

**TO: Key Men of each parish, Diocesan VP's and VP-Elects**

**SUBJECT: Invitation to participate in the BBQ Contest at the 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Tennessee Laymen's Conference**

**FROM: Eric Haralson, Contest Chairman**

A **challenge** is hereby issued to all "Que'ers" in the three Dioceses of Tennessee. The fourth annual BBQ rib contest will be held at the annual Laymen's Conference, DuBose Conference Center, Monteagle, TN. Trophies will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place for best ribs and for sauces. The contest will be on Friday, August 12 during registration.

All I can say about last year's contest is "We was ROBBED again and team Holy Smokin' is coming with a fresh recipe and fire, or at least smoke, in our bellies."

This continues to be an event to support the Conference. Past contests have generated additional attendance (we think), several hundred dollars for the conference, lots of fun and bragging rights. Literature at registration will advertise "Rib Tasting" to begin at 3:30 p.m. Attendees may purchase tickets in any quantity at \$1 each and redeem one ticket for one rib from any combination of teams, as product is available. An attendee could purchase five tickets and get 5 ribs from one team or one rib each from 5 teams, or any combination thereof. All proceeds will be donated to the Conference.

Our target this year is to have at least eight teams participating, and we would love to have three from each Diocese. Your job, Key-Men, is to recruit not only men to attend, but teams to participate.

Please have a team pit-master or representative call me at 865-523-3936, or e-mail me at [eric@fahe.org](mailto:eric@fahe.org), or fax to 859-228-2185 to **register a team** to participate. Applications should be received by August 5, but, heck, if someone showed up unannounced with a smoker and ribs, you know they will be welcome.

**Rules** are attached. Call if you have questions or suggestions.

Let the smokin' begin!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric Haralson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.