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Deputy Grand Knight's Message

Shawn Reichhardt

Worthy Knights,

The elections are over but the issues we strive for are still in our very lives each and every day. As members of this great organization, we still need to stand behind the key morals of Charity, Unity and Fraternity and live each day towards achieving these goals. Yes, at times we might not live up to these and you might stray a little but the key factor is to know when this happens and to put a plan in place to get back.

2017 will be no different, we still need to perform our fundraisers, support our charities, give of our time, say thanks to our veterans. We still need to play dominoes, socialize with the seniors and have a great bowling adventure while all supporting our key goals.

In 2017 we need new leaders to lead us in the right direction. It is not too early to start thinking about running for an office or finding that person to run for an office. Officer positions are not the only ones open but many director positions as well. One in particular is our Director of Recruitment. We need to fill this position and quick if we are going to grow our council. Is this you by chance?? As you can see 2017 is no different than any year past but it is up to us to make it different and better than any year we have had.

God Bless.



Chaplain's Message

Rev. Rafael Becerra

Four Ways Christ Loves Us (part 1)

The Lord appeared to us in the past, saying: "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness. Jeremiah 31:3 (by WisdomHunters)

The Lord's love is much, much more substantive than a shallow sentimental emotion or a feel good moment—His love reaches into the depths of our sorrows to comfort and to the heights of our happiness to celebrate our joy. The Lord's love cares, corrals, chastens, comforts, challenges, calms and brings clarity out of confusion. Unconditional, unconventional and unyielding—rarely early, never late, but always timely is the application of His vast reservoir of everlasting love. What are some ways the Lord loves His children? We can start with these two Biblical images:

An Artist's Love for Their Art

"He said, 'Can I not do with you, Israel, as this potter does?' declares the Lord. Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, Israel" (Jeremiah 18:6).

Like a Michaelangelo block of marble—yet to be finished, we are a masterpiece in the making in our Maker's eyes. Rough around the edges, accented by beautiful glimpses of God's glory, with unrecognizable, unhewn areas—we are a work in progress, but beautiful in our Beloved's eyes. A sculpture of grace is not without suffering to smooth out sinful habits, relational tensions to grow our trust in God to forgive, and answered prayer to expose the highlights of heaven's imprints—all the while bringing clarity to our growing likeness of Christ. He is not finished with us—so by faith, we patiently submit to the Potter's hand, who molds us into His magnificent creation. Our heavenly Father's love is the artistic license that allows pain to qualify us for transformation.

A Shepherd's Love for Their Sheep

"The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul" (Psalm 23:1-3).

Ever aware of where his sheep are located—close by, watching curiously from the edge of the herd or aimlessly wandering away—the sensitive shepherd seeks to lead his charges to what's best for them—though they are sometimes obstinate in their determination to do their own thing. In the same way our loving Shepherd looks out for us with His provision of rest, quiet contemplation of His majestic creation, and His life-giving soul refreshment. When we stray—He comes after us with loving discipline, when we wander toward the edge of disobedience—He reminds us of why love obeys, and when we remain close by—He rewards us with the joy and peace of His presence. The great love of our great Shepherd radically and relentlessly protects and provides for His sheep.

"Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David" (Isaiah 55:3).

Application: How can I accept and apply God's love for me in the unlovely places of my life?

ATTENDANCE PRIZE WINNER!



Names drawn at the January council meeting were: Brother Danny Naskey, Brother John Vadell, Jr. and Brother Joe

Walkoviak. None of these members were present. The attendance prize will be \$140 for the February 13th meeting. Social and meal from 6:00 to 6:45 p.m., meeting at 7:00 p.m. and the attendance prize drawing at the conclusion of the meeting.

Next **Council Officers'** meeting is
Wednesday, Feb. 1 at 7:00 p.m.

Next **Council** meeting is
Monday, Feb. 13 at 7:00 p.m.
Dinner served from 6:00-6:40 p.m.

Next **Northside Columbus Club** meeting is
Wednesday, Feb. 15 at 7:00 p.m.



Next work day is **Saturday, Feb. 18**

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Brother Mark Demny, winner of the Grand Knight giveaway at the January meeting.

VA Visitations



Brother Leonard Kasowski was the only Brother Knight to visit our veterans on January 15.

