



BISHOP ODIN NEWS



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov 7 Officers Board Meeting
- Nov 7 Ladies Auxiliary Board Meeting
- Nov 9 Buddy Hilliard Band in the pub
- Nov 12 Regular Council Meeting
- Nov 13 Seniors Get Together - 9:30AM
- Nov 17 Thanksgiving Celebration at Assumption Church
- Nov 22 **Happy Thanksgiving**
- Nov 26 Memorial Mass
- Nov 28 Columbus Club Board Meeting
- Nov 28 Ladies Auxiliary General Meeting
- Nov 30 - Dec 1 Bar-B-Q Cookoff - Dance Friday!
- Dec 5 Officers Board Meeting
- Dec 10 Ladies Auxiliary Board Meeting
- Dec 10 Regular Council Meeting
- Dec 11 Childrens Christmas Party - 7:00 PM
- Dec 16 Adult Christmas Party
- Dec 19 Columbus Club Board 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)

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Sam Okonski, Grand Knight

Father McGivney had a dream and a vision. He worked hard to set up an organization to care for the widows and their children in the community. He looked to the day that every Catholic Gentleman would become a member of the Knights of Columbus. I am working towards that goal. Your officers are dedicated to that goal. Ask yourself, what fine Catholic Gentleman do I know who is not a member. Ask them; talk to them about why you joined. If their spouses are interested in getting involved, tell them about the Ladies Auxiliary and the Catholic Daughters. All you need to do is ask. The rewards are great.

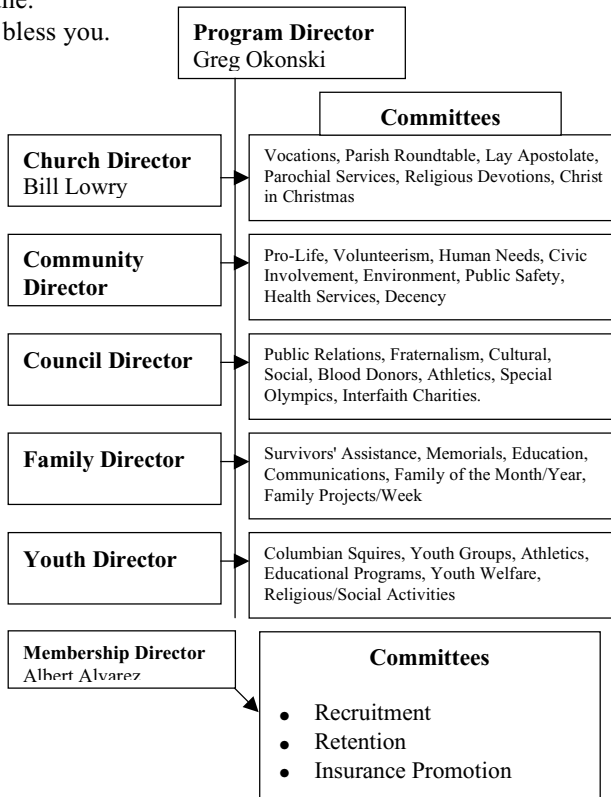
Thanksgiving dinner at Assumption November 17th 6 PM.

Knights are to bring desserts.

HELP! HELP! HELP! There is a lot of work to do. Your Council is growing. Many Director positions and Committees need to be filled. Please look into your heart and pray to God that he may lead you. There is no set program, you have an open book, not necessarily an open checkbook. Check the committees below. Which one would you like to become involved in and make a difference in someone's life? Remember, Nov. 30th, Toys for Tots BBQ cook off Dance in the old hall at 8 PM featuring THE TELSTARS. Dec. 1st, 11 AM til 5 PM, judging for BBQ and Chili; musical entertainment by Dennis Aldrich. Tell all your friends.

Let us thank God for our many blessings and pray for those who are ill or down on their luck and may they receive peace and good fortune.

God bless you.



NORTHSIDE COLUMBUS CLUB NEWS

Joe Pavlik, President

Since there has been no response about helping to defray some of the cost on some of the projects that need to be taken care of, it leaves the NCC with no alternative but to seek outside help. Last meeting, the Treasurer informed the Board on upcoming taxes that will be due at the first of the year. This means that the projects to improve our buildings and grounds will have to be temporarily put on hold. To those few, out of many, who have been and continue to contribute, do not despair, we will manage; just that it will be at a slower pace.

