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Grand Knight's Message

John Buck

Brother Knights,

Summer Fling 2021, our council's main fundraising event is here, September 18th. Our plans are for a day of fun and excitement. This party will be our first large event in its full swing since COVID 19, March of 2020. If you still need a Summer Fling Raffle Ticket, please contact Ed Okonski, Greg Okonski, Bennie Bronikowski, or John Buck. The raffle tickets are getting very scarce now, so please call soon.

We are starting our 3rd month of the fraternal year. Some things are going smoothly, but we still need a few directorships filled—the most important to be the Family and Program Directors. Brothers, these 2 directors play major roles in the life of a council. If I do not have a volunteer for these directors, I will soon start asking individuals to accept one of these positions. I would rather have a volunteer to step forward asking to be a director than asking someone to accept a role. I feel that a willing volunteer will make a better director than someone that is asked to be a director. I am still looking for a couple more Meeting Meal Cooking Teams. I know that we have some cooks out there. Please come out of the shadows of the council and volunteer for this program.

Brother Knights of Council 2917, young or old, long term or short term members, this council is yours, it is not mine or the officers alone. We may have a set of officers that oversee the operations of the council business, but it is the entire membership that makes the council. The officers can only lead the council in the way that the membership wants the council to move. If anyone sees a direction they feel the council should be moving in, you need to present your idea to the officers and directors and then, maybe volunteer to assist with this move of the council.

Brothers, where do you want Council 2917 to be in the future—sitting still or moving forward and growing? This is **your** decision to make. Let's see some new faces getting involved, moving Council 2917 forward.

The 3rd Principle of our Order—Fraternity—our Council Brothers coming together to assist each other. By volunteering or accepting a role as an officer or director to lead our council is one way of practicing the Principle of Fraternity.

Assistant Chaplain's Message

Deacon Will Hunter

The power of the One

It took just one person for the world to come into existence. It took one person for the world to evolve into what it is today. It took one person to change the lives and hearts of many in this world so that his name could be glorified – Christ. It took the power of Christ to change the entire world and bring salvation to it through his obedience to the divine and perfect will of God.

It was through the willpower of Christ that all known forms of life came into existence. Through the power of Christ we have come to know the Father and the Holy Spirit in a way that no other person could have revealed them to us. Because of Christ and his power of obedience much has been written about the Father and the Holy Spirit so that we might learn the ways of both.

Because of the power of one person, many people before his arrival and many more after his departure have done miraculous works in his name. It does not matter whether they have acknowledged his name or not. The works they have accomplished was because of the power of the One. No one can see where the power of this light originates or how far it reaches, yet all have benefitted from the light of the One so that we no longer travel in the darkness of sin.

It is through the power of obedience of the One that all creation has evolved and continues to evolve into a better version of their former self. Power can corrupt anything or anyone it touches except the One, the Christ. For the One is power itself. Power was created by the One so that his obedience to the father could never be questioned. It took the power of the One to show each of us what we must do in order to serve the Father.

In John 17:1-5 (read this carefully several times) Christ speaks of his glory with the Father before the world came into existence to show each of us that his power was at his fingertips long before anything or anyone existed. Through the power of Christ the glory of the Father has been revealed for all to witness in spite of our hard-heartedness.

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Assistant Chaplain's Message *(continued)*

It is this power of the One which raised people from the dead (including himself). The power of the One has touched and changed the hearts and minds of all who have fallen upon his power. It is the power of the One who has crushed those who have opposed him and the divine and perfect will of the Father. Not by war or violence or oppression, but by the undying love of the divine and perfect will of the Father and by his unwavering obedience to the will of the Father. It is the power of the One through obedience that has toppled kingdoms, empires and the darkness of sin in men who would not listen to his voice.

Through power of obedience to the will of the Father alone, the One has sent a message to everyone who is willing to listen that there is salvation for all who turn to the One and accept his power of both heaven and earth by the Father. It is because of the obedience of the One that the darkest sin known to man – death, has been conquered and destroyed forever.

