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March 9, 1978

Worthy Grand Knight Marion Kasowski:

The new building of Bishop Odin Council 2917, Knights of Columbus, is a tribute to the dedication of the brother knights to their Christian and Columbian ideals of charity, fraternity and patriotism.

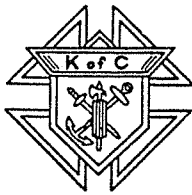
There is wisdom in the saying that "People need people." In order to persevere in the pursuit of high ideals we need the encouragement of knowing that others approve and are pursuing the same ideals. By associating together we give support to one another. Without such support it is hard to keep our sights high.

Adequate and attractive facilities are not only a great help to the brother knights but also provides a worthy setting for many fine events bringing together parishes, societies, and various fine groups for wholesome entertainment and mutual support.

May God continue to shower the members and their loved ones, and all those who will use these facilities, with His choicest blessings.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Most Reverend John L. Morkovsky
Bishop of Galveston-Houston



MEETINGS
2nd and 4th Monday
7:30 p.m.

Knights of Columbus

BISHOP ODIN COUNCIL, No. 2917

607 E. Whitney Drive

Houston, Texas 77022

March 21, 1978

To you my Brother Knights and Friends:

I was appointed Finance Chairman by Grand Knight B.J. Okruhlik in April of 1975, and we knew we had a great task to perform that was to raise money to finance a new home for Bishop Odin Council 2917. The task was so great that more committees had to be appointed and one of these was a building committee. Brother Jim Descant Jr., was appointed Chairman of this committee by our present Grand Knight, Marion A. Kasowski. We immediately planned to call on all Brother Knights, interested in a new building, to be in attendance at these important meetings. The response was great and enthusiastic. Another committee had to be appointed to protect the investors by a mortgage of the property. This committee was headed by Brother Robert R. Gregory, Deputy Grand Knight and three trustees: Brother Golasinski, Brother Brossman and Brother Okruhlik.

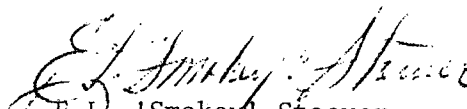
After all the committees were appointed, more meetings were planned with Brother Knights who wanted to work on the Finance Committee and who could be present at the meeting. The first bond was purchased on September 2, 1975, and the movement did not get underway until May, 1976, when the interest rate was set at 7½%. The response of Brother Knights and friends of the Knights of Columbus was most gratifying. They started buying bonds which made our goal project to \$750,000.00. On June 5, 1977, ground-breaking ceremonies took place with Bishop John L. Morkovsky participating in the ceremony.

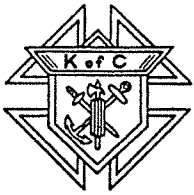
Now, in two and a half years, some \$700,000.00 has been raised and a new home is being dedicated. Many have made memorial gifts in memory of a loved one and they are recognized on a plaque in the hall of the main entrance, and more are being accepted.

Now what are the appropriate words we could use in this great achievement other than to say "thank you," my Brother Knights and friends of Knights of Columbus, for a job well done, for your hard work, and for your participation. Without your involvement this would not have been possible.

Being a member of Bishop Odin Council 2917 for over 27 years, I have seen Council 2917 progress forward in all aspects, and we hope to continue your endeavor to keep moving forward.

Fraternally,


E.L. 'Smokey' Stoever
Finance Chairman



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April 2, 1978

Dear Brother Knights,

Thirty-three years ago, the Supreme Office of the Knights of Columbus gave approval for the institution of a new Knights of Columbus Council. As a result, on March 25, 1945, Bishop Odin Council #2917 was instituted with one hundred and eleven charter members.

As we review the past thirty-three years, we can take great pride in the many achievements of Bishop Odin Council. We have seen our membership increase from that initial charter group to exceed fifteen hundred members. As our membership increased and our facilities expanded, many programs and projects were undertaken to serve our brotherhood, their families and friends. As on so many occasions in the past, we again have attained another important goal in the life of our council.

Today we have gathered to participate in dedication ceremonies for our new Council Home. Each of you should take great pride in this tremendous achievement. The Knights of Columbus was founded on the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. As we look into the future, these principles must continue to provide the challenges and objectives for our existence. Our new Council Home must continue to: increase our attention to the purpose of the Knights of Columbus, increase total family participation and as a final result, a greater Christian unity amongst us. Then indeed, each of us can take personal pride in this tremendous achievement.

Brother Knights, my congratulations to each of you.

Fraternally yours,

Marion A. Kasowski
Grand Knight