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Grand Knight's Message

Shawn Reichardt

Brothers,

We have a new year upon us and with that we have a full year ahead. We start with a 1st Degree here at our council on Jan. 17 so let's get those new members in and on board. I hear we have a new spring event coming up and as always we look to you for your support and help in making it a great success. It is not too soon to start thinking about our elections mid-year and we sure could use some help in this department. Planning for the Summer Fling and the fall activities will be here before we know it so as you can see a full year and a year we sure need your help in many ways.

In my exploration of January and the meaning and symbolism I found that it is from Roman mythology, Janus, specifically. He's the Roman god of doors, doorways, arches, openings, closings and the like. You may remember Janus as the 'two-faced' god. The month of January was named after Janus for his ability to turn one face to reflect upon the past and another face freshly pointed upon the future. This is so appropriate. January marks the New Year for most of us and a new beginning. Are you ready for a great year?

With the passing of our longtime friend and guard Henry Gutierrez, it was really evident that Henry and his lovely wife knew what his wishes were. Let us all take this to heart and make sure we express our wishes to our family, council and in your will of what you would like to happen when that time comes. We saw too many times this past year when we lost a brother Knight that the communication was just not there and we lost the chance to have a Rosary and/or even know of the passing so we could pray with the family. Please, please make sure your wishes are known so we can honor you as a brother knight should be honored. If you are not sure what this means please ask our Brother James Urbanovsky or Brother Benny Okruhlik for guidance as they will be more than happy to assist.

Did you know the carnation is the flower of the month, which is one of my favorite, so how about giving that special someone a real nice gift.

Thanks and let us have a wonderful year!

Assistant Chaplain's Message

Deacon Will Hunter

Forgiveness from the eyes of God

Forgiveness begins with the understanding that love comes from the Lord alone and no one else. No one can forgive themselves or another person without first looking to God for his love and mercy. It is God alone who has the gift of love to give as he will, to whomever he chooses to give it to. No relationship can exist outside of the love and mercy of God, no matter how much the people care for each other. No love can exist outside of the grace of God who alone can open the hearts of men and women.

Relationships begin and end with the love of God so that we are made to see just how generous his love is for us in spite of what we might think of him or his divine and perfect will for us. In order for us to love one another, we must first find it in our hearts to reconcile ourselves back to God for the many and varied sins we have committed against him daily. How can we reconcile ourselves back to a spouse or child or brother or sister if we cannot reconcile ourselves back to God? It is not possible for us to love another person genuinely if we do not first love God with all of our heart.

How does forgiveness take place in our hearts? It begins with understanding that everything in our life is a gift from God. We must learn to accept that gift with the same love that it is given to us. If we are able to accept the gift from God with the love he gives us the gift, we are then able to let go of the gift when the time comes for the gift to be taken. Gifts from God can be taken from us temporarily or permanently in relationships. When the gifts are taken, how ready are we to love God more deeply for taking back his gift? How ready we are to give back the gift to God and how much love we give it back to God determines our willingness to forgive when we are hurt.

Hurt and pain come from the fact that we open our heart to others and then our heart is taken advantage of by another person or circumstance. Because we do not want to deal with that pain of betrayal or abandonment, we choose not to forgive others. When we commit emotional atrocities against others, we find it hard to forgive ourselves because we feel that God will not forgive us. So we look at God the way we look at ourselves, holding a grudge against someone who has hurt us.

Fortunately for us, God does not hold grudges against us when we hurt him or betray him daily. God pours out his love to us when we decide to reconcile ourselves back to him when we understand how badly we have hurt him and taken advantage of his love. Only when we recognize how badly we have hurt God and taken advantage of his perfect love and his gifts, are we willing to forgive ourselves and others so that God can show us how he has forgiven us our sins.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Benny Okruhlik

Dues assessments for the coming 2019 year have been mailed. Every billing includes a form to be completed so we can update our records. Please complete the form and remit your dues ASAP. Your membership cards have been printed and are in the process of getting signatures from your Grand Knight and Financial Secretary. The cards should be ready when you send in your due remittance. We do want to say thanks to those of you that mailed your dues early.

If you are an Honorary Life member, your form to update the records will be included with your annual membership card. If the information on the form is incorrect, you must complete and return if you want your records to be proper. You must know that if we have wrong mailing information, you will miss out on some special mailings from the Supreme Council and others. Please update your information.

