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Grand Knight's Message

John Buck

Council Family,

Lent is soon upon us, then Easter. Have we begun to prepare ourselves for this season of our Church? This is an odd question in that I ask have we "begun to prepare," where we should "never stop preparing" ourselves.

I hate to bring this subject up—Council 2917 Officer Elections—when preparing for Lent and Easter, but there is a common ground here. Our Order was founded on the basic Principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity, so close to how we should live our lives as Christians. Brothers, by you searching your soul and heart to offer your life experiences and knowledge to be a candidate and then accept the position of a council officer, you are extending the growth of Council 2917 and our Order of the Knights of Columbus. Talk to a council officer on how you could help the council by becoming a council officer.

I am happy to announce that we now have a Council 2917 Financial Secretary. Tony Zuccarini has volunteered for this role and has been approved by the Supreme Council. It may take a little longer, but as our Worthy FS moves in to this role, we will become more efficient in our council operations.

Assistant Chaplain's Message

Deacon Will Hunter

Heavenly Gifts of Christ

It is described as the spotless spouse of the spotless Lamb, (43) whom Christ "loved and for whom He delivered Himself up that He might sanctify her", (44) whom He unites to Himself by an unbreakable covenant, and whom He unceasingly "nourishes and cherishes", (45) and whom, once purified, He willed to be cleansed and joined to Himself, subject to Him in love and fidelity, (46) and whom, finally, He filled with heavenly gifts for all eternity, in order that we may know the love of God and of Christ for us, a love which surpasses all knowledge. (DOGMATIC CONSTITUTION ON THE CHURCH; Lumen Gentium; Chapter 1; number 6; paragraph 6:)

As we enter into the season of Lent, it would be prudent of us to begin reflection on the heavenly gifts given to us by the Lord before and during his time here among us. A reflection that should include the thought of what would we be willing to give up for the sake of the divine will of the Lord to please Him.

It is the divine will of the Lord which nourishes each of us daily with the spirit of love, patience, understanding and forgiveness. We should reflect on these gifts and the other given to us by the Lord during this time of penance. Reflect on the many gifts given to us by the Lord in our personal lives and the many times we have squandered those gifts because of our selfishness.

We should spend this time of the Liturgical Season of Lent with a heavy and burdened heart because of the need we should all have for the divine forgiveness of the Lord because of our many sins and the many times we have been disobedient. Disobedient due to the fact that we would rather satisfy our own will rather than bend our knee to the divine will of the Lord.

It was disobedience by Adam and Eve that brought down the love the Lord shared with them. We should reflect on the generosity given to us by the Lord. We should reflect daily on the gifts the Lord has placed in our lives so that we might bring others to him because of this generosity. We should reflect on the many times we have wasted the precious gift of time the Lord bestows on us daily.

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"(Lent) is a period of spiritual 'combat' which we must experience alongside Jesus, not with pride and presumption, but using the arms of faith: prayer, listening to the word of God and penance. In this way we will be able to celebrate Easter in truth, ready to renew the promises of our Baptism."

-Pope Benedict XVI

Assistant Chaplain's Message *(continued)*

Deacon Will Hunter

How many times we have wasted this precious gift of time with idle thoughts, thoughts of ill-will, greed, selfishness and the like. We should use this time of reflection to learn the language of the Lord so that when we hear his voice, we understand clearly what is being asked of us. In case we did not know, the Lord speaks a different language than we do. This is why in all four of the gospels the Lord speaks in parables to deliver His divine message to us.

The language of the Lord can only be understood by those who are willing to reflect, be obedient, and listen for the voice of the Lord. Reflecting on the unbreakable love the Lord has for us should make us want to open our hearts and mind to him so that love can be poured into us and over us like a waterfall of spiritual energy. We should allow that spiritual energy to drown us with spiritual contentment, peace of heart and peace of mind, and satisfaction in doing the work of the Lord. Think about how wonderful and fulfilling our lives would feel if we gave ourselves to the Lord in this way? We should allow our hearts and minds to freefall into the divine love of the Lord each day it is offered to us.

Think of it, the Lord offers us his love freely each day we open our eyes and take a breath of His air. A love that is pure, free of any type of toxins associated with this world. Reflect on the unbreakable love of the Lord for us as we enter the Lenten Season. Give as much of yourself to the Lord during this time of penance so he might heal the scars that have overtaken our hearts and our minds. Reflect on what we could do better with the time given to us by the Lord to glorify His holy name. A name that brings joy, peace and stability to each of our lives when we open our hearts to it.

