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GRAND KNIGHT’S MESSAGE
Joe Earthman

Greetings to all. As we begin to move into warmer weather, I hope everyone had a very enjoyable winter season and is looking forward to spring and summer. There are a lot of events going on at 2917 and I hope you make the time to be a part of them. Your participation is what makes these events the great successes they are.

Our First Annual Knight’s Chalice (Beer Fest) will be Saturday, April 26. This is an outdoor event under our 2917 pavilion featuring local breweries, live music by DJ Danny (classic dance, R and B and soul), Polish Pete (polka with an attitude), and Punch Bowl (Houston's newest dance party band playing all the hits from the Beatles to Bruno Mars!). Feel free to bring a picnic blanket as well! On the day of the event, we will need a lot of our Brother Knights to help out so please let us know if you can volunteer your assistance.

We are also planning our Summer Fling, Family Day and Casino Night!

Thanks to all of our Friday night bingo workers, the bar staff and the wonderful ladies in the kitchen for your tireless efforts. I also want to express my thanks to all for making this past Clergy Appreciation Night a smashing success.

CO-CHAPLAIN’S MESSAGE
Deacon Will Hunter

Embracing the responsibilities of Wisdom

Scripture says that fear of the Lord is the beginning of Wisdom. Might I humbly suggest the start of embracing Wisdom begins by allowing our hearts to be consumed by the fire of the Holy Spirit. For it is the fire of the Holy Spirit which guides, leads, comforts and protects us from vices in this life. It is not enough simply for us to allow the Holy Spirit to consume our hearts, we must sit quietly and patiently in the fire of the Holy Spirit while the Lord prepares his speech for us to carry.

For who but the Lord can speak his words and know why he is using them? Who but the Lord can determine the meaning of his words for the hearts of others to embrace and live by? Be not eager to set ablaze those who we encounter because our hearts have been consumed by the Holy Spirit’s fire. No, instead, walk peacefully and speak gently so the words the Lord has given each of us might find a home in the hearts of those to whom we are sent.

During this season of Lent, embrace the Lord’s wisdom by allowing the fire of the Holy Spirit to consume your heart wholly and completely. Then patiently wait for the Lord to prepare us for the Lenten journey that we must take as his followers. Begin the journey with peace and forgiveness of heart so the Lord will be a part of our endeavors. Thusly our endeavors will not fail.

Congratulations to

- Joe Earthman, Knight of the month for January.
- Larry & Rita Tobias, Family of the month for January.
ATTENDANCE PRIZE INCREASES

Brother Tommy Zievert’s name was drawn at the February meeting. Since Brother Zievert was not present, the attendance prize increases to $170. Please plan to attend the March meeting. Social and meal from 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m., meeting at 7:00 p.m. and the attendance prize drawing at the conclusion of the meeting.

COUNCIL 2917 SPONSOR’S TABLES AT CLERGY APPRECIATION NIGHT

Council 2917 sponsored two tables at Clergy Appreciation Night on Friday, January 31, 2014 and were honored with the following clergy in attendance: Fr. Clint Ressler, Deacon Ed Herrera and his lovely wife Lynn (St. Rose of Lima Church); Fr. Ben Smaistrla, Deacon Dennis Smaistrla and his lovely wife Betty, Sr. Charlene Schlebach, and Sr. Barbara Tovar (St. Ambrose Church); Fr. Albert Zanatta, Deacon Will Hunter and his lovely wife Elsma (Assumption Church); Fr. Michael Earthman, Seminarian Deacon Jesse Garcia and Simon Kipiti (St. Mary Seminary); Sister Sarah Thompson (Magnificat House). Representing Council 2917 were: Worthy Grand Knight Joe Earthman, Brother Miguel Navarro and his lovely wife Linda, and Past Grand Knight James Urbanovsky and his lovely wife Dorothy.

