



BISHOP ODIN NEWS



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A Monthly Newsletter

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct 3 Council & Ladies Auxiliary Board Meeting
- Oct 8 Regular Council Meeting
- Oct 9 Seniors Get Together - 9:30AM
- Oct 13 Columbus Club & Concl Clean Up Day - 8:30AM
- Oct 13&14 Christ the King Fall Festival
- Oct 14 Corporate Communion "Assumption" - 9:00AM
- Oct 14 2917 Membership Drive
- Oct 17 Northside Columbus Club Board Meeting
- Oct 19-21 St. Theresa's Fall Festival
- Oct 22 Council Open & Rosary Meeting
- Oct 24 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting - 12:00 Noon
- Oct 29 Council Moon Tournament - 7:00PM
- Nov 7 Officers Board Meeting
- Nov 7 Ladies Auxiliary Board Meeting
- Nov 30 & Dec 1 2917 BBQ Cook Off

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

As you begin to read my letter lets reflect upon the four orders of the Knights of Columbus. Fr. McGivney formed this wonderful organization based on Charity, Unity, Fraternalism, and Patriotism, which is represented by our 4th Degree. During this reflection please take a moment to pray for our bothers and sisters who have departed this world caused by the tragedy in the cities of New York, Washington, and Pittsburgh, in this great land we call The United States of America and all over the world. We have seen and heard about the acts and aftermath of this vicious attack on life, almost 24 hours a day since September 11, 2001. But we must not forget. We must keep these types of horrible acts with us and our children and help them understand this is real, it is wrong, and to find ways to overcome this evil.

I mentioned the four orders, which lay the basic framework upon which the Knights of Columbus have been built and continues to grow. Charity- "Knights of Columbus Heroes Fund" in the amount of \$1 million has been established for the families of the professional law-enforcement, firefighters and emergency medical personnel of the World Trade Center and the Pentagon who have lost their lives or may yet loose their lives in the rescue efforts. Your Council will be making a donation, if you would like to add to it you may send a check to 2917 made out to "Knights of Columbus Heroes Fund" we will mail them to our Supreme office. Unity, Fraternalism & Patriotism-Through several existing programs the Knights of Columbus will also help in a special members program of our organization that may have been affected by the attacks. Through our educational trust fund, children of Knights who were in the military, full-time law enforcement officers or full-time firemen, either killed or permanently disabled as a result of this criminal act, will be given full scholarships to any Catholic college or university. This is your Knights of Columbus in action.

We are sponsoring two seminarians and have sent them \$500 each. Bro. Bill Lowery, our Church director will be providing more information in next month's bulletin. If you would like to send them a letter, a gift basket or a monetary donation, contact Bro. Bill, he is also our Recorder. October 14th, membership drive at Assumption. We will have a Corporate Communion at the 9 a.m. mass. Bro. Albert Alvarez, our membership Director, will need your help and support. We had a great turnout for family day. Thanks to Trinidad Yanez, our District Deputy, and family for preparing the meat and hot salad, and to John Buck, Tony Lewandowski, Albert Alvarez, Val Ramos, Andy Krupa, Greg Okonski, Leon Swiech. Tony Saenz who gets a medal for bravery under attack from hot beans and did not spill them. Thanks to our Ladies Auxiliary for assistance with the drinks and desserts.

God Bless you, God Bless America. Vivat Jesus!

RESOLUTION

Trustees - Albin Meschwitz, Larry Tobias

Whereas quite a few members of Council 2917 sustained a substantial amount of damage due to tropical storm Allision, and whereas some did not receive any financial aid from the state council, be it resolved that Council 2917 donate a total of \$3000.00 to be evenly divided between these members as decided by the Grand Knight and Trustees.

Whereas: Bishop Odin Council 2917 has a charity budget as outlined in Bishop Odin News Letter, suggested and approved by the Officers of 2917. The budget reads as follows:

1. Texas State Charities	\$10,000.00
2. Dr. W.H. Eaton Memorial Scholarship Donation	500.00
for Seminarian	1,000.00
3. Interfaith Charities	1,500.00
4. State K of C Apostolate for the Impisoned	200.00
5. 100 Club	100.00
6. Church Donation	800.00
7. Vocations	200.00
8. Seton Jr. High	1,000.00
9. Miscellaneous	1,200.00

Total	\$16,500.00
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JUNE BUG JAMBOREE UPDATE 2001

2001 June Bug Chairmen, Greg & Sam Okonski & Larry Tobias

Our net income for this year's Jamboree was \$11,040. We slipped a little from last year's \$14,000. Hopefully we can bring it back up for next year. We do have some very good salespersons that did a great job selling raffle tickets. Our top seller for this year was Martin Pivonka, who sold 52 books. Following close behind was Ed Okonski Sr. with 45 books. Ed was also able to get the girl from Bremond, Kim Pruett, who won the Rifle last year, to sell 35 books. I guess you never know who will buy or sell tickets unless you ask. Some of the others were: Rita Rekieta - 35; Sonny Kainer - 27; Phillip Wagner - 25; Ron Wendt - 25; Ed Brossman - 20; Charlie Heinrich - 20; Ladies Aux. - 20; Joe Pavlik - 20; Jim Kainer - 19. Many others sold at least 10 books. Every little bit helps. If every member bought or sold just 2 books we could easily raise \$18,000. Since we are a big council, we have the potential to do great things.

