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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Oscar Ochoa, Grand Knight

To all famiy members of council 2917. How proud I was Saturday Jan. 22, 2005 to be a part of the Bill Mraz benefit, and just to be part of a great day. Council 2917 showed its true colors. We had volunteers working all day and half the night to help make this day what it was. If you say charity is our number one goal, it showed just that on that day. To see men and women of all ages working hand in hand to make that day what it was. We had a lot of people thank us for providing our halls and grounds and people to make this benefit really work.

The bands were playing in both halls at the same time, what a great time they were having, dancing all over the place. There were no sad faces that day, they were all happy faces. What a joy for me to be a part of that great day.

Hopefully this was successful for the Mraz family so they can clean up after the fire and decide to rebuild.

Council 2917 is alive and well, that day just shows what we can do. I am just happy to be part of 2917.

God bless America. Peace be with you on this day.

TOYS FOR TOTS BBQ COOKOFF

On Friday December 3rd & Saturday the 4th, the council had another successful BBQ Cookoff. The crowd in the Old Hall Friday night for the dance was one of the biggest so far. About 320 people showed up to dance to the tunes of the Telstars. Twenty teams competed in the Cookoff for the overall prize of Master Chef and David Willgus did a good job organizing the competition and judging. None of our Council teams won the coveted Master Chef award, but some did place in the various categories. Jim Descant and his team won 3rd place in Beans. The FireProof Cookers won 3rd place in Chicken. Eward Okonski Jr. and his team won 3rd place Brisket. The White Rose Smokers which includes the Lewandowski brothers and Billy Kerley won 2nd place Chicken and they also won 1st place Chili with Joann Kerley and Paul Martinez special recipe (It was good!). Complete details of winners will be on our website shortly. www.kofc2917.org

This event raised about $2,000 in toys and cash, which included seven bikes. The Marines were short-handed this year and could not make an appearance, so we delivered the toys to them. This year's Cookoff was dedicated in remembrance of Carl Messana.

DUES, DUES, DUES

Paul Rekieta, Financial Secretary

Brothers, I didn't get a chance to put my message in the January bulletin. So here it is, you are supposed to pay your dues in December, if you don't then I start billing in January and spending money on postage. Well I'm going to wait until February before I bill everybody, hoping you will pay before then. Thank you.

NCC REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2005

Joe Pavlik, President

January the 11th, we had 85 people register for Life Line Screening. It was an opportunity to share our facilities with the community and we used it to pass out flyers about our facilities and push the Bill Mraz Benefit, June Bug Jamboree, Ladies Auxiliary Festival, and Bingo every Friday night. We received a few calls about our bingo nights and a few individuals expressed interest in coming to play bingo.

January 15th, was clean up day. Ten Texas House men volunteered to come over and 4 KC members showed up, John Fox, Larry Tobias, Jesse Darboone, and Joe Pavlik. Thank you guys for helping out. Larry Tobias supervised filling in the potholes, clearing the flowerbed up front and general clean up. John Fox supervised the pickup of the leaves under the booths, dead limbs on the grounds and cleaning the outside trashcans. Thank you again. The volunteers from TH policed the outside perimeter, cut the grass, and weeded the ditch and sidewall. Also, they repainted the yellow caution area in the front and side of new hall, repainted the culverts in the parking area, trimmed our shrubs, weeded around the building and sidewalks. We really had a great crew. They pitched in and helped any way we asked them to help. One item they were really helpful in is clearing the dance floor in the old hall of the tables and chairs. Afterwards, they dust mopped and damp mopped the floor. Looks great.

Floyd Rekieta repaired the electrical problem in the new hall kitchen.

January 22nd, Bill Mraz Benifit reports, there were 2400 admissions, 889 BBQ plates served, and 122 brisket sandwiches. The bands were terrific. The dancers and fans had a great party. Thank you volunteers. Ismale, Leon Swiech, Philip Wagner and Betty, Ron and Judy Wendt, Mickie Wendt, Ed Mocek, Zygmont Jankowski, Robert Miller, Albert Alverez, Marion Lewandowski, Jesse Darboone, Kenneth Boudney, John Buck, Floyd Rekieta, Victor Jozwiak, John Fox, Patricia Perez, Kris Boudney, Greg Okonski, Anton Swiech, Larry Tobias, Ed Okonski, and Bennie Bronikowski. The halls were great, the parking went smoothly, and many thank yous were expressed.

