

KNIGHT LETTER - DECEMBER 2010

Sacramento Council 953
District 9

“Sacred Heart of Jesus, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Intercede for Us.”

Calendar of Events

Get Updated Event Information 24-hrs-a-day at www.kofc953.org

December	2	Thursday	7:00 PM	Officers and Directors Meeting
	9	Thursday	6:00 PM	Annual Christmas pot-luck...no meeting
	10	Friday	6:00 PM	Santa's Spaghetti Dinner - Fund raiser for Jacob Remis
	25	Saturday		Christmas
January	1	Saturday		New Years
	6	Thursday	7:00 PM	Officers and Directors Meeting
	13	Thursday	6:00 PM	Dinner (Hall opens at 5:30 PM)
			7:00 PM	General Council Meeting
	22	Saturday		Walk for Life

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

To My Brother Knights & Their Families,

I wish all of you a grand kick-off to your holiday season. Well it's no secret that the "Crab Feed" was a great success. Good food and a charitable atmosphere made for a wonderful evening. The dinner's success was due to the tireless efforts of Johnny Waldron, Dave Carboni, Al Picardo and all who served.

"Thank you brothers from Council 953"

By now we should all be receiving our "Evite" for the Jacob Remis Spaghetti Dinner scheduled for Friday December 10th at 6:00pm, This will be a very special evening offering a complete pasta dinner along with a multitude of fun-filled events to help raise money for the Remis family. We all share the burden of Cancer, it has touched many people in our lives. The pasta dinner for the Remis' is a living testament to the dream of Fr. McGivney and his most blessed concept of the Knight of Columbus. Although we could never expect to erase the pain and hardship this family is enduring, it is a blessing to know that we can help out with our continued effort and love in this time of need. Please contact brother John Sheldon for reservations/details at 1-916 548-4944

Thanksgiving always sets a warm holiday spirit and I hope all our members experience the joy of giving to those less fortunate this Christmas season.

May the love of Baby Jesus fill your lives with joy.

Vivat Jesus
Joseph Miceli
Grand Knight, Council 953



Council 953's Christmas Potluck

The Council's Christmas Potluck will be on Thursday, Dec. 9, 2009. All Brother Knights and their families are invited. The hall and bar will open at 6:00PM and dinner will be served at 7:00PM. There will also be an attendance drawing and one lucky member will win \$50.00. The Council will provide a ham for the potluck. Please bring food dishes according to the first letter of your last name as follows:

A-E: desserts; F-M: side dishes; N-Z: main dishes

Also, we would ask that you bring an unused baby item for a donation to the Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home. Some suggestions are:

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| Diapers | Wipes | Formula |
| Bottles & nipples | Baby Toys | Onesies |
| Receiving Blankets | Baby washcloths | Baby soaps |

Santa's Spaghetti Dinner to Benefit Jacob Remis

A fund raiser Pasta Dinner for Jacob Remis will be held on Friday December 10th at 5961 Newman Court.

- Social Hour 6:00 pm.
- Dinner 6:30 pm.
- Open Donation
- Silent Auction
- Raffle
- Cost \$10.00 per person or \$25.00 per family

Jacob Remis, the son of Ryan and Sarah, was diagnosed with Leukemia earlier this year. His prognosis is excellent and responding well to treatments at UC Davis Medical Center. Jacob's treatments will extend out for at least another 24 months; however, the costs of these treatments are out stripping the modest resources of the Remis family. Council 953 is raising funds to defer some of these costs, fulfilling the vision of the Fr. McGivney of brother knights helping one another.

John Sheldon

For Whom We Pray

Memorial Mass: None this month
Spiritual Bouquets: None this month

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.



Crab Feed Was A Big Success

Our fall crab feed was a big success because of all the assistance of your brother knights. We even had help from the surrounding community that were instrumental to our dinner.