- ♦ **Council Officers' meeting** is Wednesday, **March 5**
- ♦ **Council meeting** is Monday, **March 10**
- ♦ **Northside Columbus Club meeting** is Wednesday, **March 19**
- ♦ **Council Workday** is **Saturday, March 15**
- ♦ **Pro-Life Prayer Meeting** is Monday, **March 24**
(4th Monday)

Congratulations to

- Deacon Will Hunter, Knight of the Month for February.
- Tony & Elsa Saenz, Family of the Month for February.

ATTENDANCE PRIZE WINNER!



At the February meeting, the following Brother Knights names were drawn for the attendance prize: Paul Veit, John Zientek, Thomas Twardowsky. Since none of these 3 were present, the attendance prize for the March meeting will be \$120.

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.

Council 2917 Brothers,

Supreme Council says that we can hold council officer elections anytime from May 1st - June. At the March Council Officers' Meeting, we will discuss moving the officer elections' date up to our May Meeting.

If you would like to be a candidate for a council officer position, please contact the Council Trustees or Grand Knight for details of the position that you would like to hold.

John Buck, GK

The Holy Father's Intention for March

For families in crisis—

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

Recruitment



Extend an invitation to a Catholic gentleman in your parish or community to become your Brother Knight.

Looking for Sponsors

We would like to have a Polka Mass and dance to celebrate our Council's anniversary. We are looking for sponsors to help defray this cost. If you are interested in being a sponsor, please contact John Buck or Kathy Bronikowski.

Northside Columbus Club

Meeting Place of Bishop Odin Council 2917

I want to thank the following volunteers that came out to our February workday: Kenneth Bollom, Bennie and Kathy Bronikowski, Jose Dominguez, Jerry Gorney, Paul Heidbreder, Nick Navarro, Dennis Perez, Roger Rodriguez, Dennis Roeder, and Edward Ruhnke Jr. We accomplished everything on the list that day.

I also want to thank the following men who helped me reset the hall for events, Kenneth Bollom, Jose Dominguez, and Roger Rodriguez. I want to give a special thanks to John Buck who prepared our property for freeze #2 in 2025, and also for single handedly refinishing the stage half of Odin Hall. Also, thanks to Don Christian for keeping our lawn equipment maintained. As usual, a special thanks also goes out to Roger Rodriguez for proper maintenance and cleaning of our venues in between workdays.

Paul Heidbreder, NSCC President



NEXT WORKDAY WILL BE

Saturday, March 15th starting at 7:30 a.m.

NEXT NSCC BOARD MEETING WILL BE

Wednesday, March 19th at 7 pm in the Pub

Pro-Life Program Director

Floyd Supercinski

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

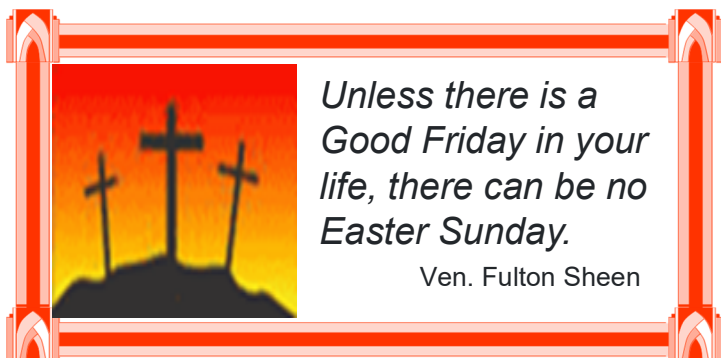


Thank you to the Ladies for providing the meal for our February Rosary.

Our next Rosary is March 24 at 7:00 p.m.

A light meal will be served afterwards.

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



PROGRAM REPORTS

Summer Fling 2025—Our committee is working on details now. If you would like to volunteer to be on this committee, please contact myself or Greg Okonski.

Council Anniversary Party—we are working on these plans. Details will be given as we move along.

Corporate Communion—I will try to plan a Corporate Communion toward the end of March or after Easter. Please watch for news of a scheduled Corporate Communion.

Family Director—We are needing someone to accept the role of Family Director. With acceptance of this role, you will need to take the K of C Child Safe Certification Course. We need someone that is willing to promote some family oriented programs within our council.

