



BISHOP ODIN NEWS

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Sam Okonski, Grand Knight

Brother Knights and Ladies, please join me in a moment of prayer for those who have gone before us to be with our Lord. God rest their souls. We will miss them dearly.

Brothers', we have just 3 months before the elections for the North Side Columbus Club & Bishop Odin Knights of Columbus. I would like to personally invite each of you to look into your hearts and find where you could make a difference in one of the positions offered by these two organizations. There are lots of committees and director positions we need to fill. If you like to work with people, we have that; if you like to work with your hands, we have that; if you like to lead a group, we have that; and if you like to just listen to what is going on and offer suggestions, we have that. We have a great bunch of people and I know you can do that. Just do it. Listen to your officers of the council & NSCC and when they ask for your help please accept. We have clean up day, work on the buildings at the hall and lots of work at Assumption Church.

There is a lot we can do with our facilities and they cost more each year to run. I ask you to step up and make a difference, take on a project. You do not have to be an officer to lead any of the projects. We need your help to sell our facilities for future rentals. Spread the word, let others know what we have to offer. Check out our web site <http://www.neosoft.com/~kofc2917> and send the link to all your email buddies. If you do not have email, come by and pick up some business cards to pass out. Others may need our services and we need the rentals.

June Bug is June 15th. It will be up to you how successful we will be. God bless you.

JUNE BUG JAMBOREE 2002

Greg Okonski, Sam Okonski, Larry Tobias

This year's Jamboree will be held on Sat. June 15, 2002. The Texas Drifters Band will provide the music for the evening. The doors will open at 3:00 p.m.. Dinner will be served about 5:30 p.m., and the band will play from 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Dennis Aldrich will be entertaining the crowd again, starting around 4:00 p.m. Our own K.C. 2917 cooks will do the catering. Last year they did an excellent job on the BBQ'd chicken. Thanks brothers, this will be a big help in reducing our expenses.

Items and donations for the big raffle are coming in. Please consider donating if you can. We would like to get enough to pay for the prizes. Don't forget to bring items for the mini raffle. (alias liquor raffle). These items can be a bottle of liquor, a case of beer, sports items, jewelry, etc. We will try to get the raffle tickets printed before April 1st. If you are making a donation of \$300.00 or more, make sure we are notified before March 13th, so you can be recognized on the back of the tickets. We will accept cash donations anytime until the date of the jamboree. Thank you and God bless.

2002 Chairman (Bugmen)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 6 Council Officers Meeting
 Mar 6 Ladies Auxiliary Board Meeting
 Mar 9 Council Clean-Up Day - 8:30 AM
 Mar 11 Regular Council Meeting
 Mar 12 Senior Get Together 9:30 a.m.
 Mar 20 Northside Columbus Club Board Meeting
 Mar 20 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
 Mar 25 Council Rosary "Open" Meeting
 Mar 31 HAPPY EASTER
 Apr 3 Council Officers Meeting
 Apr 3 Ladies Auxiliary Board Meeting

No Bingo on Good Friday March 29
 Bingo every Friday @ 7:15 p.m.

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

SENIOR MEMBER NEWS

Sonny Kainer, Co-ordinator

The stew was outstanding. In March we will have spaghetti and meatballs.

ST. PIUS HIGH SCHOOL

If you would like to help or donate to the "High School Stadium Renovation Project", call Mike Kloss at 281-351-6146 or 281-260-3574.

NORTHSIDE COLUMBUS CLUB NEWS

Joe Pavlik, President

Northside Columbus Club Resolution:

Whereas the NSCC by laws read that the members elected to the board may only serve for 2, three year terms consecutively, and then wait one (1) year before being able to run for reelection.

Be It Resolved that the bylaws be amended to read that a member be allowed to run for an unlimited amount of terms.

Signed: Joe Pavlik, President Ed Okonski Sr., Treasurer and Edmund Brossman, Secretary

ATTENTION; ALL MEMBERS

We are spending \$6,000.00 annually printing and mailing the bulletins. We need to cut expenses. What are your ideas??? Call Grand Knight, Sam Okonski at 281-484-9516.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Since the Northside Columbus Club at the present time does not have the necessary funds to purchase the additional white tables to furnish the new hall,

Be It Resolved that the council donate \$2000.00 to the Northside Columbus Club for the purchase of the necessary tables.

Trustees

In Memoriam	Herman Adamick	02-08-02
	August Luchak	02-13-02
	Louis Lobue	01-28-02

CREDIT UNION NOTICE

We are now open every Friday from 10 am to 7 pm to better serve you. Come by or phone Bro. Frank Fuchak on Fridays.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Sterling Allen Hendrix, born Feb. 1st to parents, Shawn and Michelle Hendrix. That made Val and Margaret Herzog proud grandparents for the 10th time.

