterfly, Pat Steele, Tony Squeglia, Matt Kerner, and Robbie Maholic took second, third, fourth, and fifth canceling out McDowell's points for taking first. In the final event of the day McDowell took home another win in the 200 freestyle relay.



The Prep Swim team celebrates their 14th straight D10 title.

Upon the start of the second day Prep was up a menial 1 point to McDowell. The team had their work for the day cut out for them. In the first event of the day, the 100 freestyle, McDowell took first and second. Next in the 500 freestyle McDowell took home another win, putting Prep down more than they were projecting at this point in this meet. David Rahner, winning the 100 backstroke, turned the tides for Cathedral Prep. Keeping the momentum going, Rex Riley won the 100 breaststroke, for the second time in the meet, in record breaking time. Going into the final event Prep was up enough point that they were able to win the meet by not disqualifying or getting anything less than 3rd in the 400 freestyle relay. The relay of Tom Squeglia, Alec Thomas, Tony Squeglia, and Rex Riley were not taking the easy way out, actually tying McDowell for first place causing the two relay teams to enter a swim off for the one available bid to states. The officials allowed plenty of time of rest for the teams by doing all of the awards and letting them warm down and up after the first race. With all the teams crowded around the pool to witness the two rivals go at it, Cathedral Prep won with a better time than their first swim. Concluding the meet, Prep finalized their 14th straight District 10 title to continue their indisputable regime in the sport.

