



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, June 2 we will have a corporate communion at Assumption Church at the 9 am mass, let us have a good turnout. Elections are Monday, June 10, 7:30 pm at the regular business meeting for the council and North Side Columbus Club. Plan to attend and help make your council the best it can be. Father McGivney had a dream and a vision. He looked to the day that every Catholic gentleman would become a member of the Knights of Columbus. The Knights of Columbus, known as the right hand of the church, continues to grow. Texas is leading the order. Charity, Unity, Fraternalism and Patriotism are the principle orders by which the organization was formed. How can you help? Ask your fellow parishioner about joining the Knights, talk to him about why you joined. The Lady's Auxiliary and the Catholic Daughters bring love and joy to those they help. All you need to do is ask. The rewards are great. Assumption's bazaar is Sunday, October 6. Do not forget, on the 4th Monday we meet and say the rosary at 7:30 pm. Below is a chart with director positions and committees. It would be great to see a name beside each one. Look into your heart and pray to God that He may lead you to make a difference in someone's life? If you or someone you know has a son between the ages of 12 and 18, and would like to lead a group of young men to becoming better Catholics, please call me. I would like to start a Columbian Squires Circle. Let us thank God for our many blessing and pray for those who are ill or down on their luck, may they receive peace and good fortune. God bless you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 1 Council Officers Meeting
- May 1 Ladies Auxiliary Board Meeting
- May 12 Happy Mothers Day
- May 13 Council Meeting
- May 14 Seniors Get Together 9:30 am
- May 15 Northside Columbus Club Board Meeting
- May 21 CDA Fundraiser
- May 27 Council Rosary "Open" Meeting
- May 29 Ladies Auxiliary end of year dinner 7:00 pm
- June 2 Council Awards Banquet 5:00 pm
- June 5 Council Board Meeting
- June 10 Columbus Club Board Elections
- June 13 Council Officers and North Side Bingo every Friday @ 7:15 p.m.

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

JUNE BUG JAMBOREE Sat. June 15, 2002

Greg Okonski, Sam Okonski, Larry Tobias

Come on out and enjoy a good dinner, music and fun. Bring your family and friends. Raffle ticket sales are going good. Keep it up! Remember, the raffle is the big money maker, try and sell as many books as you can. Sell 20 books or more and receive two complimentary dinners. Does anyone want to organize a group to sell raffle tickets at any of the churches?

We will have the Mini-Raffle/Liquor Raffle again. If you have something to donate, bring it to the hall. These items can be a bottle of liquor, case of beer, or something else like dinner certificates, sports equipment, tickets to special events, etc. If we don't use it for the raffle, it will be used for a door prize.

Doors will open at 3:00 pm for socializing and music by Dennis Aldrich. Children's games will take place from 3:30 til 5:30. BBQ chicken dinner served at 5:30 p.m. Dinner tickets are available for \$7.00. The Texas Drifters will take the stage at 7:30 pm.

Thanks to the following for their donation: Rita Rekieta, Al & Sonny Kainer, Harrah's Casino - Lake Charles, Mark Rekieta.

Wow, did you see how much the Ladies Auxiliary raised from their Fiesta...a little over \$10,000. What a great effort!

If you would like to volunteer some of your time, please let us know. Don't forget, the date is Saturday, June 15, 2002. God bless and Happy Mother's Day.

RESULTS OF EASTER EGG HUNT

There were about 30 children. The winner of the golden egg in the 2 yr. group was Lindsay Shepherd. Up to 11 yr. olds Chris Drawdy was the winner.

SOFTBALL NEWS

We just found out that the council 2917 B team "The Outlaws", won 1st place in the Texas K of C State Softball tournament in May of 2001. Thanks for letting us know so quickly.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Tom Gandara and David Magnon for receiving their 2nd and 3rd degrees on April 21st. Fulfill your continued obligation of being an active member. We are looking forward to seeing you and working with you.

NORTH SIDE COLUMBUS CLUB NOTICE

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL 2917

There will be an important special meeting on May 13, 2002 at the regular council meeting, for the purpose of voting on the resolution that was printed in the March and April bulletins. We are asking the council to either approve or disapprove an amendment to the bylaws.