At our regular Council meeting January 10th, Paul Rekieta was elected to the NCC Board.

JUNE BUG JAMBOREE 2005

Last year, this council had another successful fundraiser. We had about 380 people attend the Dinner/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 calendar; this year's event is set for Sunday, July 10th.

We need sponsors for our Raffle. Any prize of $100 value or more can be donated as a raffle item. Cash of any value will be accepted to purchase prizes. Any person or company donating $100.00 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 also many companies out there with big Charity budgets. We will also need items for door prizes and the mimi-raffle. Thank you and God bless.

UPCOMING EVENTS

PLEASE PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO THESE DATES **ALL MEETINGS START AT 7:00 PM** (except where noted)

Feb. 2	Officers Meeting	7:00 pm	Feb. 16	Northside Columbus Club Mt.	7:30 pm	Mar. 2	Council Officers Meeting	7:00 pm
Feb. 2	Ladies Auxiliary Board Meeting	7:30 pm	Feb. 16	Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	7:30 pm	Mar. 2	Ladies Auxiliary Board Meeting	7:30 pm
Feb. 7	Council Moon Tournament	7:00 pm	Feb. 19	42 Tournament	1:00 pm	Mar. 6	Ladies Auxiliary Mexican Fiesta	5:00 pm
Feb. 14	Regular Council Meeting	7:00 pm	Feb. 28	Council Open Rosary Meeting	7:00 pm	Mar. 7	Council Moon Tournament	7:00 pm
Feb. 15	Senior Get Together	9:30 am						

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Is that your answer when you are asked to buy life insurance? You say you don't need life insurance, but what about your family? Don't they count?

There has to be food on the table every day. Your loved ones must have clothing to stay warm and healthy. The one thing they need the most is income. You supply all these things (and more) for them now.

If something were to happen to you would the money go with you?

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Call me today and let's talk about life insurance for your family.

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

MOON TOURNAMENT

Ron Wendt

Moon tournament results from 01-03-05. First place went to Greg Okonski, second place went to Al Kainer. First place paid $93.00 and second place paid $40.00. If you're lucky you can make some money and have a great time. The more players we have, the more money can be won.

Hey, it's time for the annual 42 tournament. You can't miss this one! You can choose your own partner, or you can come and pick one at the hall. The time will be February 19 at 1pm. Lset's have a big turn out.

VA VISITATION

Anton Swiech, Chairman

Brothers who participated on December 26, 2004: Robert Miller, Theogene Riggs and Anton Swiech.

Council 6826 had Abner Brown, Alvin Brown, Fred Roberts, Thomas Roberts & Dwight Smith.

Mark your calendar for the visitation dates in 2005: March 27th, May 8th, July 10th, Sept. 11 and Nov. 13th. Happiness and good health and blessings to all in our New Year 2005.

Credit Union officer hours time change starting 1-25-05, dates will be Tuesday & Thursday, & hours will be 9am to 3pm.

SENIOR NEWS

Adolph "Sonny" Kainer

We had a great get together in January. The turkey provided by the Landrys and baked by Gladys Tobias and Bernice Schramm were delicious. Better than the catered ones in the past.

February we are going to have steakburgers, so bring fruit dishes and desserts.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Upcoming Events

February , 2005	6:30 pm	Social
	7:00 pm	Meeting

Our Birthday Party was well attended and a good time was had by all that attended. Our next business meeting is going to be held on February 1, 2005. The social is at 6:30 pm and the meeting is at 7:00 pm. Be sure to put this on your calendar. Hope to see you there. We received into our court 2 new Members. They are Patricia Mishler and Michael Maxin. We now have 188 Members in our Court.

I have the names of the seminarians at St. Mary's Seminary on Memorial. If anyone is interested in "adopting" one, please call me at 713-686-6475.

If you are interested in becoming a member or have any questions about the Catholic Daughters, please call Pat Hall at 713-686-6475.

IN MEMORIAM

Oscar Porcarello January 16, 2005
We extend our heartfelt condolences to the
Clem Pechacek family upon the loss of their daughter Crystal.

