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Calendar of Events

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August	4	Thursday	7:00 PM	Officers and Directors Meeting
	11	Thursday	6:00 PM	Dinner (Hall opens at 5:30 PM)
			7:00 PM	General Council Meeting
	15	Monday		Feast of the Assumption
	21	Sunday	10:00 AM - 8:00 PM	Saint Mary's Festival (Zippy Bun Booth)
September	1	Thursday	7:00 PM	Officers and Directors Meeting
	8	Thursday	6:00 PM	Dinner (Hall opens at 5:30 PM)
			7:00 PM	General Council Meeting
	14			Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

To My Brother Knights & Their Families,

25, is a normal number. In major league baseball 25 signifies the number of players needed for a full roster. In science 25 represents the atomic number of manganese. In marriage 25 (years) is considered a milestone and is celebrated as a "silver wedding anniversary". For the Knights of Columbus council 953, 25 represents the number of Knights in attendance at our last business meeting. Our council is strong, Two Hundred and seventy eight members strong; yet 25 were all that were in attendance (officers included). That's less than 9% of our entire membership. I understand that there are many reasons for not being able to attend our meetings: perhaps you are unable to drive, your work schedule does not allow it, you have family obligations... maybe you simply forgot. As your Grand Knight I believe that it is my responsibility to increase the involvement of our members. With more members come more ideas. With more ideas come more participation, more participation means greater success with the work we do as Knights.

A sincere Thank you for those of you who do attend, but also a reminder, that you yourself can help encourage membership attendance. Reach out to the brother Knight who you haven't seen in a while. Encourage them to get involved. Invite them to dinner, as friends often do. Deep down, they may be waiting to be asked to come back.

For those of you who wish to come and cannot drive or have no vehicle, please call me (916) 712-7355 and I will do my best to accommodate a ride both to and from our meetings. For those who are able to attend but simply just choose not to ... I invite you to come refresh yourself with this great Brethren we call The Knights of Columbus.

A reminder, that your Brother Knights meet every second Thursday of every month at 5961 Newman court. Come and remind yourself of why you joined the Knights of Columbus. Come surround yourself with your fellow Brothers who share in your beliefs. Come participate in the Spirit and see all the good works we have in store for the new Columbian year. Together with your help we can achieve more and positively impact the lives of many.

"St. John Vianney, Pray for Us."

Ricardo Saldana

Grand Knight, Council 953

Zippy Bun Booth

St. Mary's Parish will be holding its 80th annual festival on Sunday, August, 21, 2011 and as usual, the festival's Zippy Bun Booth will be set up and run by members of the council. (For newer members not familiar with a zippy bun sandwich, it's nothing more than a pile of roast beef between two bun halves dripping with au jus and is one of the most popular food items at the festival.) We're still in need of volunteers to man some of the two hour shifts. In particular, we need two more members for each of the 2-4PM, 4-6PM and 6-8PM shifts as well assisting in take down after the festival closes at 8PM.

If you can help at the booth at one or more of these times, please contact George Mills at 916-456-4345 or fs@koc953.org. THANKS!

Flag Pole Project at St. Mary's Church and School

For the third time, covering a twenty year period, Knights and Sir Knights from Council #953 and Bishop Manogue Assembly have refurbished and painted the wooden flag pole which reside in the school play area of St. Mary Church. About 20 years ago, the flag pole was rescued and refurbished. St. Mary's parishioner Forest Viglioni fashioned a steel support for the pole and it has served the school and the church for these many years. Along with refurbishing the pole, Bishop Manogue Assembly this fall will donate a new American Flag to be flown on the pole. This flag, which has been flown over the Capitol in Washington D.C., will be dedicated by Assembly members before the school children who will also receive a lesson in the proper handling of the flag. The 4th Degree motto is "Patriotism" and the American Flag a special tribute to this slogan.

The Knights and Sir Knights participating in the project were Bro Frank Philips; SKs George Mills, Floyd Wells, Rob Reavis, Loren Wallen, master painter Rich Dewitt and chairman Dick Cutting PSD along with his grandson Steve Sertic. We welcome all of our members to view the Flag Pole during the Church Festival in August.

Dick Cutting PSD
Council Chairman

COUNCIL SHIRTS AND JACKETS

If you want to order a Council shirt or jacket please contact me (fewells@pacbell.net) or 916-383-8767 or at the next Council meeting. The orders take about a month to obtain and the last time we ordered shirts the cost was about \$22.50 and jacket about \$35.00. I need about ten items to defray the silk screen set up charge for the processing. The shirts take two setups, front and back and the jackets only have one. The colors available are: burgundy, blue (royal and navy), forest green, yellow, white and black. I can check on additional colors if you need a different color.

