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Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights:



The Council continues to thrive, but there is no doubt that we need more Knights. January was a busy month for the Council, highlighted by a fantastic dinner followed by the longest business meeting of my tenure as Grand Knight. Two weeks later we had an outstanding crab feed, put on by Al Picardo and his lovely wife Peggy. The highlight of the night was the thrilling wins by George Mills and Kevin Riley during the raffle. I'm sure the crab feed will be another financial triumph for the Council but we can't simply raise funds and consider ourselves successful. We also must be impactful with our charity, and our community outreach.

Brother Dale Edwards reported at the Officers meeting that over 175 children at St. Mary's school participated in the annual free throw contest, with another large group of children participating at Sacred Heart. These are fabulous numbers which represent one of our most impactful community outreach programs that we participate in as a Council. In addition to these, we have our largest charitable donations slated to be disbursed over the next three months. Scholarships for students at Christo Rey, stipends for seminarians, money to help support Pro-Life groups and children trying to visit their parents in prison. These incredible causes are worthy of our support, and I look forward to seeing these checks written and disbursed by our Financial Secretary.

But to grow our ranks, and thus provide more energy, manpower and enthusiasm to increase our charitable giving, we must create more opportunities to volunteer and be present at the parishes we represent. We must develop stronger relationships with the priests that fall under our Council and reach out to them to see how we can be of assistance. It would be my goal, and my wish, to see us help out at least once during this Columbian year at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, and Immaculate Conception parish. We know that the Bishop has put an extra layer of bureaucracy on our Order, to insure the safety of our young people by requiring finger printing and training classes, but we are going to cross that hurdle next month. I have scheduled in person training and finger printing to take place at our March business meeting so that any Knight who wishes to volunteer, will be able to fulfill the Bishop's wishes with very little inconvenience. By being present at the Parishes we represent, and volunteering there, we give ourselves a chance to recruit more Brother Knights to our Order.

So, in the spirit of our Brother Dale Edwards, let's reach out to our parishes and create an opportunity over the next four months to be present and helpful at our local parishes. St. Mary's, Sacred Heart, The Cathedral. St. Francis, Immaculate Conception, St. George, Holy Spirit, and St. Andrew's are all waiting for their Knights to make an appearance. Let's see if we can find our way to perform a little outreach and show our potential Brothers what we are all about.

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>

February	2	Thursday		Feast of the Presentation
			7:00 pm	Officers and Directors Meeting
	9	Thursday	6:00 pm	Dinner (Hall Opens 5:30)
			7:00 pm	General Business Meeting
	14	Tuesday		Valentines Day
	16	Thursday	6:30 pm	Ladies Night (Social Hour 6:00)
	20	Monday		Presidents Day
March	1	Wednesday		Ash Wednesday
	2	Thursday	7:00 pm	Officers and Directors Meeting
	4	Saturday	7:00 pm	Pasta for Life (Social Hour 6:00)
	9	Thursday	6:00 pm	Dinner (Hall Opens 5:30)
			7:00 pm	General Business Meeting
	18	Saturday	7:00 pm	Irish Night (Social Hour 6:00)
	25	Saturday		Feast of the Annunciation

Dues for 2017

A friendly reminder to those who have not yet paid their dues to please do so as soon as you are able. This will ensure that you remain a member in good standing and save the council the expense of sending you additional notices. Dues for the year are \$35.00. As always, you are encouraged to consider making a voluntary donation of an additional \$3.65 (a penny a day) for the Columbian Charities, a state council organization that provides monetary relief to members and their families who have found themselves in severe financial circumstances and who are in immediate need of assistance for food, shelter and other necessities. Thank you.

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.

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I happened to be donating blood the other day and one of the staff happened to ask what I do. I mentioned that I am a Field Agent with the Knights of Columbus at which time he proudly snapped back, “My dad was a Knight of Columbus.” Naturally, my response was, “Have you considered becoming a Knight?”

Another of the staff members happened to overhear our conversation and said that he heard about the Knights of Columbus for the first time last week. That started a brief discussion about all the good things we do, both for the good of the Order, the Church and the community.

Sadly, when most think of the Knights of Columbus, the things they know us for are the good works that we provide such as Coats for Kids, Special Olympics, Habitat for Humanity, Free Throw and Soccerball Challenges, and our infamous Pancake Breakfasts and Crab Feeds.

We tend to forget the legacy that the Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney left for us, specifically the Knights of Columbus and their families. That legacy is stated in our original charter of 1882 and the goal remains the same. “To render financial aid to its members and beneficiaries of its members.” That legacy is our Insurance Program and it is specifically for the Knights and our families.

When we think of the insurance program, most think of just whole and term life insurance. But, did you know we also do annuities, long term care, and disability insurance? Right now with tax time just around the corner, many should consider starting an annuity. Also, our long term care program is something most should consider. While many of the other long term care programs have increased their premiums to a member with an existing plan, the Knights of Columbus has never increased a LTC premium to a member with an existing plan NEVER! So, maybe it’s time to consider starting an LTC or supplementing your existing plan. It’s not too late to start an LTC in your 50’s. But you won’t know what good value you could have or what an investment could be with the Knights of Columbus if you don’t meet with your Field Agent.

If you would like to setup and appointment or simply just chat, you may call me at (916) 607-1645. You can also follow me on Facebook by searching @PhilipDeLeonKofC or you can go to my website at www.PhilBetterInsured.com

May God bless us and our families!



Fraternally,

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For Whom We Pray

Memorial Mass: None this month

Spiritual Bouquets: None this month

Sick: PGK Charlie Nulk, Peggy Ingram (mother of Jack Ingram), PGK Alex Kachmar



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>

Business Meeting Dinners

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

Month	Cooks	Menu	Greeters
February	Terry Corcoran	Ribs	TBA
March	TBA	TBA	TBA
April	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 February get to eat for free at the February 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>.



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The Knights of Columbus Council 953 presents its annual

Ladies' Night – Thursday, February 16, 2017

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Mashed Potatoes

Steamed Vegetables

Salad

Rolls

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Knights of Columbus Council 953 presents

Pasta for Life

A fundraising event benefiting the
Sacramento Life Center and the Bishop
Gallegos Maternity Home

Saturday, March 4, 2017

Join us for an evening of fun and a delicious
Italian dinner prepared by Dave Carboni and
friends.



And you won't want to
miss the raffle held
throughout the evening.
Many exciting prizes
are up for grabs! Plus,
a special raffle will be
held for the kids.

WHEN

Saturday, March 4, 2017
6:00 pm No-Host Bar
7:00 pm Dinner



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