LADIES AUXILIARY

Rita Rekieta, President

We are off to a great start for the new year. Our Auxiliary participated in the Bill Mraz Benefit on January 22. I'd like to thank the Ladies who brought desserts, worked in the dessert booth and helped in other ways. A special thank you to Elizabeth Meschwitz, and Gladys Tobias who assisted me from the beginning (9:30 am) to end (6:30 pm), thanks again to all of you.

We are all looking forward to our 30th Anniversary Dinner on January 26th. It promises to be a great event, more about this next month.

Our biggest focus from this point is our Mexican Fiesta. We need table sponsors - $70.00 per reserved table for which the sponsor will receive 8 dinner tickets, selling raffle tickets at the churches, St. Rose, St. Charles, St. Maximillian, and St. Patricks have already had their sales. All Saints February 5-6, Assumption February 12-13, St. John Neumann and St. Theresa February 19-20, St. Ambrose February 26-27, Holy Name February? and St. Matthews February ? We are also needing items for our silent auction, crafts, basket of cheer, door prizes, homemade goodies, mini raffle, scratch offs, cash donations are always welcome and lots of helpers to decorate and also the day of the Fiesta, to help in the booths. Our chairpersons are Irma Gonzalez at 281-651-0502 and Elsa Saenz at 713-691-1604. The date for the Fiesta is March 6th, mark you calendars.

The Memorial Mass for the Council's deceased members and our deceased Ladies for 2004 was held on January 24th. There was a nice turnout. Sandwiches and desserts were provided by Ladies of Auxiliary members and were plentiful and enjoyed by all present. Roses were presented to the families of the deceased.

The donors for the prizes for the Fiesta are as follows $500 Gift Certificate - donations from members. A 14" TV/DVD - Rita Rekieta - Park Lane Jewelry, Rita Rekieta, $100 Gift Certificate - Bed Bath & Beyond - Angie Heinrich, Quilt - Florine Adamick, $50 Kroger - Cecelia Bellimek, $50 Randalls - Frances Mileski, Basket of Cheer - Members, Basket of Groceries - Barbara Storemski, Homemade Goodies - Members, Angel Jewelry - Pat Koteras, Our lady of Guadalude Plaque - Fabi Beltran, Rosary - Elizabeth Busa. Thanks to all of you for your generous donations. If you are unable to help in anyway please pray for the success of the Fiesta.

Happy Valentine's Day. God bless all of you and keep you in His care. Pray for our sick and shut-ins.

ARTS & CRAFTS MINI RAFFLE

Ladies Auxiliary Annual Fiesta
K of C Bishop Odin Council #2917
607 E. Whiteny Dr.

SILENT AUCTION DANCE - BOOTHS

SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2005 — 5 PM UNTIL ?

1st	PRIZE - $500 Gift Certificate Store of Choice	8th	PRIZE - $50 Randalls Gift Certificate
2nd	PRIZE - 14" Color Flat Screen TV/DVD	9th	PRIZE - Basket of Cheer
3rd	PRIZE - $300 Park Lane Jewelry	10th	PRIZE - Basket of Groceries
4th	PRIZE - $100 Gift Certificate Bed Bath & Beyond	11th	PRIZE - Basket of Homemade Goodies
5th	PRIZE - King Size Quilt	12th	PRIZE - Angel Jewelry Ensemble
6th	PRIZE - DVD Player	13th	PRIZE - Our Lady of Guadalupe Plaque
7th	PRIZE - $50 Kroger Gift Certificate	14th	PRIZE - Rosary

DELICIOUS MEXICAN DINNER $8 • HOMEMADE DESSERTS • ENTERTAINMENT & DANCE

DONATION $1 EACH OR 6 FOR $5 • WINNER NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN

FREE ADMISSION • PUBLIC INVITED • PRIZES GIVEN AWAY AT 9:00 PM

We extend our condolences to the family of Mary Kominczak. Mary passed away on January 11th 2005. She was a loyal faithful member of the Auxiliary for many years and was very active in many ways, including working in the kitchen. We did prepare and serve the funeral dinner for about 95 people. I thank all the Ladies who brought food for this occasion.

TRIP TO COUSHATTA — TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8 @ 9:00 AM

TRIP TO COUSHATTA — WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9 @ 9:00 AM

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERS, FAMILIES & FRIENDS WELCOME!

YOU MUST BE 21

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY!!

RITA REKIETA - 281-448-6623