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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Sam Okonski, Grand Knight

My dear brothers and sisters, the beginning of another fraternal year is upon us. We accomplished a lot last year. The Assumption Church corporate communion went well with the fourth degree participating in this quarterly activity. I am delighted to say that you, brother knights have elected me as your grand knight for another year. We had 33 dedicated knights participate in the election. We had a good meal and some fun. I want to take this opportunity to welcome back a couple of brother knights, Oscar Ochoa and Don Pencik. They helped get the St. Rose counsel started. They have come back and have jumped into leadership positions. Oscar is your new chancellor and Don is an officer on the NCC board. I also want to welcome 1st degree member Simon Cervantes.

Our world famous **June Bug Jamboree** was a huge success. Saturday night dance with the Legends by Phillip Berger, 2917 member and Sunday with Westwood and Brian Marshall-2917 member and Mark Halatta KC member. I want to thank all who helped out with this function especially your council's Program Director Greg Okonski and your recorder Larry Tobias. They have put and continue to put many hours planning and working to provide some fun filled activities for your enjoyment. If every knight did just one task, just think what we could accomplish. Call or mail your name, phone number and address for a special prize to be drawn on family day, September 28. Brother Floyd Supercinski is running a blood drive. He has a list going in the office. Please call him or the hall and sign up. He needs 25 bodies.

St. Pius High School is selling banners to hang on the ball fields. Call the school if your business would like to participate. **Ice machine** is on its last leg. Know of anyone who would like to donate, see the NCC president. **Lost your job and want to travel.** Haliburton is hiring for all positions to work in the middle east. Fax your resume to 713-676-3983 and call 281-536-0737. **Hey brother knights, hold your birthday party in the pub.** Here is a good one. I recently heard how the Knights of Columbus got started. This story is from a Catholic man who is not a KC member. The Pope wanted to know the Mason secrets. He could not get them. So he started his own group. What does this tell us? It says that we have not reached every catholic gentleman and explained what the Knights of Columbus are really about. After explaining what the Knights of Columbus is about, he was just amazed. He had no idea and is in the process of joining. Just ask and then tell them all the wonderful work we do. **Family Day September 28 @ noon. More to come in September bulletin.**

New Year's Eve Dance is on- featuring the Legends. I announced it at the Saturday June Bug dance and received a huge acceptance applause and a lot of whooping and hollering of support. Clem Laskowski was so excited that he ordered 4 tables. First come first served and we have 60 tables left as later that evening another 6 tables were reserved. Come by or call to reserve your table. More in the next bulletin. Support the Friday night bingo. Get the word out for hall rentals. <http://www.KofC2917.org>
- God bless you.

NORTHSIDE COLUMBUS CLUB REPORT

Joe Pavlik, President

Another great month has passed by and did we have fun. Elections have come and gone. You members have selected two new board members, Marion Lewandowski and Don Psencik.

The meeting of June 18th was a lively one. Many issues were discussed—cooler box for bar, A/C being repaired, upcoming cleanup day, election of board officers, parking attendants, refurbishing the youth building, dance floor lights and some old decorations on the walls. Discussions will resume at the July meeting.

Wish to thank the following members for their contribution in helping keep the facilities neat and in working order:

P.J. Jozwiak and Sonny Kainer for the installation of the new A.C unit in the Youth Building; **Floyd Rekieta** for installing a bottom cover on our power box up front, changing light bulbs and working on the Bingo sign; **John Buck** for getting the material and installing the vent for the hot water heater in the Youth Building, and unstopping the drain in the new hall restroom, plus too many items to list; **Eddie Mocek** for making signs for the outside restrooms and installing them, replacing wheels on the big cart in rear of new hall, replacing light bulbs, cleaning the outside restrooms and being there when Mickie needs him. He's on the the clean up crew also; **Robert Miller** who helped clean the Youth Building, pulling tape and tacks out of the walls, cleaning the restrooms and kitchen, cleaning the light fixtures and mopping the floors.

On June 21, clean up day, we had 10 men from the Texas House and Robert Miller, John Buck, Floyd Rekieta, Jesse Darbone and myself. Although we got a late start, we did pretty well for the time that we had the Texas House men. They really pitched in and we got the place looking good.