EIGHTH MONTH NCC REPORT FEBRUARY 2002

Feb 9th cleanup day. Texas House 14 men; Brother Knights - 5 men. Items done 1. Police area, 2. Cleaned roof and gutters, tables under pavilion, outside restrooms, trash cans, swept driveway, cut grass, mounted towel dispensers, picked up leaves in booths.

Sunday: Power washed the north side of the new hall.

Elections coming up in 4 months, I encourage you to think of the people that you want to run your organizations. Ask questions: Are they committed? Do they have the time it takes to run these organizations? Do they hold offices elsewhere that could conflict or minimize the time for the office he wishes to acquire?

Some of the skills helpful to board and council members are intellect and writing skills, bookkeeping, and public speaking - are just to name a few. We have over 900 members. Out of these, I'm sure you can find dedicated members who would serve honorably and with distinction for the betterment of our council and the NCC.

As each year passes, we all get 1 year older. Our main stay of workers are in the range of 70 years old, five years from now, they will be 75 years old. Our workers of 65 years will be 70 years old. God bless their soul and body.

From observation, it takes about 10 hours a week for the NCC to run smoothly. Doesn't sound like much, but consider for a moment what happens to unattended items? They deteriorate and tarnish. Need I say more. If nobody checks the roofs, floors, A/C and heaters, books, lights, trash cans, lawns, trees and shrubs, drainage, and the many other things which need to be addressed, our investment and appeal will fade. Checking is one thing, doing something about them is another matter. This is where the rubber meets the road. Someone must see to getting these items in working order, along with many others. So you see that's why one should allow himself the 10 hours a week to perform his duties.

The NCC has 12 members plus the GK. There is room for 6 committees, where each committee has two board members. Some committees overlap while some stand-alone; therefore, interaction of committees and team play come into action, the GK has his hands full and while his input and cooperation is greatly appreciated, it is the NCC's responsibility to take care of the property and keep it up.

The NCC board meets every third Wednesday of each month - 7:30 pm. Members appointed to various committees should be able to meet a least once or twice a month in addition to regular meetings to give reports on projects assigned or projects they wish to initiate and get financial help.

So talk it up, seek out the members who can commit to making tough decisions, planning for the future (at present location or some other location) making an impact, and who have a vision and the fortitude to see it through. It's a great and rewarding experience.

LADIES AUXILIARY PUBLICITY

Judy Wendt, Chairperson

When you receive this newsletter the Mexican Fiesta will be behind us and spring will be right around the corner. Thanks to all of you for your help and support in making the Fiesta a success.

Remember that dues for 2002 are now being accepted by our treasurer, Angie Heinrich. She will be pleased to accept the dues of \$10 at your earliest convenience. She will even give you a new membership card.

I want to remind the ladies in the Auxiliary again, especially the widows about our funeral dinner policy. You need to make sure you let your children know if you want a dinner held at the hall so they can contact us when the need arises. Your children might not know that this service is offered to members of the Auxiliary and their spouses. There is no charge for this. We also say a rosary at the funeral home which is usually combined with the council rosary for our member and their spouse.

LADIES AUXILIARY

Rita Rekieta, President

Dear Ladies,

We had a great attendance at our 27th Anniversary dinner, with 105 members and guests present. A big thank you to Gladys & Lee Roy Tobias and the many ladies and gentlemen who set up, and decorated the hall. The dinner was excellent and the dessert of homemade streudels made by our ladies made the meal complete. We had one casualty, Leo Lobries fell and cracked his knee cap. Get well soon Leo.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Florine Adamick and her family on the death of her husband Herman. We did prepare and serve the funeral dinner after the mass. It was deeply appreciated by the family. All of our members are so generous especially at this time of need.

Don't forget our next meeting is on March 20 @ 7:30 pm. It is time to reveal secret sisters - Please bring your gift for your secret sister or if circumstances occur that you will not be there, make arrangements to get your gift to the meeting. It is very disappointing to not receive a gift at this time - minimum is \$10.00 but most ladies spend \$20.00. Give an amount equal to what you would like to receive.

We are all excited and full of anticipation about the outcome of our Mexican Fiesta! Our chairpersons Irma Gonzalez and Elsa Saenz have done an extraordinary job this year and I thank them. I also thank all of you ladies and your husbands for all your help, selling at the parishes, bringing items for silent auction, door prizes, grocery baskets etc. Whatever you did helped. We hope to have great results from this major fundraiser.

Please continue to pray for our shut-ins, our ill and our deceased. God bless all of you and keep you in His care. Remember we are in the Holy Season of Lent and it is not what we give up that's important, but what we do extra! I pray you have a holy and happy Easter.

TRIP TO COUSHATTA — WEDNESDAY, MARCH 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