



BISHOP ODIN NEWS

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Trinidad Yanez, Grand Knight

I am writing this letter while our State Deputy, Billy Quintanilla is speaking about us and all the good the Knights of Columbus do.

He is giving us and all of you who are not here a lot of praise for all we have accomplished in the past 11 months. We still have 30 days to do more. Texas is barely number one right now. But things can change in a months time. So let's give our all this last month so we can remain number one.

Brothers, June 11th is election of Council Officers and Columbus Club Board Members. I know there is no excuse why you can't run for any of those positions, but, if you feel like there is, you still have a duty and an obligation to come out and support the brothers that will make that commitment to run. Some brothers realize and understand that a Council or Columbus Club can't operate without officers and members. Show your love for your Brother Knights and the order and be there.

Don't forget, June 16th is the famous June Bug Jamboree. Sell or buy the tickets and be there June 16th to support this important event. All of us are needed to make it a big success. Volunteer your services to help out Greg, Sam & Larry. You'll be helping yourself.

Let's get back to the convention. I just finished dinner, and now I'm listening to all the awards that some councils won. Too bad our council couldn't win any. It would make me feel real good for you if we could win.

Listening to these councils that win, they make it sound so easy. But having this many members spread out all over the country makes it very difficult for the few of us who are here. We need to be 43 members plus for the year to be a winner. Right now we have 47 members that should have been suspended last year. That means we would have to recruit 90 members. So you see what we are up against.

One more little thing. Last month, Brother Al Meschwitz and wife Elizabeth received a new little grandson. Well, Odelia and I also received a new addition to our family. Jo Rae, our youngest daughter presented us with a new son, Isaac, our third grandson. Thus knocking his older sister off the youngest baby pedestal.

God bless you all and help us remain charitable, united and fraternal.

VA VISITATION

Anton Swiech, Houston Visitation Chairman

Brothers who participated May 6, 2001, VA visitation: Jim Bilnoski, Bill Lowery, Robert Miller, Leonard Nowak, Lupe Reyna, Sr. and Anton Swiech.

Our next visitation will be July 15th, 2001.

ATTENDANCE PRIZE — Jerry Ingerman Jr.'s name was drawn on 5-14-01, but Jerry wasn't there. The prize is still at \$300.00

In Memoriam

John Thomas Viviano	5-02-01
Charlie Gumienny	5-21-01

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 6 Council Officers Meeting
 June 9 Clean Up Day - 8:30 AM
 June 11 Council Meeting - Elections for Council & Board
 June 12 Senior Get Together - 9:30 AM
 June 16 June Bug Jamboree - 3:00 PM
 June 17 **Happy Fathers Day**
 June 20 Northside Columbus Club Meeting
 June 25 Council Open Meeting & Rosary
 July 4 **Happy Birthday USA!** - No Officers 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 2001

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

If you have any ticket stubs and money, try to get them turned in. Mail them in, drop them off at the hall or make plans to join us on the 16th. If you need more tickets, there are plenty available. Raffle ticket sales are going good. Keep it up! Remember, a good portion of the money made will help pay for the big expense in renovating the grounds and both buildings. A few members have already sold 25 books or more, and for doing this they will receive two complimentary dinner tickets. Also, plenty of dinner tickets are still available. The cost is \$7.00.

We still need some more items for the liquor/mini raffle and for door prizes. We call it a liquor raffle, but the items you donate don't have to be liquor. If you have something to donate, bring it to us as soon as possible.

This year, we invited some of the other councils to set up a booth on the outside. They have the option to sell food or arts & crafts, or have games of chance. We had a decent response and it looks like there could be anywhere from 4 to 7 booths.

Come on out and enjoy a good dinner, music and fun. Bring your family and friends. Don't forget the Bugs of June contest. Dress up as your favorite bug and try and win cash & prizes. Judging starts at 6:30 p.m. Contest is open to all ages. The Westwood band with Brian Marshall will play from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. Entry to the dance is free.

If you would like to volunteer some of your time, please let us know. Don't forget, the date is Saturday, June 16th, 2001. God bless and Happy Fathers Day!

June Bug Jamboree 2001 Dinner / Dance & Raffle

Date and Time Sat. June 16th, 2001, 3:00pm
 Place 607 E. Whitney Dr., Houston TX 77022
 Dinner Catered by KC 2917 Cookers
 On the menu BBQ Chicken, Sausage & sides. Serve 5:30pm
 Music D.J. at 3pm; Westwood w/ Brian Marshall at 7:00pm
 Bugs of June Contest, Two age groups Children 12 & under and All others 13 & up: Judging @ 6:30pm
 Other Children's games, Clown, Outside food & Game booths

Dinner Tickets: \$7.00 per person
 \$4.00 child's plate (10 & under at the door)
 Raffle Tickets: \$10.00 per book of 7 tickets;
 \$5.00 for 3 tickets, or \$2.00 per ticket.

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

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

AWARDS BANQUET

Our Awards Banquet will be in July, either the 15th or 22nd. It's a little late but we couldn't do it in May or June. We are planning on having some state dignitaries. We will have a catered dinner. The dinner will be \$5.00 a plate. You don't have to pay to come, but you will have to pay to eat. There are a lot of awards to be given. So plan on being there. There will be more info in next months bulletin.

