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## Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights:



The fourth quarter of the Columbian Year is finally upon us, and it certainly provides a plethora of opportunities to get involved with your Brother Knights. April has our scheduled dinner and business meeting moved up a week early to April 6. Come by and share a dinner that is certain to please any discerning palate. Or if you can't make dinner mark your calendars for our first ever Greek Night! Terry Corcoran is organizing what is promising to be an incredible feast and our last fundraising dinner for the year. Terry is going to need as many Knights, their families, and their friends to attend this dinner and really raise some much-needed funds for the end of the year. If you can't attend the dinner, offer to volunteer for set-up earlier in the day, or donate a raffle prize. If these do not fit into your schedule, you could always attend a donation ceremony where the proceeds from our Pasta for Life dinner will be distributed to the Sacramento Life Center and the Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home. What could be more fun than driving a check over to one of these worthy charities and taking a picture of the handover. And if you still can't find time to get involved with these, then please go to the airport and bid brother Sheldon, our current Financial Secretary, "Bon Voyage" as he heads off to Spain for his much-anticipated Camino.

May brings another dinner and business meeting followed by the State Convention in San Diego. This will be my first time attending the State Convention and I can't wait to see the strength of our state-wide organization. Hopefully it is a rewarding experience full of pomp, circumstance, and laughter, and maybe a round of golf if I am lucky. We will also be handing out scholarships to four very worthy students at Cristo Rey high school and we will need a couple of volunteers to attend the ceremony at the high school with Brother Greg Wolfe. What could be better than handing over a check for \$500 dollars to a college bound high school student. This will certainly produce big smiles for everyone involved.

During our First Degree last Thursday I was reminded just how moving and enlightening our two brothers, George Mills and Matt Lucien, are during the ceremony and how it would be great to watch some of my friends share the experience. I would encourage anyone who has not been around for a while, or who is hoping to come back soon to think back to their First Degree and try to recall some of the ceremony. You are always welcome to attend our ceremonies and witness what you have already experienced but may have forgotten.

And let's not forget the hard work of Michael Litwin and Matt Curran who kept the long-standing tradition of Irish Night alive and well. I understand that the food was fantastic, the music was outstanding, and everyone who attended had a great time. It is vitally important for our younger members to carry the torch and put forth the effort to carry on the traditions of our venerable Council. Congratulations to you two and I look forward to having the opportunity to attend next year and enjoy the show.

Most Sincerely,  
Bryan McKrell  
Grand Knight, Council 953

## Calendar of Events

Get updated event information 24 hours a day at <http://sacramento.kofc953.org/calendar>

<b>April</b>	6	Thursday	5:00 pm	Officers and Directors Meeting
			6:00 pm	Dinner
			7:00 pm	General Business Meeting
	9	Sunday		Palm Sunday
	14	Friday		Good Friday
	16	Sunday		Easter (Pascha)
	22	Saturday	7:00 pm	Greek Night (Social Hour 6:00)
<b>May</b>	4	Thursday	7:00 pm	Officers and Directors Meeting
	11	Thursday	6:00 pm	Dinner (Hall Opens 5:30)
			7:00 pm	General Business Meeting
	14	Sunday		Mothers Day
	25	Thursday		Ascension of the Lord
<b>June</b>	1	Thursday	7:00 pm	Officers and Directors Meeting
	4	Sunday		Pentecost
	8	Thursday	6:00 pm	Dinner (Hall Opens 5:30)
			7:00 pm	General Business Meeting
	14	Wednesday		Flag Day
	15	Thursday		Corpus Christi
	18	Sunday		Fathers Day
	29	Thursday	6:00 pm	PGK/Old Timers' Dinner & Installation of Officers

### April Business Meeting Moved

Please note that the April Business Meeting which would otherwise take place on Thursday, April 13 has been moved due to it falling on Holy Thursday. Instead, **the April Business Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 6, which is the first Thursday of the month.** Dinner will be served as usual prior to the meeting. An officers and directors meeting will take place before dinner at 5pm.

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### **Plan for This Tax Day and Into the Future**

April 15 (tax day) is right around the corner. It’s become popular this time of year to encourage the opening of an IRA or similar retirement annuity, or the depositing of additional funds into an existing account, as a tax-savings vehicle. A secondary approach is to tout the rate of interest that money in one of these accounts can earn. Let me join the chorus of folks encouraging you to open or add funds to an annuity, but for a different reason.

Certainly, contributing money to a Knights of Columbus annuity will allow you to save some money on your income tax return. And our annuities do pay a very competitive interest rate, consistent with our primary goal of absolute safety of principal. Opening or adding to an annuity for these reasons, however, strikes me as taking a short-term view of a product that is designed to provide long-term security. How much security? How does retirement income that you cannot outlive — guaranteed — sound to you?

Here at the Knights of Columbus, you can open a retirement annuity for as little as \$300. Consistent and disciplined savings placed into that annuity over time can guarantee you an income at retirement that you cannot outlive. That guarantee — along with the fact that no one has ever lost money left in a Knights of Columbus annuity (remember – absolute safety of principal) — really will provide you with peace of mind.

I am happy to meet with you – at your convenience and in your home – to explain in detail the benefits of opening a Knights of Columbus annuity, along with the benefits of our top-rated life insurance, disability income and long-term care insurance plans.



Fraternally,

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## For Whom We Pray

Memorial Mass: None this month

Spiritual Bouquets: None this month

Sick: PGK Charlie Nulk, PGK Alex Kachmar, Deacon George Kriske



If someone in your family is hospitalized or sick, contact Michael Litwin at (916) 208-2426 or [pray@kofc953.org](mailto:pray@kofc953.org). A spiritual bouquet will be sent to them in our Council's name. Prayers are the best medicine for the sick. Mass cards are also sent to the families of deceased Brothers or deceased members of their immediate families. WE NEED YOUR HELP! The spiritual bouquets and Mass cards cannot be sent if we are not told of the need. So please let us know by contacting Michael at [pray@kofc953.org](mailto:pray@kofc953.org).



You may also make a prayer request by leaving a comment at the council web site under prayer requests <http://sacramento.kofc953.org/prayer>

## Business Meeting Dinners

Below is the upcoming schedule with the names of the volunteer cooks and greeters:

Month	Cooks	Menu	Greeters
April	Terry Corcoran	TBA	TBA
May	Tom Nulk	TBA	TBA
June	TBA	TBA	TBA

Your meal at the Business Meeting is free in the month of your birthday. All members of Council 953 who have a birthday in the month of April get to eat for free at the April Business Meeting. Happy birthday!

## Council Web Site

Please take the time to visit our Council web site at <http://www.kofc953.org>, where you can download current or past issues of the Knight Letter. In addition, there is a calendar page listing all our council events, a photo gallery page, and links to other websites of interest. Also, if you go to the Prayer Request page at <http://sacramento.kofc953.org/prayer>, you may post a prayer request by leaving a comment. All articles published by the Northern California Chapter of the Knights of Columbus are now published on our website as well. In addition, the Northern California Chapter has recently redesigned its website, the address of which is <http://www.kofcncc.org>.