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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Sam Okonski, Grand Knight

There are certain times in the year that you think about distant family and friends a little more. The coming Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays fit that perfectly. These are especially trying times with the war, economy and lost jobs. There are still a lot of homeless children in Houston. It would be great if we had a clothing and a food drive to assist one of the shelters. Who is up to taking this activity on? The Assumption bazaar went well. 2917 knights were well represented at the grocery store, funnel cake, turkey leg and sausage stick, lotto booths and the BBQ pit. Thanks to all of you who helped sack groceries Saturday morning for the grocery store. Next year we need to start a food donation campaign for that booth from the local grocers. The corporate communion at the 10:30 mass was well represented. After mass, Fr. Zanatta blessed the memorial for the unborn that your council had put in. It was a nice ceremony and a great representation of the Knights commitment to pro-life. Go by and visit.

Your supreme council has a new design on the web site. Check it out <http://www.kofc.org>. There are video clips and more. Remember that there is a California circuit court trying to take "Under God" out of the Pledge of Allegiance. Contact your Senator John Cornyn 517 Hart Senate Office Building Washington DC 20510 (202) 224-2934 and Kay Hutchison 284 Russell Senate Office Building Washington DC 20510 (202) 224-5922. Let them know were you stand. The Knights of Columbus were instrumental in adding "Under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance.

End of the year is approaching and it is time again to start thinking about sending your dues in. Remember you do not get a bill. Help your council save money and send it in early. If the council has not received your dues then a notice will be sent out. That takes time and money away from our charity work and charity is what the Knights of Columbus is about. <http://www.kofc2917.org>. Pass the link on to all your email buddies, there may be a function for them to attend or they may need to rent one of the halls. If there is a charity project that you would like to see activity in, please contact me.

Pray for our Pope and the beatificaton of Mother Theresa and her journey to sainthood. Fr. McGivney is in the process of becoming a saint. Standing in Solidarity with our Priests. Say a pray for our military personnel.

God bless you.
<http://www.kofc2917.org/>.

FROM THE SEASONAL TIP SECTION

Greg Okonski, Program Director

Did you know that your ceiling fan could help keep your room warm? As the hot air rises to the ceiling and the fan now on reverse, that warm air can be circulated back down and around the room. Be sure to have that furnace checked out for leaks.

NORTHSIDE COLUMBUS CLUB REPORT

Joe Pavlik, President

October 11th was cleanup day. Jesse Darnboone, John Buck, Joe Pavlik, and 11 men from Texas House arrived to spruce up the facilities. Besides the normal (police the area, clean the trash cans, cut and trim outside perimeter), these guys did a splendid job in completing the paint job on the back of the old hall, trimming the shrubs in front, dust mopped and wet mopped new hall floors (very dirty), replaced lights in new hall, cleaned outside restrooms and picked up leaves.

Since October is the start of deer season (bow hunting) and in November and December many of our members are going deer hunting, have a safe hunt and a safe trip. These two months we are flexible as far as cleanup day is concerned so check with the office to find out when it is.

It has come to the attention of the board that some of our members and affiliates do not wish to cooperate in helping to run a smooth operation. It is our duty and responsibility to operate within the confines of our bylaws, city and county laws and federal laws. When asked to comply, it would be appreciated if you direct your opinions and irresponsible remarks to the appropriate person and/or persons if you disagree. Leaving notes or spreading negative remarks accomplishes nothing but confusion and discontent. In the future, we hope to hear no more of this type of behavior.

FIRST DEGREE

Al Alvarez, Membership Director

Your council added 6 more men to the First Degree. Please extend a welcome to Father Feliz Elosi MSPof St. Anne deBeaupre Church, Theogene Riggs, Jason Havernal, Clem Laskowski, George Zuckero and Joseph Earthman. Sponsors, be sure to help your new first-degree member stay active. 2917 is scheduled to hold a major degree in the spring. Watch for the date. Ladies and Gentlemen, Fr. McGivney's dream was for every Catholic Gentleman to become a member of Knights of Columbus. You can help that happen.

FAMILY of the MONTH

Henry and Dorothy Nowak

KNIGHT of the MONTH

John Buck

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Nov 1 All Saint's Day	Nov 11 Seniors Thanksgiving Dinner Mtg 9:30 am	Dec 3 Council Officers Meeting 7:30 pm
Nov 2 All Soul's Day	Nov 19 Northside Columbus Club Mtg 7:30 pm	Dec 5 BBQ Cookoff
Nov 3 Domino Tournament In the Pub 7:00 pm	Nov 19 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7:30 pm	Dec 3 Ladies Auxiliary Board Meeting 7:30 pm
Nov 5 Ladies Auxiliary Board Meeting 7:30 pm	Nov 24 Council & Ladies Aux. Memorial 7:30 pm	Dec 7 Council Christmas Party
Nov 5 Council Officers Meeting 7:30 pm	Nov 27 Thanksgiving Day-Remember to Give Thanks	Dec 14 Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Party 6:00 pm
Nov 10 Council Meeting 7:30 pm	Dec 1 Domino Tournament in the Pub 7:00 pm	BINGO EVERY FRIDAY 7:15 PM

NEW YEARS EVE DANCE

The Party is back at the Hall! Make plans now to join in the New Year festivities. A table of 8 will cost \$140. The price for a couple is \$35. Party favors will be available. We will be serving black-eyed peas, cornbread and sausage at midnight. Twenty five tables have been reserved already. Get yours now. Tickets are available. For more information, visit the website at www.kofc2917.org. Call the hall at 713-694-2341 to reserve a spot. The "Legends" Band will be providing the music for the evening.