Please mark your calendar and make an effort to visit our veterans:

March 12 & May 14, 2017

Brother Knight, Leonard P. Kasowski, VA Hospital Chairman

<http://www.kofccouncil2917.org/va-ministry>

Congratulations to

- **Brother Tony Saenz**, Knight of the Month for December
- **Brother Ed & Janie Okonski**, Family of the Month for December.

40 Cans for Lent

The goal of this program is exactly as the name implies—each council member is asked to contribute one can of food per day during the 40 days of Lent.

A food collection box is in the foyer of the hall awaiting your donations. Collected food will be divided between St. Rose and Assumption food pantries.



Lent starts Wednesday, March 1

Recruit



Please make an effort to recruit a new member. If you are a member, please make an effort to become more involved.

DOMINO RESULTS

Moon Tournament Winners for Jan. 2

1st place: Charlie Heinrich
2nd place: Robert Jackowski

Next Moon Tournament is Feb. 6



Northside Columbus Club

John Buck, President

In January, the NSCC presented a 6 month financial report to the stockholders of the NSCC. The report states that the NSCC is financially sound. The NSCC is supported through rentals of the halls. The NSCC is open to rentals of all types--birthday, wedding, anniversary, graduation and other parties. We can also make use of the halls for seminars and training classes. When you hear of someone speaking about needing a hall, please suggest the NSCC Hall for their rental.

We do need your assistance with maintenance on the halls and grounds, join us on our monthly work days. If you cannot make the 3rd Saturday work day, but are available on another day, let me know and I can make arrangements for you to help on another day.

January volunteer workers were: Bennie Bronikowski, Don Christen, Richard Doubrava, David Cornelius, Ed Okonski, Sr., Brian Kubiak, Dennis Roeder, John Buck, Lydia Clifton and Joe Pavlik. These men and ladies do need your help. February will be the beginning of new work with plenty of outside chores, join us next month.

This comment is not to embarrass or humiliate anyone, but it is a prime example of why we ask members not to do certain things. One request is that we ask people not to drive on the grass, the reasons are understandable. With the recent rains, the yard has been wet, someone not thinking about the yard still being soggy after a day or two of no rain drove on the grass and left tire tracks in the yard. Being a responsible person, they filled in the tracks and called me to inform me of this issue. During the rainy days, our yard will remain soggy for awhile after it rains, causing tire tracks when driven over. During the dry, hot summer months, tire tracks will kill the grass. These are the reasons why we ask for people not to drive on the yard. Yard presentation is a major point when visitors come to view the hall for a rental inquiry.

<http://www.kofccouncil2917.org/hall-rentals>

Hall Rental

Rental of Council 2917 facilities are available for Wedding Receptions, Company Events, Quinceanera's, Birthday Parties, Christmas Parties, Graduation Celebrations, etc.

For details contact
Lydia Clifton, hall manager
713-694-2341.



Bingo

Every Friday

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

SENIOR CLUB

Next Senior Club meeting is **Feb. 14.**

Everyone is asked to bring sandwiches and a dessert. You are also asked to bring a \$1.00 donation each month which will be used to cover the cost of our special catered meals throughout the year.

CHAPTER INFORMATION

1st Degree:

2/20/17 - 6:15 p.m. - St. Basil Council 4204, St. Basil Hall, 702 Burney Rd., Sugar Land

1st Degree Exemplification:

3/20/2017 - 7:00 p.m. - St. Thomas Aquinas Council 7382, 12627 W. Belfort Ave., Sugar Land

Program/Activities

John Buck, Director

***Corporate Communion Mass:** Council 2917 is planning 3 Corporate Communion Masses this year with Mass celebrated at Assumption, St. Rose and St. Ambrose Parishes. The 1st Corporate Communion is tentatively scheduled for **March 26 at Assumption Parish**. This mass will be to celebrate our Order's Founding date—March 29th. More information later as we near the date. Please start making plans to attend these Masses. The Masses scheduled at each parish are not for KC members only—parishioners and friends are also invited to attend the Corporate Communion.

*Council 2917 is a family, not made up only of the men of the council, but also of the spouses and children of our membership. We have a ladies group for our spouses and we have a Squires Circle for all boys, age 14-17 that want to learn about and maybe join the Knights of Columbus when they become of age. We now need to incorporate the whole family into our membership, we need to organize and start having events at the hall that include the whole family—Knight, wife and children. We have many Knights in Council 2917 with a young family. We need your ideas and suggestions on how Council 2917 can grow with the inclusion of these families.

