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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Sam Okonski, Grand Knight

So much is going on and there is much more to do. The Assumption church bazaar turned out very well. Thanks to all who helped. Activities coming up include: our memorial mass, the Assumption Thanksgiving celebration Sat. 5:30 pm on Nov. 16; the Toys for Tots BBQ cook off and dance with the Telstars Dec. 6th; and the holiday parties startup. There are still many projects that need repair at the council; we need volunteers to complete this work. We are putting together a first-degree team. If you would like to be part of that special event in your new brother knight's journey, call me. On Sept. 11, many ceremonies took place with lots of praying. I was fortunate enough to celebrate the masses at the Basilica of the National Shrine in Washington DC on Sept. 11. There was a mass at noon, and at 2 pm the Knights of Columbus had the 4th degree mass—both were standing room only. The Basilica is a beautiful church—I have some pictures, and there are pictures in the Columbia. My journey began in New York. Several years ago, I made many trips there. I shared meals and drinks with friends at the Windows of the World, a restaurant and bar atop one of the World Trade Towers. It was very sad to see what is left. There is much work to be done for so many people less fortunate than ourselves. Several areas need work, such as pro-life, special Olympics, community, family, and council activities. We have a new web address: www.kofc2917.org. Remember, we cannot always choose the challenges that come before us, but we can choose how we respond to them. God Bless you!

NORTHSIDE COLUMBUS CLUB REPORT

Joe Pavlik, President

We accomplished plan A before the rain hit on Clean Up Day October 19 with Jesse Darbonne, John Buck, Billy Kerley, Joe Pavlik and the ten men from Texas House, plus help from God. We took a break during the rain and then continued on with plan B. We now have some additional storage area, which should increase next Clean Up Day, Nov. 16.

It has been brought to the attention of the Board that we are approaching a critical time in our appreciation of 607 E. Whitney Dr. One school of thought says we can make it if we reduce some of the services we provide our members and the public. Which way do the members wish to go? Which services do we reduce? These are not easy questions to answer.

These days are tough on everyone—businesses, families, individuals, and organizations. These times are made for brave and courageous men—who among us will step up to make a difference and make the hard decisions? Times have changed. People have changed. Society is not the same. Therefore, do we change or do we try to maintain the status quo?

It's been stated that it takes about \$12,000.00 a month to maintain the facilities at 607 E. Whitney Dr. If we can't make enough to stay afloat (break even), one needs to ask if those who use our facilities are paying a fair share for what they use. Sure, it's tough, but it needs to be asked. Another school of thought appears to like letting our facilities go for almost nothing. If we give everything away, we will have nothing to share. Anyone and everyone who uses our facilities should pay their fair share. So, in the coming months, you will be asked to make some hard decisions. Money is tight, volunteerism is tight, membership is tight, but time is not tight—it just keeps on its merry way. Therefore, the time for actions is now. Step up and have your solutions and ideas ready for the next board meeting. We'll wait anxiously for your replies.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 6	Council Officer's Meeting	7:30 pm
Nov. 6	Ladies Auxiliary Board Meeting	7:30 pm
Nov. 9	Clean Up Day	8:30 am
Nov. 10	Corporate Communion-Membership Drive-Assumption Church	9:00 am
Nov. 11	Regular Council Meeting	7:30 pm
Nov. 12	Senior's Get Together	9:30 am
Nov. 20	Columbus Club Board Mtg.	7:30 pm
Nov. 20	Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	7:30 pm
Nov. 25	Memorial Mass-Everyone Invited	7:30 pm
Nov. 28	Happy Thanksgiving	
Dec. 4	Council Officer's Meeting	7:30 pm
Dec. 4	Ladies Auxiliary Board Mtg.	7:30 pm
Dec. 6	Dance with the Telstars	8:00 pm
Dec. 8	Ladies Auxiliary Xmas Party	6:00 pm
Dec. 10	Children's Christmas Party	

