



BISHOP ODIN NEWS

BISHOP ODIN COUNCIL 2917 - KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Sam Okonski, Grand Knight

Dear brother knights and ladies, as you read this message reflect back on this past fraternal year. We made friends, we did good deeds, we made a difference in people's lives, we helped the church, we have accomplished much. We should feel good about ourselves. Remember it is all about giving, and you shall receive, many times over. We have an active membership program thanks to Bro Al Alvarez. Are you a 1st degree member? Do you know a 1st degree member? Let us help you make that major degree. Do not forget about the 4th degree, our patriotic group. Regular corporate communions are held at Assumption. Sunday, June 2nd, 9:00 am mass is the next one. Our VA visitation is going strong, thanks to Bro. Anton Swiech. The rosary said for our brothers, thanks to Bros. John Fox & Al Meschwitz. I would like to have about 50 brothers at each of the rosaries for our brothers. I hope that many show up for mine. My condolences to all the families who have lost loved ones. June Bug is going strong thanks to Bros. Greg Okonski & Larry Tobias. Catholic Astros day Sept. 14, come see Bishop Fiorenza throw out the first pitch. Let us show Houston the Catholic faith is strong. Each ticket sold helps the Knights of Columbus. Call 713-259-8314 and 16 for tickets. Toys for Tots BBQ cook off on Dec. 6th and 7th. Bro. David Willgus, Director of this event will need some committee people. Thanks to Bros. Larry Tobias, Bill Lowrey, Andy Kruppa, Greg Okonski, John Buck, Ed Okonski, Ross Gagliano for helping out with parking of pits and cars, judging, assisting the judges, dance and clean up the trash. Let's get an early start and work out all the details. We contributed \$2000 to that cause. We are going to have a New Years Eve dance. Get the word out. My three year plan. First year - Get 2917 busy with functions in Church, Membership recruitment, and functions at the Hall. Second year - work on filling those director positions and committees. Third year - fine tune those processes. Do just one thing and do it well. As of 4/30/2002 - total membership is 874, insurance - 480, associate - 394. There are 41 Honorary, 205 Honorary Life, and 18 disabled members. We also have 134 inactive, (have insurance but not active paying dues). Find your place. It has been a wonderful year. I have enjoyed working with this great bunch of men and look forward to next year. Let us thank God for our blessings and pray for those who are ill or down on their luck, may they receive peace and good fortune. Pray for those who have gone before us. God bless you.


VA VISITATION

Anton Swiech, Houston Visitation Chairman

Brothers who participated April 21, 2002, VA visitation: Jim Bilnoski, Ed Gurka, Andy Kruppa and Anton Swiech.

Deeply appreciate the three (3) members from Council 8494 who helped us. Regret we don't have your names, however you know who you were - Thanks and God bless.

Our next visitation will be June 30th, 2002.



Louis Cashiola	5-05-02
Carl Mattaliano	5-05-02
Helen Victoria (Nowak) Okonski	5-21-02

We extend our sincere condolences to Bro. Andrew Kruppa upon the death of his father 04-22-02.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 2 Corporate Communion - Assumption 9:00am
- June 2 Awards Banquet - 5:00 pm
- June 5 Council Officers Meeting
- June 10 Columbus Club Elections
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- June 11 Senior Get Together 9:30 am
- June 15 June Bug Jamboree - 3:00 PM
- June 16 **Happy Father's Day**
- June 19 Northside Columbus Club Meeting
- June 24 Council Open Meeting & Rosary
- July 3 Council Officers Meeting
- July 8 Council Meeting
- July 9 Senior Get Together 9:30 am

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

Bingo Every Friday at 7:15 p.m.

JUNE BUG JAMBOREE 2002

2002 June Bug Chairmen, Greg & Sam Okonski & Larry Tobias

If you have any raffle tickets, try to get them sold and turned in. Mail them in, drop them off at the hall or make plans to join us on the 15th. If you need more tickets, there are plenty available. Also, dinner tickets are still available. The cost for dinner is \$7.00.

If you have items for the liquor/mini raffle and for door prizes drop them off at the hall as soon as possible. We call it a liquor raffle, but the items you donate do not have to be liquor.

Again this year, we invited some of the other councils to set up a booth on the outside. They have the option to sell food, arts & crafts, or have games of chance. It looks like there will be several that participate.

Come on out and enjoy a good dinner, music and fun. Bring your family and friends. Admission is free. If you would like to volunteer some of your time, please let us know. God Bless and Happy Father's Day!

**June Bug Jamboree 2002
 Dinner / Dance & Raffle**

Date and Time Sat. June 15th, 2002, 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 Dennis Aldrich at 3:30 pm; Texas Drifters at 7:30pm
 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.

K.C. BOWLING TOURNAMENT MEETING

Greg Okonski

There will be a meeting on Wed. June 26th at 7:30 pm to organize committees for the International Bowling Tournament hosted by our council. It is open to all members and/or their wives and families. The tournament will be held the weekends of Oct. 12-13 and 19-20. This is a council function so come out and join us for the meeting and help us plan a successful tournament.

JUNE 2ND AWARDS BANQUET 5:00 PM COME!

JUNE 10TH - ELECTIONS ELECTIONS ELECTIONS

SENIOR NEWS

On June 11 we will have Sonny Kainer round steaks (hamburgers). So come on out seniors for some games and good eats.

CREDIT UNION

The Bishop Odin Federal Credit Union is seeking new members. An account can be opened with a \$1.00 membership fee and a minimum deposit of \$25.00. Membership eligibility is for members of the Knights of Columbus in good standing and their immediate family and members of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas - Texas State Court.

