



BISHOP ODIN NEWS
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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Trinidad Yanez, Grand Knight

The past 3 years have been a pleasure to serve you. I want to take this moment to thank you for your support. It has been a great 3 years. Together we had 3 June Bug Jamborees. All were a great success. Thanks to Greg & Sam Okonski and Larry Tobias. These young June Bugs working together, made this a great council function.

Brothers, we are asked annually to recruit 45 members. It sounds almost impossible, but think about it. If you reach out and talk to just one man, it wouldn't be hard at all. We have all these former members to draw from also.

At this time I would like for you to help me welcome the new Grand Knight, "Sam Okonski", and the other new officers coming on.

I would like to challenge all you brothers to come out to help and support the new officers to create a bigger & better future for Council #2917.

Again, I would like to give thanks to each and every one of you. I especially want to thank all the worthy and gentle ladies of the Auxiliary for all their help and support, I couldn't have done anything without you. Thanks again and may God bless each and every one of you.

SENIOR MEMBER NEWS

Ed Brossman, Co-ordinator

Our next seniors get together will be July 10th. We will have a covered salad or vegetable dish, like we had in June, everyone seemed to enjoy that. So come on out for some good grass and enjoy the fraternity.

COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS

Thanks to Sam Okonski, our almost permanent Grand Knight, Trinidad Yanez can take a deep sigh of relief.

Sam was elected Grand Knight, Trinidad was elected Trustee. So they flip flopped. Every other position stayed the same. Except Andy Krupa was elected Warden and Floyd Supercinski was elected Inside Guard.

NORTHSIDE COLUMBUS CLUB NEWS

Al Kainer, President

Columbus Club held their elections, the new members are: Larry Tobias, Ed Okonski, Sr., Trinidad Yanez and Andy Krupa.

We will try to have another clean up detail on July 14th. We were really disappointed that no one showed up June 9th. Can't believe a little rain kept everyone away. Ha ha! At least Bro. Pavlik won't have to water the grass for a while.

ATTENDANCE PRIZE — WINNER!!! WINNER!!!

Hey! We finally had an attendance prize winner, none other than Bro. Steve Nowak. At least it was someone who makes all the meetings. Congratulations Steve!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 4 Happy Holiday! No Officers Meeting
- July 9 Council Meeting
- July 10 Senior Get Together - 9:30 AM
- July 14 Clean Up Day - 8:30 AM
- July 15 Awards Dinner - 5:00 PM
- July 18 Northside Columbus Club Meeting
- July 23 Council Open Meeting & Rosary (Ladies are Invited)
- July 30 Moon Tournament - 7:30PM

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)

In Memoriam

David Busa	6-02-01
Mike Murski	6-21-01

BROTHER KNIGHTS

Sam Okonski, Grand Knight Elect

Brother Knights, I would like to thank all of you who participated in the elections for our new officers for Bishop Odin Council 2917, and board members for the Northside Columbus Club Home Association at the meeting June 12th. There was a good turn out. See you at the next meeting. Now as we begin this new fraternal year let each of us reflect on what we can do to help our Churches, our fellow brother knights, and our communities. The Knights of Columbus have always come through to help. We have been faced with the greatest test of our strength and faith. The recent flood has been a tragedy for some of our brothers and has either personally touched you or you have a relative or friend who was affected by the flood water created from tropical storm Allison. Keep the faith and if you need help call us.

JUNE BUG JAMBOREE UPDATE 2001

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

We don't have an exact figure at this time, but it looks like net income from this year's Jamboree is approx. \$11,000. Attendance was down a little from last year, but there was a little under 300 people that showed up. I think we can blame most of that due to the flood from the weekend before. Many people including our own members were either cleaning up their house or someone's house close to them. Our prayers go out to all of them.

The people that did make it out had a good time. They complimented the BBQ and the entertainment and were looking forward to coming back next year. The BBQ chicken was prepared by our Council 2917 cooks. Leading the group was Sonny Kainer and PJ Jozwiak. The other cooks were Marion and Tony Lewandowski, Gene Wisnoski, John Buck, Billy Kerley and Donnie Wilson. Marion's daughter Lisa was a big help too. Helping out with food preparation was Al Kainer, Albin Januzewski, Bennie & Kathy Bronikowski, Louise Stoever, Mickey Wendt, David Wendt and the Catholic Daughters. Marion Kasowski printed the dinner tickets at no cost.

As usual, thanks to Leroy and Gladys Tobias, the hall was decorated nicely. Also, helping out inside the hall with the dinner and raffle tickets was Andy Krupa, Bill Lowery, Al & Elizabeth Meschwitz, Ed, Gene and Eddie Jr. Okonski, Pam Geary and Harold Fenn. This year we added a Margarita booth and it made a nice profit. Thanks to Paul and Rita Rekeita for preparing their secret recipe and to one of our new members, Al Alvarez for running the booth. Again, we had children's activities outside. Larry and Linda Tobias and their crew did another great job with that.