Hope everyone has a great 4th of July celebration. Enjoy your freedom, but never forget the men and women who sacrificed the ultimate gift for you. Be proud that you have a voice in the running of your Council and Board, by voting for members who represent your views on how things ought to go, plus by pitching in when your fellow brothers call on you to help — in offering your services or donations. Each of us has something to offer to the Council and/or Board, no matter how small or large. In many organizations, it is the small spoke in the wheel that keeps it rolling. I appeal to my brothers, to attend the Council and Board meetings to express your views.

UPDATE ON THE \$100 CLUB

Our latest contributors are: Ron & Judy Wendt, Jerry & Henrietta Nevlud, Florian & Mary Ogradowicz, and Ed & Margaret Brossman.

Our total is \$10,800.

We just had to replace an A/C Compressor and repair that A/C also. That was \$4,100. This money is a tremendous help.

I hope everyone contributes — we would be able to repair a lot of needy projects.

UPCOMING EVENTS

PLEASE PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO THESE DATES **ALL MEETINGS START AT 7:30 PM** (except where noted)

July 2 Council Officers Meeting	7:30 pm	July 28 Council Open & Rosary Meeting	7:30 pm	Aug 20 Columbus Club Board Meeting	7:30 pm
July 7 Straight Domino Tournament	7:00 pm	BINGO EVERY FRIDAY	7:15 PM	Aug 25 Council Open & Rosary Meeting	7:30 pm
July 13 Awards Banquet	5:00 am	Aug 4 42 Tournament	7:00 pm	Sept 1 No Domino Tournament	
July 15 Senior's Get Together	9:30 am	Aug 6 Council Officers Meeting	7:30 pm	Labor Day	
This is the 3rd Tues , not 2nd		Aug 11 Regular Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Sept 3 Council Officers Meeting	7:30 pm
July 16 Columbus Club Board Meeting	7:30 pm	Aug 12 Senior Get Together	9:30 am	Sept 3 Ladies Auxiliary Board Meeting	7:30 pm

ATTENTION ALL 2917 KC MEMBERS

Ed Brossman, Chairman & MC

Sunday July 13 will be Awards Day!

We will honor all 50 and 25 year members that have not received their 50 or 25 year pin and certificates. This will be a fun day with a Happy Hour starting at 5:00 pm and a FREE — yes, FREE meal at 6:00 pm. There will be many other awards: Knight of the Month, Family of the Month, Knight of the Year, Family of the Year (the two highest awards you can receive from the Supreme Council), also other certificates for workers who give of their time. Who knows? You may and can get a certificate for just coming for a free meal to see your Brother Knights that you have not seen in a long time. So bring your wife and yourself for a good time.

When?	July 13th
Time?	5:00 pm
Place?	607 East Whitney Drive

FROM THE SECRETARY

Paul Rekieta, Financial Secretary

In all my years of being active in the council, I have heard numerous excuses as to why members do not attend meetings.

In the June 22 church bulletin, there was a letter to the Padre asking "Why do we have to go to the mass every Sunday? It is so boring." Read on as to what the Padre answered, and you will see that it compares perfectly, to why members don't come to our meetings.

His answer was:

"For you, the mass is a burden. It is an obligation you have to fulfill and you resent it. I can understand your resentment. If I have something I don't want to do, I might resent it, too. But the mass is such an opportunity, not just an obligation."

"When people say the mass is boring, they usually add that they don't get anything out of the mass'. That attitude is a problem. You see, the focus is on what they will get out of the experience, not what they can bring to the experience. It is not easy to see how the focus gets turned around. In so many other areas of life, going to a movie or a shopping mall, we judge the value of the event by what we get in return. But, that is not why we have mass. It is not an event to entertain or educate. It is my turn to give something back to God. In effect, I shift the focus away from myself and back to God. It's hard to do because we are bombarded with messages that tell us we are missing something in our lives. So without noticing it, we become focused solely on our own wants and needs.

The Mass offers us an opportunity to turn the focus away from ourselves and give God thanks and praise for all the love that God has showered on us."

To me, this is a great parallel between going to mass and going to a meeting. God bless us.

JUNE BUG JAMBOREE RESULTS

It was a good weekend for the June Bugs. Saturday night was a good turnout with the Legends Band. Sunday evening with The Westwood Band, the hall was just about full with one of the best crowds since the Jamboree started in 1999. It looks like our profit for this year is about \$10,300!

