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Sacramento Council 953
District 10

“Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Pray for Us!”

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Steve Mills

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Grand Knight's Message

Worthy Brothers,



We are only one month into the new Columbian Year, and our council is already a flurry of activity. Coming up on Saturday, August 12 is our Tri-Tip Dinner, and a few weeks later is our annual Mexican Night on Saturday, September 23. The proceeds from all our events fund our many charitable programs, so please consider coming to an event or two and enjoying some excellent food and great fun while knowing that you are helping those in need. As always, invite your family, friends, and maybe a prospective Knight or two.

Which brings me to another topic: membership. As the oldest Knights of Columbus council in Sacramento, we also are one of the largest councils in the area, with over 250 members and eight parishes under our jurisdiction. But as is the case with many fraternal organizations, we are lucky if one quarter of those members are active. Our ability to do the most charitable work for the most people in need around us depends on having an active and growing membership.

Throughout this Columbian Year, we are planning to host membership drives at four parishes that fall under Council 953 where there is an interest in the Knights of Columbus but where we have, at best, a minimal presence. Additionally, we will be reaching out to our more active parishes not only to bring new members into the Order but also to determine where we can be of greater service. Our officers and Membership Director will be tapping shoulders for help with these outreach efforts.

In that same spirit, I challenge each of you to do two things this Columbian Year:

1. Reach out to at least one member you know who hasn't been to any of our events or meetings for a while. Let them know how much we'd love to see them again, and tell them about all the good we are doing for our parishes, our community, and our fellow Brothers. Heck, offer to buy them a beer at our next meeting!
2. Bring at least one new member into the Knights of Columbus. Many of us know more than one Catholic gentleman who has expressed an interest in the Knights. Invite them to one of our fundraisers, or bring them to one of our business meeting dinners (prospective Knights eat for free!). Either way, show them who we are and what our mission is, and encourage them to become a part of our Order.

Think of all the good we could do if just 10% of us – 25 people – each brought in one new member and brought back one inactive member. That's 50 additional Brothers volunteering at parish events, helping with fundraisers, and volunteering in the community. In other words, we would double the amount of God's work we could accomplish.

Thank You,

Adam Struck
Grand Knight, Council 953

Calendar of Events

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

August	3	Thursday	7:00 pm	Officers and Directors Meeting
	6	Sunday		Feast of the Transfiguration
	10	Thursday	6:00 pm	Dinner (Hall Opens 5:30)
			7:00 pm	General Business Meeting
	12	Saturday	7:00 pm	Tri-Tip Dinner (Social Hour 6:00)
	15	Tuesday	7:00 pm	Feast of the Assumption (Dormition)
	17	Thursday		1st Degree Exemplification
	20	Sunday	10:00 am – 6:00 pm	St. Mary's Parish Festival
September	7	Thursday	7:00 pm	Officers and Directors Meeting
	14	Thursday	7:00 pm	Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy & Life Giving Cross
	14	Thursday	6:00 pm	Dinner (Hall Opens 5:30)
			7:00 pm	General Business Meeting
	23	Saturday	7:00 pm	Mexican Night Dinner

Volunteers Needed for Zippy Bun Booth

St. Mary's Parish will be holding its 86th annual festival on Sunday, August, 20, 2017 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 a few volunteers to man some of the two hour shifts. If you can help at the booth, please contact GK Adam Struck at (916) 914-5041 or struckam@hotmail.com.

Business Meeting Dinners

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

Month	Cooks	Menu	Greeters
August	Matt Herman	Kalua pig	TBD
September	TBD	TBD	TBD
October	TBD	TBD	TBD

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 August get to eat for free at the August Business Meeting. Happy birthday!

Business Meeting Dinner Price Increase

Effective in September, the price of the regular business meeting dinners will rise from \$5.00 to \$7.00. The officers came to this decision after a careful consideration of the budget, which shows that the council is losing an increasing amount of money on our monthly dinners due to increased food costs. While our business meeting dinners are NOT intended to turn a profit, the officers agreed that we must minimize any losses that occur to the extent possible.

Therefore, the September 14 business meeting dinner will cost \$7.00 (the price will still be \$5.00 on August 10). As always, a Brother's dinner will be free of charge in the month of his birthday. If you have any questions, please contact the Grand Knight.

1st Degree Exemplification

Council 953 will be holding a 1st Degree Exemplification at our KofC hall on Thursday, August 17, 2017. The doors will open 6:00PM and the exemplification will begin at 7:00PM with refreshments to follow.

All members of the council are invited and encouraged to attend as observers and to welcome our new Knights. If you know of someone who you feel might be a suitable candidate for the Knights, please contact me and I will be glad to talk with him.