TOYS FOR TOTS

BBQ COOKOFF AND DANCE

DECEMBER 5TH & 6TH

Greg Okonski

The BBQ Cookoff will be back again this year and so will the "Telstars." Entry forms are available on the website www.kofc2917.org, or contact David Willgus at (713) 410-0643. Friday night, December 5, will be a dance starting at 8:00 pm with the Telstars. Admission is \$6.00. The BBQ judging will be Saturday starting at 11:00 am. Don't forget to bring a Toy for a Tot.

INSURANCE

Did you know that you can establish a Roth IRA through the Knights of Columbus? If you haven't set up a Roth IRA for this year, there's still time to take advantage of this great way to save for retirement.

If you'd like more information about Roth IRAs – or traditional IRAs – I can help. But do it soon. Saving as much as you can for retirement is always a wise move, and the earlier you start, the better. Call me today.

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Daryl Van Keulen (G-K)	281-615-2618
Mark Deaton (L-P)	281-381-1366
Dick Janda (Q-Z)	281-463-7896

DOMINO TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Sept. 29 - Moon Tournament - 5th Mon. Results

1st place went to Eddie "WHO?" Mocek.

2nd Place Bennie "WHY?" Bronikowski

The first mon. moon tournament was won by Al "WHAT?" Kainer and Bennie "AGAIN?" Bronikowski. Bennie was giving me a hard time for not putting his name in the bulletin for winning one time in the past. It was probably before I became a member. So I did it Bennie, I put it in twice. Paul Rekieta "Editor"

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS AVAILABLE

Get Great Savings - Support a Great Cause.

When you purchase an Entertainment book, you're helping a great cause and giving yourself a valuable gift –**half-off and two for one savings** all over town!

Want to have a nice meal out or see a good movie? How about 50% off your dry cleaning and discounts on video rentals? You can get all these savings and support a great cause at the same time.

Everyone wins! Get your book today!

Contact: Ladies Auxiliary Only \$21.00

SENIOR MEETING

We will have our Thanksgiving Dinner on November 11. Plates for guests will be \$3.00 a person. The club will furnish turkey and ham and everyone bring a covered dish. The chicken wings in October were great.

IN MEMORY

Sam Todaro 9-29-03 Rufus McBride 10-18-03

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Pat Koterias

Our next meeting is Tuesday, November 4, 2003. The social is at 6:30 pm and the meeting at 7:00 pm.

We are always looking for new members, if interested please join us. For additional information please call Pat Koterias at 713-864-4490.

LADIES AUXILIARY

Rita Rekieta, President

October 15 was our annual daytime meeting. We had 50 members in attendance. The ladies from Assumption under the leadership of Elizabeth Busa and Margaret Brossman were the hostesses for the wonderful meal. With the assistance of Bernice Syzdek, Vicki Yorek, Mildred Bollom, Janie Okonski, Christine Swiech, Leona Muzny and Mickie Wendt, homemade soups and noodles, cornbread, garlic toast, fruit and delicious cakes were served. Thank you ladies.

We had a nice assortment of desserts for family day. I really appreciate those of you who worked and brought desserts.

The Bank of America function was terrific. We had an outstanding group of ladies who worked in the kitchen and a big thank you to our ladies who baked such tasty desserts.

November is the month we remember the Holy Souls of those who have gone before us. The council will have their annual memorial service on November 24. We will participate in this with them and remember our deceased members. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. As in the past the ladies auxiliary will prepare and serve sandwiches, chips and desserts. Telephone committee will call you if help is needed.

We're still looking for volunteers to help at Friday night bingo - many of the ladies who normally help have had surgery or are incapacitated. Please call!!!

December 14 will be the date of our Christmas party, hopefully we'll begin with mass if we have a priest available. Members will be free and guest or spouse will pay \$4.00. It will be a catered meal with drinks, appetizers and dessert. Reservations will be taken by Angie Januszewski at 713-862-6374. Deadline will be November 30.

Our fiesta date is set for February 22, 2004. We will be asking for sponsors to pay for our raffle tickets. With a \$20.00 donation your name will appear on the back of the tickets. This is our major fundraiser and the one time we need every member to participate. As most of you know, our proceeds go to the food pantries of 25 churches, council 2917 and Columbus Club, Covenant House, Spiritan Foundation of Missionaries, and Office of Aging to name a few.

Entertainment books are still available! Great for gifts for that person hard to buy for. Only \$21.00.

Holy Bears are also available for \$8.50 & \$10.00. 3rd and 4th degree bears make different gifts for that special guy. Ask to see them.

A big welcome to our newest member, Pauline Bowen. We now have a total of 138 members. She is the wife of Mike Bowen who has been a supporter of our fiesta in the past years.

Thanksgiving day should be a day of thanks for all the blessings that have been bestowed on us.

Remember all our loved ones and members who gone before us. God bless you and keep you in His care.

TRIP TO COUSHATTA — WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 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