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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Sam Okonski, Grand Knight

We are well on our way to a wonderful year. To start off we had great participation from the Knights and their families at the Assumption bazaar. We sacked 100 bags of groceries on Saturday morning thanks to Kris and Carol Boudny, Larry Tobias, Ed Brossman, Ed Okonski, Greg Okonski, Deborah and Melissa Okonski. At the bazaar, we gave away those bags of groceries by 5 PM at the country store. Many thanks to those who worked the booth; the Boudny's, Okonski's, Trinidad Yanez, Bill Lowery, Larry Tobias, Al Meschwitz, Regina Wolff, Tony Saenz, & Anton Swiech. Thanks to other Knights that came out to support the Church. I believe Joe Pavlik left with 10 bags of groceries. He sure livened things up with his joyful verbal celebration after each win. The Tobias family ran the bingo, and Martin Pivonka worked many areas, and Eugene Klotz worked the sausage on a stick. I want to thank our insurance representative's; Don Kindall, Nathan Kennedy, Richard Costa, and Dick Janda for their help. We had several reinstatements, many inquiries and some names and numbers to follow up with. I am sure there were many other Knights that worked at the bazaar and have been for years. If I left your name out please let me know. That is part of what Church is all about and why every Catholic man should become a member of the Knights of Columbus. Remember keep track of your activities as Brother Knights and turn them into the office. The Supreme Council tracks this information to continue our non-profit status. Keep up the good work and ask your family and friends to join or reinstate in the Knights of Columbus, Ladies Auxiliary, and Catholic Daughters. There is so much to do. Let's help fulfill Fr. Michael J. McGivney's dream of every Catholic man becoming a member of the Knights of Columbus. Are you a member of the guild? It's free. May God Bless you!

NORTHSIDE COLUMBUS CLUB NEWS

Joe Pavlik, President

Second Month of Fiscal 2001/2002 year.

Wish everyone a happy and safe holiday.

Dates to remember:

September 8th - Grounds clean up day (Will not have the benefit of Texas House crew)

September 22nd - Graduation for men who have completed the program at Texas House.

September 23rd - Council Family Day

November 30th-Dec. 1st - Bar-B-Q and Chili Cook-Off (Planning)

January 21st, 2002 - Clergy Night

I want to encourage you to attend Council meetings. Do not have enough room here to inform you of the many changes that are going on and/or will happen in the future.

As you may have heard, committee's are being formed. If you are asked and/or called upon to help, do not hesitate to help improve your NSCC and Council at the same time.

Calling for help. Those of you who have experience in painting, carpentering, electrical, and/or plumbing. Tentatively we are planning on fixing the back side of the Old Hall plus, furnishing power and gas to the booths for the planned Bar-B-Q and Chili Cook-Off. Contact the Grand Knight, Mickie or the President of the NSCC.

Also for those who wish to earn extra money, contact Mickie, Grand Knight or President of NSCC.

NOTICE: We will participate in the **Fiesta Patrias Parade** downtown on September 15th. We need to be there by 10 AM. For info call Albert Alvarez 281-999-3070.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 5	Council Officers Meeting
Sept 5	Ladies Aux. Board Meeting
Sept 8	Clean Up Day - 8:30 AM
Sept 10	Regular Council Meeting
Sept 11	Senior Meeting
Sept 16	Polish Home Fund Raiser w/ Brian Marshall
Sept 19	Columbus Club Board Meeting
Sept 19	Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
Sept 23	Council Annual Family Picnic - 12:00 PM
Sept 24	Council Open Meeting & Rosary
Oct 3	Council Officers Meeting
Oct 3	Ladies Auxiliary 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)

SENIOR MEMBER NEWS

Ed Brossman, Co-ordinator

First of all, I am sorry I missed the August meeting, but I will be there for the September meeting. No, no fish - too windy and dirty water. I want to thank Al Meschwitz and Victor Jozwiak for getting things and setting up the meeting and conducting it. Thanks, good job men. Again, it was voted upon to have a covered vegetable dish. So be sure to bring a covered vegetable dish more than a fruit dish. The club will furnish the rest. I know we have more than 60-80 retired members that could come out on Sept. 11th for our next games, prayers and lunch meeting. It won't cost you anything, so come out and join your fellow retired Brother Knights and their wives. Widows are welcome also. See you on the 11th of September.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR COUNCIL