The One, the Christ, has traveled to the depths of hell to rescue those who have been enslaved by the evil one and destroy his dark empire forever with the power given to him by his Father. It is the power of the One who has imprisoned the evil one for eternity because of his disobedience to the will of the Father. No power on earth or in hell can ever overtake the power of the One. It is the power of the One who has released all who have been shackled by the chains of darkness and sin so that they may see his light and come to him for salvation.

All who have experienced the power of the One know that this power has an everlasting source of energy and can never be extinguished. Due to the magnitude of the power of the One all who try to oppose his divine and perfect will live in fear of judgment from him because they know and realize that his judgment is true and correct.

No one or anything that has ever been created can deny the power of the One. The power which emanates from the One is unmatched and unparalleled by any known or unknown being. The power of the One can see and understand the thoughts and emotions of the hearts of all beings. Nothing or anyone is beyond the reach of the power of the One in this life or the life to come. For it is the power of the One which created all that exists so that all that exists will come under his divine and holy sovereignty for all eternity.

The power of the One does not just judge and condemn. The power of the one also is filled with mercy and forgiveness for all who come to him with contrite hearts. It is through the power of the One that wisdom, knowledge and understanding have been given to all humankind so they will see and recognize the sovereign authority of the One. It is the power of the One which has given this unworthy one the ability to scribble these words so that you might hear his voice and become obedient to his words.

Council Officers meeting is Sept. 1

Council meeting is Sept. 13

**Northside Columbus Club meeting
Wednesday, Sept. 15 at 7:00 p.m.**

Workday is Saturday, Sept. 11



ATTENDANCE PRIZE

Congratulations to Brother Bob Rivera, who won the attendance prize of \$50 at the August meeting. If less than 25 members attend the meeting, the prize will be \$25. If there are 25 or more members the prize will be \$50. If no member is present after the 3rd name is drawn, there will be no progression to a higher amount the next month. The attendance prize drawing is held at the conclusion of the meeting.

Special Announcement

Brother Knights and families of Council 2917 and stockholders of the NSCC,

With the sudden rise in COVID cases and the hospitals filling available beds with COVID patients, more so now with younger than older patients, we feel that we should ask our members that if they have been around someone recently that has tested positive for COVID they should not attend council or NSCC events until they have either self-quarantined or received a negative test result for COVID, if not a combination of both.

As the Council Grand Knight, I have received several calls and messages from our membership with concerns about the rise in COVID cases. They have notified me that many of their relatives and friends have tested positive for COVID. These were gentle reminders to us of the increase in COVID cases and that we should be cautious with how we are proceeding with council activities.

Let us all play on the side of caution. When at the hall, wear a mask if you are in close contact with others, especially when in a confined space. Practice social distancing with others when talking with people, and sanitize when entering and leaving the hall. Please be mindful of others that you are around.

*John Buck, GK
Council 2917*

*Paul Heidbreder, President,
NSCC*

Northside Columbus Club

Meeting Place of Bishop Odin Council 2917

I want to personally thank the following volunteers that came out to help on our workday on Saturday, August 21st: Kenneth Bollom, Bennie Bronikowski, John Buck, Lydia Clifton, David Cornelius, Brian Kubiak, Floyd Rekieta, Bob Rivera, Roger Rodriguez, Dennis Roeder, Edward Ruhnke, James Urbanovsky and Paul Heidbreder. I also want to thank James Urbanovsky and Richard Pavlas for their continued weekday mowing of the property and Don Christen for keeping our equipment running properly.

Special thanks to Brian Kubiak, Bennie Bronikowski and Paul Heidbreder for repairing all of our parking lot lights. Special thanks to Kenneth Bollom and Roger Rodriguez for helping me power wash, scrape, and sand the outside pavilion tables to prepare them to be repainted by the Sam Houston Council Boy Scouts. A special thanks also to The Arrows Rugby players that took time away from their strength training on two different nights to help move all of those terribly heavy tables into position for the painting process.

We did accomplish a lot at our August workday. However, we still have much to do to prepare for our Summer Fling on Saturday, September 18th. Because of Summer Fling, our next workday will be on Saturday, September 11th. All volunteers on the next workday will be welcome!!

The next Board meeting for the NSCC will be on Wednesday, September 15th.

Sincerely,
Paul Heidbreder
NSCC President



Next work day is Sept. 11

PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN.

