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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Sam Okonski, Grand Knight

Once upon a time prosperity was measured by having extra food. There are women with children that are homeless and do not get enough to eat. When you have extra food, please remember the food pantries and the shelters. It would be great if 2917 had a few more directors for food drives, Special Olympics and Squires. Is it you? Do you know of someone who would be a good candidate? Talk with them and among yourselves. It is a great feeling to see that you have changed the lives of people for the better.

The end of the fraternal year is coming up in June. Consider running for office. GK Sam needs you! The ground breaking should start soon on the nursing home next to us and we should be getting a new driveway by summer. If you know someone that is sick, please call the hall so we can include their names at our monthly rosary on the 4th Monday of the month. We could use more names on the rosary committee. It's wonderful to see a bunch of knights paying last respects for your brother. How many knights does our council have? As of Jan., 2004 we have 786 total, 137 inactive (insurance only), 193 Honorable Life, 16 disabled, 38 Honorary Life which comes to 402 full due paying members. Did you know that every brother knight in good standing has a \$2500 accidental death life insurance policy? Call your insurance agent, they have many more products to help you and your family plan for the future. [www.kofc2917.org](http://www.kofc2917.org). God bless you

Get your Texas Knights of Columbus license plate. It cost an extra \$30 and \$22 goes into the state charities fund.



## JUNE BUG JAMBOREE - SPONSORS NEEDED

2004 Chairmen: Greg Okonski and Larry Tobias

Last year this council had another successful fundraiser. We had about 350 people attend the dinner and dance. It was great to see the hall full of smiling faces. If you missed out, try to include you and your family for this year's June Bug Jamboree. Even though it would be nice to see more of you, your presence was definitely felt from the contributions received and the success of the raffle sales.

Mark your calendars, this year's event has been set for Sunday, June 27th. We need sponsors for our raffle. Any prize of \$100.00 value or more, can be donated as a raffle item. Cash of any value will be accepted, and used to purchase prizes. Any person or company donating \$150.00 or more will get their name printed on the back of the raffle tickets, if they so desire. If you can contribute, that would be great, but there are many companies with big charity budgets. Maybe you have an association with a company that can donate to our fund raiser.

We will also need items for door prizes and the mini raffle. Thank you and may God bless you all.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

PLEASE PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO THESE DATES				ALL MEETINGS START AT 7:30 PM (except where noted)	
Feb 2	Moon Tournament	7:00pm	Feb 18	Columbus Club Board Meeting	7:30 pm
Feb 4	Officers Meeting	7:30pm	Feb 18	Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	7:30pm
Feb 4	Ladies Auxiliary Board Meeting	7:30pm	Feb 22	Ladies Auxiliary Mexican Fiesta	5:00pm
Feb 9	Regular Council Meeting	7:30pm	Feb 23	Council Open Meeting & Rosary	7:30pm
Feb 10	Seniors Get Together	9:30am	Mar 1	Moon Tournament	7:00pm
			Mar 3	Council Officers Meeting	7:30pm
			Mar 3	Ladies Auxiliary Board Meeting	7:30pm
			Mar 8	Regular Council Meeting	5:00pm
			Mar 9	Seniors Get Together	9:30am
				<b>BINGO EVERY FRIDAY</b>	<b>7:15 PM</b>

## NCC REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2004

Hope everyone had a Blessed Christmas and a very happy New Year. 2003 was a challenging year and we don't necessarily see 2004 being any different. Many important decisions will be made this year. As our participating membership diminishes, it is getting harder to find members to fill the various post in the council and board offices. We mentioned this at the start of the New Year, so you have plenty of time to consider the men you wish to place in responsible positions on your council and board, come the June elections.

Saturday, the 17th, eight men from Texas House and five members showed up to work on improving the facilities. The old Bar-B-Q Pit, old hall, pavilion, and the grounds were looked after. Without the help of these eight men, we would not have accomplished what we did. Keeping this in mind, the organization could use any help you can give them - clothes, eating utensils, cups, glasses, etc. Drop them off at the office and we will see that they receive them. Thank you.

