

**BISHOP ODIN NEWS**  
**BISHOP ODIN COUNCIL 2917 - KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
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**GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE**

*Sam Okonski, Grand Knight*

Brother Knights and Ladies: We have the Assumption bazaar on October 6. Come and join the fun. We will be running the country store again. We could use some help on Saturday the 5th at the church 9 AM bag groceries. Most of y'all heard or read about Bank of America's bingo night at the hall. I want to say the big thank you to all that assisted, especially the Ladies Auxiliary and the Catholic Daughters. They prepared for war and did wonderfully. We had brisket and sausage cooked up to round out the food and a good thing, because B of A had about 500 people there. Two food-serving areas allowed the customers to get a bite to eat without waiting too long in line. The great news is that, because of the Knights of Columbus council 2917, B of A set new records. This was the first time B of A representatives from all departments in the Greater Houston area, from Galveston to Conroe, and Beaumont to Katy, were together at a function like this. They raised more than double last year's total for United Way. And the best is that the buzz from B of A is that they had one heck of a fun time. A really big thanks goes to the bingo team members for their hard work and the caller's funny comments. Thank God for keeping the rain away that day.

It takes people to run an organization. It takes a lot of people to run an organization efficiently. If you looked at an ant colony, you would see every one of them doing their job. Same goes for a beehive. Well, you are probably wondering what nature trail I fell off of, but compare these two masters of tasks and apply it to the Knights of Columbus. We have a lot of talented people in our membership. I would like to see some of the tasks and projects that we have taken on by many people. The work would be spread out and all would have time to have fun. Remember, the Knights of Columbus stand for charity, unity, fraternalism and patriotism. We have many more opportunities to help those less fortunate than ourselves. Look into your hearts and find that one thing that can make a difference in someone else's life. Remember, what goes around comes around. You do well and good comes back to you. Have a wonderful month. The weather is turning cooler and the trick or treaters will be coming soon. Join the Father McGivney guild. It is free. I will help get Father McGivney to sainthood. God Bless each and every one of you. Vivat Jesus!

**Dinner and Dance**

Everyone is welcome to come out to the hall Saturday, October 12 for a Dinner and Dance party. The price is \$10.00 a person and pays for a BBQ dinner and C&W dancing. We have some special guests joining us from some of the other councils around Texas, and from up north. It all starts around 5:30 pm with a mass. The dinner and dance follow shortly afterward. We will sell tickets in advance, so get yours early. Call Ed Brossman for more info.

*In Memoriam* Frank M. Hablinski 9-10-02

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Oct. 2	Council Officer's Meeting	7:30 pm
Oct. 2	Ladies Auxiliary Board Meeting	12:00 pm
Oct. 6	Assumption Bazaar	12:00 pm
Oct. 14	Regular Council Meeting	7:30 pm
Oct. 14	First Degree Exemplification	7:30 pm
Oct. 15	N'side Columbus Club Board Mtg.	7:30 pm
Oct. 15	Ladies Auxiliary Meeting.	12:00 pm
Oct. 15	Seniors Get Together	9:30 am
Oct. 19	Clean Up Day	
Oct. 28	Council Open Mtg. & Rosary	7:30 pm
Nov. 6	Council Officer's Meeting	7:30 pm
Nov. 6	Ladies Auxiliary Board Mtg.	7:30 pm

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

**NORTHSIDE COLUMBUS CLUB REPORT**

*Joe Pavlik, President*

Gentlemen—Clean Up Day was September 14th. Answering the call were Ben Kaminski, Robert Miller, Al Kainer, and John Buck. The smoke-eaters, deep fryers, vent hood above the grill, and dance floor globe were just a few of the items these men helped to keep working by cleaning them. Also, during the week, Floyd Rekieta installed an exhaust fan for the ice machine so the public bar won't get so hot, and repaired the heating unit in the kitchen.

September 21 was another cleanup day—8 Texas House men and 11 Brother Knights dropped by for work detail or dropped off material: Greg Okonski, Sam Okonski, Jesse Darbonne, Tony Lewandowski, Bill Lowry, A. J. Sarao, John Buck, Trinidad Yanez, Albert Alvariz, Robert Miller, and J. Pavlik.

October Clean Up Day is the 19th—the third weekend of October. The date has been changed because many of our workers are getting ready for the fall deer hunt and need to leave town.

**K.C. LEAGUE STANDING SHEET**

Pos	Tm #	Team	Won	Lost
1	5	Kinfolks	8.0	4.0
2	9	Hang On Snoopy	8.0	4.0
3	4	Alley Gators	7.5	4.5
4	1	5 0's	7.0	5.0
5	8	T & H Grinding	7.0	5.0
6	12	Lookin' Good	6.0	6.0
7	6	June Bugs	6.0	6.0
8	7	Warriors	6.0	6.0
9	10	Shake-Rattle-Roll	5.0	7.0
10	3	Big City Express	4.0	8.0
11	2	Building Specialty, Inc.	4.0	8.0
12	11	Wop-Locs	3.5	8.5

**INTERNATIONAL BOWLING BANQUET**

October 12th and 13th is the first weekend for the International Bowling Tournament. On Saturday night there is a banquet. A BBQ dinner and musical entertainment follow a 5:30 pm mass. Banquet tickets are \$15.00—call Ed Brossman for more info. Money raised from the banquet and tournament will be used for building expenses.