October 13th was clean up day. As you may recall, the weather did not cooperate. Very wet. And yet, nine Brothers showed up. Some early, some not so early. But they came. Outside on the grounds, which Cleanup Day was established for, we could do nothing. But, a few things were done that we take for granted and expect to work; but were it not for the help of these men, many things would just not function. Plumbing repaired, ceiling tile replaced, light bulbs replaced, electrical receptacle replaced, power washed outside bandstand railing, sprayed yellow jacket nests, measured for material to repair outside bandstand railing, and threw around other projects that need to be done, so you see, rain or shine, hot or cold, we still have Cleanup Day, at present, every second Saturday of each month. Next Cleanup Day is Nov. 10th. In December, it's the 8th.

With deer season approaching, I know that some of you will be out of town in November and December. Have a safe hunting trip experience.

We have some business cards promoting NCC. Drop buy and pick up a few so that when someone asks if you know of a place to rent, all you have to do is give them a card and have them call Mickie, who will handle it from there. Need your help to get the word out that we have three halls for rent and plenty of parking space.

Cookoff BAR-B-Q is November 30th & December 1st. Get the word out and lets have a great turn out.

A thought: "The moment may be temporary, but the memory is forever."

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Paul Rekieta, Editor

If you find a mistake in any bulletin, please consider that it could be there for a purpose. I try to print something for everyone and some people are always looking for mistakes.

VA VISITATION

Anton Swiech, Houston Visitation Chairman

Brothers who participated in September VA visitation: Stephen Fridye, Bill Lowry, Robert Miller, Lupe Reyna, Sr., Anton Swiech and Arthur Diaz from Council 5678.

We most welcome new helpers.

Our next visitation will be December 2, 2001.

WELCOME SENIOR MEMBERS

Thursday, Nov. 13th, we will have our regular meeting and lucheon. The club will furnish the ham and all the trimmings that go with it to fix your own sandwiches. We will have sandwiches only, to show that we hope others will also have food. Now mark your calendar for December 11th for our Christmas Dinner. I am asking you to come to the November lunch and meeting so that you can pay your \$2.00 per person and make reservations, so that we know how much food to order. This is a catered dinner, you must make reservations and pay your \$2.00, NO EXCEPTIONS!

Reservations must be made by Nov. 30th at the latest. Call Ed Brossman 713-697-7134.

SUPPORT THE SEMINARIANS

Council 2917 is supporting 2 seminarians, as long as they are in the seminary. If you personally want to support them, you may do so by sending them gifts, of money, certificates, toiletries, etc. Their names and addresses are:

David Garnier
Holy Trinity Seminary
P.O. Box 140309
Irving, TX 75014-0309

Maynard U. A. Parangan
St. Mary's Seminary
9845 Memorial Dr.
Houston, TX 77024

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Al Alvarez, Membership Director

The Knights of Columbus church drive at Assumption Church was a huge success on October 14, 2001. A special thanks to Trinidad Yanez, District Deputy who assisted me in coordinating this special event. Kudos go out to Sam Okonski, Grand Knight, Greg Okonski, Deputy Grand Knight, Council Officers William Lowry, Ed Brossman, Larry Tobias and Insurance Agents, Don Kindall, Nathan Kennedy and Richard Janda who assisted with all 3 masses. Also thanks to the other 20 brother and sister Knights of Columbus members and their families who attended Corporate Communion 9:00 AM mass. The Knights served coffee, donuts, and punch in the church gym. We set up a TV/VCR and played several tapes and networked and passed out brochures to many Assumption Church members. Father Narciso Bordignon, Chaplain committed to quarterly church drives, so brother Knights, we will need volunteers more than ever to help out. There were 5 new members who signed up and committed to visit our office on October 22, for indoctrination along with their spouse.

Father McGivney formed this wonderful organization based on Charity, Unity, Fraternalism, and Patriotism, but only successful with the help of God's hand including all special current and former members that help organize Bishop Odin Council 2917. Let's keep this great council going by displaying unity and providing support.

If you have any questions or need information on how to assist in future church drives, please feel free to call me at 281-999-3070.

FOR SALE: Brookside Cemetary, 3 spaces available, Garde of Our Lady. \$4500.00 or best offer. Call 713-703-1931 - Barbara Cooper

LADIES AUXILIARY

Rita Rekieta, President

Dear Ladies,

Since we had to postpone our meeting till October 24, we will have comments on our general meeting next month.

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Justine Quintanilla, our member who passed away on October 17. We did prepare and serve the dinner for the family on October 22. Thanks to all of you who brought a dish or helped in any way for the dinner. It was really appreciated by the family.

