



# BISHOP ODIN NEWS

**BISHOP ODIN COUNCIL 2917 - KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

*Sam Okonski, Grand Knight*

The beginning of a new year is here. I hope all who are reading this bulletin had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Let us pause a moment and say a prayer for all those who have suffered from terrorist attacks, lost loved ones, hunger, sickness, and loneliness. You have made your new year's resolution and filed it away. Who has broken theirs already? Well, that is all right because we will more than make up for it with the work that we will do for the Church and our Knights of Columbus council. There are a few ideas that have been passed on to me that seem promising? Who would be interested in leading a group of folks to coordinate the visitation of our brothers and sisters who are unable to get around? What a great way to spread some happiness, charity, fraternalism, and unity! Those words sound familiar. The Knights of Columbus were built upon most of these principles and I am sure the visit would be most welcomed. I did mention a few new ideas, how about adopt a senior, and a youth program. If you are interested in leading one of these ministries, call me and we can plan how to spread some extra happiness for those who will be touched.

To our new members, Welcome. Bishop Odin council 2917 greatly appreciates you joining the largest Catholic lay organization in the world. Our membership director, Albert Alvarez, will keep us posted on their names. Look for his monthly statement. Speaking of looking, we will be looking for you to come out and help on clean-up day, Saturday, January 12, 2002. There is a lot of work to be done to both halls. Bring your hammers, brushes, rollers, old rags to wipe down the wood paneling, scaffolding, etc. Go inspect the property, make a list, get your team, and take on a task. This is your council, so let's make our second home a beautiful one. Have you joined the Father McGivney Guild yet? It is FREE. I would like to see every member join. Think of these words "compassion", "forgiveness", "love", "hope" and "honesty". Close your eyes for a few minutes and put these words around faces. Read the words again. Whom did you see? They were your neighbors, relatives, best friends, and someone you just met. Remember that Jesus lived by, taught these values, and forgave those who crucified Him. We can do wonderful things carrying this same attitude with us. God bless you.

## SENIOR MEMBER NEWS

*Ed Brossman, Co-ordinator*

Our meeting on Jan. 15th will be for the purpose of selecting a new co-ordinator. So come on out and help select whoever you wish. Don't forget January is Brown Bag Month.

## NEW MEMBERS INITIATED

New members initiated into the Council recently. Faustino Guzman, Maynard Paragnon (Seminarian), David Magnon, Armondo Paz, Joe Granados.

We also transferred Fr. John Borsari at Assumption Parish. Let's keep them coming Brothers.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 2	Council Officers Meeting
Jan 2	Ladies Auxiliary Board Meeting
Jan 5	First Degree - 9 AM
Jan 12	Council Clean-Up Day - 8:30 AM
Jan 14	Regular Council Meeting
Jan 15	Senior Get Together - 9:30 AM
Jan 16	Columbus Club Board Meeting
Jan 26	Domino Tournament
Jan 27	Major Degree - 10:00 AM
Jan 28	Council Rosary Meeting
Jan 30	Ladies Auxilliary Anniversary Party - 7:00 PM
Feb 6	Council Officers Board Meeting
Feb 6	Ladies Auxiliary Board Meeting

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)

## JUNE BUG JAMBOREE 2002

*Deputy Grand Knight, Greg Okonski*

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 to be held on Saturday, June 15th. The kickoff meeting for this event will be on Monday, January 28th, following the Rosary. If you have some ideas or would like to get involved, come out to the meeting and give us your input. All members and/or their wives are welcome to attend.

As we have done in the past, we are asking the members of the council to help us with obtaining prizes for the Big Raffle. Let us know if you have something you would like to add to the prize list. Consider asking the company you work for to donate cash or a prize item. The items can be hand-made as well. Last year, one of our members, Lige Bielamowicz, built a nice Glider-Swing and donated it.

An item of \$100.00 value or more can be donated as a raffle prize. **We need to be notified of all prize items by March 22nd**, so they can be printed on the Raffle Tickets that following week. 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 names printed on the back of the Raffle Tickets if they so desire. We will also need items for door prizes and the mini-affle. Thank you and God bless.

## FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S DESK

*Paul Rekieta, Financial Secretary*

I want to apologize to Paul Turlock for putting his name on the delinquent list. He is paid up.

If anyone else on that list is paid up (I hope) please let me know. Last year when I put in that list, I found out that some members were suspended for as long as 3 years, and some were deceased for more than 3 years. It's not hard to overlook someone, if you don't know about them.

## VA VISITATION

*Anton Swiech, Houston Visitation Chairman*

Brothers who participated December 2, 2001, VA Visitation: Jim Bilnoski, Stephen Fridye, Andy Kruppa, Robert Miller, Leonard Novak, Anton Swiech and Arthur Diaz Council 5678.

Gods blessing to all of you for your usual participation, and looking forward being with you next year 2002.

Our next visitation will be February 10th.

## ROSARY CHAIN NEWS

Brothers, saying the rosary for our deceased members and their wives is one of our greatest benefits. That's one good reason why we want every good catholic man to be a member. Yet every now and then a member dies and we don't find out about it till after the funeral. Brothers, tell your family about notifying the rosary chairman, (Phone # in the bulletin), or some officer so we can get the rosary set up and the members notified. If you are not being called, call the chairman and tell him you want to be on the call list.