John Buck, GK, K of C Council 2917

Brothers,

On March 29th, the Order of the Knights of Columbus will celebrate it's 147th anniversary of serving our Catholic Church and all people that are in need. Our founder, "the Blessed Michael McGivney, priest and founder of the K of C" started this Order, originally to help those in need of assistance at his parish. Today, the K of C is a world-wide organization serving all.

On March, 25th, our K of C Bishop Odin Council 2917 will celebrate it's 80th year of service. Brothers, we, Council 2917 Knights, have been fulfilling what Father McGivney wanted and asks of still today. After all of these years, we still use the 3 principles that Father McGivney founded the K of C on—Charity, Unity, and Fraternity, to guide us to be better Catholic gentlemen.

John Buck, GK

DOMINO RESULTS

Moon Tournament Winners for February 3

1st Place: Mike Jozwiak
2nd Place: Will Cernosek



Next Moon Tournaments are March 3 & 31.

Deadline for the April newsletter is March 16.

Happy Birthday Greetings

to all Brother Knights celebrating the gift of life

Donald J. Sony	Mar. 3
Lloyd J. Schonefeld	Mar. 7
Archie P. Kitkoski, Jr.	Mar. 8
Robert G. Hrcir	Mar. 9
Dennis O. Perez	Mar. 10
Gregory Rivera	Mar. 10
Tony Nguyen	Mar. 12
Sandy Embesi, Jr.	Mar. 13
Dennis L. Kubiak	Mar. 13
Robert W. Murski	Mar. 13
Joseph Angelo Parrish	Mar. 15
Kenneth W. Bollom	Mar. 17
Joseph P. Altomari	Mar. 19
George P. Sjostrom	Mar. 23
Jeffrey P. Kasowski	Mar. 25
Valentin Ramos, Jr.	Mar. 26
Eugene J. Wisnoski	Mar. 26
Thomas Peterson	Mar. 29

Please pray for our sick:

- Brother Knight Bryon Morriss
- Brother Knight Gabriel Navarro
- Brother Knight Charlie Heinrich
- Brother Knight Felipe & Maria Ramirez
- Brother Knight Mark Bartrniski
- Brother Knight Frank & Kathy Mosquinski
- Brother Knight Alvin & Bobbie Clark
- Karen Dempsey, daughter of Brother Knight Anton Wagner
- Katelyn Dempsey, granddaughter of Brother Knight Anton Wagner
- Doris Henderson, Ladies Auxiliary
- Betty Jackowski, wife of Brother Knight Robert
- Randy Wagner, son of Brother Knight Philip
- Rosemary Adamo, Ladies Auxiliary
- Linda Wehring
- Luban Dumanov, father of Gloria Gutierrez' daughter-in-law
- Jerome Mayes friend of Brother Knight Leroy Lopez



Brothers, prayers are always wanted and needed for our health issues, but some of our council family do not request prayers for their illness because of wanting some privacy while they are dealing with their health issues. So when we pray for our sick, please include all that may be sick, whether requesting prayers or wishing to keep their health issues private.



