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Grand Knight's Message

John Buck

Brother Knights,

We are soon to enter our council's busiest time of the year—Fall. We have Summer Fling, Sisters' Party, Council Christmas Party and more. With each of these events, we will need many volunteers to help with the planning of the events, the day of the events and cleaning up afterwards. We do have a great resource of volunteers, but we do need to begin expanding our volunteer list. We would like to add new volunteers to our list—young and old and new members too. There is no age limit for volunteers. For our recently initiated members or members that have not been participating in council activities, I suggest that you start involving yourself in our activities. Involvement is your best way to feel comfortable and welcome in the council.

We will host a Council 2917 Corporate Communion Mass at St. Rose of Lima Parish on August 14 at the 10 a.m. Mass. Remember Brothers, whether you are a parishioner of St. Rose or another parish, at our Corporate Communion, we are all members of the parish that we are celebrating Mass at. Let's see some new faces at our next Corporate Communion.

Brothers, when you read the August Newsletter, you may find your name on the cover page as a council activity director. Do not be shocked, we needed to fill in names for open positions and the FS and I filled in names of Brothers that fit the directorship. Brothers, the office of treasurer is still open. The FS and I do have a candidate for this position, but before a vote is taken, we are offering this candidate a trial period to see if he can fulfill the duties of this office. A vote to accept this candidate as treasurer may be done in September.

Brothers, when you come around the hall, you will see many older members participating in our council activities—at meetings, as council officers and directors, volunteer programs, fundraisers, and more. We need more youth actively participating in council programs and as leaders of the council. This year I ask one thing of all of our members, especially our younger and newer Brothers, attend a council meeting, volunteer for a council activity and think about becoming a director or officer of the council. For Council 2917 to continue its great and rich history, we need some youth to step up and take roles within the council's operations. Using some of our older brothers as mentors, you will have a much easier time settling in as a council director or officer leading Council 2917.

Brothers, with us coming upon the busiest time of the year for the council, this gives you the opportunity to work with the 3 Principles of our Order- Charity, Unity and Fraternity. How will you include these principles into your life in the next few months?

Assistant Chaplain's Message

Deacon Will Hunter

Invitation

Invitations have always been a part of our lives. We are continually invited to various functions, weddings, anniversaries, school functions, work related parties etc. One invitation that we are always invited to, yet we rarely want to attend is the invitation we receive from Christ to join him in the afterlife. Death is always a part of what happens in our life. It is this invitation from Christ to join him in the afterlife that we do not want to receive or accept. To be clear, this is not the only invitation that we receive from Christ. We receive daily invitations from Christ to join him in making this world a better place to live by showing others acts of kindness, compassion, generosity and the like. It is these first, or lesser invitations if you will, that introduce us to the world that Christ lives in that involve much of what we would rather not take part in if it were left up to us. One good example of this is the parable of the rich man (Luke 16: 19-31). Lazarus is the poor beggar in this parable and a rich man has everything he could ask for. Both die and Lazarus is placed in the arms of Abraham and the rich man is sent to Hades. The invitation to join the Lord was presented to both men. Both men had the same opportunity to accept or decline the Lord's invitation. As in the parable, we have the option to accept or decline the Lord's invitation to join him in making the world we live in a better place. It is our choice to accept or reject this invitation from the Lord. But we should all be forewarned that declining this invitation from the Lord in this world will not end well for us in the world to come.

Why we choose to accept or decline the invitation from the Lord is based on how and why we are willing to listen to the voice of the Lord when he is talking to us about our journey in this world. There are instances when the Lord extends his invitation to us and we decline the invitation because we do not like the way the invitation was presented to us. For example, the Lord may extend the invitation of forgiveness to us and we decline it because it comes from someone who we are holding a grudge against. There are other times when we decline the invitation of the Lord because we are more interested in what the Lord has given us than we are in sacrificing for the Lord. We want to hold on to the gifts of the Lord rather than give them back to him and journey further with the Lord without them. Death is an invitation that we all never want to

Assistant Chaplain's Message (continued)