Please bring your ideas to the council officers, the Family Director—Leroy Davis or John Buck, on how to make Council 2917 a young family council again.

Easter is our next season. Would you like to see an Easter program for the children of Council 2917?

A few suggestions on reinstating the "family" into the Council are: family movie afternoon on the weekend, have children's program that the parents could drop off the kids for a "parent's time out or date night", or an Easter or Christmas children's program.

These are just suggestions, but remember, with having these programs, we need participation from the membership, by the parents bringing their children and others to volunteer their time and help with the programs. Remember, Council 2917 does not belong to any one person or family, Council 2917 belongs to every member and family and it is you and your family that determines the life of Council 2917.

Pro-Life Program Director

Floyd Supercinski



The public is invited to join our Brother Knights and their families as they pray the Rosary to end abortion.

Monday, February 27, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
A light meal will be served after the Rosary.

Please join us in praying the Rosary at St. Rose of Lima Church 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 Prayer, Mass and Rosary on

Sunday, February 18, 2017
Mass 8:30 a.m. at
Christ the Good Shepherd Church
18511 Klein Church Rd. Spring, TX 77379

Followed by a Rosary at Planned Parenthood,
4747 Louetta Rd., Spring, TX 77388

If you cannot join us, please remember us and all individuals whose lives we touch that day in your prayers.

<http://www.kofccouncil2917.org/pro-life>

Pray for our Military

Especially:

- **Shawn Hrcir**, son of Brother Bob Hrcir.
- **William Wayne Sony**, Army 1st Cavalry, stationed at Fort Hood. William is the son of Brother Don and Paula Sony .
- **Brother Zach Kloss**, son of Brother Mike and Jan Kloss.

Happy Birthday Greetings

to all Brother Knights celebrating the gift of life

Clifford R. Jenke	Feb. 1
James L. Swick, Jr.	Feb. 2
James E. Urbanovsky	Feb. 2
James A. Giacona	Feb. 3
Deacon Edward B. Herrera	Feb. 3
Guillermo G. Andrado	Feb. 5
James D. McClosky	Feb. 5
Adolph J. Benys	Feb. 7
Richard Cabrera	Feb. 7
John A. Galla	Feb. 7
Gene B. Okonski	Feb. 12
Bruce W. Buss, Sr.	Feb. 13
William Villalpando	Feb. 13
Dennis J. Kallus	Feb. 14
Brian E. Garcia	Feb. 16
William P. Kerley	Feb. 17
George A. Gajdousek	Feb. 19
Peter S. Rodriguez	Feb. 19
Hector A. Rosales	Feb. 19
Charles A. Brossman	Feb. 20
John W. Mueller	Feb. 20
Mike R. Mitschlatis	Feb. 24
Oscar A. Porcarello	Feb. 25
Gregg L. Wilganowski	Feb. 25
Dan E. Brogee	Feb. 26
Michael E. Goins	Feb. 27
Agosto R. Sanchez, Jr.	Feb. 27
Timothy M. White	Feb. 27
Charles D. Felchak	Feb. 28
Tommy J. Yanowski	Feb. 28

**Deadline for the March newsletter is
February 16.**

Please pray for our sick:

- Brother Sam Ruffino
- Brother Benny & Earline Okruhlik
- Bro. Pete Kmiech
- Brother James & Mary Campise
- Brother James Urbanovsky
- Brother Paul Descant
- Brother Fred Syzdek
- Brother Chris Mocek
- Brother Mark E. Bartniski
- Brother Ernie Bugaj
- Brother Al Kainer
- Brother Don & Joann Psencik
- Deacon Denis Smaistrla
- Cheri Wick Byrd, daughter of Brother Joe Wick.
- Margaret Brossman, mother of Brother Charles and mother-in-law of Brother Doug Wendt
- Gary Kubiak, son of the late Brother Alfred Kubiak
- Kelly Clawson, Ladies Auxiliary President



IN MEMORIAM:



Retired **Archbishop Patrick F. Flores, 87**, the first Mexican-American bishop in the United States, died of pneumonia and congestive heart failure Jan. 9, 2017 at Padua Place Residence for retired priests in San Antonio.

Please remember Archbishop Flores in your prayers.

