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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Charles W. Falco,

Dear Brother Knights,

Last month we lost Brother Ed Brossman, a long time member of our council. He had been a member for 60 years. Brother Ed was very involved and dedicated to the Knights. He was always around the council doing something. He is an inspiration to us all in volunteerism and charity. Ed never stopped being an active member of the council. I hope some of you non-active members will look towards Brother Ed as a role model and get more involved in the council's activities and also come out to help on the council work days—maybe even consider running for an office in the next election.

God bless Brother Ed and his family. He will be missed but also remembered.

We will have a *membership* drive in February or March. I have to get it on the St. Rose Church calendar. Please give me a call if you are interested in helping out with recruitment. I will call you back with a date and time.

God bless you all!

FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Benny Okruhlik

Notices were sent out in December. If you haven't paid your dues for 2010, please mail or bring your payment to the hall. I want to thank all those members who have already paid their dues.

A special thank you to all those who contributed to the Culture of Life Fund.

NORTHSIDE COLUMBUS CLUB

Sonny Kainer, President

Well, we had 2 more break-ins, Dec. 23 and again on Jan. 13, 2010. Thieves took all the tools for outside work including a welding machine, battery charger and air compressor. If you have anything we can use, please give me a call at the hall or at home. We will arrange to pick it up. Cash donations will also be accepted.

We had work detail on Saturday, Jan. 16. We got a lot of work done inside and outside the halls. The following workers volunteered their time: John Buck, Bennie Bronikowski, Ben Kaminski, Tom Civitello, Don Christian, Billy Hoffart, Nicholas Navarro, Robert Miller, Pete Rodriguez, Charles Kimich, Joe Campise and Sonny Kainer.

I want to thank Anna Marie D'Armata for her \$100 donation and Jim Descant for his \$200 donation to the Northside Columbus Club. The money will be put to good use.

Thank you to Lucille Clawson who donated a rod iron gate and Maggie Thornton who also donated a rod iron gate and then called some friends who donated 3 weedeaters and 2 blowers.

Thank you and may God bless you all!

Congratulations to

- **John Fox**, Knight of the Month for July.
- **Al & Elizabeth Meschwitz**, Family of the Month for July.
- **Billy Hoffart**, Knight of the Month for August.
- **Nick & Michelle Nowak**, Family of the Month for August.
- **Pete Rodriguez**, Knight of the Month for September.
- **Joe Limas & family**, Family of the Month for September.
- **Ed Brossman**, Knight of the Month for October.
- **Ed & Janie Okonski**, Family of the Month for October.
- **Ishmeal Jalomo**, Knight of the Month for November.
- **Billy & Debbie Hoffart**, Family of the Month for November.
- **Paul Heidbreder**, Knight of the Month for December.
- **Ed & Dolores Tobola**, Family of the Month for December.

SENIOR CLUB

Sonny Kainer, President

Our next meeting will be Feb. 9, 2010. Chili will be served. Please bring desserts.

Next **Officers'** meeting is
Wednesday, Feb. 3 at 7:00 p.m.

Next **Council** meeting is
Monday, Feb. 8 at 7:30 p.m.
Dinner served at 6 p.m.

Next **Northside Columbus Club** meeting is
Wednesday, Feb. 17 at 7:00 p.m.

Next work day is **Saturday, Feb. 20**

DOMINO RESULTS

Jan 4: Marion Lewandowski,
Floyd Rekieta, Bennie Bronikowski



Jan. 23: Royce Harper, Mickey Wendt,
Mike Kloss

There will be a

42 Domino Tournament
on Friday, February 26, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Bring your own partner.

LADIES' AUXILIARY,
Delores Tobola, President

Ladies, here we are in February and soon the beginning of the Lenten Season. Since Ash Wednesday is on February 17, which is our regular meeting night, we *will not have a regular meeting in February.* We will only have a **board meeting on February 3 at 7:00 p.m.**

The membership dues are now due for 2010. Dues must be paid by March 31, 2010 to be considered a member of the Ladies Auxiliary in order to receive the privileges of the member or spouse funeral meal and our participation at the rosary. Your dues of \$10.00 can be mailed to Pat Hall, 1331 LaMonte, Houston, TX 77018.

