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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Charles W. Falco,

Dear Brother Knights,

The month of April is here and it's going to be a very busy month for me. Since the days are getting longer, I will be working longer during the week. That's why the meeting times will not change. The meal will be served from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. and the meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. I will also become a grandpa this month! My son, Adam and his wife, April, are expecting their first child on the 28th. We need all your prayers that everything will be all right.

I would like to thank Brother Frank Garza for cooking the meal for last month's meeting and Brother Ed Tobola for helping to serve the food and clean up. Thanks guys for a great job!

We had a membership drive at St. Rose of Lima Church on March 21. Thank you to Brothers Frank Garza, Rick Nowak, Nick Nowak, Oscar Ochoa and our insurance team: David Walsh, Mark Deaton and Richard Janda for coming out and recruiting. Two Form 100s and several information cards were filled out. It was nice to see a good showing of Knights together to recruit new members. We will have another membership drive at St. Rose in August on St. Rose Day.

We still need help with BINGO and in the kitchen on Friday nights. Please get involved with BINGO. The monies made from BINGO go back to our charities. If you don't want to work, then come out and spend some money to play BINGO. Please come out and offer your support.

**Please volunteer to support our council.**

Elections will be coming up in June. If you are interested in becoming an officer of the council, you must talk with one of our trustees, for they are the nominating committee.

See you at the meeting and BINGO, ok?

May God bless you all.

## FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Benny Okruhlik

Most of our Brother Knights in Bishop Odin Council have come to expect bingo to just happen every Friday night. About two months ago, I was asked if I could take over this function. For over 20 years, we have come to know that somehow Brothers Ed Brossman, Paul Rekieta, Al Meschwitz and several dedicated helpers would faithfully take care of bingo. We want to say a big THANK YOU for the many dedicated years to this endeavor. After some reflection, due to his age and some personal considerations, Al Meschwitz decided to stop working bingo. Ed Brossman was called to his eternal reward during January. Paul Rekieta has been aware of some medical issues for many months. He tells us the doctor advised him of more time if he could slow down, take all the stress out of his life and improve his health. The decision for Paul was obvious and easy. Ken Boudny was rushed to the emergency room in February. He was recuperating well; however, word came last Friday that Ken was back in the intensive care unit. It appears to be a very long time before Ken can return to working bingo.

As you can see, the number of our bingo workers has deteriorated very fast. With the present game line up, we need a minimum of twelve workers. Presently, we have about twelve or thirteen workers provided everybody shows up every week. Most of the workers would appreciate some time off.

We are required to have a Bingo Chair Person and we must have an Operator on duty. Operator is defined as someone who has completed the training course and has a printed certificate acknowledging completion of the course. The course can be taken online or by attending one of the limited scheduled classes in person. Providing one is a little computer literate, completing the course online requires about five hours listening to the six module sessions and answering the questions at the end of the last session. The question session is not a pass or fail situation and it allows one to print your own certificate. We only have two or three Operators and would appreciate for anyone to become an Operator.

Workers are required to have a Lottery approved bingo badge. The badge can be obtained by sending in an application and be cleared by the bingo commission. A badge can be expected in one's mail in about one week from the date of mailing the application.

Please consider joining us in working bingo for Bishop Odin Council 2917. You can call me at 281-353-5892 or email me at [bjokru@charter.net](mailto:bjokru@charter.net) if you are interested or if you have further questions. We are looking for your call and we hope you decide to help. Don't forget to thank those that have done this work for some many years.

## NORTHSIDE COLUMBUS CLUB

*Sonny Kainer, President*

I want to thank Clem and Marie Laskowski for their donation of \$150.00.

**Thank you to Rusty Farmer of Farmer's Termite Management Services** for the termite work done at our Council and to his dad, Johnny Farmer, for inspecting the job. This work was done at no charge to the Northside Columbus Club and we are very grateful to them. Rusty has an ad on the back page of this newsletter if you are in need of a termite eliminator.

Thank you to Tom Civitello for work done on the front gate and to Don Christen for keeping all the weed eaters and mowers in working condition.

Thank you to Joe Pavlak and Tony Lewandowski for mowing the grass.

The following Knights came out for work detail on February 20: Sonny Kainer, John Buck, Bennie Bronikowski, Billy Hoffart, Joe Pavlak, Daniel Bilski, Robert Miller, Joe Campise, John Fox, Charlie Heinrich. Thank you brothers for a job well done!

Thank you and God bless you all!

## SENIOR CLUB

*Sonny Kainer, President*

Next Senior Club meeting is April 13. Everyone please bring a covered dish. The fish fry was a huge success. We had about 94 people present.