Please come, we are hoping that you will respond in great numbers to show that you are interested in the council. Don't forget, June 10th we will have elections of council officers and of the North Side Columbus Club Board. I ask you to please take an interest in these elections and make it known to someone that you are willing to run for an office. No councils or any organizations can function without having the appropriate amount of leaders. It's not going to cost you anything to run for an office, you don't even need to ask for donations. All you will get is the satisfaction of knowing that you contributed of yourself and that you have done your duty. It may require some sacrifices and time, but the results are priceless.

BENEFITS OF BEING A KNIGHT

I have been asked to write an article about the benefits of the Knights of Columbus. The main benefit of the K of C is the fraternal that you will learn of when you speak with your insurance representative. Don't fail to do so. The benefits of belonging to Council 2917 is the opportunity to work for our main principles, charity, unity and fraternity. Council 2917 contributes close to \$20,000.00 annually to charity. We can't do it without you. We have been contributing to catholic relief services, but last year we donated \$3,100.00 for flood relief to our own members. We couldn't do that without you.

Every year we donate over \$8,000.00 to the Texas State Charities and most of that comes from the bingo contributions. We couldn't do that without you. There are numerous charities that we contribute to, too many to mention. But, we can't do that without you either. So all the evidence points to the council needing you. That's why we continue to ask for your input and active participation. Because all these things don't just happen. We must have people in positions to see that these things continue to happen.

I'm letting you know about all this but I'm leading up to Council 2917's benefit of praying the rosary for a member or the spouse when they die not only do we do that, but they are remembered in the council, state and supreme memorial service, and the member is enrolled in perpetual daily prayers in the monastery of the Infant Jesus in Lufkin, Texas. The member and spouse are remembered perpetually in daily mass at St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Ct. These are your benefits members, but please notify someone when your spouse dies, or have a member of your family know to notify the council when a member of your family dies. Sometimes we don't find out for years. So please notify our council.

In Memoriam	John Jankowski 04-01-02
	James Kraatz 04-18-02

ANNUAL GAMES PARTY

Pat Koterak, CDA News

Plans are underway for our Annual Games Party on Tuesday, May 21, 2002 starting at 10:00 am. There will be lunch for \$7.00, card games, bingo, silent auction, door prizes, raffle, sales-Watkins Products and Parklane Jewelry. This is our only fundraiser and we would like to invite everyone to come. You do not have to be a Catholic Daughter!

Welcome to the following new members: Dorothy Balandis, Rebecca Sapp, Maria Brogee, Betty Vera and Irma Saulsberry.

We are also saddened by the death of our members Flora Kasowski and Cecilia Wesley.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, May 7, 2002. The social is at 6:30 pm and the meeting at 7:00 pm. If you are interested in joining the Catholic Daughters please attend this meeting. The annual dues are \$20.00. For additional information contact Pat Koterak at 713-864-4490. Why should you be a Catholic Daughter? Why not?

LADIES AUXILIARY

Rita Rekieta, President

Dear Ladies,

It's time for our end of year dinner which will be held on Wednesday, May 29 at 7:00 pm. Paid up members will be free and their guest will pay \$3.00. This includes social hour, appetizers, dinner and dessert. Reservations must be made by May 22 to Mel Sarrat at 713-674-9760.

Our membership has grown to 110 members. We welcome our newest members Hope Granado and Sandra Rekieta. Ladies it's not too late to join our organization. Dues are only \$10.00 and the rewards are priceless.

Our sympathy goes out to the family of Ceclia (Cele) Wesley who died on April 16. She was one of our most dedicated members until she became ill about 4 years ago. We joined with the Catholic Daughters and St. Ambrose Altar Society in the recitation of the rosary. The family requested no dinner since the burial was in Bryan.

Our sympathy and condolences also to Theresa Stegent and her family on the death of Danny Stegent. We did participate in the rosary with the council and The Sacred Heart Society. The auxiliary provided and served food for the funeral dinner. We served 170 dinners and the family was very appreciative of this. We do this as an act of charity for our members and their spouses. I thank all of you who brought food and helped serve.

The council will be holding their awards banquet on June 2. We will be furnishing desserts and you will be reminded prior to this function. We will also be recognizing our very dedicated Ladies at this time, so who knows, you could be a recipient. Plan on attending the banquet.

We've had a very good year for our group and I am extremely proud to be your president. Let's try to add a few more members and spread our charitable activities more. Pray for our Ladies who have given so much in the past and who now are handicapped in anyway that the good Lord will help them in their time of distress. God bless all of you and keep you in His care. Happy Mother's Day.

TRIP TO COUSHATTA — WEDNESDAY, MAY 8 @ 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