I deeply appreciate the efforts of the following: Johnny Waldron and his entire kitchen crew who were instrumental in the success of our Crab feed, Joe and Virginia Masse, Joe Catalano, Johnny Vello, and Ronnie Pane. John definitely can manage a cooking event. George Mills' helped out on setup and with picking up the Bread from Andy Smith's Bread Store. Dave Carboni worked in the kitchen and setup the tables along with Frank Phillips. Jessie Williams and Dick Cutting greeted the dinner guest. Floyd Wells designed the dinner list and seating. Rudy Nagel sold drink tickets and raffle tickets. Terry Corcoran worked hard at finding supplies that were needed for our dinner. Tom Nulk made sure the bar was in tune. A special thanks goes to Mike Murphy who held the bar down while others had a chance to enjoy their dinner. Matt Lucien assisted with Frank Phillips in the bar, and Matt made sure the wine made it to the tables. If I have forgotten any one, thank you so much.

The St Francis servers were exceptional and those who attended our event showed their appreciation by being generous tippers.

As you can see when a team effort is utilized and people use their skills to make an event come together, everyone benefits. I thank all of you for an event that was well done. Al Piccardo

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

Magnify, O my soul, her who is greater in honor and more glorious than the hosts on high.
A strange and wonderful mystery I see, the Cave is heaven, the Virgin the Cherubim throne, the Manger the Place in which Christ, the God whom nothing can contain, is laid. Him we praise and magnify.

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Magnify, O my soul, God born in flesh from a Virgin.
The Magi, seeing the strange course of an unusual, new and newly shining star, exceeding those of heaven concluded a King, Christ, had been born on earth in Bethlehem for our salvation.

Magnify, O my soul, the King born in a cave.
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Magnify, O my soul, God worshipped by the Magi.
Where is the new-born infant King, whose star we have seen? said the Magi. For we have come to worship him. Herod. God's enemy, was troubled and in his mad folly plotted to destroy Christ.

Magi and Shepherds came to worship Christ, born in the city of Bethlehem.
Herod inquired the time of the star, under whose guidance the Magi in Bethlehem worship Christ with gifts. Led back to their own country by that star they abandoned the foul slayer of children, who was mocked.

9th Ode of Christmas Matins - Byzantine

365 Club

Brothers, our annual dues billings will be mailed out during the month of December and, as usual, we will be asking that members contribute to the "365 Club" in addition to their dues. As most of you know, the 365 Club asks for voluntary donations of at least \$3.65 from each member throughout the state to fund the Columbian Charities, the organization that provides emergency monetary assistance to brother Knights and their families who find themselves in dire financial straits.

This year, we are asking our members to be especially attentive to this request. Because of the poor state of the economy Columbian Charities has received less in donations than in other years while at the same time receiving more requests for assistance. Consequently, Columbian Charities finds itself in very thin circumstances calling into question whether it can live up to its mandate to assist Knights in distress.

Many of you do contribute to the "365 Club" each year and your generosity is much appreciated. The fact is, however, that only 50%-60% of the council actually does donate to the Club. If you haven't donated in the past, please consider doing so this year. This is truly an easy and effective way to live up to that first precept of the Knights: Charity--Brother Helping Brother. And, don't forget, \$3.65 is not the most that can be donated. If your circumstances permit, please consider contributing whatever amount above \$3.65 you feel you can.

Thank you for your generous help.

George Mills
Financial Secretary

College Scholarships Available

Sons and daughters of Knights of Columbus members in good standing are eligible to apply for and receive \$1,500 each year of a four-year Catholic college or university education. The scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic excellence and are renewable each year of study, pending satisfactory academic performance, to a total of four years. The application forms are now available, and must be received by Supreme by the deadline of March 1, 2011. The application forms can be obtained either through the college or university's Office of Admissions and Financial Aid, or by writing to:

Department of Scholarships
Knights of Columbus
PO Box 1670
New Haven, CT 06507-0901

For more information, please go to the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council website at: www.kofc.org/scholarships or call (203) 752-4332.

In addition, there is a separate scholarship available to support deserving African-American students pursuing a Catholic college education. For more information on this scholarship, go to the Supreme website noted above, and go to the Sister Thea Bowman Foundation Knights of Columbus Scholarships page.

There is apparently ample funding for these scholarship programs, so applicants would likely have a reasonably good chance of success in acquiring one. So, don't delay. Get your application in by the deadline!