## VA Visitations



Brother Anton Swiech, our VA Chairman, needs some Brother Knights, especially veterans, to go on visitations with him. Please call him at **713-697-6846** if you are able to go on a visit. The next visitations will be:

**June 6 - August 15 - Oct. 24**

## Pray for our Military

Next **Officers'** meeting is  
**Wednesday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m.**

Next **Council** meeting is  
**Monday, April 12 at 7:30 p.m.**  
**Dinner served from 6:00-7:00 p.m.**

Next **Northside Columbus Club** meeting is  
**Wednesday, April 21 at 7:00 p.m.**

Next work day is **Saturday, April 17**

## Congratulations to

•**Ed Tyrell**, Knight of the Month for February.

•**Benny & Earline Okruhlik**  
*Family of the Month for February.*

## Please pray for our sick:

- Brother Ken Boudny
- Brother Leon Swiech
- Brother Leo and Rosalie Lobpries
- Brother Lige Bielamowicz
- Brother Frank and Jane Fuchek
- Brother Alfred Kubiak
- Brother Jaime Jaime
- Brother Vic Jozwiak
- Brother Edmund Gurka
- Brother Refugio Trevino
- Brother Steve Vaeza
- Brother Mike Kloss' sister, Silvia and his mother, Victoria
- Margaret Brossman
- Carmen Martinez, sister of Brother Tony Saenz
- Verna Luchak
- Porfidio Trevino, friend of Brother Mike Navarro
- Sister-in-law of Brother Joe Limas



**Please contact Brother Floyd Supercinski, Chancellor, at 713-861-6725 if you would like to add anyone to our prayer list. Also let Brother Floyd know if anyone is to be removed from the prayer list.**

## BINGO

**every Friday night  
starting at 7:00 p.m.**



If you would like to help in the kitchen, call Kathy Bronikowski at 281-356-3535 or if you want to help with Bingo call Benny Okruhlik at 281-353-5892.

**LADIES' AUXILIARY,**  
*Delores Tobola, President*

Well here we are and Spring has sprung. The next **board meeting will be on April 7 at 7 :00 p.m.** and the regular meeting will be on **April 21 at 7:00 p.m.**

**On May 19 we will have a day meeting.** We will start at noon with lunch. The auxiliary will furnish fried chicken and the members are asked to bring a side dish and/or dessert. In early May you will be contacted to see if you are coming to the May meeting so that we will know how much chicken to buy. After lunch we will have our meeting, so please come out and enjoy the day.

Dues were due on March 31, 2010. In order to be considered a member of the Ladies Auxiliary these dues must be paid. Dues are \$10.00 for the year and can be mailed to **Pat Hall, 1331 LaMonte, Houston, TX 77018.**

If you need to reach someone from the auxiliary and I am not available, please call Wanda Kainer at 713-880-5475.

Get well wishes and prayers go out to Leo Lobpries, Leon Swiech, Elizabeth Meschwitz, Ken Boudny and Leroy Tobias.

May God bless you all!

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS**

Catholic Daughters meet at the KC Hall on the 1st Tuesday of every month beginning with a social at 6:30. Meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.

If anyone would like to join the Catholic Daughters, please call Pat Koteris at 713-864-4490.

Mark your calendar for  
**May 18, 2010**  
Annual Fundraiser Games Party.  
*Everyone is invited!*

*Deadline for submitting information for  
May News Bulletin is April 23.*

# Upcoming Events

- Apr. 1 HOLY THURSDAY
- Apr. 2 GOOD FRIDAY - NO BINGO
- Apr. 4 EASTER**
- Apr. 5 Domino tournament (1st Monday)
- Apr. 7 Officers' Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- Apr. 7 Ladies Auxiliary Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m.*
- Apr. 12 Council Meal at 6 p.m./Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- Apr. 13 Senior Citizens
- Apr. 17 Council Work Day
- Apr. 21 Northside Columbus Club - 7:00 p.m.
- Apr. 21 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting - 7:00 p.m.*
- Apr. 24 Cajun Dance - 7:30 to 11:30 p.m.
- May 3 Domino Tournament (1st Monday)
- May 5 Officers' Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- May 5 Ladies Auxiliary Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m.*
- May 10 Council Meal at 6 p.m./Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- May 11 Senior Citizens
- May 15 Council Work Day
- May 19 Northside Columbus Club - 7:00 p.m.
- May 19 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting - noon*
- May 22 Cajun Dance - 7:30 to 11:30 p.m.
- May 31 MEMORIAL DAY - no dominoes
- June 2 Officers' Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- June 7 Domino Tournament (1st Monday)
- June 14 Council Meal at 6 p.m./Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- June 15 Senior Citizens
- June 16 Northside Columbus Club - 7:00 p.m.
- June 19 Council Work Day
- June 26 Cajun Dance
- July 4 HAPPY JULY 4TH
- July 7 Officers' Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- July 12 Council Meal at 6 p.m./Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- July 13 Senior Citizens
- July 17 Council Work Day
- July 21 Northside Columbus Club - 7:00 p.m.
- July 24 Cajun Dance - 7:30 to 11:30 p.m.

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