**VA VISITATION**

Brothers who participated Septem 30, 2002 VA visitation: Andy Krupa, Bill Lowry, Robert Miller, Anton Swiech. Our next visitation is November 17, 2002.

Anton Swiech—Houston Visitation Chairman 713-697-6846

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**Dick Janda (Q-Z) 281-463-7896**

**MEMBERSHIP NOTICE**

*Paul Rekieta, Financial Secretary*

Hey members! As you read the Ladies Auxiliary News (as you should), you see that 48 of 127 members attended their meeting. A great turnout. Brothers, we have 893 members and if we get 30 at our meeting we're doing great. OK, so we only have 324 paying members living in Houston, but that's still a lot more than 127. That's embarrassing, guys. The ladies don't do anything different at their meetings than we do, yet it is my observation that ladies are more dedicated than men are. Many of these ladies are widows who grew to love the Knights of Columbus through their husbands. I'm appealing to the wives of our brothers to encourage them to become active, so you will have the same reason to carry on for them, if that be the case. Help us out ladies.

**\$100 CLUB**

Goal	\$85,000
Received—Special Intention	\$ 1,200
Received—Other	\$ 4,800
Balance	\$79,000

Thanks to all who donated. Last month's balance was \$81,450. We are slowly making progress.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Paul and Rita Rekieta, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on September 1 at the Council Hall. Their children, grandchildren, family members and friends shared the celebration with them. Their wedding reception was in the old hall 50 years ago.

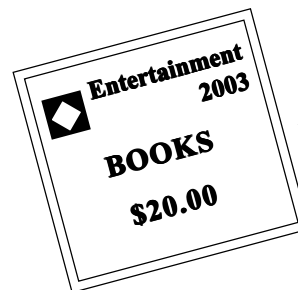
Sierra Magdeline Hoffart; Born July, 25, 2002 at 2:00 pm; Wt: 6 lbs. 7.6 oz.; Length: 19 in. Proud Parents: Sharon and Jeff Hoffart.

She's our brandnew daughter / So enchanting, sweet & smart. With a coo she has us smiling /With a laugh she owns our hearts.

It's the time for hugs & kisses / Reassurance when she cries.

It's the time for making moments / Full of love & lullabies.

The golden days of childhood / Come & go so very fast—  
 We'll hold her tight & love her / To make these moments last.



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**LADIES AUXILIARY**  
**281-448-6623**

**KC SENIOR CLUB BULLETIN**

Our next meeting is OCTOBER 15 at 9:30 pm. It was voted to have a covered dish luncheon. Bring your best dish.

The club is going to have a catered Thanksgiving dinner for our NOVEMBER 12 meeting. Cost to members is \$3.00 per person and \$7.00 for a guest. Reservations and payment **MUST BE MADE AT OUR OCTOBER MEETING**. There will be no tickets sold at the door at our November 12 meeting. If this goes off well we will try for a catered dinner at our December meeting.

Member attendance is dwindling. We hope that this is just because of the summer and that it picks up in the fall. We miss you so plan to make the next meeting. It is and has been fun.

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS**

*Pat Koterak, Editor*

How would you like to belong to an organization that is the oldest and largest women's organization in the world for women over the age of 18, founded by the Knights of Columbus? Is international and located in 44 states and in 6 countries? A unified organization with Mary Our Blessed Mother as our Patroness, looking over you each day?

If you are a lady over the age of 18, who would like to say yes to a unified women's group, enhance your spiritual life, make new friends, become a leader in an organization that practices Unity and Charity, I invite you.

Welcome to new members: Mary Gorski, Doris Henderson, Verna Luchak and Betty Taylor.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 1, 2002. The social is at 6:30 pm and the meeting is at 7:00. For additional information contact Pat Koterak at 713-864-4490.

**LADIES AUXILIARY**

*Rita Rekieta, President*

Dear Ladies,

What a great start for the coming months!! First meeting in September had 48 members in attendance. This included two new members. A big welcome to Theresa Rao and Mary McWhorter. We're happy to have you join us. The refreshments were furnished by Gladys Tobias, Margaret Herzog and Mickie Wendt. As usual, everything was delicious. We now have 128 members.

There was a nice turnout for Family Day and I thank all of you who brought desserts. In October, the Board and General meetings will be at 12 noon, so this will be an opportunity for those who can't drive at night to come out.

We have started making plans for our Mexican Fiesta, which will be held on February 23, 2003. Donations are needed for our raffle (a quilt or afghan would be appreciated), silent auction, crafts, door prizes, etc. Irma Gonzalez (281) 651-0502 and Elsa Saenz (713) 691-5358 are our co-chairpersons, so please let them hear from you.

We will be selling entertainment books as a small fundraiser to purchase items for the Fiesta. Please consider buying or selling a book. They make great gifts—a bargain at only \$20.00. Fine and casual dining certificates and coupons include:2 for 1 or 50% off meals. Others are grocery \$5.00 off coupons, travel-hotel-rent car discounts, and much more. Use until November 1, 2003.

We have several members who are ill. Please include them in your prayers. God bless all of you and keep you in His care.

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 YOU MUST BE 21  
 MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY!!  
 RITA REKIETA - 281-448-6623