Please contact Brother Floyd Supercinski, Chancellor, at 713-861-6725 if you would like to add anyone or have the name remain on our prayer list. Also contact Brother Floyd if you know of a Brother Knight confined to his home or a nursing home that would like to be visited by his Brother Knights.

You can always read the prayer list on our website as well as requite a prayer via online at

<http://www.kofccouncil2917.org/sick-distressed>



CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

Tuesday, Feb. 7

Social at 6:30 - meeting at 7:00

If you would like information on joining the Catholic Daughters, please contact Kris Hamby at 281-531-6132.

<http://www.kofccouncil2917.org/catholic-daughters>

LADIES' AUXILIARY

Kelly Clawson, President

Ladies,

February is the month of love, when Cupid is supposed to strike with his arrow! I don't really know about that arrow stuff but I know it is the month of chocolate! May you feel the love of your family and friends and enjoy the chocolate!

I hate that I didn't get to see you all in January, but when I heard the men had cancelled their meeting, I felt I needed to cancel ours too. I would rather be safe than sorry. I have debated in my mind if I needed to call a meeting to handle the business that we have. I am hoping I can get the volunteers I need to call me.

It is that time again to have election of officers. Due to term limits, we need the following officers: President, Vice-President, and Secretary. Kathy Bronikowski is just completing her first term as Treasurer, so she may continue to hold that office if she so chooses. We need a nomination committee. I need 5 members to contact our ladies to see if they will hold one of these offices for the next two years. Doris Henderson has already volunteered to be on the committee, so we need 4 more. I would do it myself but the by-laws prohibit me from doing so. If you would please call me at **713-869-2018** to volunteer to be on the nominating committee, it would be greatly appreciated. Remember, if we don't have officers, we cannot have an organization. So please help out.

We must have the names of the nominees at the March meeting so we can vote. Please call me to volunteer to be on the nominating committee. Without your help our organization may fold.

If you could also email me so I can compile an email list. My email is MnriNut@aol.com. Please put your name in the subject line. This would be a quicker way to disseminate information. I understand not everyone has email but for those that do it would be very helpful.

Our Bingo kitchen volunteers for the month of December were: Earline Okruhlik, Dorothy Urbanovsky, Mickie Wendt, Judy Wendt, Theresa Burkett, Kathy Bronikowski.

Bakers and donaters of desserts for the month of December were: Earline Okruhlik, Judy Wendt, Rosalie Lobpries, Wanda Kainer, Ann Kainer, Marie Laskowski, Dorothy Urbanovsky, Sandra Rekieta, Kathy Bronikowski.

Please consider volunteering one Friday in the Bingo kitchen.

I hope to hear from many of you very soon! **Our next meeting is March 15** unless I have to call a meeting to get a nominee committee. I can't stress enough how important this committee is.

May you be blessed in all you do!

Ladies Auxiliary Bingo Night Out

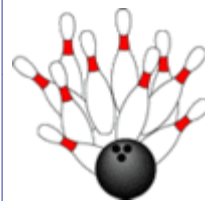
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<http://www.kofccouncil2917.org/ladies-auxiliary>

Upcoming Events

<http://www.kofccouncil2917.org/calendar>

- Feb. 1 Council Officers' Meeting
- Feb. 3 BINGO
- Feb. 6 Domino Tournament
- Feb. 10 BINGO
- Feb. 13 Council Meal at 6 p.m./Meeting at 7 p.m.
- Feb. 14 Senior Citizens' Meeting
- Feb. 14 HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!
- Feb. 15 Northside Columbus Club Meeting
- Feb. 17 BINGO
- Feb. 18 Council Work Day
- Feb. 24 BINGO
- Feb. 27 Pro-Life Rosary (*Knights*)
- Mar. 1 Council Officers' Meeting
- Mar. 1 Ash Wednesday (*Lent begins*)
- Mar. 3 BINGO
- Mar. 6 Domino Tournament
- Mar. 10 BINGO
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- Mar. 15 Northside Columbus Club Meeting
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- Mar. 18 Council Work Day
- Mar. 24 BINGO
- Mar. 27 Pro-Life Rosary (*Ladies*)



Congratulations to

Judy Wendt

on her

30th Cacey Queens Tournament

(Judy is a member of the Ladies Auxiliary and wife of Brother Ronald Wendt.)



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