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Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights:



One of the things I have enjoyed the most over the last few years is my participation on the First Degree Team for our council. Not only has it given me a chance to be a “fake” Grand Knight and appear important, it has provided me with an opportunity to observe and learn from one of our most charming ceremonials. It is probably not appropriate to discuss certain aspects of our ceremonial in this setting, but lately I have continually contemplated in my mind one of the most important lessons from its script. “Time Flies, Remember Death.” The last few months have brought about far too many instances of tragic death, or the fear of the possibility. If the two eternal truths are death and taxes, I am still at a loss of what I am so scared about, especially in light of what I consider to be a fairly strong degree of faith and a stellar record of paying the IRS. But regardless of these, I still cringe at the stories from my very own parish of people with young children and fruitful lives being diagnosed with cancer, cancer, and more cancer. I feel terrible when I read about our members passing, or their family members falling into eternal rest. Just last week I started to get worried about one of our brothers, until I received word that all went well with his surgery and the doctor was impressed with his strength and stamina. I sometimes forget that some people are simply blessed (and really lucky). It occurred to me that all of us should grow giant mustaches as a show of solidarity, but I wanted to make sure the doctor’s didn’t shave off brother Alex’s signature feature.

If you are looking to make a New Year’s resolution this year, maybe simply start with, “Promise to Enjoy Yourself, just a little bit more.” Make an agreement to take your wife out on a date, see a funny movie, buy a better cup of coffee, or spend that extra night on a trip. If you own a time share or have been planning a vacation, follow through this year and make it happen. Need a new recliner, a bigger television, or maybe you want to volunteer more time doing charitable work - whatever it is that will make your life just a little bit more rewarding, or simply a little bit more enjoyable 2017 looks promising. Plus if you don’t follow through on your resolution you can just chalk it up to being “practical.”

I would never be naive enough to tell you to not fear death, or not to worry about it because of its inevitability, because I frankly am not looking forward to it one bit. The only positive there might be my death is my life insurance paying off which is good for somebody, other than myself. And I think that a big part of being Catholic is always thinking about the welfare of others.

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.

Calendar of Events

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

January	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)
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

365 Club

BrothersS, you are all encouraged to consider a donation to the 365 Club when you pay your dues. For those who are unfamiliar with the 365 Club, the council asks all its members to make a voluntary donation of, at least, \$3.65 (a penny a day) added to their dues. The money collected is turned over to 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 of life. While the basic requested donation is \$3.65, please feel free to contribute any amount more than the basic donation if you can. It is an excellent program and has helped a great many of our brother Knights throughout the state and within our own council who have found themselves and their families in dire need. Thank you for your generosity.

Resolutions to Be Voted Upon

The revised resolutions proposed by FS John Sheldon and initially read at the November Business Meeting will be voted upon at the January Business meeting.



Knights of Columbus Insurance
“Your Shield for Life”



2017 Insurance Check Up

Where did 2016 go? It seems like it was summer yesterday and Easter was last week. I hope you and your family had a great finish to 2016. Now, the first weeks of 2017 are speeding by.

Hopefully, you’ve established a few goals for this year. I’ve learned a great tip regarding resolutions. First, write them down. It’s not too late if you haven’t already done this. Commit your goals to paper and post it someplace you will see it often. Writing down a goal is the first step towards achieving it. I don’t know exactly how this works, but I’ve heard stories of the success this simple task can bring. Whether your goal is to exercise more, give more to charity, read more or watch less television, you’re more likely to accomplish it if you write it down.

Second, resolve to have an expert look at your finances. I recommend that you have a team of experts help you, and I should be among the first you sit with. Schedule some time to visit with me, your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, and I’ll provide an “insurance check-up” (at no cost!) that will quickly identify any gaps in your family’s life insurance program. And you’ll want to fill those gaps now, not later. Unlike many other products, you don’t just need money to obtain life insurance; you also need good health, and no one knows when your health could change.

Did I mention my check-up is free of charge? When was the last time you received something for free that could be providing value to you and your family for generations? Call me today.



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), Tony Indrieri, 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
January	Dave Carboni	TBA	TBA
February	TBA	TBA	TBA
March	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 October get to eat for free at the October 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. 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

A Crab Dinner Presented By
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- Anti-pasta Plate
- Salad
- Special Green Beans with
Sun Dried Tomatoes & Garlic
- Rigatoni with Marinara Sauce
- **Crab**
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Social Hour 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.
Dinner at 7:00 P.M.
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The Knights of Columbus Council 953 presents its annual

Ladies' Night – Thursday, February 16, 2017

Don't they deserve an evening away from home?

Come and join your fellow Knights with their ladies while enjoying the culinary skills of
Past Grand Knight Matt Lucien, and his tasty menu of:

Pork Loin Roast

Mashed Potatoes

Steamed Vegetables

Salad

Rolls

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The best part is that LADIES ARE FREE!!

Sorry guys, the cost to you is \$15

Social time begins at 6 o'clock, and dinner begins at 6:30

For reservations, call the 953 Hall at (916) 736-0953

or PGK Matt Lucien at (916)382-9727





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



WHERE

Knights of Columbus Hall
5961 Newman Ct.
Sacramento, CA 95819
(Near J Street & Carlson Dr.)



MENU

Antipasto
Salad
Bread & Butter
All-You-Can-Eat Pasta
Meatballs
Green Beans
Wine on Tables
Dessert



TICKETS

\$20 per person in advance
\$25 at the door
\$100 for table of 6



RSVP

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advance by contacting
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