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District 10

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Grand Knight	Bryan McKrell
Deputy GK	Adam Struck
Chancellor	Garrett Thomas
Warden	Michael Litwin
Recorder	Matt Curran
Treasurer	John Watling
Advocate	Matt Lucien
Inside Guard	Greg Wolfe
Outside Guard	Clif Bachmeier
Lecturer	
Financial Secretary	John Sheldon

## TRUSTEES

3-Year	Lewis Muñoz
2-Year	George Mills
1-Year	Fred Struck

**CHAPLAIN** Rev. Aaron Engebretson, SJ  
**SPIRITUAL ADVISOR** Dn. George Kriske

## HALL SETUP/CLEANUP

Terry Corcoran 224-7786

## HALL RENTAL

Steve Mills 599-8522

## HOME CORPORATION BOARD (Building Association to Which All Belong)

*GK Bryan McKrell	*DGK Adam Struck	* By Virtue of Council Office
President	David Carboni	
Vice President	William “Bill” Renard	
Treasurer	Terry Corcoran	
Recorder	Steve Mills	
Member	PGK Al Piccardo	
Member	Rudy Nagle	
Member	Bob Ocenosak	

## SERVICE PROGRAM DIRECTORS

Programs	Adam Struck
Church	Fred Struck
Community	Matt Curran
Council	Matt Lucien
Family	Adam Struck
Membership	John Watling
Youth	Dale Edwards
Pro-Life	Hector Garcia
Health	Michael Litwin
District Deputy #10	Ricardo Saldaña
Ins. General Agent	Todd Cabral
Insurance Agent	Philip De Leon
Knight Letter	Adam Struck
Webmaster	Fred Struck

## CHAPTER DELEGATES

GK Bryan McKrell  
PGK Floyd Wells  
PGK Dick Cutting



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### Calendar of Events

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<b>December</b>	1	Thursday	7:00 pm	Officers and Directors Meeting
	8	Thursday		Feast of the Immaculate Conception
	15	Thursday	6:30 pm	Christmas Potluck (Hall Opens 5:30)
	25	Sunday		Christmas
<b>January</b>	1	Sunday		New Year's Day
	5	Thursday	7:00 pm	Officers and Directors Meeting
	12	Thursday	6:00 pm	Dinner (Hall Opens 5:30)
			7:00 pm	General Business Meeting
	28	Saturday	7:00 pm	Crab Feed (Social Hour 6:00)

### Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights:

Merry Christmas. We have a lot to be thankful for this year. Al Piccardo delivered big time on another fabulous Giant Shrimp Dinner. Our Toy Drive was a big success and brother Dominic Ielati delivered a trunk full of toys and a check to the Mustard Seed School. I'm personally looking forward to a large turnout for our annual Christmas Potluck on the 15th of December, where hopefully Santa Claus will make a special appearance. And we added four new members to our ranks including two priests at the same 1st degree, which may be a possible first for our Council.

Looking forward we still have a crab feed, Pasta For Life, and a Greek Night which all promise to provide a wonderful social calendar in the first half of 2017. I am truly honored to be serving as the Grand Knight this year and it is definitely providing a greater meaning for my Christmas celebration in 2016. Thanks to all of you for everything you do. And if there is anything I can do for my brother Knight's, please do not hesitate to call or write.

Most Sincerely,  
 Bryan McKrell  
 Grand Knight, Council 953

### 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](mailto:fs@kofc953.org).

## Resolutions Presented to Longtime Members

At the November business meeting, several of our longtime members of Council 953 were presented resolutions honoring their many years of service to the Knights of Columbus. These resolutions were prepared by our PGK Lewis Munoz, presented at the 2016 State Convention, and recognized by the Supreme Council. Congratulations to Bill Renard for 40 years of service, Rudy Nagle for 56 years of service, Charlie Nulk (*son Tom is pictured*) for 57 years of service, and Dick Cutting for 43 years of service.



## Financial Secretary's Message

There are three certainties in life: Death, Taxes, and Membership Dues. I hope to have the latter in the mail shortly. Yet, this is not the focus of my message. Please spend a few minutes reviewing the following two resolutions, which were introduced during our November meeting, plus my revised resolution which follows. These will be finalized during our January meeting. Thank You.

– John Sheldon, Financial Secretary

## **Resolution Requesting Contact Management Module be added to Officer Management**

Whereas, contact information for potential members is essential for the healthy growth of the Order;

And Whereas, contact information for widows and orphans of deceased Brother Knights is necessary for the sake of Unity, Fraternity, and Charity;

And Whereas, contact information for individuals, businesses, and organizations supporting Council activities would be highly beneficial, especially for fund raising activities;

And Whereas, other methods of maintaining contact information are fragmented, unsustainable, and unsecured;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that a new Contact Management Module be added to Officer Management under the Supreme Knights of Columbus Website, [www.KofC.org](http://www.KofC.org);

Be It Further Resolved, that contact information be segmented into categories (E.g. recruitment, widows, business donors, vendors, etc.) for easier maintenance;

Be It Further Resolved, that both a standard set of categories plus custom categories be available;

Be It Further Resolved, that addition and modification of contact information for a given category be tied back to a given set of Council Officers or Service Program Directors, thus keeping information secure;

Be It Further Resolved, that Supreme will have the final say on the design and implementation of the Contact Management Module, except that each contact can be flagged as “Opting Out” in terms of any Supreme, State, Chapter, or District outreach, thus respecting the privacy of that individual;

Be It Further Resolved, that Supreme will also make available for any individual to “Opt Out” of being contacted outside of the information provided by the Council, thus respecting the wishes of the individual;

Be It Further Resolved, that Supreme, State, Chapter, District, or Council will not sell, share, or distribute contact information to any third party;

Be It Further Resolved, that this resolution be forwarded to the Supreme Convention.

