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# FDL GOP NEWS

## 2024

With the RNC selecting Wisconsin as the venue for their convention, the entire schedule and intensity of events are set to escalate. It's essential to pace yourselves, so we encourage you to mark your calendars in advance to make the most of this impactful year!

- **Thursday 1/11** - Monthly meeting "Holiday Social"
- **Saturday 2/24** - County Caucus Ledgeview Lanes
- **Saturday 4/8** District Caucus - Oshkosh
- **Weekend 5/17-19**, RPW Convention - Appleton
- **Week 7/15-18** RNC Milwaukee

## Kick Off 2024: Unite with Fellow Republicans

Amidst the uncertainty surrounding the 2024 presidential race, marked by the contentious interactions among candidates, the Colorado ruling impacting Trump's ballot presence, and the unpredictable nature of the left, we aim to commence the new year with a County Party event that fosters unity and camaraderie.

We invite you to join us for the inaugural gathering of 2024, a delightful blend of Holiday Social and Joyful Celebration at Lakeside Park Pavilion on



**Thursday, January 11th, 2024, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.**

Enjoy light hors d'oeuvres and drinks as we come together to the backdrop of Christmas music. The evening will feature a brief update from the Executive team, followed by engaging and entertaining games.

Let's kick off 2024 on a positive note, fostering connections within our Republican community. Your presence is highly valued, and we look forward to celebrating the spirit of unity and camaraderie at this special event.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

**It's that time of the year again—membership renewal. As we navigate the unfolding events of 2024, it's crucial that we remain engaged and connected. Reflecting on the challenges of 2020 when the China virus forced us into isolation, we learned the importance of standing together in unity. This year may present difficulties, but let's not fall into the trap of complacency. Instead, let's kick off the year with strength, investing our time, treasure, and talent in Fond du Lac County, safeguarding our shared future.**

To renew your membership, you have several options. You can either return the application by mail, sign up on our website (FDLGOP.COM), or join us at our January Social. For those who are new to the party, please ensure you sign up and pay your dues ten days prior to February 24th, the date of our County Caucus. If you were a member in 2023, you can conveniently pay your dues at the 2/24 caucus, and you're all set.

# **Title: The Biblical Echo: King Herod's Massacre and the Modern Abortion Debate**

**By:Chairman Bachleitner**

## **Introduction:**

The Bible has long been a source of inspiration, guidance, and controversy. One narrative that echoes through the ages is the story of King Herod's desperate attempt to maintain his grip on power by ordering the massacre of all male infants under the age of two. Drawing parallels to this biblical tale, the modern political landscape sees a different but equally contentious battle unfolding: the fight over abortion. Strikingly, saving pre-born babies has become a perceived political liability for Republicans in today's charged political climate.

## **King Herod's Dark Decree:**

The Gospel of Matthew recounts the chilling tale of King Herod, who, threatened by the prophecy of a newborn King of the Jews, sought to eliminate any potential rival. In a gruesome act, he ordered the massacre of all male children under the age of two in Bethlehem. This historical atrocity, fueled by political insecurity and a lust for power, serves as a cautionary tale about the dire consequences of unchecked political ambition.



## **Modern Parallels: The Abortion Debate:**

Fast forward to the 21st century, where the issue of abortion has become a defining and divisive topic in political discourse. Unlike King Herod's indiscriminate slaughter, the debate over abortion is centered on a misguided concept of a woman's right to choose versus the sanctity of unborn life. However, similar to Herod's desperate bid to secure his rule, some politicians today find themselves entangled in the contentious web of abortion politics.

## **Republicans and the Political Quandary:**

In recent years, the Republican party, traditionally associated with conservative values and a principled pro-life stance, has found itself navigating a complex terrain. While advocating for the rights of the unborn resonates with a significant portion of their base, it has also become a perceived political liability in a landscape where individual freedoms and so-called women's rights are paramount issues.

## **The Conundrum of Political Liability:**

For Republicans, championing *equal justice* policies risks alienating voters who falsely prioritize a woman's right to make choices about her own body. This conundrum has led to a delicate balancing act, with some Republicans attempting to distance themselves from the party platform which states "Life begins at conception", while others steadfastly adhere to a consistent pro-life stance, regardless of the potential political fallout.

## **Conclusion:**

The correlation between King Herod's dark decree and the modern political fight over abortion underscores the enduring relevance of ancient narratives in contemporary debates. As Republicans grapple with the delicate issue of abortion, the cautionary tale of King Herod serves as a stark reminder of the dangers inherent in allowing political ambitions to supersede the protection of vulnerable lives. The challenge remains for politicians to navigate this complex terrain, seeking solutions that respect individual freedoms while never compromising the sanctity of every life.

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***In my role as the chairman of the Republican Party of Fond du Lac, I want to express my strong commitment to the sanctity of human life. My belief is simple: I and my House choose to serve the Lord. This dedication is unwavering, and I firmly stand against compromise on the fundamental principle of protecting innocent life. I see it as the source from which all political issues arise.***

***The miracle of innocent life, made in the image of God, is a cause that goes beyond the noise of other political concerns. While issues like election integrity, border security, and tax policies are important, they don't compare in significance to the urgent need to protect the right to exist for the most vulnerable members of society.***

***In my position, I am committed to championing the value of every life. I want to ensure that our political pursuits always align with the profound responsibility to safeguard the sanctity of human existence.***

***Sincerely,***

**Timothy Bachleitner**

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