September 15- we are preparing to participate in a parade, **Fiestas Patrias**, we need a 3/4 to 1 ton truck to pull a trailer that we will ride on and show that the Knights of Columbus cares. Call Albert Alvarez or myself. September 16- go over to the Polish Home, for good food, music by Brian Marshall, and visit with your friends. September 23- is our family day; we will be serving fajitas. Nov. 30th - Dec. 1st - David Willgus (713) 688-9025 is the chairman for the barbecue / chili cook off. He will need all of our help. David is looking for some folks who want to show off their cooking skills. How about a band for a dance in the old hall Friday night. More from David next month. That leaves a casino night & New Years Eve party, chairpersons. That's right chairpersons. Ladies of member Knights if you have an idea for having a good time and want to run with it, let's talk. These are activities which support part of what the Knights of Columbus are all about. Bringing family and friends together to have a good time. The money we raise goes to charity and upkeep of our facilities.

We have many other opportunities for all to enjoy. Do you have an idea for the meetings, call Bro. Ron Wendt our Lecturer. Brother Bill Lowery is taking on the roll of **Church Director** that covers Vocations, Parochial Services, Religious Devotions, and Christ in Christmas to name a few. Al Alvarez is our **Membership Director**- Recruitment and Retention. Here is a small list of other Director positions I would like to fill. **Community Director**-Pro Life, Environment, Public Safety; **Council Director**- Public Relations, Fraternalism, Social, Blood Donors, Athletics; **Family Director**-Survivors Assistance, memorials, family of the month/year, Family Week; and **Youth Director**- Columbian Squires, Athletics, Educational Programs, Religious Activities. Search your heart and pray. We have Interfaith Charities, Special Olympics and call Anton Swiech for VA visitation.

I will close now with a modified slogan from one of our great Americans. "Ask not what your Church & Knights of Columbus council can do for you, but what can you do for your Church and Knights of Columbus Council." As you can see, we have many projects that can help build a young man's confidence and skills. So I expect to hear from all of our young men, 100 and below. God Bless you!

In Memoriam

Bro. Joseph Montalbano, Jr. 8-18-01

ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC - SEPTEMBER 23RD

Fajita dinner prepared by new District Deputy, Trinidad Yanez. Start serving at 12 PM. \$2.00 a plate for members, wives, and children. \$4.00 a plate for non-members. Beer is 50¢ and Soda is 25¢. Bingo will be played. Ladies Auxiliary will serve desserts.

VA VISITATION

Anton Swiech, Houston Visitation Chairman

Brothers who participated July 15, 2001: Leonard Nowak, William Lowry, Lupe Reyna, Sr., and Anton Swiech.

Next visitation will be Sept. 23, 2001.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations again, to Mary Kominczak, proud Great-Grandma of twins born Sunday, August 12 to grand-daughter Pam and husband Mark Heyman, Plantersville, TX. A boy, Tanner Lucas - 5lbs 1oz and a girl, Victoria Leigh 3lbs 11oz.

Congratulations also to Brother Leon & wife Christine Swiech on the arrival of their first great grandson, Blake Austin Romero, born on July 24, 2001 at 9:50 pm and weighed at 7lbs 1oz, and 20 inches long.

MOON TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Results of our 5th Monday Moon Tournament: 1st Place Joe Pavlik, 2nd Place Tony Lewandowski. What??? No Okonski's? Somethings wrong.

INTERFAITH MEETINGS

Every second Tuesday of the month at 12 PM at the Houston Association of Realtors Credit Union. Talk to Grand Knight for details.

DEAR GRAND KNIGHT:

Dear Grand Knight,

Prayerful greetings to you! We received your request for a perpetual enrollment for a Brother Knight. We have sent it an we want to assure you that your Brother Knight is sharing in our daily prayers for the deceased. Thank you so very much for your gift, Grand Knight, as always we ask God's special blessing upon you and all the Knights.