IN MEMORIAM

Dorothy Ann Wick, 80, of Houston, was called home to be with the Lord on Monday, February 10, 2025. Born on March 22, 1944, the daughter of Owen (Mac) and Dorothy (Jestine) McDonald, Dorothy was the oldest of 3 daughters. Her love for God and family was her greatest passion. Her 2nd greatest passion was her love for shoes & shopping. She also loved her weekly beauty shop appointments and spoiling her grandchildren. She was always ready to lend a helping hand to everyone. In 2015, Dorothy retired from Coastal Casting Service after 36 years. She was a loving wife, dedicated mother, grandmother & great-grandmother, cherished sister and friend. Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents, Owen & Jestine McDonald; sister, Janet Bruner; step-daughter, Cheri Byrd; and baby brother, Larry Owen McDonald. She is survived by her husband, Brother Knight Joseph Wick; daughters, Kelly Sewell & husband Kevin, Kristy Mulkey & husband Lance, step-daughter, Jacqlyn Perla & husband Angel; sister, Sharon Edwards & husband Mike; grandchildren, Chris Sewell, Kody Thompson, Kourtney Snow, Kyle Sewell, Shelby Rainer, Franki Lerma, Michael Wick, James Byrd, Jason Byrd, Eric (Anthony) Berrios, Alexis Berrios, Anna Perla and Daniel Perla; numerous great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Brother Knight Phillip Andrew Wagner, born January 7, 1938, on the Mary Wagner property off Shepard Hill Road, passed away peacefully on February 7, 2025. He started his working career as a butcher at a local meat processing business in Conroe, TX. He eventually migrated to Houston where he worked in the meat delivery business. As time progressed, he worked at BSI, who supplied most of the insulation to the large buildings in downtown Houston. He finished his career working in maintenance at Willis High School. Phillip is preceded in death by his mother Mary Wagner, daughter Diane Wagner Konieczny, sister Dorothy Swiech, and brother-in-law Anton Swiech. He leaves behind his son Randy and wife Charla, his brother Tommy (Joe) Wagner, and son-in-law Pat Konieczny. Grandkids Kyle and wife Emily, Adam Konieczny, Shelby Wagner, and great grandson Lane Konieczny, his niece Cheryl, her husband John Williams and their children Jaclyn Holer, Caitlyn Bellot, Issac, Jonathan, and Mikayla. He is also survived by his cousin Theresa and her husband Willie Hoffart. Phillip never met a stranger. He would strike up a conversation with anyone as though he had known them for years. Phillip never let his skills as a butcher go to waste. When one of his friends killed a deer, they would bring it to Phillip, to process the meat for them. This was also true if they caught a large stringer of Crappie. It would not take long for Phillip to fillet it into beautiful slabs. Phillip was also a dedicated member of the Knights of Columbus Council 2917 and spent many hours serving refreshments at the many events held at the KC Hall.

Pray for our Military

Especially:

Ben Roberts, nephew of Brothers Kenneth & Robert Bollom. Ben is in the Marines and has been deployed to Israel.

Jacob Bollom, Marines 3rd Battalion, India company, Platoon 3203. Jacob is the grandnephew of Brothers Kenneth & Robert Bollom.

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

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

May God grant Dorothy and Phillip eternal rest and let His perpetual light shine upon them. Please keep Dorothy and Phillip and their families 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 James Urbanovsky, Chancellor, at 713-861-6347 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>

LADIES AUXILIARY

Kathy Bronikowski, President

Ladies,

Don't forget to mark your calendar for April 22. This is the date for our Ladies Auxiliary members' bingo party. Details will be sent out later.

Happy birthday to our members:

Gloria Gutierrez **March 1**
Doris Henderson **March 19**
Deborah Okonski **March 24**



Thank you to the following people who helped in the kitchen during bingo in February: Barbara Brossman, Gloria Gutierrez, Cecelia Piwetz, Earline Okruhlik, Kathy Bronikowski.

Thank you to the following ladies who provided desserts for bingo in February: Sandra Rekieta, Barbara Brossman, Christine Piwetz, Earline Okruhlik, Gloria Gutierrez, Cecelia Piwetz, Kathy Bronikowski.

Our next meeting is May 12.

Meal starting at 6 p.m. and meeting at 7 p.m

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

Upcoming Events

- Mar. 3 Domino Tournament
- Mar. 5 Council Officers' Meeting
- Mar. 5 Ash Wednesday - LENT begins
- Mar. 7 BINGO
- Mar. 10 Council Meal at 6 pm/Meeting at 7 pm
- Mar. 14 BINGO
- Mar. 15 Council Work Day
- Mar. 17 Happy St. Patrick's Day!
- Mar. 19 Northside Columbus Club Meeting
- Mar. 21 BINGO
- Mar. 24 Pro-Life Prayer Meeting (*Knights*)
- Mar. 28 BINGO
- Mar. 31 Domino Tournament
- Apr. 2 Council Officers' Meeting
- Apr. 4 BINGO
- Apr. 7 Domino Tournament
- Apr. 11 BINGO
- Apr. 14 Council Meal at 6 pm/Meeting at 7 pm
- Apr. 16 Northside Columbus Club Meeting
- Apr. 17 Holy Thursday
- Apr. 18 Good Friday - **NO BINGO**
- Apr. 19 Council Work Day
- Apr. 20 Happy Easter!
- Apr. 25 BINGO
- Apr. 28 Pro-Life Prayer Meeting (*Ladies*)



CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

Court Christ the King #1750

Next Meeting is **Tuesday, March 4**
Social at 6:30 - Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

If you would like information on joining the

Catholic Daughters, please contact

Marianna Olivarez 713-501-8004

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



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