Some of our benefits include (1) savings insured up to \$100,000 by the NCUA, (2) our rates are compatible with other Savings and Loans, (3) there are no service charges and (4) we offer competitive loan rates.

The credit union is open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm and Fridays from 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm. The credit union is located at 607 East Whitney Drive. For further information please give us a call at 713-694-2343.

INSURANCE

Most men worry about their families. If you are like most, there are so many demands on your current income that you find it difficult to set anything aside for the kind of future you'd like to provide. If you are like most fathers, you probably want the same things:

- the respect of your family, your friends and the community in which you live
- a happy home with a family that is content
- a good house that will always be home
- the ability to help your children with their education
- enough money to make your retirement easier
- and enough money to be able to enjoy some of the better things in life.

With good fortune and a long life, you'll probably be able to accomplish most of these objectives. But if you are like most people, you'd benefit from a plan to help you realize them. I can design a plan that will help you realize your ambitions. Call me today, and we'll work together.

Don Kindall (A-F) 281-999-7451 Gary Tadvick (L-P) 281-931-9100
 Daryl Van Kuelen (G-K) 713-305-2124 Dick Janda (Q-Z) 281-463-7896

NORTHSIDE COLUMBUS CLUB NEWS

Joe Pavlik, President

Come June 10th, 4 days before the June Bug Jamboree, the council, will have its annual election. Do make your very best effort to attend the meeting and cast your vote. The officers and board members you elect will determine the direction your council will take.

Gentlemen, big decisions will be made in the next 5 years, such as, does the council have to meet in a 30,000 sq. ft. building when only about 20 members attend the function? Is it justified, when we are all trying to save on the power consumption. Maybe a smaller area will suffice till membership at the council meetings increase. This will apply to all organizations using our facilities or how about the driveway and parking areas. What is your solution to having them repaved, patched, or left alone? What functions will raise that kind of money to carry out your idea? Or, how about the lighting, in the buildings and outside the large power station panels and poles servicing our place are in bad shape and need replacing plus a few other poles on the property. Your ideas and solutions to this are?

These are but a few of the many challenges that NCC and the council will face in the near future. Haven't even touched on insurance, taxes, emergency repairs, salaries, and security. So here's the challenge to you brother knights, jump into the pool and get your feet wet. Come June, throw your name into the hat and run for office. Ponder this, we have members, who through the grace of God are still with us, but time has taken a toll on their bodies, but not their minds - be thankful for that. You have to love and admire their desire to help, but let's face it, they do not need to be asked or made to climb ladders, mop floors or stay late to ensure everything is cut off. Gentlemen, this is an appeal to you younger brother knights for some relief for our elderly members, so let's get off the couch, listen to your heart, and help make this the best council it can be.

Cleanup day on May 11th, was great. We had 9 Texas House men show up and 8 brother knights. Next cleanup day is June 8th. The weekend before June Bug Jamboree.

Thought to ponder: A problem is a chance for you to do your best.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Charles & Angelina Heinrich, who recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, with their 6 children and 16 grandchildren, family & friends.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Pat Koteras

The Games Party is over, come to our June 4th meeting to hear the final results. At the meeting we will have Mass starting at 6:30 pm and the installation of the new officers. The officers are Regent - Pat Koteras, Vice-Regent - Anna Marie D'Armata, Recording Secretary - Thelma Pinder, Financial Secretary - Pat Salvato and Treasurer - Pat Hall. After Mass we will have a short meeting and covered dish supper. Special thanks to our outgoing officers Gene Willingham and Gloria Pooler.

We are happy to announce a new member Natasha Marsh and again saddened by the death of member Edna Ponton.

Our next meeting after summer is Tuesday, September 3, 2002. The social is at 6:30 pm and the meeting at 7:00 pm. This would be a perfect time to join the Catholic Daughters. If you are interested, please attend this meeting. For additional information contact Pat Koteras at 713-864-4490. Have a happy, safe, peaceful and cool summer.

LADIES AUXILIARY

Rita Rekieta, President

Dear Ladies,

As we get ready for the summer months remember we have no meetings during the summer. However, we do have several functions that the Council is sponsoring. June 2nd is the Awards Banquet. We will be providing the desserts and you will be called upon to bring a favorite home-baked dessert. Please try to attend this function as you could be the recipient of an appreciation certificate.

June Bug Jamboree will take place on June 15 so mark your calendars!! Again we will be furnishing the desserts and we will call another group of ladies for this very special fundraiser. We encourage you to attend and bring a friend or two or three or more.

Also, the Friday night bingo kitchen continues and your help is needed, please call if you're available Fridays either 3 - 5:30 pm or 6:00 to 9:00 pm. It's a good way to get to know the ladies and do a good deed for the council.

Welcome to our two new members, Dora Rivera, Maria Massad and a return to our auxiliary, Bernice Syzdek. We are now up to 114 members. We are delighted to have you ladies join us!!

On a very sad note we lost one of our most active members. On May 6th, Ann Todaro passed away. She was a member of auxiliary for over 20 years and she will be missed. The ladies auxiliary joined the council in reciting the rosary. We also prepared and served the funeral dinner. I thank all of you ladies who helped in any way. We served close to 90 people and the family really appreciated it. We also enroll our deceased members in a perpetual enrollment in the Catholic Clerical Student Fund. Our sympathy and condolences go out to Ann's husband Sam and her family.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the coming events. Remember to pray for our members and their families that might be in physical or mental distress. God bless all of you and keep you in His care. Happy Father's Day to all the fathers and grandfathers.

TRIP TO COUSHATTA — WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12 @ 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