As usual, there are many people to thank who helped make this happen. The Tobias family (Larry, Linda, Leroy and Gladys) put the decorations together and ran the Bingo. The Bingo drew the biggest crowd so far. We had a new game this year, The Horse Race. The horses were running the crowd was yelling. Thanks to Elsa Saenz, and Simone and IrmaGonzalez for helping out.

Our cooks did a great job again. Thanks to Ron Wendt, Tony Lewandowski, Billy Kerley, Sam Chavarria, Gene Wisnoski, Dwayne Mocek and John Buck for their hard work.

Bennie Bronikowski put together some servers for all that food: his wife, Kathy, Louise Stoeber, Leon Swiech, Catholic Daughters and a few others. The Ladies Auxiliary provided some delicious desserts.

Our Mini-Raffle was another big hit. It brought in the biggest amount so far, \$1,605.00. Sonny Kainer, Marion Lewandowski, Harold Fenn, and Joe Pavlik did a good job getting those tickets sold. More info and more names in September's bulletin.

CALLING ALL BOWLERS

Please come to our annual organizational meeting, so we can start smoothly on another season. It will be August 14 at 7:00 pm in the pub. Try to bring in some new bowlers. Call Kris Boudny at 713-869-9821.

CONGRATULATIONS

Brady Franks, grandson of Maurice & Pat Hafernik, was the Salutatorian of the Diboll High School Class of 2003. Brady was very active in FFA activities. He participated in the Houston Live Stock Show as well in many other cities in Texas. He was in calf scrambles to showing off heifers and many other FFA activities. From his school work and FFA, he has received several scholarships. He has been accepted to Texas A&M and will attend this fall. (Brother L.B. "The Aggie" Golasinski must be smiling.)

DOMINO TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Last month was Moon.

1st Place:	Charlie Heinrich
2nd Place:	Dwayne Mocek
3rd Place:	Bennie Bronikowski.

July's Game will be Straight Dominoes.

Come on out and show your stuff.

SENIOR NEWS

Sonny Kainer

Hey we had a delicious spaghetti dinner at our June meeting. It was decided to have a covered dish dinner in July.

Come and enjoy the food and games.

LADIES AUXILIARY

Rita Rekieta, President

Our installation of officers was a huge success. We had 125 people in attendance. The dinner was great with appetizers, dinner, desserts and drinks, it set the pace for the evening. We were honored to have Grand Knight Sam Okonski and Deborah, District Deputy Trinidad Yanez and Odelia as our guests. Thanks to Gladys Tobias and her helpers who did a beautiful job of decorating (as usual). Thanks to all who helped in any way.

We now have a total of 132 members, which includes our newest members: Bea Ochoa, Joann Psencik, Rita Condiff, Gladys Foyt and Janie Sarabia. We welcome you ladies.

Bernice Syzdek is now accepting enrollments in the Catholic Clerical Student Fund. She can be reached at 713-692-8711. Enrollments are \$2.00. Perpetual Enrollments are \$25.00. Our Ladies Auxiliary ranked 5th in the Diocese. Please do your enrollments with Bernice and let's see if we can advance to 1st.

The June Bug Jamboree was a huge success and I thank all of you who participated in any way. We had a number of desserts brought in and we used the extras for the Council Officers Installation. We also furnished sandwiches and chips for the evening. I thank the ladies who made all the sandwiches: Frances Mileski, Florine Adamick, Elizabeth Busa and I did the honors and we had a good variety.

The Auxiliary purchased \$200.00 in raffle tickets from the June Bug and we were fortunate to win the 11th prize, the Glider Swing. We will use this as one of our prizes for the Mexican Fiesta.

The Council will have their Awards Presentation on July 13 at 5:00pm. We will be giving awards to our outstanding ladies on the same day. Please try to attend as you might hear your name.

We will not have any meetings this summer. Enjoy yourself and be safe. The Bingo Kitchen will continue and we need your help. Please call.

God bless all of you and keep you in His care. Remember our shut-ins and our ill members and families in your prayers.

TRIP TO COUSHATTA — WEDNESDAY, JULY 9 @ 9:00 AM
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERS, FAMILIES & FRIENDS WELCOME!
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