Next Officers’ meeting is Wednesday, Mar. 5 at 7:00 p.m.
Next Council meeting is Monday, Mar. 10 at 7:00 p.m. Dinner served from 6:00-6:40 p.m.
Next NorthSide Columbus Club meeting is Wednesday, Mar. 19 at 7:00 p.m.
Next work day is Saturday, Mar. 15
NorthSide Columbus Club

John Buck

We have several outdoor rentals coming up. We need to have our grounds ready for these rentals. Our grounds are a good advertisement for rentals. Please join us on the 3rd Saturday of each month for a few hours to help us maintain our grounds and facilities. If Saturday is not convenient for you, please contact me and I will be happy to assign duties to you during the week.

Our Saturday, February workers were: John Buck, Bennie Bronikowski, Billy Hoffart, Ben Kaminski, Joe Earthman, James Urbanovsky, Nick Navarro. Our weekday worker was Joe Pavlik. James Urbanovsky has been under strict doctor orders and not able to do weekday work. However, I’m hoping those orders will be rescinded soon!

BOWLING NEWS

The KC International Bowling Tournament will be held this year in Fort Wayne, Indiana with the first weekend of bowling starting on April 5 & 6 and concluding the weekend of May 3 & 4, excluding Easter weekend.

The KC Men’s and Casey Queens Ladies’ State Tournament will be held this year in Grand Prairie, TX on the weekends of April 12 & 13 and April 26 & 27. Many KC 2917 members and ladies will be making the trip North to compete in the Tournament. Good Luck to all!

The Ladies Tournament highlights from last year were provided in a previous newsletter. Here are some highlights for the Men’s Tournament from last year.

Team Event: 9th place KO’s
(Jim Kainer, Rudy Cuellar, Sr., Eddie Okonski III, Greg Okonski)

Singles: 3rd place Frank Giacona
10th place Marion Lewandowski

Doubles: 2nd place Frank & James Giacona
8th place Eddie Okonski III & Greg Okonski

The Council had a Super Bowl Party on Sunday February 2nd and the turn out was very good. We had about 50 people attend. We had lots of good food, games and fun!

Thank you to the council for providing the fish, French fries, cole slaw and beans. Special thanks to everyone who brought delicious food to share.
Happy Birthday Greetings

to all Brother Knights celebrating the gift of life

Donald J. Sony Mar. 1
Rev. John P. McGinnis Mar. 3
Chad J. Horelica Mar. 6
Lloyd J. Schonefeld Mar. 7
Kenneth W. Boudny Mar. 8
Archie P. Kitkoski, Jr. Mar. 8
Robert G. Hrcir Mar. 9
Gregory Rivera Mar. 10
Tony Nguyen Mar. 12
Joseph C. Twardowski Mar. 12
Thomas J. Zievert Mar. 12
Sandy Embesi, Jr. Mar. 13
Dennis L. Kubiak Mar. 13
Robert W. Murski Mar. 13
Agustin Carrillo Mar. 15
Joseph Angelo Parrish Mar. 15
Kenneth W. Bolom Mar. 17
Cleo Syzdek Mar. 17
Joseph P. Altomari Mar. 19
Billy R. Hoffart Mar. 21
Ben Kaminski Mar. 21
Vincent J. Lima, Jr. Mar. 21
George P. Sjostrom Mar. 23
Jose E. Gracia Mar. 24
Jeffrey P. Kasowski Mar. 25
George A. Stokan Mar. 25
Kevin W. Kello Mar. 26
Valentin Ramos, Jr. Mar. 26
Eugene J. Wisnoski Mar. 26
Edward J. Macik Mar. 28
Edward E. Okonski Mar. 28
Alfred L. Kenjura Mar. 31

Please pray for our sick:

- Brother Roy Kobak
- Brother Charlie Wendt
- Brother Clem Pechacek
- Brother Joe Sarrat
- Brother Philip Borski
- Brother Ken Boudny
- Brother Edmund Gorka
- Brother Clarence Witzkoske
- Brother Clem Machac
- Brother Al Meschwitz
- Brother Daniel Bilski
- Brother Alvin Januszewski
- Brother Ralph Marek
- Joanne Glowski, mother-in-law of Brother Robert Murski
- Earline Okruhlik, wife of Brother Benny
- Gail Nevlud, daughter-in-law of Brother Jerry and Henrietta Nevlud
- Kelly Henderson, son of Bill & Doris Henderson
- Rita Bilnoski, wife of Brother James