Every member of Bishop Odin Council 2917 in good standing has an opportunity for a Knights of Columbus rosary recitation at the member's passing. Unfortunately, many family members are not aware of this custom and do not request it. We are reminding our Knights that this is something you must plan with your family prior to your calling. It should be understood that your council will not be coming to ask to say the rosary but that your **family must request it** first through our Rosary Chairman.

ATTENDANCE PRIZE WINNER!



Names drawn at the December meeting were: Brother Larry Tobias who was not present and Gabriel Navarro who was present and won the \$110. Next month's prize will be \$100.00. 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** meeting is

Monday, Jan. 14 at 7:00 p.m.
Dinner served from 6:00-6:40 p.m.

Next **Northside Columbus Club** meeting

Wednesday, Jan. 16 at 7:00 p.m.



Next work day is **Saturday, Jan. 19**

Quotes and resolutions for 2019:

If you don't like something, change it. If you can't change it, change your attitude. (Maya Angelou)

It is not in the stars to hold our destiny but in ourselves. (William Shakespeare)

To improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often. (Winston Churchill)

You do not find the happy life. You make it. (Camilla Eyring Kimball)

"Let our New Year's resolution be this: We will be there for one another as fellow members of humanity, in the finest sense of the word."

(Göran Persson)

Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year. (Ralph Waldo Emerson)



Remembering Our Deceased Members

Memorial Mass, Nov. 26, 2018



Rev. Rafael Becerra and Deacon Will Hunter



Youth choir from Assumption Church provided the beautiful music



Northside Columbus Club
Meeting Place of Bishop Odin Council 2917

*Please continue to promote and advertise the rentals of our facility.

*We continue to need your help with maintenance around the hall. We appreciate any help that you can give at either our monthly, 3rd Saturday work days or if these days are not available for you, ask me about what you can do at your time and convenience.

*Our December volunteer workers were plentiful. We had several needs for volunteers in December--decorating the hall for the Council Christmas Party, cleaning and setting up the hall for the funeral rosary for Brother Knight and Sir Knight Henry Gutierrez and then resetting the hall for bingo.

Our Saturday volunteers were: Nick Navarro, James Urbanovsky, David Cornelius, Dennis Roeder, Paul Heidbreder, Kenneth Bollom, Lydia Clifton and John Buck.

Special week day volunteers: Paul Heidbreder, Tony Zuccarini, James Urbanovsky, Leroy Davis, Tony Saenz, Mike Goins, David Cornelius, Kenneth Bollom, Lydia Clifton and John Buck.

Men, with all that went on this month, I may have missed a few of you to be recognized for your part in volunteering. If I missed you, please excuse me and remind me of your service—it is most appreciated. Thank you for your support and dedication.



John Buck, NSCC President

Next work day is

January 19

SENIOR CITIZENS

**Our next meeting will be on
January 15**

Hot dogs will be served.
Please bring a dessert.

Congratulations to

- Greg Okonski, Knight of the Month for November.
- James & Dorothy Urbanovsky, Family of the Month for November.

Northside Columbus Club

Floyd Rekieta, Secretary

NSCC special notice

NSCC stockholders will hold a special meeting on Monday, January 14, 2019 at 7:00 pm before the council meeting.



BINGO WORKERS

Thank you to all the volunteer helpers that make bingo possible. Thank you for all you do for Council 2917 bingo and the charities we do as a result of bingo.

The following workers volunteered to work bingo in November: John Buck, Bennie Bronikowski, Mark Demny, Michael Goins, Paul Heidbreder, Vincent Lima, Miguel Navarro, Richard Pavlas and Benny Okruhlik.

We thank the following individuals for helping at bingo during November: Lydia Clifton, Don Eisterhold, Anna Garcia, Mary Goins, Bryon Morriss, Joann Psencik, Shawn Reichhardt, Floyd Rekieta, and Tony Saenz, Delores and Edward Tobola.

Program Director

John Buck

With the start of a new calendar year, I would like for our Brother Knights of Council 2917 to give some serious thought into how they want Council 2917 to progress. We will soon celebrate the council's 75th anniversary, and plans are being made on how to celebrate this occasion. For now, how do you want the council to continue? Over the 70+ years of Council 2917's existence, we have experienced many changes and leaderships.

As a sub-council of the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus, we can never stray from our Order's founding Principles—Charity, Unity, and Fraternity with Patriotism added several years later which included 4th Degree Assemblies.

Charity—to fulfill Council 2917's Charity requirements there is a long history of working with our council parishes and schools, Boy Scouts, Special Olympics, Little Leagues, and a long list of other charitable organizations. Besides these personal works of charity, Council 2917 has always made their required State K of C charitable obligations, receiving recognition for their donations and being early with their donations.