Deacon Will Hunter

accept, yet we all one way or another must accept. Many times we do not like the way the invitation of death is presented to us because we feel the Lord has taken something or someone from us unfairly. How could this be possible if we first understand the gift taken from us never belonged to us to begin with? Secondly, if we truly love the Lord the way we say we do, why would we not want to give him whatever it is that he is asking for? True love entails sacrificing everything for the person or thing that we love with all our heart. Why can we not love the Lord in this way? Just as in the parable in Luke's gospel, we must make a choice in this world to follow the words and examples of the Lord and find eternal salvation or decline the invitation by Christ and find ourselves on the outside looking in, just as the rich man in the parable did. We must remember that even though Christ is using a parable to illustrate what must be done to enter into his Kingdom, his words are no less true and powerful and life-giving. Christ holds up a mirror in front of each of us to show us the truest reflection of ourselves. The mirror that Christ holds in front of us does not give us a distorted view of ourselves, nor does it give us the view that others have of us. The mirror held up by Christ shows us exactly what we are doing with his invitations here on earth. Use wisely the invitations given to each of us by Christ daily so that when his final invitation is given to us we are prepared to accept it with grace, dignity and honor. All of which is given to us by the Lord himself to all who show obedience to his perfect will. Nothing short of doing the divine will of the Lord will be acceptable for us to hand our final invitation to the Lord and walk into the heavenly mansion he has prepared for us.

Congratulations to

- Anthony Zuccarini, Knight of the month for June.
- Benny & Earline Okruhlik, Family of the month for June.

The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of August

For small businesses—

We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.

August 8 - 5 to 8 p.m. Gulf Coast Regional Blood Drive at our council hall

Please contact Paul Heidbreder at 281-726-3390 for verification of time for your donation.

If you can donate blood, please do so. We have many of our council family hospitalized that need blood.

Council Officers meeting is **Aug. 3**

Council meeting is **Aug. 8**

Northside Columbus Club meeting
Wednesday, Aug. 17 at 7:00 p.m.

Workday is **Saturday, Aug. 20**



RECRUITMENT

**St. Rose of Lima Parish
Ministry Fair Day - August 21**



We will need council members to be present after all Masses on this day. It doesn't matter what parish you belong to, we need members to be present to answer questions and encourage men to sign up. I am especially asking for St. Rose Brother Knights to be available on this day since you are more familiar with the parish and parishioners. (John Buck, Grand Knight)

Corporate Communion Mass St. Rose of Lima Church Sunday, August 14 at 10 a.m. Mass

Please be there by 9:45 a.m. to start lining up so we can process in together as a family. All Brother Knights and their families are invited.

August 15 - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII defined the dogma of the Assumption. He solemnly proclaimed that the belief whereby the Blessed Virgin Mary, at the end of her life on earth, was taken up body and soul, into the glory of heaven, definitively forms part of the deposit of faith, received from the apostles.

The Blessed Virgin Mary is the most perfect example of Christian perseverance, but she is also our advocate in heaven where she is crowned Queen of Heaven and Earth (August 22). Mary is the "Mother of Perpetual Help", the patroness of the Congregation founded by St. Alphonsus Liguori (August 1). "No one who has fled to her protection is left unaided" is the claim of the *Memorare* of St. Bernard (August 20). Heretics have returned to the faith by the prayers of her Rosary, first preached by St. Dominic (August 8) in the twelfth Century, and hearts have been converted by the graces received while wearing her Miraculous Medal, promoted by St. Maximilian Kolbe (August 14) and adopted as the "badge" for the Pious Union he founded. *Hail, holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope!*

Northside Columbus Club

Meeting Place of Bishop Odin Council 2917

At our July 20th NSCC regular meeting, we elected the following officers for a term of one year: President - Paul Heidbreder Vice President - Nick Navarro, Secretary - Floyd Rekieta, Treasurer - Bennie Bronikowski.

At the next council meeting on Monday, August 8th, the NSCC will have a special meeting to give the end of the fiscal year financial report to the shareholders.

I want to thank the following volunteers that came out on Saturday, July 16th for our workday: Kenneth Bollom, John Buck, Bennie Bronikowski, Jerry Gorney, Paul Heidbreder, Nick Navarro, Greg Okonski, Roger Rodriguez, Edward Ruhnke, and Larry Tobias. Thanks to these Brother Knights, we had a successful workday. I also want to thank Don Christen for his work on our lawn equipment and mechanical issues at the hall. I always want to thank Richard Pavlas and James Urbanovsky for their dedication of keeping our property mowed. They are both currently unavailable for a couple of months due to family health concerns, so in the interim, I am trying my best to fill in. However, if anyone has any free time on their hands to volunteer to mow, I will gladly accept your offer !!