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus Council 2917 is planning a Corporate Communion Membership Drive, Nov. 10, for the 9:00 am mass at Assumption Church. Please plan to attend this important Corporate Communion. Council 2917 continues to make strides in recruiting new brothers. As of June, we have recruited four new brothers, and five more are waiting to become first-degree members. Council 2917 was built from what Father McGivney believed in, and what we have always breathed and believed—charity, unity, fraternalism and patriotism. Father McGivney would be proud of the accomplishments Council 2917 has achieved during past years. I ask for your support in signing up new brothers to keep Council 2917 alive and thriving. We have an army of recruiters, over 800 members including 60 bowlers and 25 substitutes. I challenge all our enthusiast bowlers and substitutes to recruit one member by December 15. Top recruiters will have their names posted in our newsletter. If you feel you are not good at recruiting, turn your lead in to an officer, director, chairman, or insurance agent, and we will follow up. Let's concentrate our recruiting efforts by asking potential Catholic gentlemen to become a part of our council. Let's not forget to get our young adults involved. Many youths are looking for a challenge, for responsibility, and for faith and trust. Yet, despite their commitment and dedication, the youth of the world are often condemned because of the uncontrolled actions of a minority of young people. As Knights of Columbus, it is our responsibility to provide youth with the means and opportunities to become personally committed and involved in meeting the challenges of our time. With so many things that have occurred in the past year, we must make an effort to promote fraternalism through the Knights of Columbus. Many people are waiting to be asked to become a Knight, but if we don't ask, how will we ever know?

Thanks: Al Alvarez, Membership Director

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #1—Years ago, the council assessed \$15.00 from member's dues for renting our building bond. The bonds have been paid off and the assessment stopped, however we cannot find if the membership ever voted to stop the assessment. Be it resolved, therefore, that this is your notice in writing that the officers have passed a motion that this assessment be abolished. It will be published in the November bulletin and voted on in December.

Resolution #2—Since we will no longer pay the Northside Columbus Club dues assessment, we were informed by the NCC that we would now pay \$450.00 rent for Knights of Columbus meetings. Be it resolved, therefore, that we will begin paying the Columbus Club rent starting January 2003.

Signed: Al C. Meschwitz, Al Alvarez, John E. Fox, *Trustees*

INSURANCE

What is a widow? She's the same woman who used to be a wife. She used to be a mother; now she's a dad *and* a mom. She was a homemaker; now she's that and a handyman, too. She used to have an income to count on: enough money to pay bills with some left over for family treats and, occasionally, a luxury. Now she makes do with 1/3 the money to manage the household. What has she done to deserve this? Not a thing. She's a great person; her only fault was marrying a man who died too soon. Her money troubles could have been avoided by listening to the life insurance philosophy of "a small sacrifice today to avoid a tremendous sacrifice tomorrow." Someone always pays the premiums on life insurance. Either the husband and father pays them while he's alive, or the widow and children pay for them later. How much of your income can you set aside today to care for your family tomorrow? Call me today. I want to hear from you.

Don Kindall (A-F) 281-999-7451 Fred Guillory (L-P) 281-799-1877
Daryl Van Kuelen (G-K) 713-305-2124 Dick Janda (Q-Z) 281-463-7896

MOON TOURNAMENT RESULTS

First place: Al Kainer; Second: Vic Jozwiak; Third: Ron Wendt

MEMORIAL MASS

We will celebrate our memorial service November 25 and pray for our deceased members since 2001. I want to invite all family members of the following members: William Martin Jr; Martin Pivonka; Louis E. Lobue; Benny A. Rod; Herman Adamick; August Luchak; Raymond Gregory; Richard Prince; Daniel Stegent; John Jankowski; James Kraatz; Stephen Kologinczak; Carl Mataliano; George Ulrich; Herbert Brown; Louis Cashiola; Louis Darilek; Anthony Poncio Jr.; William Luchak; Frank Hablinski.

I may not be able to send invitations to the family, so if any family member or friend sees this they can remind the family. This is an open service—you don't have to be a member to attend.