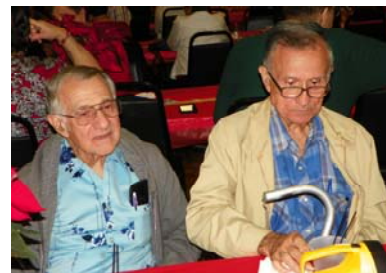
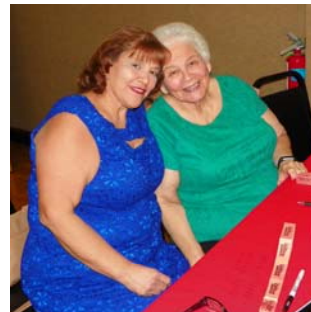
Fraternity—if you are an active or somewhat of an active member of Council 2917, you are a witness of all of the programs that we have held over the years for our knights.

Patriotism—was included as a Principle of the Order several years later. Even though the councils do perform works under this Principle--visits to the VA Hospital—it is our 4th Degree Assemblies where more work is done.

Unity—I saved this one for last because this is the Principle that we need to work at. One reason that the Order of the Knights of Columbus was formed was for unifying our Catholic parishioners, having activities that the parishioners of our churches could meet others like themselves and spend time together. Council 2917 has always displayed the Principle of Unity over the years through its many programs and activities. We held several events throughout the year that were family-oriented: Christmas and Easter parties for the children of the council members, family day picnics and then the bazaars. As our council grew older and the children grew up, it changed to not our children but our grandchildren of the council attending these children activities. As our grandchildren grew too old for these events, our children programs ceased to exist. Our council is once again growing with new, younger membership, so it is now time to resume our youth activities. To our younger Brothers of Council 2917, we need you to step up and request children programs to be included in our council activities. But with doing so, we need you to take an interest in the council and help with restarting these lost programs. Easter is just a few months away, do you want to have a Council Easter Children's Program?

Outside of the Principles of our Order, I also mentioned that Council 2917 has changed its leadership over the 70+ years. We need some of our younger, newer men to take the challenge and inquire about what it takes to hold one of the officer or director roles of the council. We hear from our younger members "why are the same old guys running the council?" Men we need you to step up and take on the challenge of leadership of the council, but you must also understand that you need to familiarize yourself with the operations of K of C before taking on this challenge. We do need you to bring some fresh life into Council 2917, into its leadership, activities and growth.

Council Christmas Party



Pray for our Military

Especially:

- **Corporal Jason Gutierrez, USMC**, grandson of Brother Henry & Gloria Gutierrez.
- **Shawn Hrcir**, son of Brother Bob Hrcir.
- **William Wayne Sony**, Army 1st Cavalry.
William is the son of Brother Don and Paula Sony.

Hall Rental

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

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



DOMINO RESULTS

Moon Tournament Winners December 3

- 1st place: Marion Lewandowski
- 2nd place: Glen Miller
- 3rd place: Judy Wendt



Next Moon Tournament is January 7.



The NSCCBS is hosting a **Superbowl Party on Feb. 3rd** in the Knights' Pub. The bar will open at noon.

The NSCCBS will provide a meat. We ask that each attendee bring a side dish, dessert, chips/dips, etc.

According to TABC rules, no drinks are allowed to be brought into the Pub.

Bingo

Every Friday

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

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



CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

Next meeting is Jan. 8

Social at 6:30 p.m. / Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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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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Join the Catholic Daughters for fun and fellowship