Thanks to everyone who helped out. We can always use more help and any new ideas. We will kick off next year's Jamboree with a meeting sometime in January.

ATTENDANCE PRIZE — Well, we had our first new attendance prize drawing on Sept. 10th. Guess who won. None other than Gus Luchak. Not only did he win the \$25.00, he also won 2 of the \$5.00 prizes. Of course, he bought \$20.00 worth of tickets. I told you last month you need to buy at least 4 tickets. Now you're gonna need to buy \$20.00 worth to have a chance with Gus there. Way to go Gus!

NORTHSIDE COLUMBUS CLUB NEWS

Joe Pavlik, President

Third Month of Fiscal 2001/2002 year.

Events are being moved up, therefore, we have to move faster in order to have things in place.

Clean up day on Sept. 8th was a good turn out. Ten Brothers showed up. Aside from the standard mowing and trimming, additional chores were done, such as: cleaned deep fryers in the kitchen, gutters on the new hall cleaned, shored up drainage culvert under brick at entrance, lights repaired and/or replaced. Next Cleanup day is Oct. 13. Don't miss the fun, turn out and help.

We have some serious jobs that need attention NOW a) dead tree to be removed, b) benches under pavilion, c) light poles and attached lights, d) floor in private bar, e) ice machine (backup), f) potholes, g) roof on new hall.

There has been some talk about borrowing the money to fix up the property. What do you say?

Last month, we (NCC) asked for HELP. Received no response. Well Brothers, if we can not count on our own, then we are left to turn to none other than general contractors (public) for the job to get done. Is this the way we want to go?

With your permission, we will allow one month to receive responses for help on the major projects. Hope to hear from our Brothers who can lend their expertise in electrical, painting, carpentering, and plumbing, maybe offer some material and/or manpower.

Notice: Storage areas need to be cleaned up and kept that way. We have chemicals near communication and power lines, mops and brooms that are dirty and should be thrown away. Someone is putting items in the storage area (not telling anyone) that really should be thrown away. These chemicals need to be out of reach of the general public. Suggest that they be kept in the old hall (house part being used for storage up front).

Remember Eco 101? In order to sustain an operation, one must at least break even in the venture. Since this is not the case for our Private Bar, it has been decided to institute a new pricing structure, beginning Nov. 1, 2001. It will be as follows: Beer at \$1.50, Mix Drink (call liquor) at \$2.50, Mix Drink (bar liquor) at \$2.00.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Pat Koterak, Regent

It is difficult to write this as we are all glued to our television sets for more information about the terrorist attack on our country. All of a sudden, our problems seem very small and insignificant. We can't let them win so here goes, we must go on.

On September 4, we had our first meeting after summer vacation and forty-three members attended. We welcomed two new members, Dot Shepherd and Virginia Klein.

We were saddened to hear about the death of Bessie Lero, she was a faithful member for twenty-eight years. Thank you to all the ladies that attended the rosary for Bessie, it was a joint rosary with the Ladies Auxiliary and the Knights of Columbus. It was very meaningful to have the rosary together. Please keep the Lero's in your prayers.

We need new members and all Catholic ladies are invited to attend and join our organization. If you need any additional information please contact me Pat Koterak at 713-864-4490 or the Vice-Regent, Gene Willingham at 281-847-2283. The annual dues are \$20.00.

One of our goals this year is to say a prayer for vocation at every meeting, now we must add a second goal, a prayer for peace. This is a blessing we sometimes take for granted. Have you noticed how important God has become and how prayer is welcome and encouraged everywhere?

"Prayer gives a meaning of life, at every moment, in every circumstance."

- Pope John Paul II

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

LADIES AUXILIARY

Rita Rekieta, President

Dear Ladies,

Thank you for bringing the desserts for the Family Day and special thanks to all of you who helped in any way. It was a good turnout, considering the weather.

Our deepest sympathy to the families of Bessie Lero and Del Yeomans. Bessie worked with our Bingo kitchen for many years on Friday nights and was always bringing her great desserts. Del too was a major contributor to our Silent Auction and she too brought delicious desserts.

Thanks to all who helped serve and brought dishes for Bessie's funeral dinner. We also furnished chicken and some of the ladies took food for the family of Del Yeomans. In Judy Wendt's article there is a thorough explanation of how the dinners are handled in the death of a member or her spouse. Please read this carefully.

We all suffered in the terrible tragedy of the attacks on our country. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of the victims.

God bless all of you and keep you in His care.

FROM THE PUBLICITY CHAIRPERSON

Judy Wendt, Ladies Aux.

The Ladies Auxiliary held their first meeting since the summer break on Sept. 19. The theme for this year is "Love, Peace, Unity & Harmony."

We had 43 members present of our 114 members. We'd like to welcome our two new members: Francis Casy and Barbara Guzman.

