



BISHOP ODIN NEWS

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Sam Okonski, Grand Knight

Brother Knights and Ladies, please join me in a moment of prayer for those who have gone before us to be with our Lord. God rest their souls. We will miss them dearly.

Brothers', we have just 2 months before the elections for the Northside Columbus Club & Bishop Odin Knights of Columbus. I would like to personally invite each of you to look into your hearts and find where you could make a difference in one of the positions or committees offered by these two organizations. We need more brother knights to take an active roll. United we stand, divided we fall. We want your input and ideas. As most of you know, we lost our brother Gus Luchak. Gus was very active at the council. His last big job was waxing the floor of the new hall. With his love and devotion to the Knights of Columbus came the backing and love of his wife, Verna. She wrote the council members a wonderful letter along with a donation of \$1000. I read the letter at the meeting and she has a challenge for his Friday night study buddies and all of our members. I knew Gus, I am sorry that I do not know everyone in 2917 but I would like to meet you. Come to a meeting, come to the pub, come to Friday night bingo, take on a project, come on by and let me shake your hand.

April/May Texas state bowling tournament, June Bug is June 15th. Come to the April meeting to pick up your raffle tickets. October 12/13 and 19/20, 2917 is hosting the International Western Division Bowling Tournament. This is a wonderful opportunity to show the other states why Texas is leading the recruitment effort. This is a council function, the bowling team could not have accepted hosting it without the backing of the council, and I told the directors that YOU could do it! And, we always do it very well. In addition, to close out the year, so far, we have the Toys for Tots BBQ cook off December 6/7 with that famous Friday night dance in the old hall.

Years ago there was a call to the membership and you responded with pride, dignity, devotion, charity, unity, fraternalism, and patriotism. The request was for donations to help with projects at the council. We have many projects that need attending. The total is over \$100,000. I am asking that you look into your hearts. Ed Okonski stated at the Northside Columbus board meeting that he will donate \$100 to get the fund started, I will step up and match him. Support our advertisers, Four Season has donated many hours of labor and dozer work, Kainer Electric provided 6 man days on the repair of lights. Do we have a chairperson for the New Years Eve party at 2917? Catholic Daughters, Ladies Auxiliary, KC 2917 Members, who will take the honor.

Check out our web site <http://www.neosoft.com/~kofc2917> and send the link to all your email buddies. If you do not have email, come by pick up some business cards to pass out. They may need our services. God bless you.

SENIOR MEMBERS NEWS

Spaghetti in March sure was good. Next month will be a covered dish. Do come on out.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr 3 Council Officers Meeting
 Apr 3 Ladies Auxiliary Board Meeting
 Apr 8 Regular Council Meeting
 Apr 9 Senior Get Together 9:30a.m.
 Apr 13 Council Clean-Up Day 8:30 am
 Apr 17 Northside Columbus Club Board Meeting
 Apr 17 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
 Apr 22 Council Rosary "Open" Meeting
 Apr 29 Moon Tournament 7:00
 May 1 Council Officers Meeting
 May 1 Ladies Auxiliary Board Meeting

No Bingo on Good Friday March 29
 Bingo every Friday @ 7:15 p.m.

PLEASE PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO THESE DATES
 ALL MEETINGS START AT 7:30 PM (except where noted)

JUNE BUG JAMBOREE 2002

Greg Okonski, Sam Okonski, Larry Tobias

The June Bug Jamboree raffle tickets should be available the first week of April. Dinner tickets will be ready soon after. Come out to the hall and pick up several books. If you sell 20 books or more, you will receive two complimentary dinner tickets.

Because of the generous response from our members and ladies, the prize list for the raffle is almost paid for. Many of the same sponsors are donating again. T&H Grinding, Moneline Systems, Ladies Auxiliary, Tri-Lumber Hardward, Rita Rekieta, and Fire Proof Contractors. We also have a few new sponsors this year. Knightens's Guide Service is donating a Galveston Bay Fishing Trip. One of our new members, Jeff Hoffart was able to get a cash donation from the company he works for, Boise Cascade. Our very own K of C mixed bowling league is also making a cash donation from the 50/50 raffle proceeds. All the above have given \$300.00 or more. Other donations received will be mentioned next month. Thanks to you all. Your generosity makes this fundraiser a big success. Don't forget, we also need items for door prizes and the mini raffle.

Since there hasn't been a big response to our costume contest, we will no longer have one. However if you wish to dress up as your favorite bug, let us know and we will give you the spotlight for a few minutes. All the bugs in the past have been very entertaining. Here's an idea. You could dress in a costume, work the front door and help sell raffle tickets. With the attention you get, tickets sales will surely increase. Thank you and may God bless.

VA VISITATION

Anton Swiech, Houston Visitation Chairman

Brothers who participated February 10, 2002, VA visitation: Steve Fridye, Ed Gurka, Andy Kruppa, Robert Miller, Lupe Reyna Sr., and Anton Swiech.

Mark your calendar - listed are the dates of our visitation/escort service for 2002. April 21, June 20, September 8, November 17. Next visitation is April 21, 2002.

In Memoriam	Benny Rod	02-04-02
	Richard Prince	03-08-02
	Raymond Gregory	03-06-02
	Daniel Stegent	03-23-02

INSURANCE

Kindall, Tadvick, Janda, Representatives
 Sometimes, we can have the wrong impression of what we are spending our hard earned money for.