Floyd Wells, PGK

1st Degree Team

Our council's 1st degree team is in need of members who would be willing to perform the parts of "Grand Knight" and "Financial Secretary". Typically, this would require about an hour of your time every 2-4 months or so. Due to a recent decision of the Supreme Council, these parts no longer need to be memorized, but may be read. This is a great opportunity to participate in the initiation of new members into the Knights. If you are interested or want more information, please contact me at (916) 456-4345 or fs@kofc953.org.

George Mills

The Latest From Pro-Life

I know you're ready to cook and taste CHILI on October 1st

Our annual Amateur Chili Cook-Off is coming right up on the lawn at the Newman Center. We need teams to commit to cook chili. Without teams, it isn't much of a cook-off. You can cook on-site or off-site. Please visit our chili cook-off web page or contact the event chair, GK Ricardo Saldana for more info.

For those of you who can't find grandma's secret chili recipe, we are still in need of help in two primary ways: Promote, Promote, Promote – We need for all Knights to promote the cook-off to friends and family. When you are talking to them about the cook-off, encourage them to form a team – it's fun AND tasty AND all for a good cause. And while you're at it, feel free to distribute the flyer that is in this Knightletter to family & friends too.

Help at the event – We can still use some assistance in the several areas on the day of the event. If you can help that day, please contact GK Ricardo Saldana.

For more info on the event, please visit: chili.kofc953.org

Hope to see you on the field of chili on Oct. 1st.

40 Days For Life – vigil begins September 28th

On September 28th we will begin a period of prayer & fast that will change history. The fall vigil will be at the Women's Health Specialists abortion business at 1750 Wright Street off Alta Arden Expy.

We will be asking you to sign up to pray, fast, & witness at the September business meeting. Between now and the vigil, please fervently pray that God will use you & extend your boundaries to impact our country and to bless each of us with the courage to stand up for life.

As we participate with so many others across our country, please remember that this is a spiritual battle – to win a spiritual battle we cannot put your faith in laws, politicians or judges – we must use spiritual weaponry – prayer, sacrifice & faithful witness. These are what are needed for 40 Days for Life to be successful.

The spiritual war that wages beyond our sight is manifesting itself in our country in visible ways in recent years. So I must ask: are we going to stand up now with other Christians, asking God to change hearts & minds as only he can, and put an end to abortion in America or we are going to sit on our laurels and hope someone else will go fight this good fight?

Read our blog on the Culture of Life:

<http://kofc953sacramentoprofife.blogspot.com/>

If you want equal justice for all, and true freedom and lasting peace, then, America, defend life! All the great causes that are yours today will have meaning only to the extent that you guarantee the right to life and protect the human person..." - Blessed Pope John Paul II, at his official U.S. departure ceremony in Detroit, Michigan on Sept. 19, 1987.

Dominic Ielati

Pro-Life Director

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Teach your children well

Raising children is probably the hardest job you’ll ever take. It requires you to wear more hats than you ever thought possible. Cook, chauffeur, nurse, counselor and many more... and that’s often in one morning. One of the most important roles you accept as a parent is that of a teacher. Before they even get to school, you’ll teach your children so much, and before they get out into the world, you’ll instill values that they will carry with them.

Sometimes the values you want to impart (respect, compassion, accountability, financial responsibility, etc.) often run counter to what our instant-gratification driven society values. So, we strive to teach by example.

This is one good reason to carry enough life insurance to protect your family. This one simple act can show what you value. You’ll show them that you love them and are concerned about their welfare. You’ll show that you take your responsibility to provide for your family seriously, and that you want to make sure they’re provided for even if you’re not around. You’ll show them that investing money in your life insurance protection is more important than the new set of golf clubs you might want, the newest and best home theater system you’ve had your eye on, or whatever else you might be sacrificing to pay the premiums.

It will teach them about priorities. Sure, it may not sink in at the time, especially if any of the sacrifices made prevent them from filling what they see as their immediate “needs” (really things they want, not need, like the newest DVD, video game or article of clothing). In the long run, they will learn from what you do and what you don’t do. Only you can choose the lessons you will teach.

Let’s meet to review your existing coverage. My needs analysis, provided free, will help teach you where your coverage may be lacking. We can plan today to secure your family’s future and set in motion lessons that will last a lifetime.

To contact me with regards to any of your insurance needs, please call my office at (916) 691-4571 or e-mail me at hank.cornell@kofc.org.