THE LATEST FROM PRO-LIFE

Chili Cook-Off - CORRECTION

I must make a correction to last month's total proceeds going to Sacramento Life Center & Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home. We actually raised just short of \$800 - this was with (10) teams entering the contest. What a blessing! We hope that more of you will consider participation in the event next year. More teams increases attendance and that will help us raise additional funds for these (2) charities.

Walk for Life – West Coast in San Francisco

Saturday January 22nd is the date for the next Walk for Life in San Francisco. Please visit [www\(dot\)walkforlifewc\(dot\)com](http://www.walkforlifewc.com) for all the details, including buses for your area. If you do not have internet access but would like to obtain bus information, please give me a call. Interested in volunteering at the event? Please see the web site for those opportunities.

Care Package for Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home

Thanks to those of you who were kind enough to donate to our care package for the Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home at our Annual Christmas Potluck. Helping keep the home well stocked with necessities for moms and babies is one of the great charitable works that the Knights do each year.

Pro-life Radio shows on KSMH 1620AM (Immaculate Heart Radio)

Defending Life – Sat. 3:30pm, Sun. 2am

Gift of Life – Fri. 10am, Sat. 3pm

Pro-life TV shows on EWTN (via cable or satellite)

Defending Life – Thur. 8pm, Sat. 11pm

Read our blog on the Culture of Life:

<http://kofc953sacramentoprolife.blogspot.com/>

"Sometimes a jurist or legislator will say that he or she personally believes abortion to be wrong but that personal morality cannot be legislated in a pluralistic society. This is an intellectually dishonest argument, because the protection of basic human rights is the duty of government officials, lest they sin against the common good; and the common good is fractured in a legal system that permits abortion."

- Cardinal Francis George. "When Law Encourages Violence" The Cardinal's Column in *Catholic New World*, May 25, 2008. <http://www.catholicnewworld.com/cnwonline/2008/0525/cardinal.aspx>)

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The 50/50 Drawing

The 50/50 drawing at the October meeting in the amount of \$11.00, was won by Frank Consulo, who just recently joined the Knights of Columbus.

The name of Harold E. Hill, Jr was drawn for the attendance drawing. He was not present and thus he did not win the cash.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE “Your Shield For Life”.



The Holidays Are Fast Approaching!! Are You Ready For Your Insurance Check-up for 2011?

Now that the holidays are fast approaching! Can you believe it will soon be 2011? I hope that 2010 has been a healthy, prosperous year for you and your family. It’s said that time flies, and the older we get, the more that statement seems true. As we review the past year and prepare to welcome a new one, we wonder where the time goes.

If you’re like most people, you’ve made some resolutions for 2011. If I may, I’d like to make two suggestions regarding your resolutions. First, write them down. A resolution is really a goal for the year and, until you commit a goal to writing, it’s nothing more than a wish. Writing a resolution down is the first step towards achieving it. Whether your goal is to lose weight, contribute more time and money to charity, read more or watch less television, you’re more likely to accomplish it if you write it down.

Second, schedule some time to visit with me, your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent. The “insurance check-up” that I’ll provide (free of charge, by the way!) will quickly identify any gaps in your family’s life insurance program. And you’ll want to fill those gaps now, not later. Because unlike many other products, you need more than money to obtain life insurance. You also need good health, and no one will ring a bell warning you when your health is about to change.

Knights of Columbus life insurance offers something precious few other financial products can – guarantees. As long as you pay your premiums, the policy proceeds will be there for your beneficiaries should something happen to you. We call that peace of mind, and that’s (as they say in the credit card commercials) priceless.

This Holiday Season, keep in mind the real meaning of CHRISTmas. Keeping CHRIST in CHRISTmas. Take time to enjoy your family and friends. Think of those things God has given us. Remember that you are the one who your family counts on for tomorrow’s support. The Knights of Columbus is here to help assure that mission is met.

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.

For Knights ...
By Knights ...

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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>
December 9	Terry Corcoran - Ham	Pot luck	TBA
January	TBA	TBA	TBA
February	Terry Corcoran	Ribs	TBA