BOWLING NEWS

Plan now to bowl in the 9th Annual Handicap K. of C. Texas State Mixed Bowling Tournament 2001. 2 men & 2 women per team. 1 man & 1 woman for doubles. Plus singles and all events. This tournament will be held in Houston at the Houston North Lanes, located at 74 Aldine Bender Rd., near Greenspoint Mall.

Entries close July 8th, Bowling Dates are July 21-22 and July 28-29.

For more information call Al / Elizabeth Meschwitz at 713-861-0272 or Joe / Mel Sarratt at 713-674-9760. Entry forms available at the K.C. Hall.

NORTHSIDE COLUMBUS CLUB NEWS

Al Kainer, President

What a great turnout we had on Saturday, May 12th. We had 12 men show up from the Texas House, which was great. But we had 19 K.C. members show up which was terrific.

I want to thank the Texas House for its help and special thanks to all members who showed up and really worked hard, filling the pot holes and cleaning the booth area. Really looks good.

The brothers who came out were: Tony Sandoval, Martin Pivonka, Albert Alvarez, Andy Grupa, Al Kainer, Greg Okonski, Tony Lewandowski, Larry Tobias, John Buck, Ben Kaminski, Floyd Rekieta, Paul Rekieta, Jesse Darbonne, Joe Pawlik, Bill Kerley, Eugene Klotz and Robert Miller.

Next clean up day will be June 9th. Come join us.

INSURANCE

Today you are giving your children the best education you can buy. Today your wife is living comfortably and not worrying about making ends meet. Will that be the scenario when you are gone?

If you have life insurance, the answer is a definite yes.

With life insurance your family is taken care of as if you are still with them. The family won't have the financial burden that comes with the passing of the breadwinner. Life insurance will be there to handle all the family financial needs. There is no undue stress on the family. Isn't that how you would want it?

The end result? Life goes on for your family almost as if you were still there. And that's the gift of love.

THE TEXAS HOUSE

You have all heard us talk about the Texas House for the past 3 years. So I decided to let you know what the Texas House is all about. It was established in 1965, as the "Texas Alcoholism Foundation, Inc." The organization was designed to help individuals who are indigent, chemically dependant, and who seek a means by which they can return to a productive, responsible style of living. Their one year rehabilitation program introduces clients to the principles of recovery as outlined by Alcoholics Anonymous while living in a structured "therapeutic community." This combination empowers the clients to responsibly function in today's society without the use of drugs and alcohol. Other services offered to the

clients include: Emergency shelter, life skills training, continued education, food/meals provided, clothing assistance, professional counseling, G.E.D. education services, after care support, and work oriented programs.

They are funded through donations. Most of the officers were once clients. Brother Jesse Darbonne became involved with them through the "Yale Victoria Civic Club," and then introduced them to Council 2917. Council 2917 has donated our hall for their use, whenever they hold graduations twice a year. There were over 300 people at the last graduation in April 2001. They have sent an average of ten clients to our council 3 or 4 times yearly to work on our grounds, hall, driveways and parking area, including clearing the fenceline around our property. For the past 3 years they have provided approximately 900 man hours plus, to our needs. Besides the use of our hall, we make periodic cash donations.

Their average client base is 80. They have a 60% success ratio. They have four permanent counselors, plus some part time. We are very pleased to be able to work with and help this organization. The Texas House is likewise pleased with our assistance. This makes for a wonderful "community program"

LADIES AUXILIARY

Rita Rekieta, President

Dear Ladies,

When you receive this bulletin we will have had our Installation Mass & Banquet. We, at this time, are anticipating over 110 people attending which is great considering we have a number of our ladies and their spouses who are physically unable to attend. They are all in our thoughts and prayers and we hope they were there in spirit.

Let's all give a big welcome to our newest members: Margaret Eyster, Lucy Kopech and Cecelia Martin. They will be an asset to our organization. This brings our grand total to 112 members. We are really growing, and I feel it is a credit to our members who have brought in these new ladies to help with the many charitable projects which we do. It is also a way to get to know more of the ladies and become more involved with our council.

The ladies were recognized and praised at the State Convention Saturday night, May 19th, as being a very important part of the Knights of Columbus. Billy Quintanilla, State Deputy, and Ron Gay, Asst. State Deputy, and currently Supreme Director, acknowledged the importance of the ladies being involved with their husbands in the Knights. So I congratulate all of you ladies who encourage our husbands and/or sons to attend meetings and work for their council in various ways.

We will have the Dessert booth for the June Bug Jamboree. We will need desserts, preferably home-baked, and ladies to help in the booth. We have not called on you since our Fiesta in February, so please be generous.

A big thank you to Glady's Tobias and all the ladies and gentlemen who helped set up for our Installation Banquet. As usual the decorations were beautiful.

There will be no meetings till September. We will keep you informed by telephone and through the bulletin. So please be sure you read the messages of the Auxiliary.

God bless all of you and keep you in His care. And a special prayer for all you dads. Happy Fathers Day!

TRIP TO COUSHATTA — WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13 @ 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