Program Director

Summer Fling 2021, **September 18th** is the date for our council's only fundraiser. Come out and enjoy this day with your council brothers and their families. We will need several volunteers for this event.

- **Saturday September 11th**, work day to clean the buildings and grounds.
- **Friday, September 17th**—late afternoon/early evening—cleaning and seasoning the chickens.
- **Saturday, September 18th**, starting at 6 AM prepping the food and cooking through the afternoon, serving food, cleaning the kitchen.
- **Sunday, September 19th**, cleaning the hall after the party.

We are still looking for a Program Director.

John Buck, GK
Council 2917

Pray for our Military

Epecially:

Tyler Kubiak, serving in the U.S. Navy. Tyler is the son of Brother Michael Kubiak and grandson of Brother Dennis and Birdie Kubiak.

Noah Clark, U.S. Army Drone Program, grandson of Brother Alvin and Bobbie Clark.

Shawn Hrcir, son of Brother Bob Hrcir.

If anyone has a relative in the military and would like his/her name added to our prayer list, please submit the name and branch of service to kbroniko@hotmail.com

CONGRATULATIONS



**to Robert and Rose Bollom
who celebrated their
50th wedding anniversary
on July 24, 2021.**

Congratulations to

- Nick Navarro, Knight of the month for July.
- Felipe & Maria Ramirez, Family of the month for July.

DOMINO RESULTS

Moon Tournament Winners for July 5

Correction: 1st place: Dennis Heinrich
2nd place tie: Clem Laskowski & Alvin Clark

Moon Tournament Winners for Aug. 2

1st place tie: Marion Lewandowski & Bobbie Clark
3rd place: Charlie Heinrich

Moon Tournament Winners for Aug. 30

1st place: Marion Lewandowski
2nd place: Judy Wendt

Next Moon Tournament is Sept. 6





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SUMMER FLING

DINNER, DANCE & RAFFLE

Saturday, September 18, 2021

607 East Whitney Street
Houston, Texas

\$13,000 given away in 23 prizes

\$100 donation per ticket - only 350 tickets will be sold

Each ticket entitles admission for two to dinner & dance.

1st Prize.....\$5,000

2nd Prize.....\$1,000	13th Prize.....\$300
3rd Prize.....\$1,000	14th Prize..... \$200
4th Prize.....\$ 500	15th Prize.....\$200
5th Prize.....\$ 500	16th Prize.....\$200
6th Prize.....\$ 500	17th Prize.....\$200
7th Prize.....\$ 500	18th Prize.....\$200
8th Prize.....\$ 400	19th Prize.....\$200
9th Prize.....\$ 400	20th Prize.....\$200
10th Prize.....\$ 300	21st Prize.....\$200
11th Prize.....\$ 300	22nd Prize.....\$200
12th Prize.....\$ 300	23rd Prize.....\$200

All prizes paid in Bank Cash Gift Cards - Winner responsible for all taxes

Music will be provided by the

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Additional dinner tickets are available for \$10.00 each
and additional dance tickets are available for \$10.00 each

Doors open at 4:00 p.m.

Dinner will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Dance is from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

To purchase a \$100 ticket, please call **Brother Ed Okonski @ 281-433-6835.**

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. Our next rosary is **Sept. 27** at 7:00 p.m.

Thank you to the Ladies Auxiliary for providing refreshments for the August Rosary.

Join the Helpers of God's Precious Infants on

Saturday, Sept. 18 — 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Ambrose Church, 4213 Mangum

Followed by a Rosary at Texas Ambulatory Surgical Center
2505 N. Shepherd Dr.

Remember to adhere to Archdiocesan Guidelines for presence at an abortion clinic

For more information contact Vicky Whynott 832-875-5126

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

Bingo's back!

Early Bird Bingo starts at

7:15 p.m.

and regular Bingo starts at

7:30 p.m.



