


# BISHOP ODIN NEWS



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 "BLESSED IS HE WHO TAKES THOUGHT FOR THE POOR AND DESTITUTE: (PS. 40:2)  
*Trinidad Yanez, Grand Knight* **MEETINGS - 2nd & 4th MONDAYS** *Paul Rekieta, Editor*  
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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

*Trinidad Yanez, Grand Knight*

My Brother Knights,

It's February already and new members are our #1 agenda. I ask everyone to keep looking for good prospects. Your sons, nephews, grandkids, friends, co-workers, parishoners and former members. Council 2917 has about as many former members as we do members. Just keep asking everyone you know, eventually someone will say, "No one has asked me."

Let's remember all our deceased Brothers and their wives, let's also pray for all our sick members and their families.

I want to thank Brother Gus Luchak for once again furnishing the egg nog for our christmas party and the apples and oranges for the children. He's been doing that for as long as I remember. A great big thank you, Gus!

At this time Odelia and I would like to congratulate our granddaughter Maria Valadez on winning the spelling bee contest.

God Bless all of you and keep warm.

## NORTHSIDE COLUMBUS CLUB NEWS

*Al Kainer, President*

We are in the process of getting a new roof for the old hall. The house is waiting to be moved and we will fix up our driveway when the weather permits. We will have a general cleanup on February 10th, weather permitting. Our priority will be to clean the inside of the old hall.

We had an incident recently where the police were called to check some unauthorized vehicles parked behind the B.B.Q. Pit. It turned out to be a member and some friends, who left some garbage behind. Brothers, this is private property. Even though you are a member, you cannot use these grounds for parties without authorization. You will be treated as a trespasser. Let's not violate our rules or our grounds.

## SENIOR MEMBERS CLUB NEWS

*Ed Brossman, Chairperson*

We had a cold meeting in January with 41 members and 1 guest present. All enjoyed the games and after rosary prayer we had a sack lunch. After lunch we had an election of a chairperson to conduct the meetings. Ed Brossman was elected chairperson, and we had three ladies volunteer to help.

1. Elizabeth Meschwitz - Secretary
2. Rita Rekieta - Clerical / Student Fund Coordinator
3. Marie Grahmann - Sunshine Lady

Please give these ladies a big thank you for taking these positions. Since it has been cold, my helpers Sonny Kainer and Victor Jozwiak and myself will cook up some good stew for the meeting in February, with all the trimmings. Come and try some.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Feb 7  | Council Officers & Ladies Auxiliary Board |
| Feb 10 | Clean Up Day at Hall - 9:00 AM            |
| Feb 12 | Regular Council Meeting                   |
| Feb 13 | Senior Get Together - 9:30 PM             |
| Feb 14 | Happy Valentines Day                      |
| Feb 21 | Columbus Club Board Meeting               |
| Feb 21 | Ladies Auxiliary Meeting                  |
| Feb 25 | Mexican Fiesta "Y'all Come!" - 5:00 PM    |
| Feb 26 | Council Open Meeting & Rosary             |

Bingo every Friday at 7:15 p.m.

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

**ATTENDANCE PRIZE** — The January 8 meeting was fairly well attended. But Val Herzog was not there. Sorry about that \$300.00 Val. Prize will stay at \$300.00 until someone wins. Remember, we hold the drawing at the rosary meeting also.

## NOTICE ABOUT DUES

*Paul Rekieta, Financial Secretary*

The dues are coming in fine, but most of you are still waiting for me to send you a bill. Brothers, let me remind you again, these are not bills. They are past due notices. Don't wait for those. So far I've received 3 self-addressed stamped envelopes. Thanks for remembering brothers.

Brothers, the annual dues are \$40.00. If you have been a member for 25 years consecutively and are over 65 years of age. you pay half, or \$20.00. If you have been a member for 25 consecutive years and you are over 70 years young, you don't pay anything. But donations are welcomed. We do have about 3 Brother Knights who give donations regularly. Thank you.

## JUNE BUG JAMBOREE 2001

*2001 June Bug Chairmen, Greg & Sam Okonski & Larry Tobias*

Last year this council had another successful fundraiser. If you missed out, try to include you and your family for this year's June Bug Jamboree. The kickoff meeting for this event was on Monday, January 22nd and we started lining up the activities for the day.

No date has been set yet, but we decided to move it to a Saturday. It will be one of last three weekends in June. As last year, we will serve dinner for a price of \$7.00. A band will provide the music for the evening and there will be games for the children. We are also trying to add some new activities. Our next meeting is Mon. Feb. 26th following the Rosary. All members and/or their wives are welcome to attend.

The council now will be accepting donations for the raffle. The same rules apply. Any prize of \$100.00 value or more can be donated as a raffle item. **All prizes need to be turned in by March 23rd**, so that we can print the necessary information on the raffle tickets. Cash of any value will be accepted to purchase prizes. Cash donations will be collected until the day of the function. Any person or company donating \$300.00 or more will get their name printed on the back of the raffle tickets if they so desire. We will also need items for door prizes and the mini-affle.

As a reminder, lets all get our dues paid before the financial secretary has to start mailing notices. Thank you and God bless.