We still have "Entertainment 2002" books for sale. They make great Christmas or birthday gifts. The profit we make helps with some of our Fiesta expense. They are \$20.00 each and if you use one coupon you have paid for the book.

Pay close attention to the coming events and mark your calendars accordingly. Don't forget to start thinking about our Fiesta. It will be here before you know it.

I hope all of you have a wonderful Thanksgiving with your families. Let's give thanks to the Good Lord for all of the blessings He has bestowed upon us. Remember all of our ladies who are shut-ins in your prayers.

We will be providing the food and desserts for the Memorial Mass on November 26. We will be remembering our deceased members so please try to attend this mass.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Pat Koterias, Regent

November is the special month that we give Thanks, we the Catholic Daughters of Court Christ the King #1750 give the Knights of Columbus #2917 a VERY BIG THANK YOU for the support you have given our organization for forty-five years. We are very proud to be part of your organization. We thank you for letting us meet at the hall and for the space in the newsletter and everything you do for our court.

November is also the month we remember our deceased members. Tuesday, November 20 at 6:30PM we will have a Mass for all our deceased members especially those we lost last year. They are: Bernadine Aquilina, Maria Meschwitz, Peggy Vlamides, Sylvia Sarao, Natalie Malcaluso, Ann Kendziora, Evelyn Samohyl, Justine Quintanilla, Bessie Lero and Delphine Yeomans. After the Mass, we will have dinner and everyone is invited, especially the families and friends of our deceased members.

Our regular meeting is November 7. The social starts at 6:30 PM and the meeting at 7:00 PM. Our Christmas party will be Tuesday, Dec. 4. If you have any questions or are interested in joining our organization, please contact Pat Koterias at 713-864-4490 or Gene Willingham at 281-847-2283.

We give you thanks, Almighty God, for all your blessings: who live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

TRIP TO COUSHATTA — WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14 @ 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



Knights of Columbus #2917

Barbeque Cookoff & Dance



Benefiting Toys for Tots

November 30, Friday - December 1, Saturday

- Master Chef Trophy - Must enter all four categories! Points per place.
Categories: - Brisket, Pork Ribs, Chicken, Pinto Beans
- Jack Pot Chile - Not part of Master Chef - \$25 entry fee
- \$25 per category - All entry fees go back to prize money. 1st - 4th Places
- \$15 Security Fee
- Bring a Toy for a Tot
- Friday Setup 1PM - Bring your own pit!
- Dance on Friday Night - **TELSTARS**

Contact: Knights of Columbus (713) 694-2341 - 607 E. Whitney Dr. or David Willgus (281) 520-1140

LAST CHANCE!

Contact: **LADIES AUXILIARY**
 Rita Rekieta Elizabeth Meschwitz
 Phone: 281-448-6623 713-861-0272
 Only: \$20.00 The Book That Pays For Itself!

SPECIAL NOTICE — Assumption Parish is having a Thanksgiving Dinner celebration on Nov. 17, after the 6 PM Mass. Different groups have been asked to bring specific foods. The Knights of Columbus were asked to bring cakes & pies. So everyone is invited to come enjoy the celebration, all you need to do is bring a dessert.

In Memoriam	William H. Hines	10-01-01
	Floyd Gorski	10-11-01

10 MINUTES THAT COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE!!

75% OF STROKES MAY BE PREVENTED! Take 10 minutes that could save your life. Life Line Screening will be at Knights of Columbus (607 E. Whitney) on Monday, November 19. Life Line Screening uses ultrasound to screen the carotid arteries in the neck for Stroke (75% of all strokes are linked to carotid artery blockage) and the arteries in the legs for Peripheral Arterial Disease (PAD), which is linked to heart disease. They offer a third test for Aneurysms in the aortic vessel of the abdomen. Life Line Screening additionally will offer a bone density screening for women to test for early detection of Osteoporosis.

This is a preventative program and is really worth participating in. Problems can be detected early and thus taken care of. Results are sent directly to you and if needed, you can seek further evaluation with your personal physician. These *non-invasive*, completely painless tests take about 10 minutes each and are offered for \$40.00 each. **You must Pre-Register** by calling 1-800-897-9177 for an appointment.

MEMORIAL MASS

Don't forget our annual mass on Nov. 26th, where we pray for the deceased members of last year. It will start at 7:30 PM. So please come out and pray for our deceased members. This is our obligation.

Volunteers Needed
Looking for a Chairperson
For Special Olympics
 Call Sam Okonski - 281-484-9516