The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of September

An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle —

We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

Happy Birthday Greetings

to all Brother Knights celebrating the gift of life

Donald H. Borski	Sept. 1
Christopher J. Casas, Sr.	Sept. 1
Leroy Davis	Sept. 1
Robert J. Jackowski	Sept. 1
William Selvaggi	Sept. 1
Philip C. Bielamowicz	Sept. 2
Frank A. Naquin	Sept. 2
Carlo V. Dechiro	Sept. 3
Martin Gonzalez	Sept. 4
Thomas W. Twardowsky	Sept. 4
Charles F. Paradoski	Sept. 5
Frank L. Tamborello	Sept. 5
Eric A. Diaz	Sept. 7
Doel A. Rodriguez	Sept. 9
Theogene J. Riggs, Jr.	Sept. 11
Michael J. Montalbano	Sept. 12
Rev. Phong X. Nguyen	Sept. 12
Julio Aleman	Sept. 13
Roger E. Keys	Sept. 14
Edward J. Tobola	Sept. 14
Anton L. Wagner	Sept. 14
Anthony J. Widacki	Sept. 15
Frank Giacona, Jr.	Sept. 16
Gene L. Hyman	Sept. 16
Glenn G. Kasowski	Sept. 16
Javier Segura	Sept. 16
Frank Kasowski	Sept. 17
Kevin L. Morosin	Sept. 17
Antonio C. Pena	Sept. 18
Theodore Bashinski, Jr.	Sept. 19
Salvador Gonzalez	Sept. 19
Anthony Camarata	Sept. 20
Sabouse W. Wojtasczyk	Sept. 21
Robert J. Bench	Sept. 22
Danny Naskey	Sept. 22
Steven Villanueva, Sr.	Sept. 22
Richard E. Allen, Jr.	Sept. 23
Isidro S. Guerrero	Sept. 24
Kenneth J. Nieswiadomy	Sept. 24
Stephen B. Vaeza	Sept. 24
George A. Janacek	Sept. 29
Gregory A. Pavlicek	Sept. 29
Robert Braun	Sept. 30
Alvin L. Clark	Sept. 30

Please pray for our sick:



- Brother Joe Pavlik
- Brother Antone Wagner, uncle of Brother Philip Wagner
- Brother Danny Naskey who is suffering from leukemia and facing a bone marrow transplant.
- Brother Benny Okruhlik
- Robin Bronikowski, wife of Brother Johnny
- Lydia Mendoza
- Ladies Auxiliary member Fabiola Beltran, her son Jesse and grandson Ronnie Lopez
- Emilia Espinosa (diagnosed with brain cancer and undergoing chemotherapy) ex-wife of Brother Sergio Espinosa,
- Gilbert Sanchez (suffered a stroke) uncle of Brother Anthony Gonzales
- Betty Gilbert (recovering from quadruple by-pass surgery), daughter of Brother Charlie & Barbara Brossman.
- Randy Tardy, (on waiting list for a liver transplant), son-in law of Brother Charlie & Barbara Brossman.
- Katelyn Dempsey, granddaughter of Brother Antone Wagner
- Rick Wright, brother-in-law of Brother Floyd & Sandra Rekieta

IN MEMORIAM



Margaret Kopczynski, age 93, of Houston Texas, passed away peacefully in her sleep on Tuesday August 24, 2021. She was born on July 28, 1928, in Grimes county, Texas, to Frank M. Busa and Katie Macjewski Busa and spent her childhood on a farm in the Grimes County area. She is preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Katie; her sisters Martha Busa Holliman and Agatha Busa McClosky; her beloved husband Brother Knight Cashmere "Kie" Kopczynski; and her two daughters Frances Kopczynski Saunders and Helen Kopczynski Lockner. Margaret was the oldest of four children and is survived by her sister Lucy Kopczynski Holiday of Houston, Texas, and her numerous nieces and nephews and several cousins. She was a longtime faithful member of Assumption Catholic Church. She was a member of the Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary, Catholic Daughters, Assumption Church Harvest Years Group, Polish National Alliance, and several garden clubs, including the Houston Daylily Society.

Brother Knight Finn Runfalo, born Oct. 1, 1934, passed away August 8, 2021.

Victoria Bernice Slenk Kubiak of Houston, TX passed away peacefully on Wednesday, July 28, 2021, at the age of 99. Victoria was born on October 7, 1921 in Bremond, TX to Antone and Annie Slenk. She is survived by her daughter, Wanda Noskrent; daughter-in-law, Sally Kubiak; granddaughters, Denise Noskrent Sparks and husband Sean Sparks, Kristy Noskrent and Kerri Noskrent; grandson, Zachary Kubiak and numerous great grandchildren. Victoria was preceded in death by her parents, Antone and Annie Slenk, husband, Brother Knight Raymond Frank Kubiak, her son, Brother Vincent Kubiak, and her brothers and sisters.