The meeting was started with the reading of "Our Prayer During this Time of Crisis," and then a prayer for our two recently deceased members, Bessie Lero and Del Yeomans. They will be greatly missed.

If you know of any deaths or illness of our members or their families, please call our "Sunshine Lady," Rosalie Lobpries - 713-695-0442. She will send out cards to them from the Auxiliary.

We had a discussion to clarify the Auxiliary Funeral Dinner Policy. The ladies will hold the funeral dinner at the KC hall for a member or the members spouse if the hall is available on the day needed. If the dinner is held at a parish hall or another location and you wish to take a dish, take it directly to the location where it is to be held. If you are widow, make sure your children are aware that the Ladies Auxiliary will hold a dinner at the hall for you. Many of your children might not be aware of this.

Our "Entertainment 2002" books are in. They sell for \$20.00 each. They are packed full of good money saving coupons and they also make great gifts. Contact any of the ladies to purchase yours.

Delores Cobbs name was drawn for the door prize. She wasn't present so next months prize will be \$18.

We ended the evening with wonderful snacks and desserts furnished by Gladys Tobias and her committee.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 3 - 12 Noon Officers Meeting

October 23 - 9AM Trip to Huntsville

A bus will leave for Huntsville for a tour with a step-on guide. The cost will be \$2.00 per person. Lunch will be on your own. If interested contact Elizabeth Meschwitz, 713-861-0272

October 24 - 12 Noon General Meeting

December 2 Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Party

February 24, 2002 Fiesta Dinner

It's not too early to start gathering raffle prizes, silent auction items, or finding sponsors for tables. The chairpersons are: Elsa Saenz, Pat Zavala and Irma Gonzales.

TRIP TO COUSHATTA — WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10 @ 9:00 AM
TRIP TO HUNTSVILLE — WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23 @ 9:00 AM
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERS & FAMILIES & FRIENDS WELCOME
YOU MUST BE 21
MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY!! RITA REKIETA - 281-448-6623

DEAR CATHOLIC BROTHER / SISTER:

Do you ever feel you want to help our community, state, country? By providing your time to family members, church, country and your fellow man, **YOU CAN!** You can grow spiritually, and gain confidence and self-esteem, by giving of yourself. Join the Knights of Columbus, Council 2917 and you can become a part of our family an Every Day Hero.

The Knights of Columbus are committed to all areas of church and social involvement. We are working for an increase in vocations, for greater assertion and protection of human rights, for increased opportunities for the disadvantaged, and for more open and constructive communications between all people, regardless of race or creed. Father Michael McGivney created and organized Knights of Columbus in 1882 in New Haven, Conn. at the age of 29. To this day the Knights of Columbus is alive and boasts \$41 Billion in life insurance, and provides orphan families Fraternal Benefits, Student Loans, and Athletic Programs (golf, softball, and bowling tournaments) and many other social outlets. There is opportunity for community services, other family-oriented activities, involvement in working with youths, and the feeling of belonging that comes with being a part of a fraternal organization. As the largest organization of Catholic men in the world, the Knights of Columbus plays a leading role in service to our Church, our country and our families. We need new men and women with new ideas and an enthusiasm for the work we have ahead of us.

Knights of Columbus Council 2917 is planning a Church Drive, at Assumption Church, to be held in the church hall on October 14, 2001 starting immediately after the 9:00 a.m. mass. We will be providing refreshments and plan to have our New Grand Knight, Sam Okonski, and Knights of Columbus Insurance professionals, set up a question and answer booth to explain all features and benefits of how to become a member. To learn more about **who can become a member, who do I call, Ladies Auxiliary, and Hall Rental** look us up on our Website: www.neosoft.com/kofc2917 or drop us an email at: kofc2917@neosoft.com.

To visit or tour our facilities come by 607 East Whitney Drive or call at 713-694-2341. We are sure you will find the program interesting and informative and hope you will be able to join us at that time.

Thanks to all the cooks for Family Day! John Buck, Val Ramas, Tony Saenz, Tony Lewandowski, Andrew Kruppa, Odelia Yanez, Tracey Trevino, Lisa Valadez. And to the Servers: Kathy Martinez, Albert Alvarez, Leon Swiech. Thanks to the ladies of the Ladies Auxiliary for serving the desserts. Thanks to the "Ol' Timers Cleanup Crew" for doing a great, quick job. Trinidad Yanez, Chairman.

THE GREAT MOON TOURNAMENT

October has 5 Mondays, so come on out and enjoy some great fellowship, competition and snacks. Starts approximately 7:00 PM.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations (again) to proud grandparents Ron & Judy Wendt, on the new arrival of Kaitlin Hope Wendt, born 8-26-01. 7lbs 6oz. Oh, congratulations also to parents, Jerry & Melissa Wendt.

In Memoriam Zigmont J. Paradowski 9-1-01

NOTICES:

- **Christ the King** parish is having their **annual bazaar** on October 13 - 14. A lot of our members belong to that parish, so let's patronize their bazaar.
- **St. Patrick Council** is having their annual **B.B.Q. dinner** on October 28th.
- And, **Holy Name Council** will be cooking breakfast after masses on October 28th.



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**