In Memoriam

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|--------------------------|----------|
| Walter Sulak             | 12-26-00 |
| Leo H. Haas, Sr.         | 12-27-00 |
| Thomas F. Gregory, Sr.   | 1-3-01   |
| Harvey J. Stavinoha, Sr. | 1-13-01  |

## FRATERNAL ACTIVITIES

*Paul Rekieta, Financial Secretary*

Brother Knights, the Supreme Council requires each council to fill out a fraternal activities form at the end of each calendar year. They want to know how much time each council puts in yearly towards charity, church, family and community activity. I have no way of knowing how much every member puts in towards these activities. Start keeping a log of what you do now, so at the end of next year you will be able to tell me.

## INSURANCE

It's that time of year again! A time to tell our valentine how much you really do love her.

What are you going to get her this year? Flowers? Some candy and a card?

Why don't you get her something that truly shows what she means to you? We are talking about life insurance.

Give her the greatest gift of all. The financial security that she will need when you aren't here anymore. Sure, flowers are pretty and smell nice, but there is nothing left when they die. Candy is great but once Valentine's Day is over, it too is gone. What is left when you're gone?

Call me for an appointment, so we can make sure there is something left for her.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Mariah Valadez, third-grade student, recently became the winner of Burbank Elementary School Spelling Bee. Congratulations to Mariah who will move on to the the HISD North District spelling bee in February and to Cynthia Vasquez, fifth-grader, who is the first runner up. Mariah is the granddaughter of proud Odelia and Trinidad Yanez.

## DOMINO TOURNAMENT RESULTS

*Ron Wendt*

We had another fine time Brothers. You don't know what fun we have at these get togethers. After years of trying, Robert Miller had his day. Moon winners were, 1st - Robert Miller, 2nd - Wayne Berger, 3rd - Ed Okonski

42 Winners were, 1st - Robert Miller & Mike Kloss, 2nd - Chris & Dwayne Mocek. Congratulations Brothers. We had 23 moon players and 7 teams for 42. Remember we have a moon tournament every 5th Monday.

## LADIES AUXILIARY

*Rita Rekieta, President*

Our focus is "Fiesta Time." We hope to have as successful a Fiesta as last year. We have had free dinners for all of you at each of our functions. We contributed totally over \$2,000.00 to the food pantries of parishes to which our members belong and donated to other charities as well. We also gave \$3,000.00 + to the Council. It will take total cooperation from all of you to reach our goal. Our chairpersons Irma Gonzalez and Elsa Saenz and their husbands have taken their Sundays and made a point of

being at the churches selling raffle tickets. They need your help.

We also need to sell our sponsor tables either to businesses or to friends or relatives. Cost is \$65.00 for which they'll receive 8 dinner tickets. You are also guaranteed that a table is reserved for you.

We need door prizes - desserts, bottles of cheer, homemade goodies, and warm bodies. Invite your friends, neighbors, and in-laws and out-laws. They may surprise you and come join in the fun. If you're unable to do any of the above, we ask for your prayers.

We will be electing officers in April. A nominating committee has been appointed - when they call you - please say "yes!!" Installation of officers will take place in May.

On February 25 we will have to decorate the hall - If you can help please come as there is a rental on the 24th and we'll be unable to do it then. Many hands will be needed.

God bless all of you and your families. Special prayers for all of the shut-ins are always being offered. We miss you.

Special Note - If you can help in the kitchen, please call - Either 3:00 - 6:00 PM or 6:00 - 9:00 PM. Volunteers are needed.

## FROM THE PUBLICITY CHAIRPERSON

*Elizabeth Meschwitz, Ladies Aux.*

Fiesta time is fast approaching so items for the Silent Auction, craft booth and wheel are needed. Physical help is also needed on that day, so if you wish, you can help out for an hour or so. Please let us know. If you have any items that we can use they can be taken to the hall on Friday night or you can bring them to our meetings. They will be accepted at any time.

REMEMBER: February 25, 2001 is the date for our MEXICAN FIESTA. There will be music by a D.J., a flamenco dancer, The Rhythm Cloggers, a Silent Auction, a craft booth, a wheel, games for the children, margaritas, and a good meal to boot.

Dinner tickets are \$7.00 and children are \$3.50. We have raffle tickets with many good prizes. These tickets can be purchased from any member of our organization or can be purchased at the door. There is no admission charge but a dinner ticket is required to be eligible for a door prize. A good time is expected by all on this festive day.

Annual membership fees of \$10.00 are being accepted by Angie Heinrich, 1030 Thornton, Houston, TX 77018 or at our meetings.

A bus trip is scheduled for March 19, 2001 to parts unknown. More information will be forthcoming.

NEWS FLASH: Elizabeth and Al Meschwitz received their best Christmas gift yet. Their daughter, Denise, her husband, Darrell, and their son, Colston Lloyd officially made their home in Houston, Texas on December 25, 2000 at approximately 7:00 P.M. after a tenure of ten years in Jacksonville, Florida. Needless to say all parties were excited and happy. But, there will be no more trips to Jacksonville and a stop over in Biloxi. Oh well, there is always Coushatta.

Hoping to see you all on February 25, 2001 at our Mexican Fiesta.

TRIP TO COUSHATTA — WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 @ 9:00 AM  
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 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERS & FAMILIES & FRIENDS WELCOME  
 YOU MUST BE 21  
 MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY!! RITA REKIETA - 281-448-6623