The next regular NSCC Board meeting will be on Wednesday, August 17th, at 7:00 PM at the Odin Hall.

In closing, I want to ask for continued prayers for Lydia Clifton. She has been in ICU at the hospital for serious health concerns. Lydia has been a dedicated lady to the NSCC as hall manager for years. I have performed her job since she left for health reasons back in October of 2021. It is a challenging job and believe me when I say that she is truly missed.

Paul Heidbreder, NSCC President

**NEXT WORKDAY WILL BE
SATURDAY, AUGUST 20**



Program Director

Feast of the Assumption - Saturday, August 13 at Assumption Church. Bishop Italo Dell'Oro, CRS, will be the celebrant. The celebration will begin with a prayer procession outside the church and then a procession inside for Mass. Father Albert is asking for Council 2917 Brother Knights to participate in this celebration. He is also asking for an honor guard of the 4th Degree to assist with the procession and Mass. Fr. Albert is a big supporter of the Knights so it would be great if we could get a nice turnout to thank Fr. Albert for his support and to show homage to Our Lady.

Corporate Communion - Sunday, August 14 at St. Rose of Lima Church. Mass is at 10 a.m. so we will begin lining up for procession into the church at 9:45 a.m.

St. Rose of Lima Parish Ministry Fair Day- August 21. We will need council members to be present after all Masses on this day. It doesn't matter what parish you belong to, we need members to be present to answer questions and encourage men to sign up. I am especially asking for St. Rose Brother Knights to be available on this day since you are more familiar with the parish and parishioners.

KIAD—Knight in A Day Program, we are hoping to host a Degree Ceremony to install new members into our Order and into Council 2917. The date is not set, but is planned for late August.

Summer Fling - Sept. 10. We still have some raffle tickets available. Please ask Greg Okonski for a raffle ticket and be sure to turn in your sold raffle tickets. Contact Larry Tobias if you are able to volunteer to help with this event. We are asking for donations of liquor, gift cards or cash to fill the raffle baskets. Brother Larry Tobias has done a great job these past years putting these mini raffle baskets together. If you would like to donate a few bucks, Larry can make those bucks go a long way on his purchases for the baskets. You can bring your donations to the August meeting. With the proceeds from this small raffle, we are usually able to pay for the event's expenses—band, food, advertisement and more but your donations are needed to help with this raffle. Please contact Larry Tobias for your donations.

The Ladies Auxiliary are asking for desserts for the dessert booth for the Summer Fling. Brother Knights, please ask your wife, to bake a dessert or give your wife a break and show off your talent by baking a dessert. If you don't bake, no worries, visit the bakery at your local grocery store. We appreciate your support.

Religious Sisters' Appreciation Party in October - after an absence of 2 years, we are resuming this celebration. We are now asking for donations for this event: Master cards, Visa gift cards, American express gift cards, gift cards to restaurants, fast food chains, grocery stores, Walmart, Target, Walgreens, CVS, Lowe's, Home Depot, gas stations, etc. We are also accepting cash to purchase gift cards or supplies for the party.

The day consists of a social, meal, entertainment and gifts for the sisters. We ask the membership to join us in this celebration by purchasing a ticket to attend and show your support to the sisters. We will also be needing volunteers to make this a success. More information will be announced once everything is finalized.

Northside Columbus Club Bar Services (NSCCBS)

Jose Lima, President

NSCCBS will be having bar board elections at the August general meeting. If anyone is interested in running for a board position please let me know.

NSCCBS will be planning the Toys for Tots BBQ cookoff and dance. A planning meeting time and date TBA.

Thank you for all your prayers for my sister, Lydia Clifton.



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SUMMER FLING

DINNER, DANCE & RAFFLE

Saturday, September 10, 2022

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 2 to dinner & dance

1st Prize.....\$5,000
2nd Prize.....\$2,500

3rd Prize....\$1,000	10th Prize....\$300
4th Prize...\$ 500	11th Prize....\$300
5th Prize...\$ 500	12th Prize....\$300
6th Prize...\$ 500	13th Prize....\$250
7th Prize...\$ 400	14th Prize....\$250
8th Prize...\$ 400	15th Prize....\$200
9th Prize...\$ 400	16th Prize....\$200

17th prize....2023 raffle ticket
18th prize....2023 raffle ticket

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

Music will be provided by the

**TEXAS SOUND
CHECK BAND**

Additional dinner tickets are available for \$12.00 each
and additional dance tickets are available for \$12.00 each

Doors open at 4:00 p.m.