On a recent visit to our Monastery, our Bishop Alvaro Corrada del Rion, encouraged us to be ever more fervent in our life of prayer and as I was praying for that intention, I began to think how the petitions that we make to the Father are prayers going up to Him and His answer coming down to us. Prayer is always an act of love whether we are praying to God or God is answering our petitions. We love God because He loves us first. We can pray to Him because it is His love in us that gives us the confidence and trust to ask Him for all our needs. Ultimately, prayer is an act of love simply because all prayer is through the Lord Jesus to the Father and it is into their love for each other that we are drawn each time we pray, even if it is a helpless stammering, its source is always God's love. Be re-assured that all of us here at the Monastery join you all day in your every prayer, petition, need, intention, offering. "When two or three as in my NAME, I will ask the Father for you and your prayer will be granted." May you grow ever more firmly in your love for prayer and its power to bring God's love into your heart and into the heart of those for whom you pray.

May God's peace be with you, Sister Maria Guadalupe

NEW ATTENDANCE PRIZE —

We will change the attendance prize at our first meeting in Sept. We will continue to have the 3 - \$5.00 drawings and one for the KC Book on the tickets you buy at the door. The last prize will be the Attendance Prize for \$25.00 on the tickets you buy at the door. So if you buy only 2 tickets and win 2 prizes, you won't have any tickets left to win the \$25.00. So think about that, you may want to buy more than 2 tickets. We will try that for a while and see if the attendance improves. Frank Tamborello's name was drawn August 13th.

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

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Pat Koterass, Regent

On June 5, we had a short meeting/dinner and the installation of officers and Allison was born. We just thought the weather was bad that rainy Tuesday night for the 35 people that showed up. Special thanks to the Assumption ladies (Gladys Tobias and Elizabeth Busa) for the sweets and setting up, and to everyone that attended. We were saddened to hear that nine of our members were flooded. They are: Louise Hatcher, Adella Gardemal, Rita Rekieta, Angelina Bilski, Gertrude Murski, Henrietta Nevlud, Clara Gorski, Cecelia Bielamowicz and Sydonia Aucoin. If there are others please let us know. Please keep these members in your thoughts and prayers. They are still having a difficult time recovering.

Congratulations to the new Grand Knight - Sam Okonski and the president of the Columbus Club - Joe Pavlik. We look forward to working with you and the other new officers. The Catholic Daughters would like to give a special thanks to the out-going KC officers especially Trinidad Yanez and Al Kainer for their support and kindness.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, September 4, with a social beginning at 6:30 PM and the meeting at 7:00 PM. We need new members and all Catholic ladies are invited to attend and hopefully join our organization. If you need any additional information please contact me, Pat Koterass 713-864-4490 or the new Vice-Regent Gene Willingham at 281-847-2283. The annual dues are \$20.00.

Wishing a special birthday to one of our members, Wincy Zarzana. She is celebrating #99 on September 8. Happy Birthday Wincy!

A Catholic Daughter is a person who shares your glad times, laughs with you, cries with you, helps you through sad times... and who's very dear, too.

Take care, stay cool and God bless us all.

LADIES AUXILIARY

Rita Rekieta, President

Dear Ladies,

I hope all of you had pleasant vacations. Some of us are still coping with the aftermath of Allison. But with the help of the Good Lord, hopefully we'll soon have our homes and our lives back to normal.

Our general meeting will be at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, September 19. Please try to attend, bring a friend that might be interested in our organization. Dues at this time are \$5.00 which will be through December 31st. We have many functions and activities to plan and we would like your suggestions and input.

We will have the desserts for family day which will be held on September 23rd. The telephone committee will be calling to remind you of this. We will need some ladies to help us on that day. Let us know if you're available. We will set up about 11:00 AM and close about 4:00 PM.

Our Entertainment Books are in. They are the best bargain in town at only \$20.00. Good NOW through November 1, 2002. Great for gifts. Please try and sell at least one book.

Continue to pray for all our members who are ill or in emotional distress. We also need to remember our deceased members and their families.

Thanks to you ladies who have come forth to help in the kitchen on Friday. We still need you in the afternoon 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM or till 9 PM. God bless you and keep you in His care.

TRIP TO COUSHATTA — WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 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