In Memoriam:

Brother Edward John Mocek, lovingly known as “Machee,” born July 9, 1930, in Bremond Texas, passed away peacefully in his sleep on January 27, 2014, joined by his devoted family. He is preceded in death by his parents Frank T. and Angeline Mocek, and his brother Stanley. He is survived by his wife, Caroline Mocek, and son, Brandon Mocek; his brothers Chris Mocek and wife Cecilia; Leonard Mocek; and his sisters Francis Pajak and husband, Eddie; and Helen Ditta and husband, Sammy. Eddie was a dedicated member of the Knights of Columbus Council #2917 for 39 years and a member of the Clear Lake Elks Club.

Donations in Eddie's memory can be made to the Knights of Columbus Council #2917, 607 East Whitney Street, Houston, TX 77022-3535.

Brother Florian C. Ogrodowicz, passed away peacefully with his family by his bedside on February 13, 2014. Born in Brenham, Texas on December 9, 1926, he was a veteran of World War II, a member of Council 2917 since Nov. 1, 1955 and a Fourth Degree Knight since Jan. 1, 1969. At one time, Brother Florian also served as the Financial Secretary of Council 2917. A loving husband to his wife Mary, daughters Rosalind Stockton, Cynthia Allen, Claudia Ogrodowicz, and Cheryl Aycock, son-in-law David Allen (deceased) and son-in-law Mike Aycock.

Donations can be sent to St. Edwards Catholic Church Spring, Texas.

Names on our “Sick Prayer List” will appear in our newsletter for 3 months, after which they will be removed unless notification is received to have the name remain. Please contact Brother Robert Murski Chancellor, at 281-881-4095 if you would like to add anyone or have the name remain on our prayer list.

Pray for our Military

Especially:

- William Wayne Sony, Army 1st Cavalry stationed at Ft. Hood, son of Brother Don and Paula Sony.
- Brother Zach Kloss, son of Brother Mike and Jan Kloss.

VA Visitations

The following Brother Knights visited our Veterans on February 16: John Fox, Leonard Kasowski, and James Urbanovsky.

The next visitations are: April 27, July 6, Sept. 14, Nov. 23

Please contact Anton Swiech, our VA Chairman, at 713-697-6846 if you are able to visit.
Pro-Life Program Director

John Fox

Thank you to the Ladies Auxiliary for providing refreshments for our January Rosary. Our next council pro-life Rosary will be held on Monday, March 2014.

Please join us at St. Rose of Lima any Thursday at 11:00 a.m. in the small chapel to your right as you enter the Church.

Join The Helpers of God’s Precious Infants in a Peaceful, Prayerful, Mass and Rosary Procession on Saturday, March 15, 2014 - 8:15 a.m. Mass
St. Jerome Church
8825 Kempwood Dr.
Houston, TX 77080

Followed by a Rosary at Planned Parenthood
13169 Northwest Freeway (290)
Parking along fence at Lyndon’s Pit Bar-B-Que
5320 Hollister Rd

Family Director

John Buck

Sunday Afternoon at the Movie— I’m open for dates and titles. Please give me some suggestions.

Upcoming Events:

Knight’s Chalice Beer fest - April 26
Summer Fling - August 23
Casino Night - October 11

Bingo Bar— We are in need of bartenders on Friday for Bingo. If you were certified at our last class, I will be calling on you to work the bar. By taking that class, you agreed to work the bar for the council. This is a paying job.

Senior Club

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 11.

Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish and dessert.

Deadline for the April newsletter is March 16

Fourth Degree News

Third Degree Brother Knights in good standing wishing to acquire the highest degree of the Order, the Fourth Degree, still have time to secure an enrollment form for the exemplification scheduled on Saturday, May 10, 2014, at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Humble. Contact PFN James Urbanovsky for enrollment forms or if you have any questions in becoming a Sir Knight at 713-861-6347 or via email at jurbanovsky@att.net.