May God have mercy on these loved ones' soul and grant them eternal rest. Please remember Margaret, Finn, and Victoria and their family in your prayers.

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 Floyd Supercinski, Chancellor, at 713-861-6725 if you would like to add anyone or have the name remain on our prayer list. You can always read the prayer list on our website as well.

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

Deadline for the Oct. newsletter is Sept. 16.

LADIES AUXILIARY

Lydia Clifton, President

Greetings Ladies,

I can't believe it's already September. The year is passing quickly and there are a lot of exciting events happening at the hall this month.

The Ladies Auxiliary meeting will be held on **Monday, September 13th**. Dinner will be served at 6:00 and the meeting will begin at 7 pm. It would be nice to have more people show up for the meeting, so pass the word and inform other members to come out and support our organization.

Ladies bringing desserts to the meeting will be Kathy Bronikowski, Doris Henderson, and Cecilia Piwetz.

At the meeting we will discuss Summer Fling, which will be held on Saturday September 18th. All Auxiliary members are asked to bring 2 desserts for our dessert booth. Desserts can be brought in on Friday during Friday night bingo or on Saturday. Make sure to sign up to help out, remember this is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Together we can make it a success!

Ladies, let's not forget to support our Friday Night Bingo, whether you stop by to play or help out in the kitchen.

Thank you to the following ladies who helped in the kitchen in July: Caroline Mocek, Dorothy Urbanovsky, Earline Okruhlik, Gloria Gutierrez, Cecelia Piwetz, Bennie Bronikowski, Kathy Bronikowski.

Thank you to the following ladies who provided dessert for July: Dorothy Urbanovsky, Earline Okruhlik, Bobbie Clark, Gloria Gutierrez, Angie Heinrich, Kathy Bronikowski.

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Do things seem more topsy-turvy than ever, not just in the world but in our church as well? This prayer for Christ's protection is quite timely, in an era of apostasy, scandals being uncovered, and people walking away from the Catholic faith, or otherwise paying it lukewarm lip service at best. It has resonances of two other well known prayers, [St. Patrick's Breastplate](#) and the [Anima Christi](#).

Let us all pray for Christ's Protection at this time:

May the Lord Jesus Christ be with me, that He may defend me; may He be within me, that He may conserve me; may He be before me, that He may lead me; may He be after me, so that He may guard me; may He be above me, that He may bless me, who with God the Father and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

<https://www.ourcatholicprayers.com/prayer-for-Christ's-protection.html>

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

Upcoming Events

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

- Sept. 1 Council Officers' Meeting
- Sept. 3 BINGO
- Sept. 6 Domino Tournament (Happy Labor Day)
- Sept. 10 BINGO
- Sept. 11 Council Work Day
- Sept. 13 Council Meal at 6 p.m./meeting at 7 p.m.
- Sept. 13 Ladies Auxiliary meeting/meal at 6 p.m.
- Sept. 15 Northside Columbus Club meeting
- Sept. 17 BINGO
- Sept. 18 SUMMER FLING**
- Sept. 24 BINGO
- Sept. 27 Pro-Life Rosary (Knights)
- Oct. 1 BINGO
- Oct. 4 Domino Tournament
- Oct. 6 Council Officers' Meeting
- Oct. 8 BINGO
- Oct. 11 Council Meal at 6 p.m./meeting at 7 p.m.
- Oct. 15 BINGO
- Oct. 16 Council Work Day
- Oct. 20 Northside Columbus Club Meeting
- Oct. 22 BINGO
- Oct. 25 Pro-Life Rosary (Ladies)
- Oct. 29 BINGO



CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

Our next meeting will be Sept. 7

This will be a zoom meeting.

If you are interested in the Catholic Daughters, please contact Pat Koteras at 713-864-4490.

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



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Council 2917 Member
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For details contact
Lydia Clifton, hall manager
713-694-2341.



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