We want to send get well wishes and prayers to Rosalie & Leo Lobpries, Cassie Wiederhold and to anyone else that is not feeling well at this time.

Deepest sympathy to the Ed Brossman family and a special thanks to all that brought desserts and helped at the funeral luncheon.

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 Koterak at 713-864-4490.

Please pray for our sick:

- 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, wife of Brother Ed
- Carmen Martinez, sister of Brother Tony Saenz
- Verna Luchak, wife of deceased Brother Gus Luchak
- Porfidio Trevino, friend of Brother Mike Navarro
- Sister-in-law of Brother Joe Limas



In Memoriam:

Brother Ed Brossman



May God grant him eternal rest and let His perpetual light shine upon him.

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.

Pray for our Military

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 Paul Rekieta at 281-448-6623 or Tony Saenz at 832-643-5751.

**Deadline for submitting information for
March News Bulletin is February 19.**

A SELECT BAND OF MEN

"Give your hand to another man worthy of Knighthood"
Supreme Knight James A. Flaherty, January, 1926.

You and I and every Knight of Columbus can, and should, start this New Year with a resolution more faithfully to discharge our obligation to the Order and to our brother Knights. I do not think you should shout that resolution from your housetops. I do not think you should beat your breasts and swear solemn oaths about it. I do not think you should berate yourselves with past lukewarmness, whip yourselves into a frenzy and stride out into the streets in a bubbling fervor. Bubbles are notoriously sort-lived, and the man who talks loudly and at great length has little breath left for the battle.

Fortunately for the life of our Order, most Knights of Columbus are worthy, sincere members. It is not a great upheaval and a great reform that I suggest. There is need for none. But there is something that you and I can do. No great or small calamity will befall us if we fail to do it. But much good will come to us if we do.

Give an hour to examining yourself as a Knight of Columbus. I know that you are, all of you, clean-hearted and high-minded, honest in your desire to be true to the spirit and ideals of our Order. You need, therefore, to examine yourselves only in the little things.

Do you display the emblem of Knighthood? Do you wear the pin that you were so anxious to receive and so eager to put on when you were received into the Order? If you do not care to bother about it, if you never wear the pin at all, I am not sure that you would be accused of any great disloyalty. But by wearing it, you proclaim your Knighthood, you mark yourself as one of a selected band of men pledged to serve God, your country and your fellow man in a special manner. That, surely, is worthwhile.

How many of your council meetings have you attended in the year that is gone? Perhaps you have lost touch with your council altogether. Men do that. Plan, then, that you will attend the meetings of your council throughout this year, when you can do so with any reasonable degree of confidence.

Have you been instrumental in gaining any new members for the Order during the past year? Reach out. Give your hand to another man who is worthy of Knighthood. Make him one of us. He will thank you, and the Order will thank you.

If anything that I have said pertains to you, I know that you will reflect calmly upon it and act as befits a Knight of Columbus.

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Upcoming Events

- Feb. 1 Domino Tournament (1st Monday)
- Feb. 3 Officers' Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- Feb. 3 Ladies Auxiliary Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- Feb. 8 Council Meal at 6 p.m./Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 9 Senior Citizens
- Feb. 14 **VALENTINE'S DAY**
- Feb. 17 **ASH WEDNESDAY—LENT BEGINS**
- Feb. 17 Northside Columbus Club - 7:00 p.m.
- Feb. 20 Council Work Day
- Feb. 26 42 Domino Tournament (bring a partner)
- Feb. 27 Cajun Dance - 7:30 to 11:30 p.m.
- Mar. 1 Domino Tournament (1st Monday)
- Mar. 3 Officers' Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- Mar. 3 Ladies Auxiliary Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- Mar. 8 Council Meal at 6 p.m./Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- Mar. 9 Senior Citizens
- Mar. 17 Northside Columbus Club - 7:00 p.m.
- Mar. 17 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- Mar. 20 Council Work Day
- Mar. 27 Cajun Dance
- Mar. 29 Domino Tournament (5th Monday)
- Apr. 1 **HOLY THURSDAY**
- Apr. 2 **GOOD FRIDAY**
- 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.

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 following Brother Knights went to visit the veterans on Oct. 25: Jim Bilnoski, Anton Swiech, John Fox, John Walkoviak. The next visitations will be:

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