On a sad note, two assembly Sir Knights were called to their eternal rest by our Lord in February. Sir Knight Nicholas S. Rodriguez, Jr. passed away February 8, 2014. Sir Knight Nick joined the Knights of Columbus on February 22, 2001 and was exemplified into the ranks of the Fourth Degree on October 6, 2001. He was a member of Council 6557 in Spring.

Sir Knight Florian C. Ogrodowicz passed away on February 13, 2014. He was a Knight of Columbus member of 59 years with membership in Council 2917 and a Sir Knight of 45 years.

Please continue to pray for the repose of the souls of our two departed Brother Sir Knights, and also include their families in your prayers asking Our Lord to provide comfort to them during their time of grief.

James Urbanovsky, PFN
Msgr. George A. Wilhelm Assembly - The Fourth Degree

Domino Results

Moon Tournament Winners for Feb. 3
1st place: Marion Lewandowski
2nd place: Bobbie Clark
3rd place: Floyd Rekieta

Next Moon Tournament is March 3

Lenten Food Collection

We are collecting food for our two food pantries during Lent. Please bring your non-perishables next time you come to the hall.

Thank you for your continued support.
LADIES’ AUXILIARY
Kelly Clawson, President

Ladies,

Spring has finally arrived or at least its close! We will be having our March meeting on March 19th at 11:00 a.m. Yes, it is a day meeting for all those who can’t come in the evening! Lunch will be served at 11:00 a.m. and the meeting will follow. I will be cooking so come hungry!

If you have not paid your dues for 2014, please mail them to: Sandra Rekieta at 3435 Keygate Dr., Spring, TX  77388.

A huge thank you to all those who worked in the Bingo kitchen in January: Dorothy Urbanovsky, Earline Okruhlik, Theresa Burkett, Mickie Wendt, Sandra Rekieta, Kathy Bronikowski.

Thanks also to all those who provided those delicious desserts! Sandra Rekieta, Janie Okonski, Kathy Bronikowski, Earline Okruhlik, Dorothy Urbanovsky, Theresa Burkett, Judy Wendt, Frank Culver.

May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind always be at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face, and rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

I hope to see all of you at the March meeting!

Kelly

Ladies’ Auxiliary Bingo Night Out Friday, March 21

Early Bird Bingo starts at 7:15 p.m. and regular Bingo starts at 7:30.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS
OF THE AMERICAS

Next meeting is Tuesday, March 4 with a social at 6:30 and a meeting at 7:00 p.m.

If anyone is interested in joining the Catholic Daughters, please call Carol Mitschlatis at 832-498-8495.

Upcoming Events

Mar. 3 Domino Tournament (1st Monday)
Mar. 5 Officers’ Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Mar. 5 ASH WEDNESDAY
Mar. 7 BINGO
Mar. 10 Council Meal at 6 p.m./Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Mar. 11 Senior Citizens
Mar. 14 BINGO
Mar. 15 Council Work Day
Mar. 17 Happy St. Patrick’s Day!
Mar. 19 NorthSide Columbus Club - 7:00 p.m.
Mar. 19 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting - 11:00 a.m.
Mar. 21 BINGO
Mar. 22 Cajun Dance (Roemer Hall)
Mar. 24 Pro-Life Rosary
Mar. 28 BINGO
Mar. 31 Domino Tournament (5th Monday)

Apr. 2 Officers’ Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Apr. 4 BINGO
Apr. 7 Domino Tournament (1st Monday)
Apr. 11 BINGO
Apr. 12 Council Work Day
Apr. 13 PALM SUNDAY
Apr. 14 Council Meal at 6 p.m./Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Apr. 15 Senior Citizens
Apr. 16 NorthSide Columbus Club - 7:00 p.m.
Apr. 17 HOLY THURSDAY
Apr. 18 GOOD FRIDAY - NO BINGO!
Apr. 20 HAPPY EASTER!
Apr. 25 BINGO
Apr. 26 Beer Fest
Apr. 26 Cajun Dance - Roemer Hall
Apr. 28 Pro-Life Rosary
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