For example, you don't spend \$.50 to buy a paper, you spend that money to buy news. You don't buy glasses; you buy vision. You don't buy an awning, you buy shade.

See what I mean? The same holds true for life insurance. You're not just buying life insurance in case you die. You buy an education for your children, or a life income for your wife, or a pension plan for the old man you will eventually be. (It's been said that the difference between an "old man" and an "elderly gentleman" is money!) You buy peace of mind, happiness, and more than a little contentment when you buy life insurance. Call today to arrange an appointment.

ANNUAL DOMINO TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Ron Wendt, Chairman

Out of a field of 28 moon players, Ed Okonski, Sr. came in 1st, Al Kainer 2nd and Ross Gagliano 3rd. Ross who?

With 10 teams of 42 players: Charlie Heinrich, and Paul Rekieta were 1st, and Chris and Dwayne Mocek were 2nd. Even with this fine turnout, I know there's a lot more rock hounds out there. See you next time.

BLOOD DRIVE

May 13th council meeting night 5:00 to 9:00 pm. They would like to have 20 people or more to make it successful. Please contact Brother Floyd L. Supercinski for more information 713-861-6725.

NINTH MONTH NCC REPORT

ATTENTION: All members of Bishop Odin Council 2971 You are hereby notified that a special meeting will be held on April 17, 2002 at 607 E. Whitney Dr., Houston, Tx 77022, (which was entered in the Bishop Odin News last month) for the purpose of voting on the following resolution: Northside Columbus Club Resolution: Whereas the NCC bylaws read that the members elected to the board may only serve for 2, three year terms consecutively, and then wait one (1) year before being able to run for reelection. Be It Resolved that the bylaws be amended to read that a member be allowed to run for an unlimited amount of terms. Signed: Joe Pavlik, President; Ed Okonski Sr., Treasurer; and Edmund Brossman, Secretary.

March 9th was cleanup day. We had 9 men from Texas House and 5 KC members show. We did our usual ground duties and got busy on the kitchen in the old hall. Next cleanup day is April 13th.

March has been a challenging month for the NCC. With God's helping hand we made it. We sometimes want things to happen too quickly. Continue to pray for and with us, and we will make it through the year. April is looking good for rentals, and May is picking up. June, we have the June Bug Jamboree. In October, we will host the National Bowling Tournament. December, we will have the Bar-B-Que Cookoff again. So, you see, things are stirring in the stew pot. Other events are in the planning stage and as soon as they are completed we will let you know.

We have some major tasks ahead of us that need to be addressed before the year ends. The roof on the new hall, the floor in the private bar, the driveway, and the parking areas. With God's helping hand, along with you Brother Knights, I know we will succeed. Hope everyone had a wonderful Easter.

COUNCIL 2917 RESOLUTION

Albin C. Meschwitz, Larry Tobias, Albert Alvarez, Trustees

WHEREAS the council has always paid the expenses for two delegates to the state convention. Therefore be it resolved that the council authorize a sum not to exceed \$800.00 per delegate.

THANK YOU

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, Or sat quietly in a chair, perhaps you sent a floral piece. If so we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say. Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much, whatever the part. We will always cherish your beautiful gestures of friendship and love.

With Love, Verna Luchak

LADIES AUXILIARY

Dear Ladies,

Rita Rekieta, President

Thank you, thank you!! Thank You !!! Our Fiesta was a tremendous success thanks to our chairpersons Irma Gonzalez, Elso Saenz and each and everyone of you who helped in anyway. In a function such as this the slightest contribution you make, in whatever you do makes it successful. Our net profit was \$10,232.00. This will make it possible for us to increase the amounts we give to our charities that we support. Plus the contributions we make to the food pantries of the 22 parishes that our members belong too. We also will be able to increase the donations to the council and to the Northside Columbus Club. Again thanks to all of you and to your husbands who also helped.

We now have 108 paid up members. We welcome our newest member Eva Braunagel. Eva and Joe have made donations for our Fiesta in the past years.

Our meeting on March 20 was very exciting and lots of fun with the revealing of Secret Sisters and exchanging of gifts. Our attendance was great and as usual the refreshments provided by Gladys Tobias, Judy Wendt, Angie Januszewski and Agnes Cheney were delicious.

Our end of the year dinner will be held on May 29 @ 7:00 p.m. It will be catered and as always members will be free and your guest will pay \$3.00 which will include social hour with appetizers, dinner and desserts. Reservations must be made with Mel Sarrat @713-674-9760 no later than May 22.

Pray for our ill members and their spouses, our shut-ins and our deceased. God bless all of you and keep you in His care.

THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS

Thanks to the business sponsors of the Mexican Fiesta who helped make our function a success!

Northside Columbus Club, Kof C 2917, Allied Residential, T&H Grinding, Weatherly Catering, Earthman Funeral Home, Dr. Justo Avila, Pat H. Foley Funeral Home, Jolly Yarbrough, Kwik-Kopy, Money Line, Hoskins Land Surveyors, Monarch, Bowen Exterminators, Lucy Canales and C. Jay McWhorter. We also had many members who were sponsors too numerous to list at this time.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERS & FAMILIES & FRIENDS WELCOME
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