More information will be included in next months bulletin.

**Volunteers Needed
 WWW For Special Olympics WWW
 Call Sam Okonski
 281-484-9516**

Let's remember to pray for all the flood victims, especially our members. There were a few who suffered a terrible loss, and for most this was the first time and totally unexpected.

**FOR SALE — 1992 Lincoln Continental. Light Biege, Leather Seats. Quiet & Comfortable Luxury. Auto, 4 Door, Everything Works, Cold A.C. Very Well Maintained. 67,750 miles, 3.8 V-6, 6 cylinder. \$4995.00 OBO
 713-796-1745**

ABORTION PROCESSION

On July 21st at Holy Rosary Church there will be a Mass at 7AM, and afterward a procession will go to the Planned Parenthood center on Fannin St.

MOON TOURNAMENT

July has 5 Monday's so it's time for a Moon Tournament. Come on out for a fun night. Starts at 7:30 PM.

AWARDS DINNER

The awards dinner will be held July 15th. The function will start at 5:00 PM. We should be able to eat and be out of there before dark. We will serve salad and lasagna from Sam's.

If you plan to attend, let one of the officers know, so we can prepare the right amount. The food will be free, but you will have to pay for drinks. Let us know if you're coming by July 11th. Of course the wives are invited. Come see who is going to get the awards. You might be one of them.

INSURANCE

The fourth of July commemorates our country's independence. Let today commemorate your family's independence. Free your family of worry and stress by getting life insurance. Life insurance for the time when you aren't going to be with them. No one lives forever, but your family's freedom can.

Life insurance allows your family the freedom of living. The protection allows them to live their lives. (Instead of worrying about how they will live their lives.) They will survive because of you and the investment you made in life insurance.

Call me today and let your family gain independence.

LADIES AUXILIARY

Rita Rekieta, President

Dear Ladies,

I'd like first of all to express my sympathy to all of you who suffered flood damage from Allison. From our own personal experience we empathize with you. It's a horrible feeling to lose as one member told me, "54 years of possessions and memories." Our prayers are with all of you.

Also, I extend deepest sympathy to Elizabeth Busa and her family on the loss of her son, David.

Our condolences to Gertrude Murski and her family on the death of Mike. Please remember these families in your prayers. The Auxiliary did furnish meat for the dinner and several ladies brought dishes to the dinner which was held at St. Ambrose. It was appreciated by the family. A big thank you to all of you who brought desserts and those who helped in any way at the June Bug Jamboree. The response was overwhelming and as a result we are using the overflow on Friday night for Bingo. We do still need volunteers for Fridays. Several of the ladies who have worked for years are now physically unable to help. We need some new faces to take up the slack. This is one of our charitable activities to help the Council. The Council will hold their annual "Awards Dinner" on July 15th. Plan to come, as our awards will also be presented to many of you. I know you join with me in congratulating our new Grand Knight, Sam Okonski. As in the past we pledge our support and cooperation to the newly elected officers and the Council. When the Auxiliary was organized 26 years ago, the purpose was to offer our assistance to the Council when needed. I believe we have surpassed this in past years, and will continue to do so in the future.

The "newly" and "oldly" officers join me in thanking you for your confidence in electing us to the offices for the years 2001-2003. We will do our best to merit your confidence. God bless all of you and keep you high and dry. Have a safe and happy summer.

FROM THE PUBLICITY CHAIRPERSON

Elizabeth Meschwitz, Ladies Aux.

Our Installation Mass on May 23, 2001 was very moving. During the Mass the priest gave the incoming officers a special blessing. This was a real joy to the officers.

Afterwards we feasted on various delicious snacks, had good drinks, then enjoyed a delicious catered meal with Flying Saucers pies for dessert. Everyone, I know, enjoyed the food and good fellowship.

During our meeting our president, Rita Rekieta, presented the gifts to the outgoing officers and the membership presented Rita Rekieta with a gift certificate in appreciation of the fine work that she did during the past year. A white rose was presented to the outgoing officers and board members and a red rose was presented to the incoming officers and board members. A rose was presented to each of our members.

As usual, Gladys Tobias, Elizabeth Busa and their helpers did a fantastic job of decorating the hall. It was really a beautiful sight to behold.

The attendance prize was won by Bessie Lero.

A huge welcome from all of us to our newest member, Lucy Kopech.

Our theme for the coming year is "Love, Peace, Unity and Harmony."

Our next meeting will be on September 19, 2001. Nothing during the summer so have a wonderful time and stay healthy.

Well folks, this is the last letter that you will receive from me. I have graduated to a new position and will be replaced by Judy Wendt. I know that you will enjoy her letters.

God bless each and every one of you and here's to seeing you next September if not before.

TRIP TO COUSHATTA — WEDNESDAY, JULY 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