Let's look at last year and see how the Texas House helped us. This is based on 9 months and 5 hours per day on the Saturdays they come. Total hours: 45 - total men: 85 - total man-hours: 3,825 - This breaks down to about 95.625 weeks of work, almost 2 years. If we had to hire men to do these jobs, what would it have cost? You fill in the blank. What is it worth to you? Six, seven, eight dollars/hour? These guys are doing a great job for us and we hope that when they need help, we will respond in kind. What a GOD send.

Mickie Wendt is no longer with us. We wish her the best in her new adventure. Mickie, thanks for all the help you have given this Council and the Board in the time you have been with us. We will miss you. Do not stray too far. Come by and say hello from time to time. Thanks again.

For now Bernice Syzdek will assume the position of Manager/Rental Coordinator. Give her all the support you can. The new office hours, for now, will be 10am-4pm, MTWTF. We will be closed on Thursday. Be patient with us as we are exploring other ideas as to how to handle the business hours. The position of Rental Coordinator is one in which we could use the help of a bilingual person due to the clients we have many times. Anyone knowing such a person, who is associated with the Order, and is interested in coming on board, please contact the President of NCC.

## VA VISITATION

Anton Swiech, Chairman, 713-697-6846

2004 visitation dates: March 21st, May 30th, August 8th, October 17th and December 26th.

## DEACONATE PROGAM

One of your brother knights has been accepted into the program for becoming a Deacon. Please join me in congratulating Brother Mario Ortega. This is a wonderful calling for Mario. Please keep him in your prayers and congratulate him upon your next visit.

## ATTENTION DOMINO PLAYERS

Brothers, many of you have requested or inquired about K of C Dominoes. I'm talking about professional size (1" x 2 1/2" thick) with the K of C emblem. The exact wording is: "Knights of Columbus Council 2917" next to the emblem in full color.

If you ordered a single set, the price would be \$49.00 plus tax, handling, and shipping. We're trying to get enough interest to order a quantity that will get your price to \$25.00 or less per set (perhaps plus tax) and return a small handling fee for the Council.

If you're interested, let me know the number of sets you want and your phone number. You can call me at 713-682-5244 or leave a note in the office. John Fox

## CREDIT UNION

We are here for your lending needs. The credit union offers the following types of financing at competitive rates: New and Used Vehicles, Share Secured, Boats, Recreational Homes and Unsecured up to \$500.00.

Fall is usually the time of year when people think "new cars" and many car dealers are offering an array of purchasing options. Why don't you take the rebate and come see us for financing. People hear the ads for zero percent financing and think this sounds great. The problem is these offers usually are for short-term loans, plus the monthly payments might be more then you can handle.

If you are shopping for a car, give us a call to check out what we can do for you.

### OUR CURRENT LOAN RATES:

New Automobiles:	36 months	5.00%
	48 months	5.50%
	60 months	6.00%
	72 months	7.00%
Used Automobiles:		8.00% to 8.50%
	Automobiles cannot be over 5 years old	
Share Secured		4.50%
Boat Loans		8.00 to 9.00%
Recreational Homes		8.00 to 9.00%
Unsecured Loans up to \$500.00		8.00%
	50% of shares required	

Interest rates are based on creditability. Interest rates are subject to change. We look forward to hearing from you.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 2917 BY-LAWS

This is notice that at the February 9th business meeting we will read, discuss and vote on the proposed changes and additions to the bylaws. If you would like to help re-write this important document, please contact Sam Okonski 281-484-9516. Please come to the meetings and participate in this historic activity. They were last modified in 1984.

## THANKS

A belated thank you to Adult Christmas Party workers: Oscar Ochoa, Tony and Elsa Saenz, Larry Tobias, Rita and Paul Rekieta, Margaret and Ed Brossman and Ron Wendt.