Dinner will be served from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Dance is from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m.

Congratulations to



*Brother Knight
Leonard & Margaret
Kasowski*
who celebrated their
60th Wedding Anniversary
on June 2, 2022

Congratulations to



*Brother Knight
Charlie & Angie
Heinrich*
who celebrated
their 70th Wedding
Anniversary
on April 26, 2022



Northside Columbus Club (NSCC)
Floyd Rekieta, Secretary

At the next council meeting on Monday, August 8th, the NSCC will have a special meeting to give the end of the fiscal year financial report to the shareholders.

Help Wanted

We are looking to hire people to help set up and clean up the hall before and after events. This is a paid job. If you are interested in applying or know of someone—child, grandchild, friend, etc. Please contact Paul at 281-726-3390.

**Deadline for the September newsletter is
August 16.**

Happy Birthday Greetings

to all Brother Knights celebrating the gift of life

David Wayne Berger	Aug. 1
Michael D. Kubiak	Aug. 1
Mark Seigle	Aug. 2
Larry W. Stegent	Aug. 2
John W. Witovec, Jr.	Aug. 3
Tommy J. Bugaj, Jr.	Aug. 4
Daniel V. Kelly	Aug. 4
Rev. John P. Borsari	Aug. 8
Kenneth R. Hemmi	Aug. 8
Mario R. Ortega	Aug. 8
Royce E. Harper	Aug. 10
Simon Cervantes	Aug. 11
David L. Cornelius	Aug. 13
Anton R. Lewandowski	Aug. 13
Mike J. Duoto	Aug. 15
Tommy W. Kwiatkowski	Aug. 15
Richard A. Pagel	Aug. 15
Thomas J. Viviano, Jr.	Aug. 17
Dwayne A. Mocek	Aug. 19
Michael T. Sechelski	Aug. 19
Leonard J. Tomczak	Aug. 22
Stuart T. Salch	Aug. 23
Gene D. Walkoviak	Aug. 23
Karl E. Wolff, Jr.	Aug. 24
Sergio Espinosa	Aug. 25
Leo L. Landry	Aug. 25
David A. Rzya	Aug. 25
Eugene A. Kuchta	Aug. 26
Jerry E. Walker	Aug. 26
John A. Long	Aug. 28
Milton G. Luecke	Aug. 29
David P. Borski	Aug. 30
Gerald T. Hatten	Aug. 30
Donnie R. Wilson	Aug. 30

Please pray for our sick:



- Brother Knight Ismael Jalomo
- Brother Knight Gene Walkoviak
- Brother Knight James Urbanovsky
- Brother Knight David Cornelius
- Brother Knight Joe Pavlik
- Brother Knight Benny Okruhlik
- Barbara Pavlas, wife of Brother Knight Richard
- Betty Jackowski, wife of Brother Knight Robert
- Rita Ann Jalomo, daughter of Brother Knight Ismael
- Janie Okonski
- Rosalie Lobpries
- Darlene Thornton, sister of Kelly Clawson
- Lydia Clifton, member of Ladies Auxiliary
- Carmen Buck, mother of GK Brother Knight John Buck
- Robin Bronikowski, wife of Brother Knight Johnny
- Christine Piwetz, daughter of Cecelia Piwetz
- Marian Leets, mother-in-law of Brother Knight Anthony Zuccarini
- Katelyn Dempsey, granddaughter of Brother Anton Wagner

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>

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.

Council family, August 15th is the Assumption of our Blessed Mother Mary. Let us honor and thank her by attending Council 2917's 4th Monday Rosary and Prayer Program on August 22nd. We are always in need of her and asking her for assistance, for ourselves and for others. Please attend on August 22nd, letting her see and hear our Unity of prayer. This night is not only for council brothers, it is an open prayer night meeting, for our wives, our family, our friends and all that want to pray to our Holy Mother Mary.

Thank you to the Knights for providing refreshments for the July Rosary.

Our next Rosary is **Aug. 22** at 7:00 p.m.

Brother Knights please mark your calendar for this event and invite your family and friends to come and pray with us.