DUES, DUES, DUES

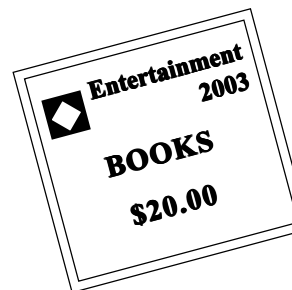
Paul Rekieta, Financial Secretary

Brothers, this is to let you know that starting in December it is time for you to pay your 2003 dues. If you don't pay by December 31, I will have to mail out your dues notice. It is *not* necessary for you to wait until you get your dues notice—that costs money. Just mail your dues: \$40.00 for regular members and \$20.00 for honorary members. Mail to: K of C 2917, 607 E. Whitney Dr., Houston, TX 77022. Don't make the council spend all that extra money to send out dues notices. Not one, but sometimes three. I will tell you right now that if your dues are not paid by March 31 you will receive an "intent to suspend" notice, and you will be suspended.

Help your council out by paying on time. May God bless us all.

KC SENIOR CLUB BULLETIN

Remember the next meeting is November 12. **It will be a catered dinner, and without reservations you will miss out. No meal tickets will be sold that day.** Doors open at 9:30 am for the social—games, conversation, etc. Rosary is at 12:30 pm and lunch thereafter. A short meeting follows a traditional turkey feast. Our December meeting is on December 10. Mark your calendars. The ham and spirits will be provided by the club and members will furnish the side dishes, as per the decision.



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CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Pat Koterak, Editor

In November we concentrate on many different celebrations and days: All Saints Day, All Souls Day, Election Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, and the big shopping day after Thanksgiving. November is a month we reflect on our deceased members, especially those we have lost this past year. In October, we were saddened to add Natalie Klodginski to that list. We will have two celebrations to remember our deceased. We will gather Saturday, November 9 at St. Jeromes with Catholic Daughters from the Galveston-Houston Diocese. On Tuesday, November 18, we will celebrate Mass with our members only, and have a covered dish supper afterward. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

We have a new member, Mary McWhorter. Welcome! If you are interested in Catholic Daughters or have any questions, please contact Pat Koterak at 713-864-4490.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2002. The social is at 6:30 pm and the meeting is at 7:00. November is a month to give thanks for all our blessings—special thanks for our association with the Knights of Columbus, the Northside Columbus group, and the Ladies Auxiliary of 2917.

LADIES AUXILIARY

Rita Rekieta, President

Dear Ladies,

I would like to express my appreciation, and also the council's, to all who helped in the kitchen for the B of A fundraiser. We had plenty of desserts; thank you for bringing the goodies. It was successful in every way. Money taken in went back to the Knights.

Forty ladies attended the October meeting where we prayed the Rosary for all our members. The refreshments were great; Gladys Tobias, Margaret Herzog and Mickie Wendt outdid themselves, as usual, with chicken salad, fruit and homemade desserts.

Plans for our Mexican fiesta are coming along nicely. We still need donations for our raffle; please let Irma Gonzales, 281-651-0502, or Elsa Saenz, 713-691-5358, know if you want to donate an item. Perhaps two or three of you could get together for a larger item, such as a quilt or an afghan. This is our only major fundraiser all year, so please help in any way possible. Most of our profit goes to the council, Columbus Club, and especially to the food pantries of our parish churches. Last year we donated over \$2000.00 to the churches. We hope to increase that amount this year.

Our November meeting will be on November 20 at 7:30 pm. Please try to attend as we will finalize our Christmas party plans and have a busy agenda.

Don't forget to purchase one of the Entertainment books for personal use or as a gift. We use the profit to subsidize some of the Fiesta expenses.

The holidays are quickly approaching. Thanksgiving is almost here with so much to be thankful for: our faith, freedom, families and friends. I am most thankful for all our members—a wonderful group of ladies. I am proud to represent you as your president.

November is the month we remember our deceased members. We will do this in conjunction with the Council at their memorial mass, Nov. 25. Please try to attend; your family is welcome to join you. Pray for our ill members, their families, and our shut-ins. God bless all of you and keep you in His care.

LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS FLASH

We have a precinct bus going to Old Town Spring on Nov. 18. Members and spouses 55 or over are invited. Lunches are on your own. Call Pat Zavala at 713-222-2935.

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