## SENIOR MEETING

Adolph "Sonny" Kainer

Our meeting will be on February 10. We will have hamburgers. You may bring a side dish or your favorite dessert.

## IN MEMORIAM

A.J. Krampota 01-01-04  
Bruno Patke 01-04

## REMEMBER OUR SICK MEMBERS

Please remember our ill members in your prayers. Carl Messana - Earl Greenshield - Bill Kenjura and anyone else I don't know of.

## "42" DOMINO TOURNAMENT NOTICE

FEBRUARY 14, 2004

Ron Wendt, Chairman

We start at 1 pm sharp. Teams must be 2917 members only.

We had 23 moon players on Jan. 10, 2004. Dwayne Mocek came in first place, and Victor Jozwiak took 2nd place with one hand literally tied behind his back. Way to go guys. See, every now and then some different guys do win.

Now I know we can get more than 23, "42" players. We got more Borski's than that and with the Okonski's we gotta have more. Don't let me down guys.

## ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL BASILICA NEEDS HELP

The Knights of Columbus State Council passed Regulation # 16 calling upon all members to support the St. Mary's Fund for restoration of St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica in Galveston.

St. Mary's was constructed in 1847 and is the original Mother Cathedral for The State of Texas and all of its diocese.

St. Mary's has been designated a Texas Historical Landmark and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Like any other 155 year old structure, it needs renovation, maintenance, and repair.

Please send your contribution to the Council (clearly marked St. Mary's Fund) and we will combine your gifts with others from the Council to support this worthy project.

Fraternally, Bro. John E. Fox, Trustee for your officers and Board Members.

## INSURANCE

It will soon be Valentine's Day. Do you know who the beneficiary is on your life insurance policy? It would be a wise idea to find out - and update your beneficiary if necessary. As your K of C agent, I can help you do that.

Changing your beneficiary is fairly simple. You just need to fill out a change of beneficiary form (#113A) for each policy you want to change. I can provide you with these forms - and I will help you to fill them out. I can also help you with beneficiary designations for any life insurance policy you hold - regardless of the company that issued it. Give me a call. I am at your service.

Don Kindall (A-F) .....	281-999-7451
Daryl Van Keulen (G-K) .....	281-615-2618
Mark Deaton (L-P) .....	281-381-1366
Dick Janda (O-Z) .....	281-463-7896

## LADIES AUXILIARY

Don't forget the Mexican Fiesta on February 22, 2004.

ARTS & CRAFTS BOOTH	<b>Ladies Auxiliary Annual Fiesta</b> Bishop Odin Council # 2917 607 E. Whitney Dr. PUBLIC INVITED - PRIZES GIVEN AWAY AT 8 PM	SILENT AUCTION & DANCE
<b>SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2004 • DOORS WILL OPEN @ 5 PM</b>		
1st PRIZE - \$300.00 AMERICAN EXPRESS CERT.	8th PRIZE - \$50.00 KROGERS GIFT CERT.	
2nd PRIZE - 19" TV WITH DVD & VCR	9th PRIZE - OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE STATUE	
3rd PRIZE - PARKLANE JEWELRY	10th PRIZE - BASKET OF CHEER	
4th PRIZE - \$150.00 SEARS GIFT CERT.	11th PRIZE - CHRISTIAN ANGEL	
5th PRIZE - QUILT	12th PRIZE - BASKET OF GOODIES	
6th PRIZE - DVD	13th PRIZE - BASKET OF GROCERIES	
7th PRIZE - AFGHAN	14th PRIZE - ROSARY	
DELICIOUS MEXICAN DINNER, HOME MADE DESERTS, ENTERTAINMENT & MUSIC 5PM UNTIL ? DONATION: \$1.00 EACH OR 6 FOR \$5.00 FREE ADMISSION Winner Need Not Be Present To Win		

"WORLD FAMOUS MARGARITAS"

TRIP TO COUSHATTA — WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11 @ 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