Join the Helpers of God's Precious Infants on

Aug. 20 – 8:30 am Mass at Christ the Good Shepherd

18511 Klein Church Rd.

followed by Rosary Procecion to Planned Parenthood
4747 Louetta

For more information contact Vicky Whynott 832-875-5126

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

Pray for our Military

Especially:

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 Hrcncir, son of Brother Bob Hrcncir.

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

LADIES AUXILIARY

Kathy Bronikowski, President

Dear Ladies,

I want to thank all ladies that came to our July meeting. We had a very good turnout and were able to finally hold elections.

Here are the new officers:

President	Kathy Bronikowski
Vice-President	Gloria Gutierrez
Treasurer	Earline Okruhlik
Secretary	Dorothy Urbanovsky

The **Summer Fling will be held Sept. 10**. This is a big fundraiser for us. I am asking for your help to make this a success by bringing a dessert or two for this event. The doors open at 4:00 p.m. but since we need to cut and wrap the desserts, someone will be at the hall accepting desserts starting at 2:00 p.m. We are asking you to bring them by 3:00 p.m. on Saturday. If it will be easier for you, I will be at the hall starting at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 9 for you to drop off your desserts. Earline Okruhlik is in charge of the desserts and could use help not only in cutting and wrapping but also to help sell the desserts and clean up afterwards. Please find a few minutes to help out.

Brother Knights, if possible, we would appreciate a dessert from you, your wife, girlfriend, mother, etc. for our dessert booth at the Summer Fling. It doesn't matter if it's homemade or store bought. You can donate something you might like to eat.

I thank you in advance, Ladies and Brother Knights, for your donation.

At the July meeting, JoAnn Psencik won the \$40.00 attendance prize but donated it back to the Ladies Auxiliary to be used for the Sister's Appreciation Party. Thank you JoAnn for your generosity!

Thank you to the following ladies who helped in the kitchen in July: Earline Okruhlik, Gloria Gutierrez, Cecelia Piwetz, Christina Carlson, Dorothy Urbanovsky, Delores Tobola, Kathy Bronikowski.

Thank you to the following ladies who provided desserts for July: Earline Okruhlik, Gloria Gutierrez, Cecelia Piwetz, Angie Heinrich, Kathy Palasota, Sandra Rekieta, Dorothy Urbanovsky, Kathy Bronikowski.

Our next meeting is Sept. 11.

Dinner starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting starts at 7 p.m.

At this meeting we will be discussing our upcoming Sisters' Appreciation Celebration which will be held in October. This event always puts a smile on the sisters' faces. This is always a fun and memorable event for them and they have really missed it due to covid. We will be accepting donations for gift cards. If you are unable to purchase a gift card, we will accept money and we will make the purchase as needed. Thank you in advance for your donation.

Upcoming Events

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

- Aug. 1 Domino Tournament
- Aug. 3 Council Officers' Meeting
- Aug. 5 BINGO
- Aug. 8 Council Meal at 6 pm/Meeting at 7 pm
- Aug. 12 BINGO
- Aug. 13 Mass of the Assumption at Assumption Church
- Aug. 14 Corporate Communion at St. Rose Church
- Aug. 15 Feast of the Assumption - Holy Day
- Aug. 17 Northside Columbus Club Meeting
- Aug. 19 BINGO
- Aug. 20 Council Work Day
- Aug. 22 Pro-Life Rosary (*Ladies*)
- Aug. 26 BINGO
- Aug. 29 Domino Tournament (5th Monday)
- Sept. 2 BINGO
- Sept. 5 Labor Day & Domino Tournament
- Sept. 7 Council Officers' Meeting
- Sept. 9 BINGO
- Sept. 10 SUMMER FLING**
- Sept. 12 Council Meal at 6 pm/Meeting at 7 pm
- Sept. 12 *Ladies Auxiliary Meal at 6 pm/Meeting 7 pm*
- Sept. 16 BINGO
- Sept. 17 Council Work Day
- Sept. 21 Northside Columbus Club Meeting
- Sept. 23 BINGO
- Sept. 26 Pro-Life Rosary (*Knights*)
- Sept. 30 BINGO



CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS Court Christ the King #1750

We do not have meetings in the summer. The next meeting will be **Tuesday, Sept. 6**
Social at 6:30 p.m. / Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

If you would like information on joining the Catholic Daughters, please contact

Marianna Olivarez 713-501-8004

Join us for food, fun and fellowship on

Aug. 16 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Barbeque Inn

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



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10 Players are Council 2917 Knights

Most Events are at NSCC

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