January 15 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

**Tony's Mexican Restaurant
2222 Ella Blvd.**

Happy Birthday Greetings

to all Brother Knights celebrating the gift of life

Rev. R.H. Latremouille	Jan. 1
Florian J. Stolarski	Jan. 1
Jerry R. Garcia	Jan. 3
Monserato Rivera	Jan. 3
Larry J. Hernandez	Jan. 5
Michael R. Schaad	Jan. 7
Philip A. Wagner	Jan. 7
Walter G. Williams	Jan. 8
Daniel L. Hablinski	Jan. 9
Edward A. Lamb, Jr.	Jan. 9
Joseph J. Campise	Jan. 11
David J. Wendt	Jan. 11
Rudy Cuellar	Jan. 12
Joe P. Kitkoski, Jr.	Jan. 13
Jose L. Martinez	Jan. 13
Jerome A. Ingerman, Jr.	Jan. 14
Jerome J. Malek	Jan. 14
Rev. John P. Meister	Jan. 14
Andrew J. Spangler	Jan. 18
Clement Laskowski	Jan. 20
Joshua R. Ritchey	Jan. 20
Ronald W. Warzon	Jan. 20
Eric S. Davis	Jan. 21
James V. Descant, Jr.	Jan. 21
Jesse T. Escamilla	Jan. 22
Terry A. Pozyski, Sr.	Jan. 22
Bryon Morriss	Jan. 24
Miguel Navarro, Jr.	Jan. 25
Floyd L. Supercinski	Jan. 25
Joe L. Pavlik	Jan. 26
David H. Willgus	Jan. 27
Michael J. Galla	Jan. 28
Jimmy L. Patke	Jan. 28
Christopher G. Kmiec	Jan. 30

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

January 28

Thank you to the Knights for providing refreshments for our November Memorial Mass and thank you to the Ladies Auxiliary for providing refreshments for the December Rosary.

January 22, 1973 marks 46 years since the Roe v. Wade decision. **9 Days for Life novena - Jan. 14-22.**
Click on the link for more information and prayers:
<http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/january-roe-events/nine-days-of-prayer-penance-and-pilgrimage.cfm>

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn January 22.

<http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/resources/january-22-day-of-prayer.cfm>

Texas Rally for Life - Jan. 26

<https://archgh.cvent.com/TexasRallyforLife2019>

For more information, please call:
 Vicky Whynott 832-875-5126

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

9 DAYS FOR LIFE
 JANUARY 14 - 22, 2019

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 AS WE PRAY
 FOR THE RESPECT
 OF HUMAN LIFE

9DAYSFORLIFE.COM

4 WAYS:

Join thousands of Catholics in this annual novena for the respect of all human life! Through prayer and sacrifice, we can help build a culture of life. 9 Days for Life runs through Thursday, January 14 - Tuesday, January 22, 2019. Participants can receive the novena by downloading the free 9 Days for Life app, or subscribe to daily emails or text messages. For additional information, visit 9daysforlife.com and follow us on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.

Please pray for our sick:



- Brother Leo Landry
- Brother Robert Jackowski
- Brother Bryon Morris
- Brother Don Sony
- Brother John Fox
- Brother Mark Bartniski
- Brother Charles Brossman
- Brother Marion Kuharski
- Brother Johnny Janak
- Brother Gilbert Koterak
- Brother Gene Hyman
- Jeannett Murski, wife of Brother Robert
- Theresa Demny, wife of Brother Mark
- Denise Whitley, niece of Brother Floyd and Sandra Rekieta
- Kelly Otto, daughter of Brother Bob Hrcir
- Nancy Buck, mother of Brother Anthony Zuccarini
- Margaret Kasowski, wife of Brother Leonard & mother of Brother Jeff
- Heath Turner, a work associate of Brother Anthony Zuccarini
- Brother Ernie Bugai
- Brother Wayne Berger
- Brother Joe Pavlick
- Brother Leon Swiech
- Brother Marion & Florence Kasowski
- Brother Vincent Kubiak
- Brother Don & Joann Psencik
- Brother Joe & Mary Campise
- Brother Chris Mocek
- Tyron Lima, son of Brother Vincent Lima
- Cecilia Gonzalez, wife of Brother Kenneth
- Mildred Syzdek, mother of Brother Joel Syzdek
- Wife of insurance agent Zach Scardino
- Carmen Buck, mother of Brother John Buck
- Dickie Howard, family member of Brother Tommy Peterson
- Amy Heman
- Roy Kulhanek, member of St. Ambrose Church

IN MEMORIAM



Brother Knight Patrick (PJ) John Jozwiak, age 78, born in Brenham, Texas on August 19, 1940, passed away in Houston, on December 26, 2018. Patrick is preceded in death by his wife Ruby Fay Jozwiak, parents John and Victoria Jozwiak, brothers Joe Jozwiak, Bernard Jozwiak, Charles (Kite) Jozwiak, and sister Dorothy Jozwiak. Patrick is survived by his daughter LaDonna Deakins and husband Jim, one grandson Kyle Jadoski and wife Erin, great grandson Logan Jadoski, three granddaughters Haley Deakins, Brianna Deakins, and Katie Deakins, three sisters Marie Snow, Florence Kasowski and husband Marion, Janet Wier, and numerous nieces and nephews. PJ loved his grandkids, crappie fishing, barbequing for his family, working on his land in Carmine, and spending time with his neighbors Joe and Rich.