## **Resolution Requesting On-Line Payment of Dues, Assessments, and Charity; Submitting of Fraternal Survey to be added to [www.KofC.org](http://www.KofC.org)**

Whereas, most financial transactions occur by credit and debit cards, and other electronic mediums of exchange (ETF, PayPal©, Square©, etc.);

And Whereas, checks and cash are now barriers to the timely payment of dues by members;

And Whereas, payment solutions available to councils lack a common trusted location, lowest cost per transaction, and the relinquishing of critical membership information for the processing of dues;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Supreme Knights of Columbus Website, [www.KofC.org](http://www.KofC.org), be set up for the collection of dues, other assessments, and optional contributions;

Be It Further Resolved, that at the discretion of the Supreme Knight, additional Order wide charitable appeals may be added for the consideration of the membership if it is denoted as such;

Be It Further Resolved, that at the discretion of the State Deputy, additional State wide charitable appeals (E.g. Columbian Charities), may be added for the consideration of the membership if it is denoted as such;

Be It Further Resolved, that Supreme may collect a portion of the payment to cover the cost of the electronic transaction, if the methodology is disclosed to State and Council leadership;

Be It Further Resolved, that all funds collected on-line be retained by Supreme, save charitable appeals, and be used to pay semiannual Per Capita Tax and other assessments for the current Columbian Year;

Be It Further Resolved, that any surplus be applied to any outstanding balances owed by the council;

Be It Further Resolved, that the remaining balance be retained by Supreme until it exceeds a threshold established by Supreme, which will result in the disbursement of funds to the Council;

Be It Further Resolved, that the threshold can be different on a council by council basis if the methodology is disclosed;

Be It Further Resolved, that Supreme modify any necessary forms, statement, and reports to reflect the collection and disbursement of funds;

Be It Further Resolved, that the Annual Fraternal Survey be also available on-line as part of the dues payment process;

Be It Further Resolved, that this resolution be forwarded to the Supreme Convention.

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And Whereas, on-line payment solutions available to councils lack a common trusted location, lowest cost per transaction, and the relinquishing of critical membership information;

And Whereas, Supreme Knights of Columbus Website, [www.KofC.org](http://www.KofC.org), is set up for on-line donations;

And Whereas, [www.Knightsgear.com](http://www.Knightsgear.com) is set up to charge councils for purchases;

And Whereas, Supreme Knights of Columbus Member Billing's "Dues Collection Tool" is used to record membership payments;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Supreme Knights of Columbus Website, be set up for the on-line payment of dues, other assessments, and optional contributions;

Be It Further Resolved, this provides members the option to pay their dues on-line;

Be It Further Resolved, that the Annual Fraternal Survey be also available on-line;

Be It Further Resolved, that Order and/or State wide charitable appeals may be presented to members for their consideration;

Be It Further Resolved, that Supreme may collect a portion of the payment to cover the cost of the transaction;

Be It Further Resolved, that all funds collected, save charitable appeals, be deposited into the council's account;

Be It Further Resolved, that Supreme will establish how and when excess funds will be dispersed to the council;

Be It Further Resolved, that this resolution be forwarded to the Supreme Convention.

### **Christmas Potluck Dinner**

The Council's Christmas Potluck will be on Thursday, December 15. All Brother Knights and their families are invited. The hall and bar will open at 5:30pm, and dinner will be served at 6:30pm. The Council will provide a ham cooked by Terry Corcoran and a turkey cooked by District Deputy Ricardo Saldaña.

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

- Diapers
- Wipes
- Formula
- Bottles & Nipples
- Baby Toys
- Onesies
- Receiving Blankets
- Baby Washcloths
- Baby Soaps

Please fill out the online form at <http://sacramento.kofc953.org/event/christmas-potluck-dinner-4> to let us know how many people you have coming and what you are bringing. Or you may leave a message at 736-0953.





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The problem with life insurance is the general perception. Many think of life insurance only in cases where someone dies. Life insurance should, in fact, be thought of as a precautionary protective measure for a family unit. The purchase of this product can mean saving your home, sending your children to college, and preserving your spouse's quality of life in the event of your death.

One of the times you may want to purchase life insurance for someone is when a family has a new baby. It's a great, low-cost way to set money aside for the future (i.e. college tuition, housing, business start-up, etc.). Of greater importance, it ensures these children will have insurance as adults, in case an illness later in life makes him or her uninsurable.

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As nontraditional as it may be, life insurance is a wise and caring gift to purchase for many people. To learn more about our various life insurance products, contact me today.



Fraternally,

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## For Whom We Pray

Memorial Mass: None this month

Spiritual Bouquets: None this month

Sick: Charlie Nulk, Peggy Ingram (mother of Jack Ingram), Tony Indrieri



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
December	Potluck	Potluck	TBA
January	Garrett Thomas	TBA	TBA
February	TBA	TBA	TBA

We enjoy such delicious business meeting dinners because of the generosity of those who volunteer to cook for their fellow Brother Knights. If you are interested in cooking for one of our upcoming dinners, please contact the Grand Knight.

## 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>.



# Knights of Columbus # 953

“Crab Dinner” Saturday, January 28, 2017

Tickets are \$45 a person  
Call Al Piccardo, 916-381-4747  
to make your reservations as we  
will have limited seating for this  
event.

## Raffle



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