If you plan to attend our council's 1st Degree on Thursday, April 17th, could you let me know for a headcount by replying to this email.

George Mills
Membership Director
Council 953
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Proceeds from our Upcoming Mexican Night to Support Clara's House

The Knights of Columbus Council #953 are pleased to announce that proceeds from our upcoming Mexican Night fundraising dinner will once again support Clara's House. Mexican night will be held on September 23, 2017. Please save the date and make your reservations soon. Last year's dinner sold out.

Clara's House is a small primary care nurse practitioner clinic in Sacramento that provides compassionate, comprehensive healthcare to those most in need including the uninsured and homeless (<http://clarashouse.org/>).

Please invite your family and friends to attend Mexican Night dinner. All are welcome. Make a reservation by contacting Greg Wolfe, Chairman, Mexican Night at 916-457-7329 or at gwolfejf@gmail.com.



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Field Agent's Corner
August 2017

First, on behalf of the Cabral Agency, I wish to congratulate the newly elected Grand Knight and Officers for Columbian year 2017-2018. I look forward to seeing you all at the next General Assembly meeting.

This year has already started with great sadness with the loss of our beloved Past State Deputy Charlie Clark. In my own home council, Mother Seton 6922, we lost three brothers in July, one of whom was our most recent and much beloved Past Grand Knight, SK David Santos.

Most of you at Council 953 are also aware of your own recent loss, Brother Alvin Miller. It is a reminder that we just never know when Jesus will call us home. May we continue to pray for the happy repose of our dear fraternal brothers' souls.

With their passing, I remind you that each of them leaves behind a family and in some cases, a widow. As brother Knights, we should be mindful to continue to support their widows and families. That could be as simple as visiting them from time to time, praying for them and by inviting the widows and surviving children to our family events.

Finally, remember that our organization is all about brothers helping brothers. Never forget that Fr. Michael J. McGivney left a legacy exclusively for the members of the Knights of Columbus and that is the very foundation upon which our fraternal organization was built. It is my job to make sure that I illustrate how that works. If you have never met with me, allow me to meet with you and your spouse for an hour. It will be time well spent ... much better than watching TV for an hour.

May God bless us all in this new Columbian year 2017-2018.



Fraternally,

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For Whom We Pray

Memorial Mass: Alvin Miller
Spiritual Bouquets: None this month
Sick: PGK Charlie Nulk



If someone in your family is hospitalized or sick, contact Michael Litwin at (916) 208-2426 or 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.



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

Catholic Information Service

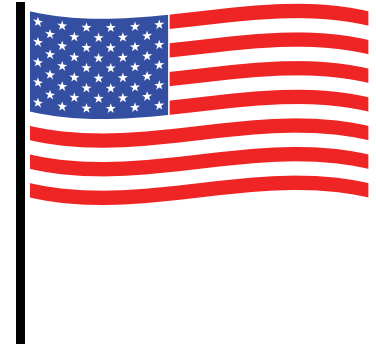
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Council Web Site

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. The Northern California Chapter has recently redesigned its website, the address of which is <http://www.kofcncc.org>.

Change of Contact Information

Please notify your council of any change in mailing address, telephone number or email address. Changes can be submitted by phone message at (916) 736-0953 or by email at fs@kofc953.org.



Knights of Columbus # 953

“BBQ Tri-tip Dinner”

Saturday, August 12, 2017

- **Tri-tip**
- Antipasto Plate
- Salad
- Bread
- Italian Style Green Beans
- Pasta Pesto
- Spumoni & Cookie

Dinner wine on table

Tickets are \$22 a person
Hurry and make your reservations
as we will have limited seating for
this event.

**For reservations please call:
Al Piccardo, 916-439-7664**



Social Hour 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Dinner at 7:00 P.M.

Located at Knights of Columbus
5961 Newman Court
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Knights of Columbus Council 953's
Mexican Night Dinner
Saturday, September 23, 2017

Featuring an authentic Mexican dinner and fiesta



Menu

Carnitas
Rice & Beans
Hot Tortillas
Chips and Salsa
Guacamole



Raffle prizes for adults and Piñata for the kids!

Prices are \$20 for Adults -- \$10 for Children 12 and under*

Sodas, Mexican Beers, and Margaritas sold at the bar!

Social Hour at 6:00 pm
Dinner at 7:00 pm
Knights of Columbus Hall
5961 Newman Ct.
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Please Make Reservations in Advance

By Contacting Greg Wolfe

(916) 457-7329 or

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Pay at the Door

A fund-raiser to benefit Clara's House

**Children three and under – Free*