Brother Knight Enrique "Henry" C. Gutierrez, born April 5, 1942 in Freer, TX, passed away Saturday, December 15, 2018 in Houston. Moving to San Antonio at a young age, Henry enlisted in the US Navy upon graduation from high school. He received his Bachelor's in Business Administration from St. Mary's University. As a marketing representative for Kellogg's, Henry was transferred to Houston where he became actively involved in several community and church organizations. Henry was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Council 2917 and a Fourth Degree Knight with Assembly 1094. Henry is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Gloria; son, Philip; grandsons, Alec, Jason and his wife, Karina; and great-grandson, Nathan.

Steve Luchak, age 90, passed away on Dec. 6, 2018 in Weimer, TX. Steve, along with his brothers August and Martin were all members of Council 2917 at one time. Brother August (Gus) Luchak passed away several years ago and Steve and Martin moved to Weimer and transferred to the KC Council in Weimer. All brothers were very active in Council 2917 when they were members. Steve is survived by his children: Kenneth Luchak, Mark Luchak, Sheila Grigar, Jeff Luchak, Curtis Luchak and several grandchildren.

Francis "Frank" Fuchek of the Woodlands, Texas passed away at the age of 84 on November 20, 2018. Frank was born in North Tarrytown, New York on December 2, 1933 to Steven and Agnes Fuchek and was the second youngest of seven children. Frank was a member of Council 2917 for several years before transferring to another council. Frank is survived by his wife of 58 years Jane Bradley Fuchek, his sons William Francis ("Bill") Fuchek (Malinda), Glen Bradley Fuchek (Kelly) and daughter Lynn Marie Ray (Gregory).

May God grant these loved ones eternal rest and may His perpetual light shine upon them. Please remember the deceased and their families 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. You can always read the prayer list on our website as well.

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

LADIES AUXILIARY

Lydia Clifton, President

Happy New Year Ladies,

I hope everyone enjoyed their holidays. It is the most magical time of the year waiting on the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. It is also the best time to spend with family and creating traditions to be carried on from generation to generation.

I would like to thank everyone who donated to the Ladies Auxiliary baskets for the Christmas Party. Through your generosity we were able to have wonderfully filled baskets to raffle off. Most baskets even had some lottery tickets in them. I really enjoyed myself and the food was delicious. I also want to thank everyone for my Christmas gift.

Our next meeting will be on January 14. Dinner starts at 6:00 followed by our meeting at 7:00. Volunteers to bring desserts are: Cecelia Piwetz, Dorothy Urbanovsky, Earline Okruhlik and Pat Koterak.

Thank you to the following Bingo kitchen workers for November: Gloria Gutierrez, Caroline Mocek, Earline Okruhlik, Dorothy Urbanovsky, Lydia Mendoza, Kathy Bronikowski and the burger griller—Bennie Bronikowski.

Thank you to the bakers for November: Earline Okruhlik, Sandra Rekieta, Gloria Gutierrez, Angie Heinrich, Bobbie Clark, Lydia Mendoza, Judy Wendt, Dorothy Urbanovsky, Kathy Bronikowski.



Bingo every Friday night beginning with early bird at 7:15.

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

Upcoming Events

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

- Jan. 4 BINGO
- Jan. 7 Domino Tournament
- Jan. 11 BINGO
- Jan. 14 Council Meal at 6 p.m./meeting at 7 p.m.
- Jan. 14 Ladies' Auxiliary Meeting
- Jan. 15 Senior Citizens Meeting
- Jan. 16 Northside Columbus Club Meeting
- Jan. 18 BINGO
- Jan. 19 Council Work Day
- Jan. 25 BINGO
- Jan. 28 Pro-Life Rosary (Catholic Daughters)
- Feb. 1 BINGO
- Feb. 4 Domino Tournament
- Feb. 6 Council Officers' Meeting
- Feb. 8 BINGO
- Feb. 11 Council Meal at 6 p.m./meeting at 7 p.m.
- Feb. 12 Senior Citizens Meeting
- Feb. 14 Happy Valentine's Day!
- Feb. 15 BINGO
- Feb. 16 Council Work Day
- Feb. 20 Northside Columbus Club Meeting
- Feb. 22 BINGO
- Feb. 25 Pro-Life Rosary (Knights)



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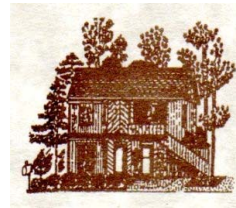


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