## DOMINO TOURNAMENT

Here we are again already. KC 2917 Members only, Moon & 42 tournament, Sat., January 26, 2002. \$5 entrance fee. Moon at noon and 42 at 3PM. Snacks at the break. For info call Ron Wendt 713-207-5822.

All you Moon & 42 players turn out for this event, you don't know the fun you're missing. You don't have to be an expert player, it all relies on luck. But come and enjoy yourself.

## TOYS FOR TOTS BBQ COOK OFF UPDATE

*Sam Okonski*

I want to thank all of you who helped at the BBQ cook-off that benefited Toys for Tots. We collected \$695 in cash, four big boxes of toys, a bicycle, and a slide all worth another \$800. Thanks to the North Side Columbus Club for donating the hall, pavilion and grounds. That was a \$2000 value, if someone wanted to rent those facilities. Thanks to Landmark Chevrolet for donating the BBQ utensil kits and Judy for handling that activity. The TelStars put on one heck of a show at the Friday night dance. Dennis Aldrich sang and donated his tip money. Jim Descant brought out two fine country singers and musicians. All had a great time; all want the same band and singers back next year. Last, but not least, the four Outstanding Marines that visited with us and collected your generous donations. Well, there is this other Bro. Knight who helped a little. I started talking to him 2 years ago to get a BBQ cook-off at the council. Well, he came through with shining colors. Thanks Bro. David Willgus for your hard work on keeping the cook-off rolling. Oh yeah, the master chef winning team was Herald Finn, Carl Messana and Hugh Vickery. Set your calendars next year to Dec. 6th & 7th.

## CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

*Pat Koteris, Regent*

HAPPY NEW YEAR! The first regular meeting of 2002 is Tuesday, January 8. The social starts at 6:30 PM and the meeting at 7:00 PM. If you are interested in joining the Catholic Daughters this is the time to start. The annual dues are \$20.00. For additional information please contact Pat Koteris at 713-864-4490 or Gene Willingham at 281-847-2283.

We will celebrate our Birthday Party # forty-five on Tuesday, January 22, 2002 at the Knights of Columbus Hall. The dinner will be catered. Members will be free and adult guest \$4.00. Reservations **MUST** be made by Thursday, January 17, 2002 by calling Margaret Brossman at 713-697-7134. For additional information or suggestions please contact chairperson Rosalie Lobpries at 713-695-0442.

We are sad to say goodbye to two more members, the Catholic Daughters participated in services for Elodia Murphy and Lillian Motl. Please pray for these departed souls and also for their families.

*Wishing you and those who are dear, blessings of God for a bright New Year!*

## LADIES AUXILIARY

*Rita Rekieta, President*

Dear Ladies,

I hope everyone's Christmas was as happy and blessed as ours was. Our children (who all live out of state) were all home for Christmas. We should all appreciate our family while they are with us.

Our Auxiliary will be celebrating our 27th Anniversary as an organization. Our party will be a catered dinner on Wednesday, January 30th at 7:00 PM. Members will again be free and guests will be \$3.00. We will have our usual appetizers, happy hour and delicious dinner and desserts. Reservations must be made by January 23rd to Angie Januszewski at 713-862-6374.

Our Christmas Party was a huge success with over 100 members and guests present. Thanks to all the ladies and gentlemen who helped decorate. Gladys Tobias and her helpers did their usual outstanding job. We donated \$2000.00 to the parish food pantries that our members belong to. Gifts were exchanged with secret sisters and our officers and committee were presented with gifts. I thank you all for my gifts.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Rosie Evans who passed away December 24th. Rosary and funeral services were held in Hempstead. Remember her and our other members in your prayers.

Considering the terrible weather, there was a fairly good turnout for the Childrens Christmas Party. I thank our ladies of the Auxiliary for the delicious homebaked cookies. The children really enjoyed them.

Don't forget the Fiesta - We do need ladies and your spouses if possible to go to the different parishes to sell raffle tickets. Please call Irma or Elsa and let them know if you can help.

God bless all of you. Have as safe and happy Holy New Year!

## FROM THE PUBLICITY CHAIRPERSON

*Judy Wendt, Publicity*

When this newsletter reaches you Christmas will be over and the new year in full swing. I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday.

February 24th and our 14th Annual Mexican Fiesta will be here before you know it. It's not too late to volunteer to help by working in one of the booths or by selling tickets to all your family & friends.

We also still need items for the silent auction, door prizes, the craft wheel booths, and for the liquor and goody baskets.

Check out your attic and cabinets for items you no longer treasure but would be of value to someone else. We will also need desserts for the dessert booth.

Plan to bring your family and friends out and have a wonderful Fiesta day with us.

### Raffle Prizes

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| 1. Sylvania 19" TV w/ VCR     | 8. Basket of Goodies                 |
| 2. King Size Quilt            | 9. Angel Jewelry                     |
| 3. DVD Player                 | 10. \$50 Gift Certificate - Randalls |
| 4. Afghan                     | 11. \$50 Gift Certificate - Kroger   |
| 5. \$150.00 Park Lane Jewelry | 12. Curio Cabinet                    |
| 6. Basket of Cheer            | 13. Rosary                           |
| 7. Basket of Groceries        | 14. Afghan                           |

TRIP TO COUSHATTA — WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9 @ 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**