By Knights ... For Knights

Hank Cornell, FIC

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BUSINESS MEETING DINNERS

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

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>COOK</u>	<u>MENU</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>
August	Andy Smith, Mason Gunn, Bob Luttrell	Pork Loin	Dominic Ielati
September	David Carboni, Terry Corcoran	Roast Beef	TBA
October	Catered by Sal’s Tacos	Mexican Food	TBA

The 50/50 Drawing

The 50/50 drawing at the July meeting in the amount of \$12.00, was won by David Carboni. The name of John Ingram was drawn for the attendance drawing. He was not present and didn’t win \$50.00 cash.

For Whom We Pray

Memorial Mass: None this month
Spiritual Bouquets: Thomas Alderman
Sick: PGK Howard E. Mifflin,
Jacob Remis son of Ryan Remis



If someone in your family is hospitalized or sick, phone Rina Rainero at (916) 457-3895. 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 call and let us know. Write this number in your phone book: Rina Rainero at (916) 457-3895.



August is the Month Of Mary in the Eastern Church

Following the day of Pentecost, the Theotokos (Mother of God) remained in the city of Jerusalem, comforting the infant Christian community. She was living in the house of the beloved Apostle John, later the Evangelist. At the time of her death (tradition states she was in her early fifties) many of the Apostles were scattered throughout the world preaching the Gospel. All but Thomas were miraculously brought to the Virgin aloft on clouds.

As they stood around her bedside, she commended her spirit to the Lord and Jesus descended from Heaven, taking up her soul in His arms. The Apostles sang the funeral hymns in her honor and carried her body to a tomb in Cedron near Gethsemane. The Apostle Thomas arrived on the third day and wished to see the Virgin for the last time. They discovered an empty tomb filled with flowers. Church tradition relates that the Theotokos was resurrected bodily and taken to heaven, the same reward that awaits all the righteous on the Last Day.

For us as Eastern Catholics, August is the month of Mary. We celebrated on August 15th the falling asleep of Mary which we called the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos. This is the greatest feast of the Theotokos. The feast is preceded by 14 days of fasting. On weekdays before the feast, the service of Paraklesis (service of supplication) is celebrated. This is a service to the Theotokos in which we asked her to intercede for us.

The service of Paraklesis will be chanted on August 3, 8, 10 and 12 at 6:30 PM. We celebrate the service of Great Vespers on Sunday August 14th at 5:30 PM and the Divine Liturgy on Monday August 15th at 6:30 PM. It is tradition for us to bless flowers on the feast. Please join us at St. George Melkite-Greek Catholic Church as we honor the Theotokos. We are located at 1620 Bell St. in Sacramento just south of Arden Way. All are welcome.

Troparian of the Feast:

In giving birth you have preserved your virginity and in falling asleep you did not forsake the world, O Mother of God. You have passed to life, being the Mother of Life. Through your intercession, save our souls from death.

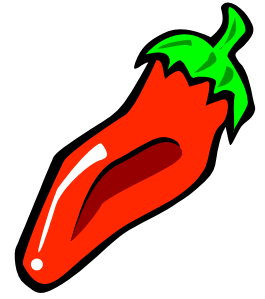
Troparian of the Feast:

Neither death nor the tomb could hold the Mother of God, our watchful Protectress and our unflinching hope. Since she is the Mother of Life, Christ who dwelt in her ever virginal womb, lifted her up to the eternal life.

Reader Fred Struck, Saint George Melkite-Greek Catholic Church <http://www.stgeorge-melkite.org/>

AMATEUR CHILI COOK-OFF

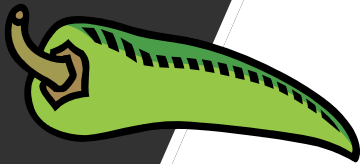
Date: October 1, 2011



Time: 12:30–4pm

Our cooks may be amateurs, but the chili is hot , tasty & sure to pack a punch!

Volleyball & outdoor games for entertainment, as well as BBQ, drinks and ice cream for those who cant handle the burn!



- Benefits Sacramento Life Center & Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home
- Pre purchase tasting kits for \$4.00 or \$5.00 at the door.
- Special drawing the day prior for a chance to be a Judge.
- Prizes will be awarded for best of show, people's choice & other categories as well.

**Located at the Lawn area of the Newman Center,
5900 Newman Court, Sacramento, CA
(across from the CSU Sacramento campus)**



Registration and more information can be found:

online at <http://chili.kofc953.org/>,

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